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Practical implications of holding elections during a pandemic in the context of the Moldovan elections

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- ➤ Purchase for 2004 polling stations inside the country:
 - ✓ 585 000 face masks for PEB oficials
 - ✓3 mil. face masks for all voters
 - ✓320 000 gloves
 - ✓27 000 liters disinfecting solution for hands
 - ✓ 14 500 liters disinfecting solution for surfaces
 - √62 000 protecting screens/shields
 - ✓ 2300 electronic thermometres
 - ✓ 13 000 protective suits
 - ✓13 000 protective glasses
- Extra equipment purchased by MFA for 139 polling station opened abroad
- >MRZ scanners for the largest/most crowded polling stations

Electoral Logistics

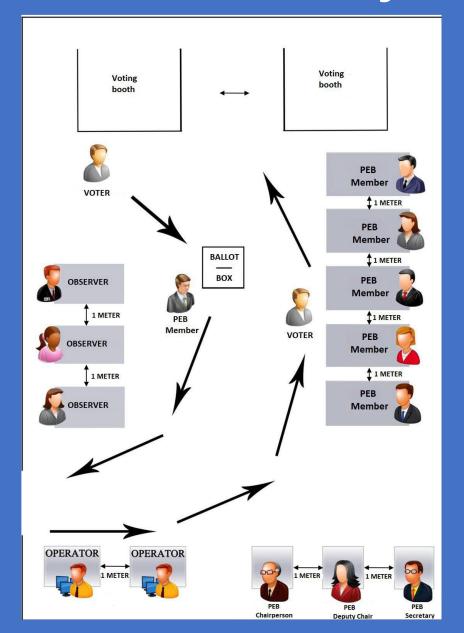




Special measures:

- ✓ At least 1.5m of social distance between persons
- ✓ Hand and Respiratory hygiene rules
- ✓ Voters shall show up at polling stations with their own pens
- ✓ Wearing masks in public transport and enclosed public spaces
- ✓ Temperature checks
- ✓ Ensuring the electoral officials and voters with protective equipment (masks, gloves, visors etc.)
- ✓ Provision of hand sanitizers at the entrances to polling stations premises
- ✓ Sanitization of surfaces and wet cleaning of premises at least 3 (three) times a day
- ✓ Frequent or, where possible, permanent airing of spaces

Elections Day



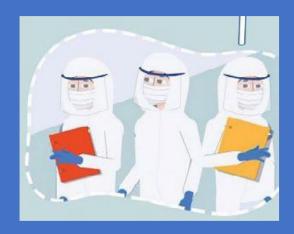
Voting at the place of stay:

- ✓ Requests to the PEB 2 weeks before elections and till 15:00 on Elections Day
- ✓ Protection suits for PEB members
- ✓ Desinfection of electoral equipment and transport
- ✓ Two teams for each PEBs
- ✓ Visiting first eldery persons and person with dissabilities

Persons with disease signs voting abroad, from left bank of Dniester River and in the country (after 15:00):

- √ Voting in the polling station in a special designed place
- ✓ Ensuring with protective equipment
- ✓ Priority to Voting Booth and Ballot Box
- ✓ Minimum contact with persons present in the polling station
- ✓ Desinfection of all surfaces and equipment

Voting at the place of stay





General rules:

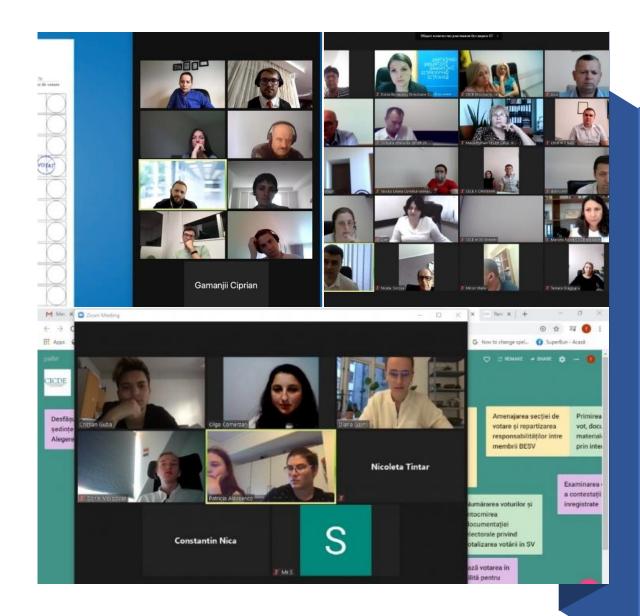
- ✓ People vote in person at the polling station
- ✓ Polling stations inside the diplomatic missions and extraterritorial

Special measures:

- ✓ Cooperation with MFA
- ✓ Meetings with Ambassadors accredited in Moldova
- ✓ Negotiations between Moldovan Ambassies and State/regional/local authorities from other countries
- ✓ CEC has diminushed the voting schedule for some polling stations
- ✓ Embassies have issued special confirmation letters for Moldovan citizens
- ✓ Special schedual for Ireland (people splitted in alphabetic order)
- ✓ Strict conditions for the placement and space of the polling stations

Organization of voting abroad



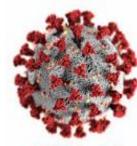


Training electoral officials and other stakeholders

- 213 DEC members
- 2008 PEB members inside the country I stage
- 231 seminars for 4668 PEB members II stage
- 627 PEB members for polling stations opened abroad
- 3338 operators of SAIS Elections
- 58 judges involved in electoral disputes resolution
- 73 registrars working with Voters Lists
- 296 police officers
- 51 prosecutors

Măsuri de protecție și prevenire





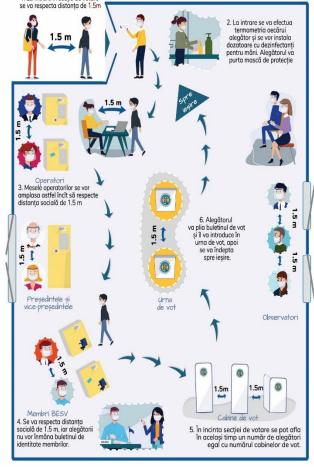
1. La intrare în sectia de votare

COVID - 19

Măsuri de protecție și prevenire a infectării cu COVID-19 în ziua votării la locul aflării



Amenajarea secției de votare și traseul alegătorului



Didactic materials

- ✓ Manuals
- ✓ Posters
- ✓ Workbooks
- **✓** Guides
- ✓ Video tutorials











Voter Education and information

- UNDP EDMITE Project
- Project "Educating electoral subjects for presidential elections", with the support of US embassy
- Education and information campaign "Archi's road to Elections", with the support of UNDP and USAID Moldova
- CICDE 18+

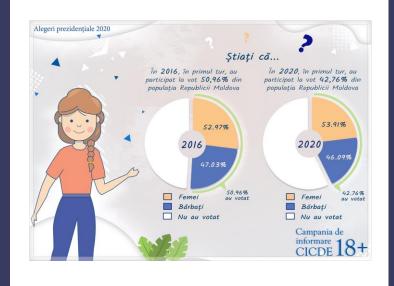












Lessons Learned & next steps

- Good participation rate
- Analysis and overview of the main gaps, challenges and steps ahead
- Needs assesment of the protection equipment
- Collect information on needs to change the composition and offering extra-trainings
- Lower electoral bodies faced the challenges connected to preventing COVID spread
- Protection measures generally observed
- Electoral process, at a large extend, not affected

Some challeges:

- ✓ assuring voting with mobile ballot box inside the country
- ✓ rows/crowds around the polling stations opened abroad and for persons from Transnistrian region



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