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COVID-19 RESPONSE

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**#ONLY
TOGETHER**

**LET'S MAKE SURE EVERYONE
CAN GET THE VACCINE SO WE CAN
ALL GET BACK TO WHAT WE LOVE**

WE WILL

PLAY

AGAIN



Since the start of vaccination 1,472,316 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Albania. A total of 1,899,172 doses have reached the country. August was designated by Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP) as an open month for mass vaccination against COVID-19. (Source: *WHO Albania and MoHSP, updated 31 August 2021*).

UN Agencies continue to provide support to the country to combat the pandemic and beyond.

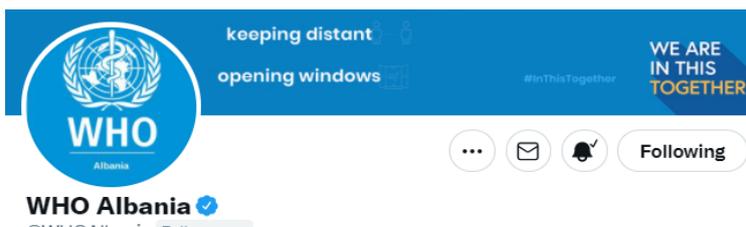
WHO Office in Albania is providing technical support to MoHSP in updating the Strategic Action Plan for the Response to COVID-19, 2021-2023.



Roundtable between MoHSP and the WHO Balkan Hub Europe to help exchange experiences related to further consolidating emergency and preparedness

The organization is also assisting the country to set up mobile vaccination units (vehicles) on the remote areas, prioritizing vulnerable groups who do not have access to the nearest vaccination point, thus aiming to provide equal access for all and the highest possible vaccine coverage. WHO reports that currently 7 such units are being set up.

Institute of Public Health (IPH) with support from WHO is implementing the Vaccine Effectiveness (VE) Study against SARS-CoV-2 among health workers in hospitals in Albania. The study aim is to measure the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection amongst hospital health workers eligible for vaccination.



WHO advises everyone to follow key protective measures along with vaccination as cases rise from the Delta variant. You can find updated information and updates by [following WHO Albania on Twitter](#)



Le 'i mbajmë shkollat hapur!

- Nixni pastrimin e rregullt të duarve.
- Bëjini mjediset e larjes së duarve lehtësisht të arritshme.
- Nëse uji dhe sapuni nuk janë të disponueshëm, merrni parasysh përdorimin nën mbikqyrje të pastruesve të lëngshëm të duarve

UNICEF is supporting IPH to increase the capacity of health personnel in the microplanning of immunization services. As part of the support, UNICEF delivered the first batch of electronic equipment to IPH to support the work of the vaccination teams in monitoring and reporting vaccine coverage, including vaccination against COVID-19.



UNICEF Deputy Representative meeting IPH

UNICEF Albania is also working with IPH experts on nutrition and the importance of working with schools as an entry point to promote healthy eating attitudes.

The Delta variant of concern has increased transmissibility between people. We know we can all control the spread of COVID-19 and its variants through:





UNOPS team meeting at the IDC

UNOPS Albania started implementing a World Bank funded project aiming to enhance the operational capacity of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP) through specific medical equipment and supplies and expansion/renovation of medical facilities at the Infectious Disease Clinic (IDC) in Mother Teresa Hospital.

The works for this 9.3M Eur project have already started with provision of architecture designs for the IDC which will be redesigned into a modern facility with over 100 ward beds and an Intensive Care Unit.

In the meantime UNOPS Albania has concluded the procurement process for 20 ambulances and is preparing for the procurement of radiology and lab diagnostic equipment for health facilities throughout

UNICEF Albania gathered representatives from municipalities and civil society and Ministry of Finance on the key role of the State Labor Inspectorate in ensuring the quality of community services for families and children especially during the current situation worsened by the consequences of the pandemic.

Maintaining a regular dialogue between the central and local level is necessary to strengthen their knowledge and increase investment in social care services.



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Getting fully vaccinated reduces the risk of infection and protects against severe disease, meaning fewer people being infected, hospitalized and dying and a smaller chance of new variants of concern emerging.

Protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated when it's your turn.



UN-WIDE COVID19 RESPONSE INFORMATION



ALBANIA



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SOCIO ECONOMIC RESPONSE



Population Density

Low Medium High

Source: World Bank

IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

National SERP	In draft
Repurposed existing funding	Yes
Total amount of plan	\$97.39m
UNCT joint support to national SERP	Yes
UNCT mobilized additional funding?	Yes
UNCT SEIA	In draft
UNCT SERP	Finalized

Source: UNDCO

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CONFIRMED CASES

2519

DEATHS



CLUSTERS OF CASES

Source: WHO



\$5M

REPURPOSED FUND

Medium

INFORM RISK

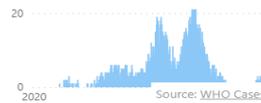
Source: WHO, INFORM

CONFIRMED CASES & DEATHS

Daily increase



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Source: WHO Cases

COVID-19 TREND

	Confirmed cases	Deaths
Per million cases	52,990...	878.20
Daily new cases (avg over past 7 days)	880.86	3.43
Weekly trend (new cases past week / prior week)	0.10	0.41

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