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Policy Dialogue

PDP1 - Strengthening the National Network of Primary Health Care Providers to Improve the Health Status of population, children and adults (including vulnerable population)

A4 – Developing a model of integrated services at community level

Community Care in Romania

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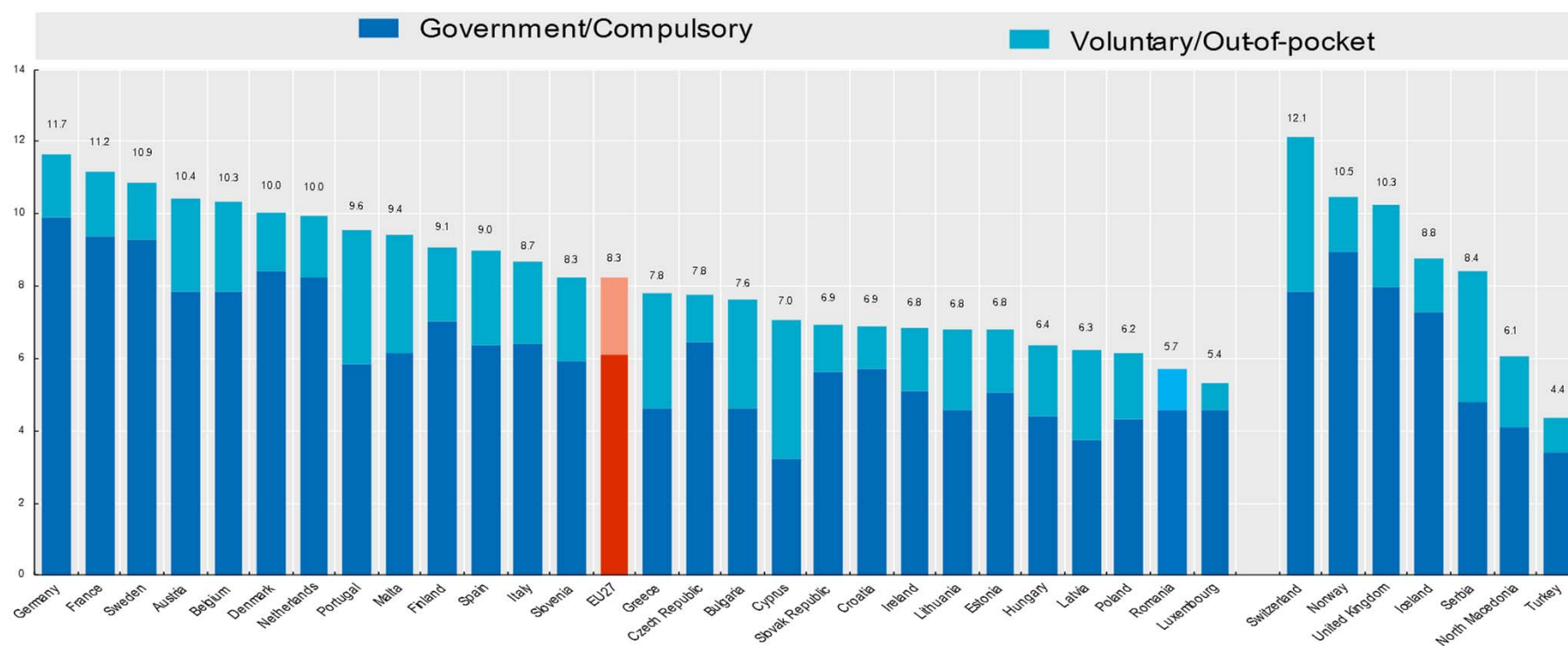


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Community Care in Romania. Where we are

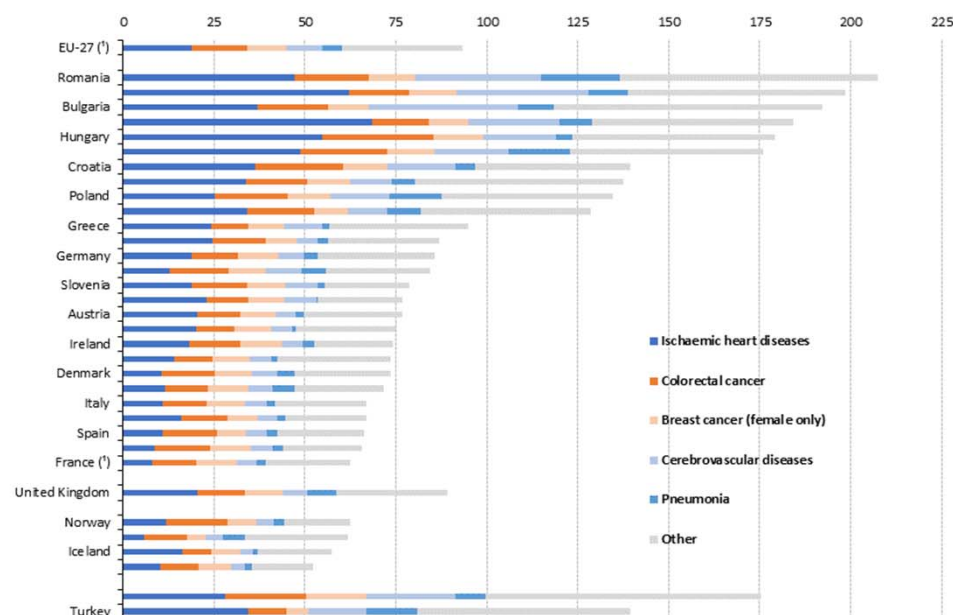
Health expenditure as a share of GDP, 2019 (or nearest year)



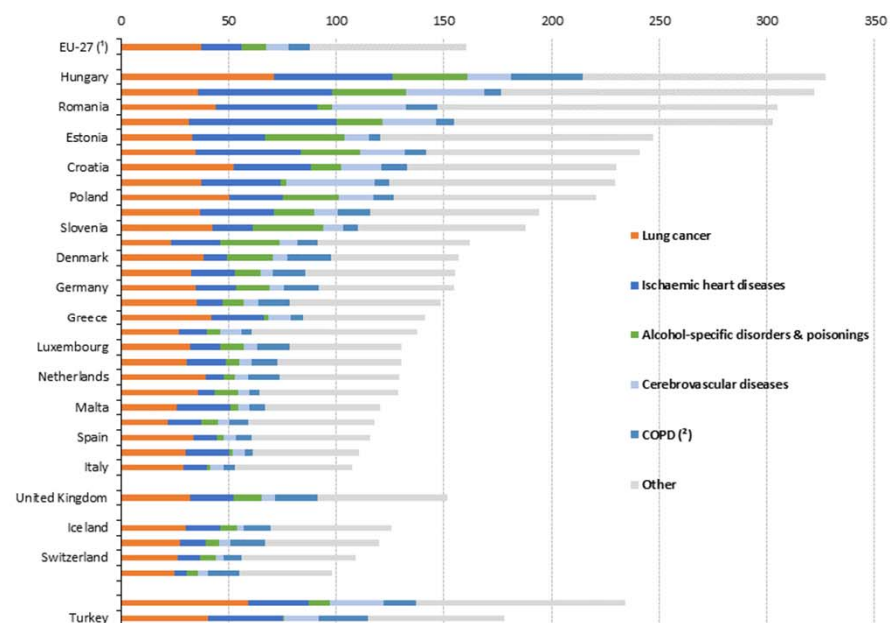
Source: OECD/European Union (2020), *Health at a Glance: Europe 2020: State of Health in the EU Cycle*, OECD Publishing

Treatable and preventable mortality, Romania, 2017 (last available data)

Standardized mortality rates for treatable
diseases / conditions, people under 75
(per 100,000 inhabitants)



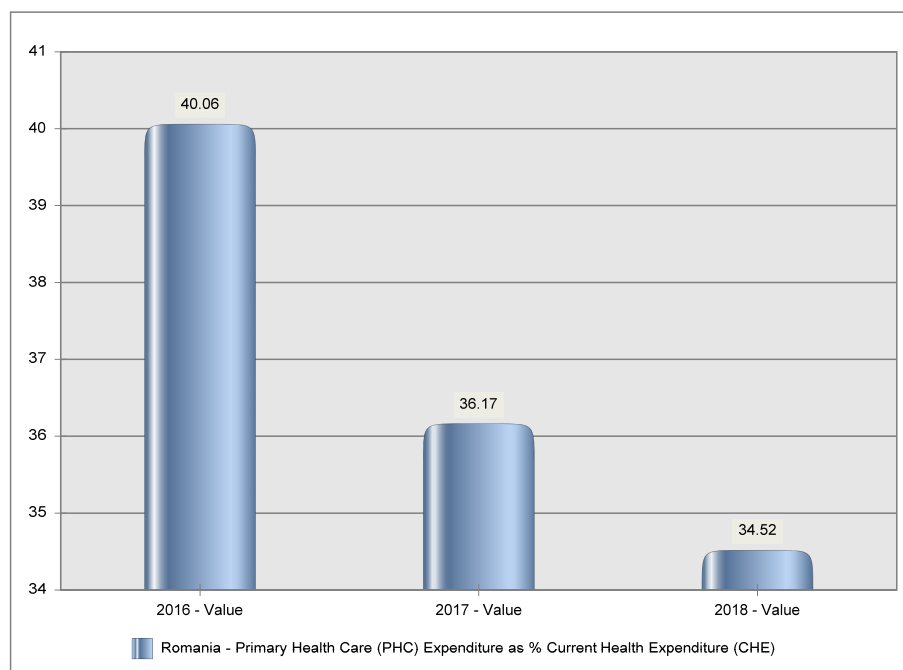
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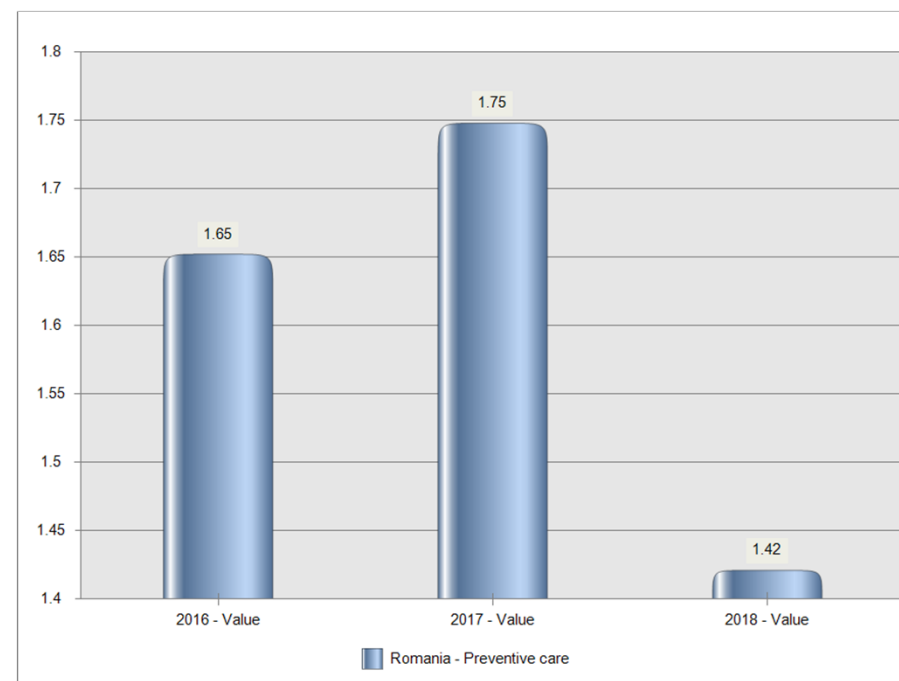
Source: Eurostat, 2021

Public health expenditure 2016-2018

Primary health care expenditure as % of the current health expenditure



Preventive care as % of the current health expenditure





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Community nurses at present

No of community nurses (CN)

1794 -1435 rural, 358 urban settings

(MoH data, April 2021)

Present regulations:

1 CN /500 (vulnerable) population

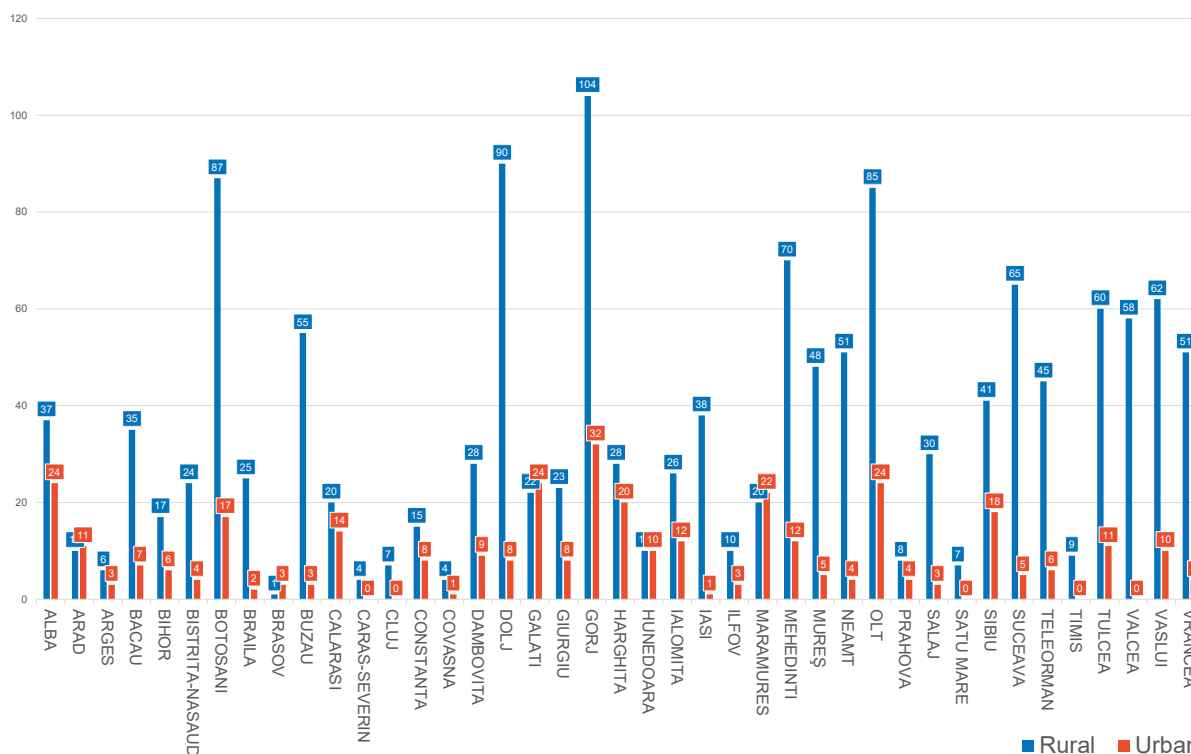
Romanian population

19,186,201 (Eurostat, January 1st, 2021)

Population at risk of poverty and social exclusion:

37.4% in 2015 (EU, Household budget survey,
2015, last available).

14,351 CN needed



The activity of the 1794 community nurses in 2020

Beneficiaries

New: 240,453

Monitored: 1,209,688

Together with social workers: 39,315

some examples of beneficiaries

Pregnancies: 3,711 with social problems, 3,546 at-risk pregnancies, 2,032 underaged, 3,295 registered with a GP

Children: 179.066 (0-5 years) and 215,994 (6-18 years) out of them 53,106 vaccinated/mobilized to; 12,720 registered with a GP; 44,455 epidemiological triage (school medicine)

Elderly 296,052 people (social cases, without family, mental or physical disabilities, infectious diseases-TB)

Uninsured people: 24,734

Community nurses ask for support and recognition

- *"I would like my work to be recognized and appreciated.."*
- *"We must do tasks that belong to the mayor's office employees. And we need a **transportation mean...or funds for field transport**. The mayor sends us to the Public Health Directorate (PHD) to request a budget for transportation and the PHD to the city hall. **We are sent from one side to the other, and no one supports us**"*
- *"We still need the support of local authorities, **quality IEC and medical materials**, fund for field transportation and communication, and exchanges of experience, **courses...**"*
- *" We need medical consumables and equipment, **protective equipment as well...**"*



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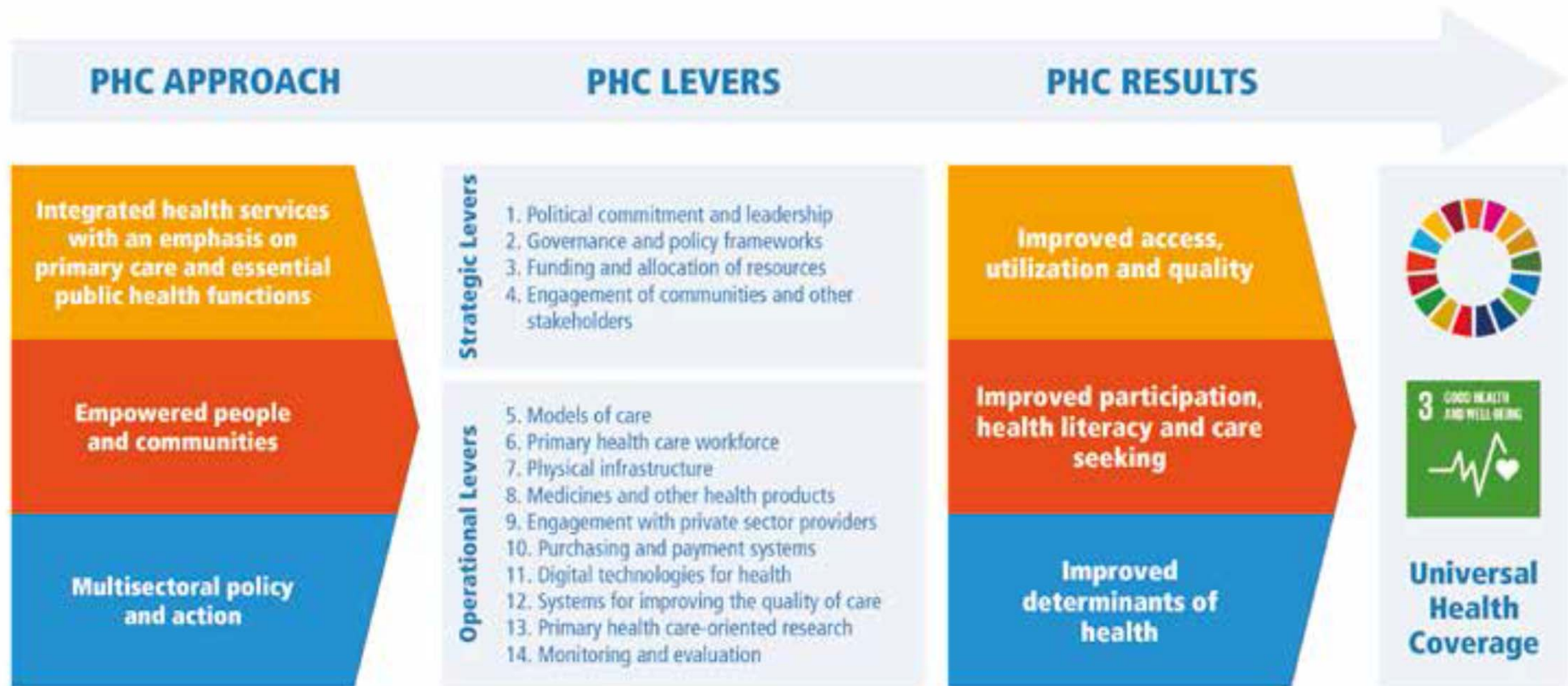
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A new paradigm needed



Source: Primary healthcare theory of change; Operational framework for primary health care: transforming vision into action. Geneva: World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 2020



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Transform definitions in policies and action

Primary health care-oriented health system: Health system organized and operated to guarantee the right to the highest attainable level of health as the main goal, while maximizing equity and solidarity. A primary health care-oriented health system is composed of a core set of structural and functional elements that support achieving universal coverage and access to services that are acceptable to the population and equity enhancing.

Primary care: a key process in the health system that supports first-contact, accessible, continued, comprehensive and coordinated patient-focused care.

Primary health care: a whole-of-society approach to health that aims to maximize the level and distribution of health and well-being through three components: (a) primary care and essential public health functions as the core of integrated health services; (b) multisectoral policy and action; and (c) empowered people and communities.

Primary health care workforce: adequate quantity, competency levels and distribution of a committed multidisciplinary primary health care workforce that includes facility-, outreach- and community-based health workers supported through effective management supervision and appropriate compensation

Multidisciplinary teams: various health care professionals working together to provide a broad range of services in a coordinated approach.

Integrated health services The management and delivery of health services so that people receive a continuum of health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment, disease management, rehabilitation and palliative care services through the different functions, activities and sites of care within the health system.

The transformative model proposed by the National Health Strategy 2014-2020

