

Lead Nations



Bulgaria

Other Contributors



Estonia



Finland



Hungary



Japan



Lithuania



Netherlands



Slovakia



Sweden



Turkey



United States

Milestones

- 04 September 2014 - Wales Summit Statement to initiate the Trust Fund
- 09 October 2014 - Request for NSPA to become Executing Agent
- 31 July 2015 - Entering into force of UKR – NSPO overall legal framework
- 21 September 2015 - Entering into force of UKR – NSPO specific legal framework
- 05 October 2015 - Project Proposal Presentation to PCSC
- March 2016 - Start (duration 2 years)

Financial information

- Estimated budget 2.25 MEUR
- Gap to estimated budget 1.55 MEUR

Background

At the Wales Summit, NATO-Ukraine Commission Heads of State and Government identified Medical Rehabilitation as one of the key areas for developing practical cooperation with Ukraine.

A NATO Trust Fund in this area has subsequently been defined with objectives to:

- A** Provide support to patients, i.e. active and discharged Ukrainian servicemen and women and civilian personnel from the defence and security sector, to ensure they have rapid access to medical rehabilitation care and to longer term medical services.
- B** Provide Support to the medical rehabilitation system in Ukraine to ensure that the system has the means to provide long term sustainable services to active and discharged Ukrainian servicemen and women and civilian personnel from the defence and security sector

This will be achieved by implementation in two work packages of a mixed of short, medium and long term initiatives over a 24-month period.



Work Package A – Support to Patients



Initiative 1: Access to medical rehabilitation services and assistive devices out of country. In partnership with the State Service for Veterans of War (SSVW), the cost of travel, accommodation and food as well as the cost of treatment, physical rehabilitation and provision of prostheses/ orthoses are subsidized. Beneficiaries are servicemen selected by a Ukrainian commission in charge for transparency and impartiality reasons. Best use of financial resources are made to support as many servicemen as possible. 13 servicemen (6 from Ministry of Defense, 2 National Guards, 3 Ministry Of Interior and 2 National Guards) have been or are currently supported. Support to additional 50 servicemen will be provided in 2016.

Initiative 2: Access to vocational rehabilitation services. These services are designed to enable beneficiaries to attain skills, resources, attitudes, and expectations needed to compete in an interview process, get a job, and keep a job, as employment or some form of meaningful activity being considered essential to gain or regain independence. In partnership with the NATO civil-budget funded project on resettlement and the SSVW, the trust fund is subsidizing as appropriate the cost of services provided. Beneficiaries will be up to 50 servicemen. 11 servicemen from MoD are currently benefiting from this initiative in Lviv.



Initiative 3: Access to sport rehabilitation services. In partnership with the National Paralympic Committee of Ukraine, the trust fund will subsidize the cost of services provided. Beneficiaries will be up to 340 persons with different levels and types of disabilities (50% former servicemen and 50% civilians/internally displaced persons from the Donbas). As motivation and inspiration are key enablers in the recovery process, beneficiaries will also include 2 disabled former servicemen with high potential for success at International Paralympic sport events. The first camp will start early Summer 2016.

Work Package B – Support to the System

Initiative 1: Provision of appropriate equipment to 5 medical rehabilitation units in Hospitals to improve the quality of services. Beneficiaries are currently Lviv (MoD, part 1 ceremony 02 June), Novi Sanchary (National Guards, ceremony 08 June) and Tsybli (Ministry of Health). The two additional units considered are Irpin (MoD) and Luibin (Ministry of Social Policy).

Initiative 2: Provision of equipment and the facilitation of technology transfer to two prostheses centres. In 2016, support will be provided to the Kharkiv Ukrainian Research State Institute for Prostheses Design, Prosthetic Building and Work Ability Rehabilitation. In 2017, support will be provided to the Kiev Prosthetics Centre.

Initiative 3: Competencies development of professional staff to ensure quality and sustainability of medical services. This includes on-the-job training, mentoring, participation to conferences, train the trainer training, distance-learning, and the development and conduct of short term courses to refresh and enhance skills and knowledge at management and experts' level. The trust fund is also supporting the development of an internationally recognized academic curricula for prosthetists/orthotists and orthopaedic technologists. More than 1,500 Ukrainian physical and psychological professionals from the medical rehabilitation sector both from government and NGOs have benefitted from 6 experts visits and 17 seminar or conferences financially supported by NATO. The next event will be a 10-day physiotherapists and occupational therapists training delivered mid- June in Ukraine by a team of 8 US professionals. Additionally, a HUN Voluntary National Contribution is currently supporting Ukraine Military Medical services reform at strategic level.

For further information

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