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

A NATO Civil budget funded project consisting of a Gap Analysis Review (GAR) and 2 Work Packages (WP) has subsequently been defined with objectives to:

- Review gaps in Ukraine’s medical rehabilitation system and Identify specific mid- to long-term capability development and sustainable capacity-building initiatives that could be implemented to fill as appropriate the gaps (GAR).
- Provide support to patients, i.e. active and discharge 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 (WP A).
- 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 (WP B).

The project will be implemented in two phases:

- A GAR phase with, as deliverables, the identification of specific initiatives for the NATO civil-budget funded project and the delivery of a project proposal for a NATO Trust Fund.
- An implementation phase during which specific initiatives under WP A & B consisting of a mixed of short, mid and long term initiatives identified during the GAR will be implemented according to priorities.

In-kind contributions from nations will actively be sought and will be welcomed for all initiatives.

Ukraine’s contributions will consist of:

- Subsidizing the cost associated with the provision of prostheses outside of Ukraine.
- Costs associated with the participation of 170 civilians into the “Back to Life” programme together with 170 wounded servicemen/women to be subsidized by the Trust Fund.
- Costs associated with refurbishment of medical rehabilitation facilities as appropriate.
- Assistance in coordinating and arranging local procedures, import formalities, security and safety precautions, and other related local logistic support issues for the import of equipment or services or for the transportation of patients abroad.
Gap Analysis Review

During 6 months, a Gap Analysis Review was performed. The outcome was a project proposal for a NATO Trust Fund delivered to Bulgaria, Lead Nation, in September 2015 that further defined 6 initiatives under WP A & B. The proposal reflects discussions and agreements with Ukraine representatives and the Lead Nation. It also reflects information obtained during visits to Ukraine conducted between October 2014 and June 2015, discussions with national and international experts as well as a subsequent desk study.

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Work Package A – Support to the Patients

The civil budget project will focus on Initiative 1 and 2.

For Initiative 1, 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 will be subsidized. Beneficiaries will be servicemen selected by a Ukrainian commission in charge for transparency and impartiality reasons. Best use of financial resources will be made to support minimum 12 servicemen in the framework of the civil budget funded project. 12 patients have already been supported, 1 in France (provision of medical rehabilitation) and 11 in the United States (provision of prosthesis) as part of in-kind contribution to the project by these nations.

For initiative 2, in partnership with the SSVW, the trust fund will subsidize as appropriate the cost of a web-hosted electronic information center under establishment that will enable identifying and rationalizing training needs and training centres and will make visible jobs opportunities for disabled.

Work Package B – Support to the System

The civil budget project will focus on Initiative 1 and 3.

For initiative 1, beneficiaries will be 1 to 2 medical rehabilitation units of MoD, National Guards, Ministry of Social Policy or Ministry of Health hospitals considering the possibility for servicemen to access the civilian care system.

For initiative 2, continuous development opportunities for experts (professionals and staff working in rehabilitation services), support for the development of ISPO recognized educational programs for prosthetists/orthotists and orthopaedic technologists and Provision of support for the development of a nation-wide standardized and reliable mental health care educational program for mental health experts will be provided. Three visits for Ukrainian experts out of Ukraine, two visits from international experts in Ukraine have been organized and 1100+ experts have participated in 10 events sponsored by the project.

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