

### Lead Nations



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### 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 in cooperation with Ministry of Social Policy (MSP), Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Defense (MoD), Ministry of Sport, Ministry of Education, National Guards of Ukraine, Ministry of Interior and State Border Guard of Ukraine.



### Milestones

- 4 September 2014 - Wales Summit Statement to initiate the Trust Fund
- March 2016 - Start of implementation
- March 2016 - First service personnel supported
- April 2016 - First delivery of rehabilitation equipment
- August 2016 - NATO begins providing sports rehabilitation
- September 2017 - NATO supports Ukrainian team's first participation in the Invictus Games
- October 2017 - More than 400 servicemen supported by the Trust Fund
- December 2018 - More than 800 servicemen and 2,000 professional supported by the Trust Fund

### Financial information

- Estimated budget is 2.25 MEUR over 2 years
- Current contributions are at 2.17 MEUR (97 % funded)



### Work Package A – Support to Patients

**Initiative 1:** Access to medical rehabilitation services and assistive devices out of country. In partnership with the Ministry of Social Policy (MSP), 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 service personnel selected by a Ukrainian commission through transparent and impartial procedures. The best use of financial resources is made to support as many service personnel as possible. To date, in total 394 persons (from MoD, National Guards, Ministry of Interior and State Border Guard) have been supported for medical rehabilitation. In addition, 24 prostheses have been provided. Rehabilitation support to at least 50 additional servicemen will be provided in 2019.



**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. 13 servicemen from MoD have benefited from this initiative in Lviv.



**Initiative 3:** Access to sport rehabilitation services. In partnership with the National Paralympic Committee of Ukraine, the Trust Fund has subsidized 17 sport camps benefiting 170 former servicemen and 170 civilians/internally displaced persons from the Donbas. The participation of 5 injured servicemen in the 2016 and 2017 US Marine Corps Marathons was also supported. Finally 3 family sport rehabilitation camps were supported at the MoD base of training and sports base for Winter Sports “Tysoverts” benefiting 89 persons.

As inspiration is a key enabler in the recovery process; beneficiaries of the NATO Trust Fund also included support to the 30 team members who represented Ukraine at the 2017 Invictus Games. The first sport prosthetics ever produced by Ukraine Prosthesists were delivered in October 2018.



### 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 provided to patients. Beneficiaries are currently Lviv (MoD), Novi Sanchary (National Guards) and Tsybli (Ministry of Health). The first occupational therapy kitchen in Ukraine and the first wheelchair workshop in a governmental institution were delivered in 2016.



**Initiative 2:** Provision of equipment and technology transfer to prostheses centre. In 2017, the Ukrainian Research State Institute for Prostheses Design, Prosthetic Building and Rehabilitation in Kharkiv received a modern rehabilitation swimming pool, the first in the region.



**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, experts' visits, 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. More than 2,000 Ukrainian physical and psychological professionals from the medical rehabilitation sector both from government and NGOs have benefitted from more than 40 events financially supported by NATO. In partnership with the NATO civil-budget funded project on resettlement, more than 6,000 former servicemen have benefitted from psychological support services. In partnership with HUN and USA, two Voluntary National Contribution experts are supporting the reform of Ukraine's Military Medical services at strategic level. Finally, from a longer term perspective, the trust fund is also supporting since 01 March 2018 the development of an internationally recognized academic curricula for prosthetists/orthotists and orthopaedic technologists; professions newly recognized in 2016 thanks to the work of the Trust Fund.

### For further information

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