

Dear Madam/Sir,

World Health Organization is launching a call for proposals for projects to outreach refugees from Ukraine in Poland, facilitate their incorporation into the Polish health system, and receive comprehensive Rehabilitation and Disability care services. You are welcome to submit or disseminate this call for proposals open until 9 August 2022.

On 24 February 2022, more than 6.5 million people fled the country due to the situation in Ukraine. Many refugees have sought safety, protection, and assistance from other countries such as Poland. Most refugees are women, children, and older people. By far, the largest number has crossed the border to Poland, which as of 27 May 2022, had welcomed over 3.5 million.

Persons with disabilities are estimated to represent 15% of the world's population. In humanitarian contexts, the percentage could be much higher. This population is among the most marginalized in crisis-affected communities and disproportionately affected by conflict and emergencies. In disasters, their mortality rate is two to four times higher than that of persons without disabilities.

Based on statistics from the Ministry of Health, 1.2 million refugees have applied for the PESEL healthcare access card. Although it's unclear how many people with disabilities remain in Poland and based on estimations mentioned before, we might consider that around 180,000 people living with disabilities are currently in Poland. Many of the people fleeing Ukraine will have both immediate and long-term needs. It is essential to address the needs of people with disabilities and other chronic conditions. Therefore, it is paramount that those affected have continuous access to rehabilitation and disability care.

WHO is supporting the leadership of Poland to expand comprehensive Rehabilitation and Disability activities for prevention, promotion, treatment, and care for the Ukrainian refugees in Poland. The aim is to link refugees to Polish health care and civil society organizations across the continuum of care.

#### **Parameters and requirements of the call for proposals:**

##### Key populations:

- Ukrainian Refugees living with disabilities
- Elderly

##### Priority interventions (in order of priority):

- Facilitate access to rehabilitation services, including information on where to get those services, navigating the Polish health system, and referral for rehabilitation for services and treatment.
- Promote health and self-care activities with a community-based rehabilitation approach, especially those focusing on people with disabilities and the elderly.
- Build capacity and support to caregivers.
- Other interventions regarding rehabilitation and disability might be considered.

Duration of project: 15 August to 31 December 2022

Budget: maximum 15.000 USD, equivalent in PLN

Desirable:

- Services in Ukrainian and Russian languages.
- Minimum of ten years' experience in the NGO sector working with and serving people with disabilities

Desirable Geographical coverage of Priority voivodeships/cities for the service provision: Poland.

Mandatory Requirement Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA):

WHO prohibits sexual exploitation and abuse and is committed to preventing it in its workplaces and operations. Implementing organizations will require joining the [PSEA Working Group](#) and undertaking mandatory PSEA training.

### How to apply

A completed proposal consists of the following parts:

- 1) Information about the organization applying for the call and the detailed project proposal (maximum 4 pages) using the attached template.
- 2) Budget breakdown using the attached template.
- 3) Only one application per organization will be accepted.

**Please submit proposals by email - no later than 9 August 2022 at 9 pm to:**

[EUPOLHealthCoordination@who.int](mailto:EUPOLHealthCoordination@who.int), CC: [eurowhopol@who.int](mailto:eurowhopol@who.int), [reinag@who.int](mailto:reinag@who.int)

### Selection process

WHO has a selection panel that will review the proposal based on the following criteria:

- Effectiveness and feasibility of programmed activities/approaches
- Relevance of the implementation plan
- Organizational capacity and experience
- Community involvement
- Cost breakdown
- Known history of compliance/performance

Exclusion Criteria

- This call for proposals does not apply to natural persons or profit-making entities.
- Only applications from legal and registered entities in Poland are eligible.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us by email at:  
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