



Policy Brief on Clinical Management of Rape Guidelines and Recommendations

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CARE International in Poland - Overview

Since February 2022:

- We work in 4 countries:
 - Poland
 - Slovakia
 - Hungary
 - Ukraine
- Partnerships with local organizations
- Programs in 3 sectors:
 - Basic Needs + Livelihood
 - Gender in Emergencies
 - Education in Emergencies
- Research and advocacy

Objective of the brief:

To support the Polish translation and implementation of the WHO clinical handbook with two sets of guidelines and tools, including a training package and quality assurance tool advancing the implementation of CMR interventions into a Polish health care system.

Audience:

Central and local governments in Poland

Overview:

- Context: Sexual violence, its types, characteristics and prevalence in Poland
- Access to public health care services related to sexual violence response
- Legal frameworks
- Systemic barriers
- CMR in Poland

Recommendations for the Ministry of Health

- Prioritize patients who have experienced sexual and intimate partner violence and ensure patients' timely access to high quality CMR and mental health and psychosocial support services.
- Require from health managers and health care professionals in health care facilities in Poland to adopt the WHO clinical handbook, and clinical guidelines.
- Ensure the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of care pathways (algorithms, clinical care pathways) based on WHO guidelines in health care facilities by unit managers.

Recommendations for the Ministry of Family and Social Policy

- Include relevant activities to strengthen the role of medical staff and quality medical service provision in the framework of the National Program for Prevention of Domestic Violence.
- Conduct coordinated joint public awareness-raising activities on sexual and intimate partner violence prevention and response in cooperation with health care providers, the police, the prosecutors' offices, institutions organizing social care and non-government organizations.

Recommendations for local governments

- Within the framework of local governments' domestic violence prevention programs, increase personnel knowledge about CMR policies.
- Train medical units' staff at commune, district and provincial levels
- Strengthen resources
- Allocate budgets

Dissemination:

- Ministry of Health (Poland)
- Ministry of Family and Social Policy (Poland)
- City of Cracow and City of Wroclaw (authorities responsible for equal treatment)
- Journalists from the medical sector in Poland (15+ outlets incl. mainstream media)
- Sectoral working groups (Protection, Health, GBV)
- Partner organizations: Autonomia, Emma, Equita, Feminoteka, Federa, FoC, Pink Box
- Participants of both WHO clinical guidelines launch events (Warsaw, Zielona Góra)
- Next steps: advocacy outreach with likeminded representatives of the City of Warsaw

Questions?

Thank you!

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