

POLAND HEALTH SECTOR MEETING

Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2022

Meeting subject	Health Sector Coordination
Time & Location	16:00 CEST, online. Zoom link – click here . Passcode: who!2022
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Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partners Updates 2. Medical licensing 3. EMT – registration of the partners 4. EUCPT referrals Updates 5. MHPSS Updates 6. Media updates 7. AOB
AGENDA POINT	DISCUSSION
Introduction & Overview	
Agenda point 1	<p>PCPM: Polish Center for International Aid, Wojciech Wilk (wwilk@pcpm.org.pl) the head of the PCPM.</p> <p>Activity summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PCPM is managing the Polish Emergency Medical Team (at Primary Health Care Center for the incoming refugees) and is piloting the use of the MDS (minimal data set). The MDS are also used in Ukraine for collecting health data, so Poland and Ukraine will be aligned in data collection and management.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • running a transitional center for the Ukrainian refugees in in Warsaw (next to a railway station) • Evacuating civilians from Eastern Ukraine (so far have facilitated evacuation of over 5000 people) • deliver is that we are the most experienced Polish NGOs in implementing cash-based programs. • a six-month cash assistance program that allows to assist elderly, disabled and other persons in need <p>Observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more elderly people coming (23-24 Apr, bus with evacuees: 52 evacuees in total, over 40 where were elderly) <p>Needs:</p> <p>Looking into providing ambulances, cooperating with partners from Western Europe (the Polish ambulance market is completely drained). If you know about any spare used ambulances – please, contact PCPM.</p> <p>For more data and recent updates, please see updates on PCPM Website.</p>
<p>Agenda point 2</p>	<p>Temporary Medical licensing</p> <p>1. Legal Basis: UKR Refugee Act, revision 8 Apr 2022 [monitorpolski.gov.pl] UKR Refugee Act, 12 March 2022: Ustawa z dnia 12 marca 2022 r. o pomocy obywatelom Ukrainy w związku z konfliktem zbrojnym na terytorium tego państwa [monitorpolski.gov.pl] Medical profession Act, 5 Dec 1996 Nurses and midwives profession Act, 15 July 2011 [monitorpolski.gov.pl]</p> <p>2. Doctors and dentists (art. 63)</p> <p>Who can benefit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) doctors and dentists who are citizens of the Member States of the European Union (EU) and hold a license to practice the profession of doctor or dentist in an EU Member State other than the Republic of Poland – in order to practice the profession temporarily and occasionally in the territory of the Republic of Poland. 2) doctors and dentists who hold a license to practice medicine or dentistry in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or in the United States of America – in order to provide healthcare services to Ukrainian citizens who have come to the territory of the Republic of Poland due to the military operations conducted on the territory of Ukraine. <p>Practice without restriction as to location Valid from 24 Feb 2022 until 23 Aug 2023.</p> <p>Procedure: Apply to the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists (Polish: Naczelna Izba Lekarska) http://www.nil.org.pl Documents needed:</p>

1) a written statement of intent to practice the profession of doctor or dentist on a temporary or occasional basis to assist citizens of Ukraine; indicate, if possible, the place and time of practice in the territory of the Republic of Poland, and

2) proof of citizenship, and

3) a certificate issued by the appropriate authorities of the state to confirm that you hold a license to practice medicine or dentistry in this state, and at the time of submitting the statement this right is not suspended or restricted, and that you are practicing medicine, and

4) evidence of formal qualifications of medical/dental practitioners.

After obtaining the certificate, you can apply to the Minister of Health of the Republic of Poland for assigning a number corresponding to the license number.

e-mail: dep-rkm@mz.gov.pl

After obtaining a number, you will be able to provide healthcare services, including those financed from public funds to citizens of Ukraine who came to the territory of the Republic of Poland due to the military operations conducted on the territory of Ukraine.

3. Nurses and midwives (art. 64)

Who can benefit:

1) Nurses and midwives who hold a licence to practise the profession of nurse or midwife in countries other than the Republic of Poland – to practice the profession temporarily and occasionally in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

Practice allowed only in registered medical facilities or social service.

Valid from 24 Feb 2022 until 23 Aug 2023.

Procedure:

Apply to the Minister of Health **within 7 days from starting the practice**.

Documents needed:

1) Profession license

2) **or** certificate of completing the nurse or midwife school education, which will be assessed as similar to profession requirements in Poland

3) A certificate issued by the appropriate authorities of the state to confirm that you hold a license to practice in this state, and at the time of submitting the statement this right is not suspended or restricted, and

4) Adequate health status for practice.

4. Psychologists (art. 64a)

Who can benefit:

	<p>1) Psychologists from UKR (only) 2) Completion of psychology studies is required. Practice allowed only for UKR refugees, including psychiatric services and addiction therapy. Valid from 24 Feb 2022 until 23 Aug 2023.</p> <p>Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long does it take to acquire the temporary license: the procedure for obtaining a temporary license lasts from 7 to 14 days • Do healthcare workers need to apply eve if they are planning to be I Poland for very short period (under two weeks): even if you are in Poland for a short period of time, it is suggested to get licensed. <p>Deployment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International self-deployment (individuals) is not recommended. Partnering with active international or local organizations and obtaining the license is suggested. • For international organizations it is suggested to deploy on request of local healthcare providers or active partners and acquire the license. • Temporary licensed GPs can prescribe psychotropics.
<p>Agenda point 3</p>	<p>Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) Coordination 35 agencies have registered in WCO 4Ws of actors providing health-related services of which 18 are providing direct care, Summary of meeting with Polish Ministry of Health 24 April 2022 can be found here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO and the MoH of Poland had meeting about the registration of the health partners. The MoH has already put in place systems to expedite the registration of clinicians. EU doctors can register on the government portal as well as UK, US, Canada, and Israel. Regional hospitals may also use a fast-track process under their authority by registering hosted clinical teams with regional medical chambers. • WHO will continue to map organizations providing direct clinical care in country and will share this information with MoH and with partners. • Together with MoH and regional and municipal authorities, WHO will support the coordination and quality assurance of the organizations providing direct clinical care and will make recommendations to the authorities about needs and requirements for teams in different regions. • WHO will, jointly with MoH, launch a Minimum Data Set to provide daily reporting on activities and surveillance from medical teams working in borders and accommodation centers. • WHO and MoH will establish minimum criteria for acceptance of teams (length of stay, experience of staff, presence of MDT, presence of interpreters – see Annex)) wishing to support hospitals and will use the EMT

	<p>mechanism to ensure that only requested, quality assured teams that meet minimum standards deploy to Poland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO and MoH will establish a process to manage requests for assistance from key hospitals.
<p>Agenda point 4</p>	<p>EUCPT and WHO site assessment for possible Medevac Reception Centre, 15th April 2022:</p> <p>Location: Korczowa</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>The centre is well located, being close to the major road border crossing from Lviv, but due to limitations in space and WASH could only accommodate a very small number of patients. Accessibility of the centre, and of its toilets and showers is a major constraint. All full package of support (staff, equipment, consumables, waste management, improved WASH) would need to be put in place to ensure patient safety.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>This site is not appropriate to establish a large medical reception centre. A second report will capture key recommendations for future site consideration.</p> <p>Full report you can find here [link]</p>
<p>Agenda point 5</p>	<p>MHPSS:</p> <p>Psychotropic medication prescription announcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As WHO Poland WCO, we have been working with MOH Poland on Ukrainian psychotropic medication prescription validation in Poland for a few weeks. MOH Poland decided that treatment could continue/ psychotropic medication could be provided by GP's at PHC level. the announcement came out on Saturday as a joint statement by MOH Poland and WHO EURO, published by UNHCR https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/308?sv=54&geo=10781 • WHO Poland will focus on capacity building and supervision of GP'S at PHC for preventing and treating MH conditions • Please disseminate widely within your networks <p>Other updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poland MHPSS TWG continues weekly meetings and webinars. Last week's webinar was: The Role in Providing Access to Mental Health Services for Displaced Population delivered by Dr. Anna Depukat, Director of National Office for the Pilot of the National Mental Health Program. You can find the presentation here and the recording of the session here. • This Wednesday WHO and IOM organize a regional MHPSS webinar: WHO and IOM cordially invite you to an online workshop on Community Based MHPSS in Emergency Settings on April 27, 2022, at 10 AM (CET). Kindly find the details below and to register for the workshop please click here. • Poland MHPSS TWG contact list is updated, please see here.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMC is organizing Psychological First Aid (PFA) Training of Trainers (ToT) in English in Krakow on 4-5-6 May. Contact shunaidy@InternationalMedicalCorps.org • Polish translations of IASC/WHO MHPSS in Emergencies key resources will be shared by the end of the week
Agenda point 6	<p>Media and general updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PESEL, registered applications – 998 920 as of the 24th of April 2. EWUŚ, Electronic Verification of Beneficiary Entitlements, is fully functioning, due to which it is easy to check if a Ukrainian patient is eligible for medical services. [source – rynek zdrowia]
AOB	<p>We welcome all partners to present their activities or findings. Please contact EuPolHealthCoordination@who.int.</p>