

# Ukrainian-German Hospital Partnerships

# Structure and Guiding Questions for Project Outlines

#### 1. Brief Summary

Please present your project idea in a brief summary. Describe the problem addressed in relation to the national and institutional context, explain the relevance, the objective of your project and the main activities to achieve the stated objective. Additionally, specify who will benefit from the project. [max. 3,000 characters]

#### 2. Brief description of the partner organisation(s) in Germany

Please provide a brief **description of the German organization(s)** including details on **purpose**, **structure** and **human resources**. Focus especially on the department/special division of the applicant institution. Please also add information on the experiences of the applying organization in handling third-party funding. Please note that **only independent legal entities** can conclude a **grant agreement**. Departments, faculties, etc. cannot by become contractual partners on their own but can be named as implementers.

3. Brief description of the partner organisation(s) in Ukraine

Please provide a brief **description of the partner organization(s)** in Ukraine, including details on **purpose**, **structure** and **human resources**. Focus especially on the department/special division of the applicant institution. Please also give details on **how the organization links into the public health system and** describe the role of the organisation in regard to the healthcare system reform in Ukraine. One or several partner institutions within the project can also receive part of the grant if funds are forwarded by the lead-institution. To that end they must be legal entities under public law or a non-profit organization.

4. Brief description of the partnership

Please give a short introduction to your partnership. Explain the **structure of the cooperation** by describing the **fields of action and responsibilities** of the persons or groups involved. Please provide information on the **history of the partnership**, **the long-term perspective** and, if applicable, the projects that have already been carried out together and how they were funded.

5. Please describe the relevance of the project

Please systematically derive the **relevance for the overall project** from the partnership perspective and describe how the relevance in Ukraine was determined: Both project partners - in Germany and in Ukraine - must define the relevance together. Support the relevance with **data and facts (**if these are not available, provide your estimates) and where possible, refer to **national strategies** and show if and how **your project aligns with strategic goals of the Ministry of Health (MoH) Ukraine** to develop and rebuild the public health care system. Please name the **target groups** and specially address **vulnerable populations**. Additionally, formulate in which fields of action **other actors** are already active and how you could build up on their activities.

- 6. What is the objective of the partnership and how shall this be achieved?
  - Please state the overall objective.
  - Please list and briefly describe the main activities.



(Please describe the activities to be carried out in order to achieve the formulated project objective(s). Please also ensure a clear and transparent description of all relevant influences including possible limitations and unintended consequences of the chosen approach and how to deal with them.) \*

#### \*Addition for existing partnerships:

Existing hospital partnerships should refer to their current project and describe what has been achieved and what conclusions have been drawn from the experience regarding a request for continuation.

7. Approximate budget

	Budget Line	Description	Amount in EUR
1	Travel costs		
2	Training costs		
3	Procurement		
4	Personnel costs		
5	Administrative costs		
6	Total costs*		

\* Applications whose total costs exceed 400,000 EUR are requested to divide their projects into different packages, which can be funded individually or subsequently.



# Additional information

## Objective

Partnerships support the continuation of healthcare provision in Ukraine in accordance with the needs of the population.

- Focus on capacity building through strengthening and training of staff in the health sector\*
- Aim to benefit as many health professionals as possible by using approaches such as training of trainers (ToT)
- Apply low threshold but evidence-based approaches where applicable
- Consider only measures that can be established sustainably
- Implement activities in alignment with the healthcare system reform in Ukraine

\* Projects that focus exclusively or predominantly on the procurement of equipment are not eligible for funding. Procurement can be part of the project to an appropriate extent.

### Perspective

Development of genuine institutional partnerships with the aim of maintaining and sustainably strengthening capacities in the Ukrainian healthcare system with a view to Ukraine's ongoing EU integration process and synchronizing it with the healthcare system requirements in the EU.

- Apply dynamic approaches & strategies, appropriate to changing conditions
- Establishment of long-term partnerships, where appropriate and possible in (multinational) networks
- Work in multidisciplinary teams which may include diverse professions
- Orientation towards "good clinical practices" and evidence-based medicine
- Ukrainian partner institutions aim to become knowledge hubs or centers of excellence and to collaborate with hospitals with lower capacities where possible

The projects critically reflect upon structural inequalities. The situation of vulnerable and diverse population groups should be given special and targeted consideration in the applications.

### Term

Generally, 2 years, can be extended depending on project outcome and needs in Ukraine

### Funding amount:

Partnerships can apply for funding of 50,000 to 400,000 EUR, depending on needs, experience in handling third-party funding and implementing projects in partnerships. Applicants with no or only limited experiences are advised to apply for smaller amounts e.g. 100,000 EUR. In exceptional cases (e.g., continuation of large-scale partnerships, unique thematic relevance) funding may exceed 400,000 EUR.

### Process:

Step 1: The funding program receives applications as outlines and checks them for compliance with the funding framework.

Step 2: Successful applicants develop their project outline into a complete application, considering remarks provided by the funding program.

Step 3: The applicant hands in a complete application.

Step 4: Final approval or rejection of application.

The funding program oversees and develops a portfolio of German-Ukrainian hospital partnerships and ensures that despite limited funding the needs of the Ukrainian health system can be addressed in the best possible way. To achieve this, a balance of supported topics as well as covered regions and involved parties has to be maintained. Partnerships are invited to plan their activities in stages and packages, which might be funded in subsequent funding rounds.



# Applying institutions

Applications are submitted by German institutions (larger municipal and city hospitals, university hospitals, networks and NGOs with several years of implementation experience) with the following characteristics:

- Public-law institution and/or non-profit organization in Germany
- Meeting the commercial requirements, administrative capacities for financial processing
- Availability of qualified personnel for implementation
- Implementing evidence-based approaches in health care

#### **Partner institutions**

Cooperation partners can be healthcare institutions (especially but not limited to hospitals) and NGOs (with several years of implementation experience in Ukraine) or healthcare networks in Ukraine that:

- Provide public health services
- Have qualified personnel for implementation
- Are part of the "capable network of hospitals"<sup>i</sup> as defined by the MoH or contribute to strengthening this network

## Thematic orientation

Partnerships address needs that have been articulated by Ukrainian partners and that belong to core disciplines of medical care. The MoH of Ukraine sees a particular need for medical partnerships in the following areas:

• Child health, communicable diseases incl. antimicrobial resistance, mental health, oncology, prevention and diagnostics of NCDs, rehabilitation medicine, surgery and trauma care

Also, integrating telemedicine as a tool for exchange and collaboration in partnerships, building health registries and strengthening primary healthcare have been identified as especially relevant fields by the MoH Ukraine.

For further reference see:

- JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF UKRAINE AND THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
- ukraine-health-system-rec-consult-eng.pdf (who.int)
- Establishment of a capable network of medical institutions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> <u>The Ministry of Health has already approved a capable network of medical institutions in 18 oblasts</u> (moz.gov.ua)