

# Support communities in documenting experiences and solutions during the war

## Background

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February the needs on the ground have only become more and more acute. Millions of people need assistance inside the country and millions Ukrainians are internally displaced and became refugees (as of July 1<sup>st</sup> IOM estimates 6.28 millions IDPs, and UNRA estimates 5.5 millions refugees) (<https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/ukraine/> ).

The situation remains extremely unpredictable, with active fighting in the East and active hostilities in major urban centres, especially Kyiv, Kharkiv, Mariupol and Odesa are bombarded by artillery and missiles. UN Human Rights office verified, from 24 February to 26 June, 10,631 civilian casualties in the country, including 4,731 killed and 5,900 injured. However, the actual number is likely to be considerably higher.

Responding to war, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH - hereinafter referred to as 'GIZ' – entered into the Grant Agreement for the GIZ project: BACKUP Health with the International Charitable Foundation “Alliance for Public Health” (APH) (Agreement number: 81288950) for the period from 20.10.2022 to 31.08.2023.

## Alliance for Public Health

The International Charitable Foundation “Alliance for Public Health” is a leading non-governmental professional organization making a significant impact on the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and other socially dangerous diseases in Ukraine and Eastern Europe and Central Asia region. In cooperation with state partners and civil society organizations, it provides financial and technical support to programs, covering over 250,000 representatives of most vulnerable populations: the highest such coverage indicator in Europe.

When war started, APH modified its programs to sustain the impact on the diseases and support the affected communities.

## Tender subject

One of the activities of the GIZ program that is subject of this tender announcement is documenting experiences and solutions during the war

APH will conduct documenting of generalisable results and lessons learned for the provision of care in emergency situations. It is planned to document the following areas in settings of high intensity conflict, low intensity conflict sites and sites outside Ukraine:

- ongoing operating NGO services during outreach,
- ongoing operating services in mobile clinics,

- shelters for internally displaced key populations,
- online service delivery observation.

Through this exercise, comprehensive documentation of the broad spectrum of locations and services will be conducted. This will give communities solid tools to respond to crisis and sustain major health services.

Documentation will be done via five visits of a lead writer and photographer to the following sites: (1) high-intensity conflict zone in central Ukraine / Kyiv city; (2) low-intensity zone receiving refugees; (3) Moldova-based sites; (4) Poland-based sites. Each visit of 2-3 days will include in-depth observation of service delivery, speaking with services providers and recipients, local government. The observed services will include ongoing operating NGO services during outreach, mobile clinics, shelters for internally displaced key populations, online service delivery. Lead researcher will be selected through open call for consultants, specifically we will be looking for qualified researcher, writer and journalist covering public health and harm reduction.

As result of this activity a broad group of civil society and medical experts will receive well-documented approaches in working in war conditions, describing approaches to working in different intensity of conflict, separate best practices, work inside the country with internally displaced people and refugees.

The observations during the documentation process will be used for developing lessons learned, which will feed into analyses and situation assessments as well as developing case studies and best practices to be shared with communities and donors. In particular, the developed documentation will be shared during the country dialogue for the Global Fund country grant development as well as for the policy development, advocacy and fundraising campaigns.

### **Activities under this tender**

1. Travel to the five sites for documentation
2. Preparing stories, publication, social media dissemination and sharing the stories
3. The preparation of final reports: programmatic and financial.

### **Milestones under this tender**

- Travel to the five sites conducted successfully;
- Stories prepared;
- Stories shared in social media;
- Lessons learned disseminated within the framework of the country dialogue for GF grant development

### **Outputs and deliverables under this tender**

- 5 case-studies looking at different areas of work as well as separate good practice studies. Themes include: prevention, testing and treatment service modification in high and low intensity sites for HIV and TB services; establishing shelters for internally displaced key populations; supporting service continuity for refugees from among key groups; mobile clinics-based services for key populations.

- 10 Personal stories/social media snapshots will be published throughout the project on APH social media (FB, Instagram, Twitter).
- At least 3 articles will have been submitted to media like POLITICO, The Guardian and other mainstream media.
- Publication of snapshots of observations will be ongoing and will be shared to at least 50,000 audience. Articles in media will cover several million international readers.
- Sharing lessons learned, situation assessments, case studies developed with use of observations from documentation with wider audience of medical communities, CBOs, donors, government and international stakeholders to inform the national dialogue for GF grant development.

## **How to apply**

Candidates interested in assignment of Lead writer together with photographer to support documenting are asked to apply to this tender by providing:

- 1) their CV with relevant experience,
- 2) daily rate with suggested number of days to cover the deliverables;
- 3) and schedule within the period of February– May 2023.

The candidates should possess the experience in conducting similar assignments and should speak well Ukrainian/Russian and English to be able to carry out interviews with the providers in Ukraine and develop Project materials in English.

**How to apply:** Please send your CV and a covering letter in English and Ukrainian to korobchuk@aph.org.ua. Subject line should contain “Lead writer”.

The deadline for applications is **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

## **Special conditions related to publications**

In all publications and brief references on the Project, APH shall express in an appropriate manner that it is carrying out or has carried out its activities as part of a project financed by GIZ commissioned by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and co-financed by the third-party funder (if such exists).

Prior to publication of project-related press releases or public statements by the APH that go beyond brief references (e.g. on the APH website), the APH shall in good time inform GIZ (represented by the unit responsible for the budget in accordance with the contract cover sheet and via [presse@giz.de](mailto:presse@giz.de)) of the content of the publication in German, English, French or Spanish and shall take into account any instructions from GIZ.