

Swiss support in organizing Mother and Child healthcare for refugees

Inter-agency refugee HEALTH working group
30 March 2022

Swiss support in organizing Mother and Child healthcare for refugees from Ukraine

- Experts from Switzerland assessed Stefan Voda, Causeni and Anenii Noi hospitals for technical assistance for improving the contingency plan by using the PAHO Hospital Initiative Assessment Form (on 8-9 March). Several findings summarized:
 - *Some shortages of medicines, consumables and other supplies may soon occur in the event of a mass influx of refugees*
 - *Supporting a local hospital will strengthen capacity which will be essential for both the Moldovan and refugee populations*
 - *Due to its location (closest to the border with Palanca), Stefan Voda hospital seems to be the best hospital to support in the field of mother and child healthcare in case of a mass influx of refugees.*
- The Swiss EMT, specializing in maternal and child health care, initially organized its office in Manej by bringing necessary medications and purchasing the furniture to assure full functionality. *The most common health events addressed by Swiss EMT in Manej were acute respiratory infections in children aged 5-17 years*
- Later, the EMT moved to the MoldExpo, where it organized the M&C care for refugees accommodated there
- From the beginning (18th March) of the clinical activities until 29th of March there were treated **112** refugees, including **81** children, **6** pregnant / breastfeeding mothers and **25** adults.



On going and planned activities

- **On going capacity building** for the ambulance center for the segment of pediatric emergencies by providing a practical ToT related to selected subjects.
 - *National mobile training teams are supposed to train on site the specialists from districts, including Stefan Voda and Causeni.*
- Ensuring the continuation of activity of Swiss EMT at MoldExpo including the coordination with other international EMTs.
- Continuous support by providing medicaments and other supplies for proper functioning of the medical office.
- Further more detailed needs assessment for the Stefan Voda and Causeni hospitals regarding equipment and materials for appropriate response to emergency situations.
- On site capacity building for emergency teams at Causeni and Stefan Voda hospitals in Reproductive Maternal newborn and child health.



The Swiss EMT composition adapted to the specific situation

no	name	specialty	competences	position
1	Olivier Hagon	Anesthesiologist and Emergency medicine	Disaster health expert, referral system, general medicine	EMT Leader
3	Sabine Heiniger	Pediatrician	Public health expert, primary pediatric health care first aid prevention in mother and child health care	Clinician
4	Chantal Abouchar	Midwife	clinical care of pregnant women	Clinician, Trainer
5	Rachel Osterhuis Montenegro	Nurse	clinical care in mother and child healthcare	Clinician
6	Nicolas Lutz	pediatric Surgeon	Capacity building, public health	Trainer
7	Sergio Manzano	Emergency pediatrician	capacity building, public health, primary pediatric health care, first aid, prevention in mother and child health care	Trainer, Clinician
8	Augusta Theller	Midwife	clinical care of pregnant women	Clinician
9	Silvia Beguelin	Nurse	clinical care, mother and child healthcare	Clinician, Trainer
10	Laura Garaud	Nurse	clinical care, mother and child healthcare	Clinician