



Construction plans for the new ward

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Federal state - partner country

North Rhine-Westphalia - Ukraine

Title

Support for a hospital in Dnipropetrovsk to set up a rehabilitation centre in the field of prosthetics

In cooperation with the GIZ programme

Special Assistance Programme / EU4ResilientRegions

Financing arrangements

BMZ contribution	500.000 EUR
North Rhine-Westphalia contribution	750.000 EUR

Duration

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Responsible ministry

State Chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia

Improving medical care for war victims with prostheses

Local situation

February 2025 marked the third anniversary of the escalation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. The number of Ukrainians impacted by injury, permanent disability, trauma, destroyed infrastructure or requiring training or retraining is high. Support is therefore necessary to rebuild the damaged infrastructure and the health, social and education systems. The core objectives of this reconstruction are to restore livelihoods and return to stable living conditions. To achieve this, the focus has to be on balancing emergency aid with more medium to long-term reconstruction. Medical services play a particularly important role in the primary care offered to vulnerable population groups. The demand for prosthetics is high. To meet the significant increase in amputations and required rehabilitation measures, there is an urgent need both for prostheses and for medical professionals and specialists in medical technology.

Cooperation arrangements

As part of the regional partnership signed in February 2023 with the Ukrainian administrative district (oblast) of Dnipropetrovsk, North Rhine-Westphalia has a primary involvement in this region. In addition to providing acute emergency aid, its main focus is on reconstruction for the future.

This project helps to achieve the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



“On behalf of the Dnipro Regional Specialised Rehabilitation Center, a municipal enterprise, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to North Rhine-Westphalia for its productive cooperation and contribution to the development of rehabilitation, prosthetics and orthotics. Thanks to your help, we are achieving significant results in improving the quality of life of our patients. I’m sure that our ongoing partnership will bring about even more positive changes and new successes.”

Quote from the Rehabilitation Center’s managing director



Rehab exercise with a prosthesis

The project’s political partner on the Ukrainian side is the administration of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast. The implementing partner is Human Study e.V., which is responsible for training prosthetists and advising on equipment for the planned prosthetics workshop. Klinikum Duisburg provides advisory support to the (Ukrainian) hospital on rehabilitation concepts and discharge management. At the hospital in the Dnipropetrovsk region, where staff are being trained, premises have been made available for conversion to a prosthetics workshop. Other partners include veterans’ associations in Ukraine, the company Münch Orthopädietechnik, orthopaedic technicians from North Rhine-Westphalia and other stakeholders providing aid to Ukraine from the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

What we are doing - and how

The project’s aim is for the hospital in Ukraine to have a functioning prosthetics workshop with qualified prosthetic and orthotic technicians. The hospital will make rooms available to set up an on-site prosthetics workshop. The rooms are currently in shell condition and will be renovated and converted for use as a prosthetics workshop. Following the renovation, the workshop will be furnished with medical equipment and supplies for personalised prosthetic care for amputees. The objective is to create a fully functional

prosthetics workshop with five fully equipped workstations. In addition, 12 prosthetic technicians are being trained by means of blended learning formats. The training programme concludes with the final exam for prosthetic and orthotic technicians accredited by ISPO (International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics). The German partners will also advise the hospital on issues such as developing a rehabilitation concept and designing the interface between the hospital and the prosthetics workshop. The project also strengthens the ties between stakeholders involved and others working in the same field.

Useful links

- Further information on the BLP:
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/132983.html>
<https://bund-laender-programm.de/en>
- GIZ Special Assistance Programme / EU4ResilientRegions :
<https://www.giz.de/en/downloads/giz2024-en-EU4ResilientRegions-factsheet.pdf>
- Human Study e.V.
<https://www.human-study.org/>

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