

CF “PATIENTS OF UKRAINE” CAPACITY STATEMENT

ORIGINS 2011-2021

CF “Patients of Ukraine” – was created in 2011 uniting communities of patients with severe, chronic and rare diseases to stand up for their rights to treatment

STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

Advocacy of patients' rights

Mobilization and capacity strengthening of patients' communities

Main achievements 2011-2021:

2011-2013 – an increase in state funding was achieved by almost **two times** for the procurement of antiretroviral therapy for patients living with HIV and the adoption of **the State Program to Combat Hepatitis**

2014 – the creation of the **Strategic Advisory Group** was initiated, which developed **the National Health Reform Strategy for Ukraine 2015-2020**. The Strategy became a background for the healthcare system reform that is currently being implemented in our country

2015-2016 – procurement reform was initiated

– the function of medicines' procurement at the state budget cost was transferred from the Ministry of Health to international organizations, which allowed to fight corruption, increase transparency and efficiency in the use of resources, improve patients' access to medicines



2017 – the Law “On State Financial Guarantees of Medical Care for the Population” was **advocated**, which formed **the basis of the healthcare reform**. This fundamentally changed and continues to improve patients' access to medical care. Furthermore, we managed to launch a system of simplified registration of medicines from the EU, USA, Canada, Japan, etc.

2018-2019 – we were meaningfully involved to the **creation of the State Enterprise “Medical Procurement of Ukraine”** and transfer of function of medicines' procurement at the state budget costs to the enterprise, in order to consolidate transparency and efficient use of resources, which were implemented with the transfer of procurement to international organizations

2020 – **abolition of “evergreen” medication patents was achieved**, thanks to which patients finally got access to high-quality and significantly cheaper generic medicines



2021 – **over 23 million UAH was raised to support more than 8,000 doctors** in 241 healthcare facilities throughout Ukraine **to fight against COVID-19**. As a result, we were included into the TOP-10 philanthropists who help in the fight against coronavirus in Ukraine, according to the U-control rating

TRANSFORMATION 2022-2024

CF “Patients of Ukraine” is a driving force for the transformation and development of the patient-oriented health care system, which ensures access to affordable and high-quality medical and related medical services and medicines for Ukrainians, based on the best global guidelines.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

Support and capacity strengthening for **patients and patients' communities**, who already are or have the potential to become the driving force in the process of healthcare system transformation

Support and capacity strengthening for **healthcare professionals** who already are active or have the potential to become the driving force for patient-oriented changes in their facility or in their field of activity

Activities aimed at Patients	Activities aimed at Healthcare professionals
<p>Long-term initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy of bills to improve access to treatment (VAT on drugs, parallel import of drugs, medical cannabis, etc.); • Hotline for patients “Health’s Number”; • ELiky.in.ua – an online platform of drugs available in healthcare facilities; • Informational campaign for patients about free medicines and medical services “Guaranteed!”; • Webinars of evidence-based medicine doctors “LikarTUT”; • The communication component of the “War Trauma Rehabilitation” initiative, aimed at patients <p>Urgent initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian hub for urgent needs of patients during war (focus on oncology and orphan diseases) 	<p>Long-term initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisory boards in healthcare facilities; • Pharmaceutical management in healthcare facilities; • Medical self-government; • Mobile medical services; • Experience exchange with healthcare facilities that believed in healthcare reform; • International medical missions of reconstructive surgery; • Development of the physical rehabilitation system “War Trauma Rehabilitation” initiative – service providers' network development, human capital development, policies development and improvement <p>Urgent initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian hub for urgent aid to healthcare facilities during the war; • Rehabilitation/reconstruction of healthcare facilities'
<p>Advocacy to increase state funding for health care (at least at the level of 5% of GDP, according to current legislation)</p>	

CF “Patients of Ukraine” – since 2022 significantly grows and expands its spheres of activity in response to the challenges of the full-scale invasion.

- We unite 49 representatives of patients' organizations, representing the interests of more than **4.5 million patients** with severe and rare diseases
- We have **a team of 60+ professionals** and experts who are able to simultaneously implement a complex of comprehensive initiatives in a short period of time
- We work in **clear correlation with national strategies** in the field of health care and international practices (Ministry of Health, National Healthcare Service of Ukraine, Office of the First Lady, WHO, World Bank, etc.)
- We have proven track records of **cooperation with key international humanitarian donors** (EuroDel, USAID, NED, GIZ, Embassies of friendly countries, etc.)
- We are constantly developing and gaining momentum



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MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2022-2024



A Humanitarian hub was launched on the basis of the fund, and since the beginning of the full-scale war **medicines, medical products and medical equipment for a total amount of more than 185 million UAHs** have been procured and delivered to the healthcare facilities throughout Ukraine as of the end of May 2024.

Legalization of medical cannabis in Ukraine was achieved.

46 damaged primary **healthcare facilities** in the de-occupied territories were **restored**.

Constant **support of the physical rehabilitation system** development via “War trauma Rehabilitation” initiative.

Constant **support of healthcare reform implementation**, in particular, advocating for integration of the relevant institutions to the unified medical space, launching of the medical self-governance and availability of the decent state funding for healthcare in our country.

Constant **protection of the patients' rights and capacity strengthening for patients' communities**. “Patients of Ukraine” member-organizations actively involve in working groups under the Ministry of Health and directly influence decision-making processes and the strategies formation of. Only in 2023, representatives of the communities joined the three working groups on the issues of specialized procurement support and the Ministry of Health working group on the issues of orphan diseases.



LOGIC OF INTERVENTION

Patients (improving access to the quality and free medicines and services)

Professionals in healthcare area (capacity strengthening, implementation of patient-oriented initiatives)

Management of healthcare facilities (capacity strengthening for the healthcare facilities: infrastructure and human capital)

Local government/healthcare facilities owners (involvement in policy implementation at the local level)

State and international stakeholder in charge of the policy framework formation in the field of healthcare (involvement in the development/improvement of policies)

Key communities: patients, healthcare professionals, experts, veterans (identification of needs and related expertise)

Donors (raising of funds)

