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The Crucial Role of Not-for-Profit Social Service Providers: A

Case Study on Telemedicine in Ukraine







INTRODUCTION

What we do:

- Mobile Homecare service provision (social / medical)
- Rental services for Home Care devices
- Relief food packages
- Personal protective equipment
- Hygiene kits
- Public health risk communication session

Whom we serve:

- Vulnerable, socially isolated persons
- Elderly persons, especially elderly women
- Chronically ill people (HIV, long Covid, Diabetes, etc)
- Bedridden persons
- Palliative patients
- Internal Displaced Person IDPs



WHAT IS TELEMEDICINE?

- Telemedicine is a sub-area of telematics in health care
- Lets your health care provider care for you without an in-person office visit
- Refers to diagnostics and therapy using telecommunications to bridge a spatial or temporal distance between doctor, therapist, pharmacist and patient or between two consulting doctors



WHY TELEMEDICINE IS CRUCIAL IN THE CONTEXT OF UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA



THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE

- Access to medical care (family doctors)
- Access to specialist doctors
- Access to diagnostic equipment
- Access to modern information (i.e Covid_19,
- medical protection of infections, ..)
- Access to vaccination at home
- Screening methodology (if patient need hospitalization etc)
- Share with governmental structure
- Dignified approach to medicine



ACCESS. QUALITY. AFFORDABILITY.





OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

- Full-scale invasion of Ukraine
- High influx of refugees within Ukraine and out of country (Moldova)
- Annual inflation reached 32%
- Technical difficulties with the data transfer
- Severe psychological state of beneficiaries
- January 2022 new Covid_19 (Omicron)
- Infrastructure Constraints

- Acceptance of IDPs as additional target group
- Seeking for additional funds
- To stay clear and persistent
- Adaptation of medical and social service provision
- Some medical consultations had to be postponed
- Alternative solution for transportation

QUESTIONS?



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