

JOINT STATEMENT

between
the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine
and
the Council of Europe Development Bank

The Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) reaffirm their ongoing commitment to collaborate and partner in the development and delivery of psychosocial services at the community level in Ukraine.

Ukraine's recovery is closely related to investment in its people. Ensuring that the population is physically, economically, and socially active is a fundamental priority.

In particular, as a consequence of the Russian Federation's full-scale invasion, mental health and psychosocial support needs are rising. Global estimates suggest that unless actions are taken, more than one in five people affected by conflict will develop a mental health condition. In Ukraine, this totals to about 10 million people, with vulnerable people most at risk.

The Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine efforts are focused on the provision of social support to those in need, including veterans and their family members, internally displaced persons, children, persons with disabilities, minorities, young and older people. Under the All-Ukrainian Mental Health Program initiated by the First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine has introduced a new "Resilience Service". This new service is aimed at enhancing the recipients' ability to cope with stress and adversity, building social cohesion, supporting positive parenting, and coordinating volunteer activities.

The CEB, as the social development bank of Europe, is committed to providing support to the priorities set by the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine to provide psychosocial support services to those in need. This includes financial resources, technical assistance and innovative solutions.

In this context, the CEB is gearing up to make available to the Ministry grant resources from its trust funds in the amount of up to EUR 2 million to fund technical assistance to support the roll-out of the "Resilience Service" in communities across Ukraine.

The Ministry of Social Policy and the CEB will continue to work together to refine the scope of the technical assistance required for the design and delivery of psychosocial support services, for the benefit of Ukrainian people, including the most vulnerable.

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