

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ICM/Direct Relief Ukraine Humanitarian Fund

ICM is currently accepting applications for the ICM/Direct Relief Ukraine Humanitarian Fund. This fund aims to provide direct financial assistance to ICM Member Associations in Europe, particularly in Ukraine's neighbouring countries, who are supporting the refugee and humanitarian response and supporting and complementing existing state initiatives.

### **Objective:**

**ICM/Direct Relief Ukraine Humanitarian Fund offers direct financial assistance to any ICM Member Associations in Europe and particularly in Ukraine's neighbouring countries, who are involved in a humanitarian response and providing direct support to Ukrainian refugees or involved in state initiatives or other efforts in their country.**

### **Background:**

The war in Ukraine significantly impacted women and children in the region, as over 90% of the six million+ Ukrainian refugees fall into these most vulnerable categories. Among the women in this group, we estimate that approximately 9% are pregnant. Midwives and their associations are at the front lines of the crisis in Ukraine, providing assistance, health care and other social services needed by refugees. Migrant and refugee women are at an increased risk of sexual violence, unwanted pregnancies and exposure to sexually transmitted diseases. Additional risks include malnutrition, poor sanitation, and lack of maternity care, including psychological care in pregnancy, labour and postpartum. ICM recognises the courage of our Member Associations and midwives all over Europe, who—under the most difficult of circumstances—continue to provide care for women and their new-borns.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

- Your midwives' association is a member of ICM
- Your midwives' association can apply for grants and receive funds
- Your midwives' association can show evidence of:
  - o Involvement in providing assistance, health care and other social services needed by the migrants and refugee women as a result of war in Ukraine and/or
  - o Running/supporting projects that focus on humanitarian response in the context of Ukraine and/or
  - o Lobbying or liaising with local government to ensure migrants have access to midwifery care and/or
  - o Other activities that aim to support the migrants and refugee women in or fleeing from Ukraine

### **How can ICM Member Associations use the funds?**

Funds can be used for:

- Buying supplies and services for Ukrainian refugees



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- Administrative costs incurred by your Association as a result of supporting refugees, such as salaries, stationery costs, office costs etc
- Indirect costs – maximum 10%.

### **How to apply:**

**Step 1:** If you are interested in applying to the ICM/Direct Relief Ukraine Humanitarian Fund, please send a simple expression of interest by email telling us about how you would use the funding to ICM, estimated cost of the project, along with a copy of your latest audited accounts **by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 at 23.59 CET** at [membership@internationalmidwives.org](mailto:membership@internationalmidwives.org). The expression of interest can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

**Step 2:** If your Association completed an expression of interest and your activities/projects are suitable for our fund, we will ask you to send a full application that should be comprised of:

- A 2-page proposal outlining the project/activities' objectives and description
- A detailed budget outlining the project/activities' related expenditures.
- Additional documents such as information about your governance structure, list of your Board Members, organisational structure (Organogram) and list of paid staff etc, copy of your latest bank statement etc

ICM will share more information about the application process and terms and conditions of the Fund.

Please direct any questions about the application process to [membership@internationalmidwives.org](mailto:membership@internationalmidwives.org).

Following the review of your full proposal, ICM may invite you to an additional meeting to discuss your proposal in further details.