

FACT SHEET FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES WITH HIV – July 2022

The *Hiv Vereniging* (Dutch HIV Association) offers support to Ukrainian refugees with HIV. We do this in two ways: support with, and/or access to, formal HIV care and informal care. Please note: HIV in Ukraine is approximately as prevalent among women as among men, so we must not limit our focus to LGBTI+ refugees. It is estimated that a few hundred people with HIV will come from Ukraine to the Netherlands.

Servicepunt (Service Desk)

- It is important that the person with HIV, or the person helping them, is always referred to our *Servicepunt*. You can contact the *Servicepunt* by phone or email (for opening times: <https://www.hivvereniging.nl/ontmoeten/servicepunt>).
- Our volunteers are happy to answer questions on all kinds of subjects and to offer additional help.

Informal HIV care

- The *Hiv Vereniging* can link people with peer counsellors: <https://www.hivvereniging.nl/ontmoeten/peer-counseling>.
- The *Hiv Vereniging* has a support group for people from Eastern Europe and Central Asia, with volunteers who speak various languages and are committed to helping people from those regions. Contact the *Servicepunt* for this.

Formal HIV care

- Information about the health care system: <https://www.zorgverzekeringslijn.nl/ukrainian>.
- For general healthcare you can go to a family doctor or to a medical centre run for example by *Dokters van de Wereld*, *Rode Kruis* or a street doctor like they have at the *Pauluskerk*.
- For HIV care, contact the HIV outpatient clinic of one of the 24 HIV treatment centres directly: <https://www.hivvereniging.nl/hiv-behandelcentra>.
- The costs incurred for HIV care and HIV medication can be claimed by the health care facility through the Regulation for Medical Care of Displaced Persons from Ukraine (RMO) if one has a BSN. Does one not have a BSN? Then you can claim the costs through the CAK. More information can be found [here \(CAK\)](#), and [here \(Rijksoverheid\)](#)
- The *Hiv Vereniging* monitors this process and consults with the professional associations of HIV practitioners and HIV consultants.

Trans care

- For trans care, contact the Trans United Clinic, a community initiative supported by the *GGD Amsterdam* (the Amsterdam Municipal Health Service): <https://www.ggd.amsterdam.nl/infectieziekten/soa-hiv-sense/start-transkliniekprostitutie/>.

Accommodation

- For the provision of accommodation, our advice is to contact existing local initiatives such as [Takecarebnb.org](https://www.takecarebnb.org), *Vluchtelingenwerk* (Dutch Refugee Council), *Leger des Heils* (the Salvation Army), and *Rode Kruis* (the Red Cross). They can find you an appropriate match. Including accommodation for LGBTI+ refugees.