

Metinvest allocates UAH 10 million to open a centre for infectious diseases in Mariupol

Metinvest Group supports the cities and towns of its operations to help Ukraine fight against the virus pandemic of the 21st century. The company invests UAH 10 million in creation of a childcare centre for infectious diseases in Mariupol at the facilities of Ivan Matsuk City Hospital No. 4. In the event of a large-scale infection outbreak the centre will admit both children and adults.



Mariupol will soon have a regional centre employing the best professionals and equipped with the most precise diagnostics and life-saving equipment. The 40-bed second infectious disease ward of City Hospital No. 4 will be overhauled with the support of Metinvest Group and Mariupol Development Fund (MDF).

The works will commence shortly and be complete in autumn. The plan is to renovate the ward interior, change the layout to accommodate the cubicles, install new ventilation and air conditioning, replace utilities, repair roofing and faces of the building, and install a fire protection system.

The City Hospital No. 4 provides care to 100,000 children of southern region of Donetsk Oblast, Mariupol, Manhusky, Nikolsky and Boykivsky districts. A 125-bed regional centre at the hospital will allow to promptly respond to the infectious disease outbreaks. The centre will have an ICU providing professional medical aid 24/7. In 2018, Azovstal Iron and Steel Works invested UAH 8 million in renovation of a 35-bed hospital facility and 6-bed emergency unit, while the city authorities procured the equipment and supplies for UAH 8 million.

MDF and Metinvest Group are reliable social partners of Mariupol. This partnership fostered many projects, particularly in public health. Our consolidated efforts have helped Mariupol create a state-of-the-art childcare diagnostics centre (built at the facilities of City Hospital No. 3) and a cardiology centre which already saves lives, and repair the wards of City Hospitals No. 1 and No. 4. Successful projects were also delivered in education and city infrastructure improvement.

Yuriy Ryzhenkov, Chief Executive Officer of Metinvest Group:

- We have always helped solve issues which are important to the country and our fellow citizens. Today, we are going to do everything we can as well. Apart from ensuring that our businesses continue to run uninterrupted and provide jobs, pay taxes and support Ukraine's economy, which directly relies on them, we are going to support the healthcare system. A single regional childcare centre for infectious diseases in Donetsk Oblast is acutely required. Our investment of around UAH 10 million is our contribution towards the future, the accessibility of the quality and modern healthcare in Ukraine.

Vadym Boychenko, Mariupol City Mayor:

- A regional medical centre in Mariupol is an important and an extremely relevant project. I am very grateful to

Metinvest Group and to its CEO Yuriy Ryzhenkov personally for this initiative and the financial support. Together we will build a modern hospital with the state-of-the-art equipment and comfortable environment for both the patients and the medical personnel.

To remind, Illich and Azovstal steel mills of Metinvest Group within the shortest time have constructed the oxygen supply points and the new oxygen lines in three healthcare facilities in Mariupol, to which end Metinvest Group has allocated around UAH 7 million.

Rinat Akhmetov Foundation and Metinvest Group have jointly provided 300,000 coronavirus express test kits to Donetsk, Zaporizhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Luhansk and Kyiv Oblasts. The Foundation has also purchased and donated to the Health Ministry of Ukraine the high tier ventilators and oxygen concentrators. The personal protective equipment procured by the Foundation for Ukrainian medical staff includes: a unique mobile isolation pod for transporting infectious patients, a protective biological and chemical suit with a filter and ventilation unit, chemical protective disposable coverall suits, infrared thermometers with a laser pointer, multi-layer respirators, face masks and goggles. Another 22 ventilators are installed in neonatal ambulances that have been transferred by the Foundation to all Ukrainian regions under the project "200 Ambulances for Ukraine". Rinat Akhmetov Foundation also regularly purchases analyzers which come with coronavirus test cartridges.

In turn, Vadym Novynsky's International Charitable Foundation handed over 1 million medical masks, 100,000 express test kits, 10 ventilators, 10 infectious chambers and 850 biosafety suits, 1,000 goggles for doctors and 3 diagnostic PCR systems with disposable test kits.

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