

POLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAM PCPM



THE ONLY POLISH EMT CERTIFIED BY WHO

The Poland Emergency Medical Team PCPM is the only one in Poland, and one of the few in Europe, medical groups for rapid response to humanitarian crises and natural disasters. The team is able to reach any point of care within 48 hours. PCPM Team is also one of the most experienced teams in Europe in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, doctors from the PCPM EMT provided expert support in hospitals in Asia, Africa and Europe, preparing individual medical facilities to care for patients infected with coronavirus. The PCPM Medical Rescue Team is part of the Polish Center for International Aid Foundation. In October 2019, it was certified by WHO as the only one in Poland and the 29th such rescue team in the world.

The team consists of:

- **doctors**
- **lifeguards**
- **nurses**
- **firefighters**
- **logisticians**



In accordance with the requirements of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Poland EMT PCPM is completely self-sufficient and ready for action in the regions affected by earthquakes, floods, explosions, fires and hurricanes. The group of specialists related to the EMT PCPM undergoes regular training sessions and the specialists have also led trainings of emergency services in Lebanon, Kenya, Ethiopia and Palestine.



The Poland EMT PCPM in 2019 passed the WHO certification as the so-called Type 1 Emergency Medical Team. It is one of seven such teams in the world operating with NGOs, independent of state structures and the national rescue aid system. However, it represents Poland within the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. According to WHO requirements, it is able to provide aid even in the most damaged areas for a period of 2 to 4 weeks, with its own hospital tents, medical supplies for up to 1400 patients, food supply and autonomous water purification and electricity production systems. In total, it is almost 5 tons of equipment. Usually, 16 to 20 people participate in a single rescue operation. The Team has successfully completed rescue missions after the earthquake in Nepal, protests in Ukraine, floods in Bosnia, an explosion in the capital of Lebanon and during the refugee crisis.

THE YEAR 2020 WILL BE MARKED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In 2020, specialists from the Poland Emergency Medical Team PCPM participated in as many as six expert missions in: Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ethiopia, Lebanon and Madagascar. All of those provided support to medics and medical facilities treating patients with COVID-19. Additionally, after the explosion in the Beirut port, a group of rescuers and doctors went to help in Lebanon. The experience gathered together with Italian doctors from Brescia started immediately after the pandemic was declared, when the eyes of the whole world were focused on their work – the effect of their work was used in various training sessions given throughout the year during regular missions on three continents.

Our specialists powered teams of doctors in facilities located in the mountains, in places where access to medical care was limited, where there was no running water or medical personnel. They continue to share their extensive experience - also online, working in parallel at their home facilities in Poland. Therefore, despite many intensive missions, they did not leave their institutions in Poland. This allows us to define the Polish team as one of the most experienced in the fight against COVID-19 in Europe and in the world. In 2021 the PCPM Medical Rescue Team is ready for next missions, but it also wants to increase its hardware resources as well as build the pool of experts in open recruitment. with COVID-19. Additionally, after the explosion in the Beirut port, a group of rescuers and doctors went to help in Lebanon. The experience gathered together with Italian doctors from Brescia started immediately after the pandemic was declared, when the eyes of the whole world were focused on their work – the effect of their work was used in various training sessions given throughout the year during regular missions on three continents.

