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Project name	Organisation	Country	Duration	SEM funding	Project summary
Legal aid for refugees from Ukraine and asylum seekers in Poland	Halina Nieć Legal Aid Center	Poland	12 months	CHF 271'035	The project provides free, multilingual legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in Poland. Support covers protection procedures, post-TPD legal stay, integration, and voluntary return options. Services are delivered in person, online, and via a legal helpline, prioritizing vulnerable individuals.
Save the Children Response to the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis in Lithuania	Save the Children	Lithuania	12 months	CHF 421'338	The project aims to protect and promote the physical and emotional wellbeing of the most vulnerable Ukrainian refugee families with children and pregnant women in Lithuania by providing humanitarian assistance that is responsive to their evolving needs throughout all stages of arrival and integration. Key outcomes include improved access to targeted protection and mental health and psychosocial support services, as well as the ability to meet basic needs.
Support to integration of migrant women and members of their families in Croatia	Centre for Women War Victims – ROSA	Croatia	24 months	CHF 323'230	The project supports the integration of migrant women and their family members into Croatian society through direct psychological, legal and practical support in accessing their rights, asylum procedures and integration services. Workshops for migrant women strengthen their capacity to access their rights and available support, while workshops for institutional representatives raise awareness of migrants' needs and challenges. A campaign aims to inform migrant women about their rights and available support and to raise awareness among decision-makers and the public of the situation of migrants in Croatia.
Program for Psychosocial Support and Integration	EMMA Institute, Center for Victims of Violence	Slovenia	12 months	CHF 260'303	The project aims to meet the needs of asylum seekers, temporary protection holders, refugees and other persons in care in Slovenia, with a primary focus on providing basic mental health and psychosocial support and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, gender-based violence and trafficking in human beings. Besides counselling, the project supports early social inclusion and integration by providing guidance on accessing employment, healthcare, education, and social support. This includes assistance with various tasks such as accompanying individuals to appointments, providing information about language courses, employment and facilitating cultural exchange activities in the form of social gatherings.

Mental Health and Migration Knowledge Hub & MED-info Centar Zagreb	Médecins du Monde ASBL	Croatia	24 months	CHF 259'421	The project aims to enhance migration management in Croatia regarding the provision of high-quality mental health care and psychosocial support, enhancing overall integration and well-being of asylum seekers, foreign workers and refugees. Over 24 months, it will establish a knowledge hub to develop protocols, provide technical expertise, and train professionals in MHPSS. The project will collaborate with key stakeholders and support the City of Zagreb's Welcome Center initiative, enhancing healthcare access and integration for asylum seekers and refugees.
Intercultural mediation to bridge the challenges in access to information in the migration context in Slovenia	International Organization for Migration	Slovenia	18 months	CHF 456'437	The project contributes to strengthening migration management in Slovenia, specifically the reception and return system, through a comprehensive, needs-based and tailored intervention that supports access to reliable, culturally sensitive information about the reception system and voluntary return possibilities, through provision of skilled intercultural mediation in reception facilities. The combined impact of skilled and context-specific intercultural mediation, targeted capacity-building initiatives, and improved data collection will lead to a more transparent, responsive, and rights-based reception system for asylum seekers.
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration to Africa from Spain	International Organization for Migration	Spain	15 months	CHF 358'639	The objective of the project is to provide support to vulnerable African migrants in Spain, both in regular and irregular situations, applicants for International Protection whose applications have been granted, are still pending, or have been rejected, and who are willing to voluntarily return and reintegrate to their countries of origin, focusing on human rights, due diligence, and protection principles.
Ukreate Hub – empowering displaced Ukrainians in the Baltics	Open Lithuania Foundation	Lithuania (as well as beneficiaries from Estonia and Latvia)	24 months	CHF 344'641	The project supports the integration and empowerment of displaced Ukrainian women in the Baltic states, with a focus on Lithuania. The project addresses their mental health, leadership potential, and social inclusion through a comprehensive Leadership Programme, psychosocial coaching, and community-building activities. Participants receive mentorship, training, and support to design and implement their own community-focused projects.
RefAid BaltHUB: Digital and Peer-Led Support for the Integration and Reintegration of Ukrainian Refugees in the Baltic States	Estonian Network of People Living with HIV	Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania	20 months	CHF 364'365	The project will build on experience of BaltHUB to support vulnerable Ukrainian refugees in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, including PLHIV, LGBTQ+ people, women with children, and other marginalised groups. The project combines a multilingual AI-powered chatbot and an updated BaltHUB platform with peer-led support services. Assistance covers integration, voluntary return, and reintegration, including counselling, travel, documentation, and short-term housing.