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### HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA) 2ND NATIONAL FORUM

Led by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine with technical support from USAID Ukraine and the SAFEMed Project, the 2nd National HTA Forum took place on September 24-25, 2020. The Forum outputs will help policy-makers make the best decisions about how to allocate scarce public resources to have the largest impact on people's health. More than 120 participants, including policymakers, doctors, pharmacists, industry representatives, and patients' organizations, tuned in to learn about the most recent HTA developments in Ukraine and ask tough questions in the interactive online Forum. The 2nd National HTA Forum offered workshops for stakeholders and experts to enhance their skills in the establishment and strengthening of the HTA function in Ukraine.



The Forum concluded with a strong consensus regarding the need to establish an independent HTA agency and to move towards an establishment of the Positive List in Ukraine.

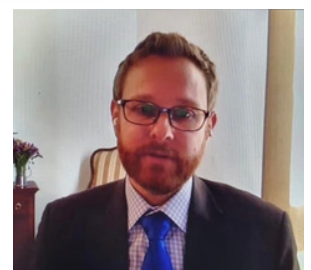


**Ihor Ivashchenko, Deputy Minister of Health of Ukraine** commended the work and efforts in pursuit to create an independent HTA agency in Ukraine. He noted:

***The Ministry of Health of Ukraine is much satisfied with the work currently being done by the HTA Department at the State Expert Center, and I am confident that they have the capacity to fully transform into an independent agency.***

**Ben Zinner, USAID's Health Office Director**, acknowledged HTA as a crucial component of Ukraine's health care reforms given its ability to guide policymakers towards increased savings and to maximize the value of health spending for the Ukrainian people.

***We've already done so much together over the past several years that Ukraine now stands out as a leader in HTA.***



Mr. Zinner noted the Forum created a vital platform for open and transparent dialogue among the many actors involved in putting HTA into policy and practice – the Ministry of Health and its agencies, doctors, pharmacists, health economists, patients’ organizations, pharmaceutical industry partners, and international organizations.

## EMPOWERING YOUNG LEADERS FOR HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION

In 2019, USAID SAFEMed, led by Management Sciences for Health, launched the Jumpstart initiative for new graduates and young professionals to gain skills and experience as civil servants and/or development professionals. A year since its launch, nine young professionals have worked together with international experts in the area of pharmaceutical and healthcare management, many of them learning first-hand about Ukraine’s healthcare transformation from those leading reforms at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, National Health Service of Ukraine, Central Procurement Agency of the MOH of Ukraine and Public Health Center.



**Dmytro Nestor, Lviv, graduate of Danylo Halytskiy Lviv Medical University:**



*“We have a chance to join interesting, complex, albeit extremely important work and be on the front line of the healthcare reform. Each consultant has his/her supervisor who is a leading expert in his/her area. This gives each jumpstarter a chance to adopt the best practices and skills and use them for work immediately.”*

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