



**Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, United Nations
Pre-sessional working group
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List of issues to be taken up in the consideration concerning the
article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social
and Cultural Rights

The Submitting Stakeholder

1. This list of issues is submitted by the DIA Association of Young People living with Diabetes and Afro-Asian Community in the Republic of Moldova.
2. The Association of Young People living with Diabetes of Moldova (DIA) is an independent, nonprofit organisation which acts to improve the quality and life expectancy of children and young people, promotes diabetes health care standards nationwide and advocates the right to adequate diabetes medication, education, devices and services. DIA has submitted UPR report to the 26th session to the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review, on March, 24, 2016.
3. The Afro-Asian Community in the Republic of Moldova (COTAARM) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1998 whose aim is to contribute to promotion the fundamental human rights and help PAD to integrate into Moldovan Society. COTAARM has submitted UPR report to the 26th session to the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review, on March, 24, 2016.

Background

4. The state doesn't respect its commitments concerning the right to health of people living with diabetes. As one of the four major non-communicable diseases (NCD), the diabetes type 2 epidemic burden also the financial crisis of Moldova make the insulin dependents patients most affected by these rights violations. About 15.000 insulin dependent diabetes people, including, 4.500 young and 400 children have no universal health coverage to the full set of diabetes care by Mandatory Health Insurance (MHI): adequate medication (only 9% have access to insulin analogues), therapeutic education (there are no national diabetes education standards) and paramedical devices and supplies (strips, needles, serings, insulin pumps, glucose sensors, lancets etc), according to Political Declaration on NCDs Prevention and Control UN Resolution, St. Vincent Declaration/ Istanbul Commitment, International Charter of Rights and Responsibilities of People with Diabetes and international diabetes guidelines
5. Estimated 200.000 Moldovan people suffering by rare diseases have to choose between buying food or necessary medicines living an insecure

life. There is no Rare Diseases National Plan, only a non-published Special Rare Diseases Plan covering only some one such as: PKU, Epidermolysis bullosa, Cystic fibrosis, Celiac disease. The access to orphan medicines is very limited and their price is two-three times higher comparing to price of the same in neighbouring countries.

The issues to be addressed: Right to health of people living with diabetes and other rare diseases

Article 12

1. Please provide information on positive results achieved through the implementation of the National Diabetes Program (2011-2015) and out of this (2016-2017), also on the financial and administrative resources allocated to 2017-2021 one.
 2. Please update the Committee on the legislative and policy measures taken to ensure equality to access adequate medicines (insulin analogues), diabetes therapeutic education and other secondary and tertiary diabetes prevention, diabetes devices and supplies, especially, in insulin dependent diabetes people (children, young, pregnant women).
 3. Please provide information on whether the non-published Special Rare Diseases Plan, the universal access to orphan medicines for about 200.000 people living with rare diseases, in law and in fact, especially for the most vulnerable groups.
 4. Please provide information on National Rare Disease Register and financing policy of this area, on national health care guidelines in rare diseases.
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