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To: Dr. Silviu Domete,

WHO Representative and Head of WHO Country Office  
WHO Country Office, Georgia

Dear Dr. Domete,

Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (MoIDPsLHSA) has been producing National Health Accounts (NHA) on an annual base since 2005. NHA reports are used widely in the processes of policy-making such as policy analysis/research, health care state budget planning, designing health policies and reform strategies, and monitoring and evaluating the progress of previously implemented policies. NHA provide important input for health financing reforms in the country and for strengthening Georgia's health system in general. The chapter on HIV/AIDS-related expenditures of the UNGASS reports is prepared on the basis of NHA data. Moreover, for publication in the Global Health Expenditure Database, the MoIDPsLHSA annually provides WHO HQ with NHA based on its request.

The NHA is institutionalized by the Governmental Decree #11, January 18, 2006 "On Institutionalizing National Health Accounts in Georgia" and #220, August 10, 2010 "On Approval of the Rule for Production of the Health System Performance Assessment, National Health Accounts and National Health Reports".

The MoIDPsLHSA is still applying NHA methodology developed by WHO in 2003 (Guide to producing NHA for low-income and middle-income countries), whereas the revised System of Health Account (SHA) 2011 methodology has been released and countries are recommended by WHO to transfer to SHA 2011 methodology. According to the Decree N32 of the Government of Georgia dated February 7, 2019, the Ministry is responsible for preparing the Health Expenditure Spreadsheet by SHA methodology. In previous years we had an opportunity to apply to the one-off technical support but unfortunately it's not sufficient.

Considering this, we request more solid technical support including trainings to transform from old NHA to SHA 2011 methodology and look into more proper institutionalization SHA into routine health information system in order to improve the quality of SHA results.

As you are informed, WHO provides technical assistance to Member States to produce and institutionalize the health accounts including disease expenditure consistent with the reviewed system of health accounts methodology (SHA 2011).

During 2019 the technical support should continue to be provided to the countries that had started HA production as well as to those countries that requested a support early in 2019. Under this task it is expected to work within the Phase I in eight (8) countries, including Belarus, North Macedonia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Republic of Moldova, Kazakhstan, Georgia and Montenegro, under the following three specific objectives: 1) Provide technical support to produce HA studies including disease expenditures; 2) Support and validate the health expenditure data for 2000-2017 to be sent to WHO for publication on WHO web-site (within the framework of Global Health Expenditure Database/GHED) for Belarus, North Macedonia, Tajikistan, Republic of Moldova, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Montenegro and Kyrgyzstan; 3) Prepare the methodology to improve the quality of health expenditure data collection based on SHA 2011 methodology.

We would highly appreciate if you could assist us in exploring the possibility of receiving technical support from WHO Barcelona Office in order to develop SHA 2011 methodology within the health information system of Georgia.

We are looking forward to hearing from you about possible technical assistance that could WHO provide to MoIDPsLHSA.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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