

Mr. Mihai Tudose, the Prime Minister of Romania

Mr. Florian Bodog, Minister of Health

Dear Sirs,

The Government of Romania has asserted through Government Decision no. 121/2015 that "Tuberculosis is a public health priority in Romania". At the time of sending this letter, the Romanian authorities fail to provide all TB patients with "complete, continuous and properly administered treatment" without the support of international organizations.

The allocation of international funds to Romania for support in providing the necessary medication for TB patients is likely to cease in 2018. If the Romanian Government does not fully ensure access to treatment for all patients with tuberculosis, then a significant number of patients will remain without essential drugs. We therefore urge you to resolve this crisis by taking the necessary legislative and logistical measures.

A recent study by the Romanian Health Observatory shows that of the 28 drugs mentioned by the World Health Organization as essential in the treatment of sensitive and resistant TB, **15 essential drugs are reported to have discontinuities / difficulties in supply in Romania.**

The situation of Romanian TB patients is worsening and it contributes to an increase in the number of patients with MDR/XDR tuberculosis (phenomenon mentioned by the National Strategy for Tuberculosis Control in Romania).

The signers of this letter make this public call to action in the hope that the Government of Romania will make every effort to guarantee the access of Romanian patients with tuberculosis to quality assured "complete, continuous and properly administered treatment".

Sincerely,

Stop TB Partnership Romania

Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation (RAA)

Romanian Health Observatory

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TB Europe Coalition (European Region)

Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA)

TBpeople (European Region)

European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention

The Coalition of Patients' Organisations with Chronic Diseases – Romania (COPAC)



Save the Children Romania

Association for the Support of MDR-TB Patients in Romania (ASPTMR)

National Union of Persons Living with HIV Organizations Romania (UNOPA)

Center for Health Policies and Services Romania (CPSS)

Global TB Community Advisory Board (TB CAB)

Global Health Advocates (European Region)

TB Alert UK

King's College Institute of Cancer Policy, UK

Results UK

Treatment Action Group USA

TBC Consult Netherland

TB Coalition Georgia

Carousel Association

Baylor-Black Sea Foundation

ACCEPT Association

Romanian Association Against AIDS (ARAS)

The Romanian Tuberculosis Association (ARB TB)

Euroregional Center for Public Initiatives (ECPI)

Population Services International Romania

Romanian Harm Reduction Network (RHRN)

Society for Education on Contraception and Sexuality (SECS)

Alliance for Public Health Ukraine

SMIT Moldova

Youth for Youth Foundation

Dose of Love Bulgaria

STREAM Trial Community Advisory Board Moldova

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European AIDS Treatment Group-EATG

EU HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Viral Hepatitis Civil Society Forum

European Public Health Alliance