

**Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine
Minister of Health of Ukraine
Mrs. R.V. Bogatryyova**

Open Letter

July 31, 2012

Dear Mrs. Bogatryyova,

We appeal to you on behalf of the leading non-governmental organizations of Ukraine working in the area of HIV/AIDS response in Ukraine with regards to the issue of purchase of antiretroviral medications for Ukrainian state budgetary funds for 2012.

We are extremely alarmed by the prices that the Ministry of Health Ukraine has released acceptance to in order to purchase some of the medications. Special attention to be drawn to the accepted prices for: Zidovudine (AZT) 300 mg + Lamivudine (ЗТC) 150 mg #60, Efavirenz 200 mg #90, Efavirenz 600 mg #30, Lamivudine (ЗТC) 150 mg #60, Tenofovir (TDF) 300 mg #30, Tenofovir 300 mg + Emtricitabine 200 mg #30, Nevirapine (NVP) 200 mg #60.

When comparing prices for the above mentioned antiretroviral medications on the official state web-portal "State Procurements" with prices that the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH paid to purchase the same medications in 2012 it is clear that the Ministry of Health is in the danger of purchasing the medication at a much higher price (Attachment: Table Comparing Prices of MOH and All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH). Such purchase bears a high risk of wasting 36.78 mln UAH from the state budget.

According to our calculations, the saved money could serve to purchase additional 1 line ARV drugs to treat approximately 20,000 patients during one year.

Considering the fact that the Agreement is planned to be signed on August 9-11, with all our respect we appeal to you to use your legitimate powers to conduct additional negotiations with the bid winners regarding price reduction.

Your will and authority could save 20,000 more lives of people living with HIV, and prevent state budget money from being wasted.

Sincerely,
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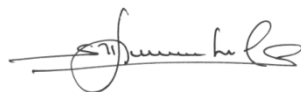
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Table Comparing Prices of MOH and All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH

Medication	Unit Price (per 1 pill)		MOH Overpricing (how many times)
	MOH	Network of PLWH	
Zidovudine (AZT) 300 mg +Lamivudine (3TC) 150 mg #60	\$0.20	\$0.153	1.31
Efavirenz 200 mg #90	\$0.16	\$0.083	1.93
Efavirenz 600 mg #30	\$0.50	\$0.162	3.09
Lamivudine (3TC) 150 mg #60	\$0.07	\$0.042	1.67
Tenofovir (TDF) 300 mg #30	\$0.47	\$0.364	1.29
Tenofovir 300mg+ Emtpicitabine 200 mg #30	\$0.98	\$0.475	2.06
Nevirapine (NVP) 200 mg #60	\$0.11	\$0.073	1.51

Source: <https://tender.me.gov.ua>, site with prices of the Network