

WHAT IS ADEQUATE HOUSING

A. INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS¹

- » **Legal security of tenure:** legal protection against forced eviction, harassment, and other threats
- » **Affordability:** housing costs should not compromise other basic needs satisfaction (food, healthcare etc.)
- » **Habitability:** adequate space, protection from cold, heat, rain etc.
- » **Location:** access to employment, healthcare, schools
- » **Availability of services,** facilities, and infrastructure: access to safe drinking water, sanitation, energy etc.
- » **Accessibility:** needs of disadvantaged groups (the poor, discriminated and disabled ones) must be addressed
- » **Cultural adequacy:** housing should respect the expression of cultural identity and ways of life

B. NATIONAL LAW STANDARDS: UKRAINE

- » Constitution, art. 46-48
- » Housing Code
- » Law on Social Housing Stock
- » Cabinet Decree on Temporary minimal social housing norms
- » State Construction Norms: Buildings and Structures

Housing Standards Criteria



GENERAL SPACE CRITERIA

m²

- ▶ Min. **6 m²** + per person – for social dormitory (until moving to social apartment)
- ▶ **22 m²** per 2-member-family + **9,3 m²** per each other family member – for apartment
- ▶ This minimum is introduced by the Cabinet countrywide. Local minimums are introduced by local governments and **cannot be lesser** than countrywide

SPACE CRITERIA: MIN AND MAX⁺

min

Min. space standard **can be neglected** only if a person remains in the waiting list for a bigger accommodation while lives in a smaller one

Accommodation **may exceed** the standard:

- If it is a 1-flat apartment / household
- for people suffering from chronic illnesses²

max+

CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS



- » Min. 2,5 m. floor height
- » No pass-by living rooms
- » Insulation, ventilation, ionization, noise and vibration insulation requirements

INTERESTS PROTECTION



- » Underage people of different gender may not be accommodated together
- » Adults of different gender may be accommodated together only at their will

1. Committee on Economic, Social, and Political Rights, General Comment no. 4

2. List of chronic illnesses is introduced by the Decree #52 of Ministry of Healthcare dated by 08.02.1985: http://www.moz.gov.ua/ua/portal/dn_19850208_52.html