Advisory Committee for the Human Rights Council

Elimination of Discrimination against People Affected by Leprosy and Their Families

Responses

1. Yes he is familiar with the principles and Guidelines, because he actively participated in the workshop held in the city of Pune, India, where the document was issued. The NGO Corsohansen was committed to spreading this and other documents relating to Hansen patients' rights to Spanish speaking countries.
2. The dissemination of the Principle and Guideline documents has been carried out by our NGO Corsohansen, because the compromise was reached in Pune texts given in the Lectures on Leprosy and Stigma.
3. They do not exist at the national level. They manifest themselves more on a non governmental level. The German Association DAHW, with contacts in Colombia and NGO Corsohansen had come to promote the Awareness of the Stigma of Hansen's Disease and the whole work packet related to this topic
4. The Ministry of Health has expedited laws and policies to eliminate the violation of human rights regarding hazardous waste. They themselves had expedited plans to decrease the prevalence of this illness in that country.
5. Words like "Leprosy", "Sick with Hansen's disease", "people affected by leprosy" are used; "People Affected by Hansen's disease", "Hansen's disease Patient," "Leprosy Patients" and yet also hear a little cruder terms such as "lepers". People Affected by Hansen's Disease. With regard to popular myths, there are still beliefs about why the disease is inoculated in a person, one of the most curious being that when a person takes a hot shower, this causes the disease.
6. This practice is done by the Ministry of Health through the State Social Enterprises, Sanatorios de Augua de Dios y Contratación, who handle the overall situation of patients with Hansen's disease in Colombia.
7. The Ministry of Health has expedited Strategic Plans to alleviate the amount of Leprosy in Colombia, and they are update every 5 years.
8. Generally, in Colombia, Hanson's disease patients don't put themselves in situations of rejection to these extremes.
9. The NGO "CORSOHANSEN" was developed by most departments of the country, Conferences Related to the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of Patients of Hansen's disease and their families Conferences.
10. Only that, the campaign that has been carrying out the NGO with radio and written messages, especially the prohibition of offensive words like "leper" words.
11. The Principals and Guidelines and related laws are carried out by the Ministry of Health throughout the Social State Businesses
12. We note ignorance of some people and/or sectors of the country about the disease, it's transmission, it's nature, and its symptoms as a main obstacle. Some still have unacceptable beliefs about the disease and the municipalities of Agua de Dios y Contratación.
13. The Ministry of Health should create a line where you fight to disseminate the principles and guidelines in a public manner. An example would be in hospitals and places that have to do with health, mainly in schools where this issue could be made important. It was an issue of national importance and was taken to every corner of the country.
14. The government has done campaigns about the topic of stigmas and the ONG "CORSOHANSEN" and has attended conferences in various departments about destigmatization.
15. As for discrimination, you have the old measures taken in the Leper Colonies of Agua de Dios y Contratación (forced isolation, family separation, annulment of rights, allocation of bonds and currencies, lifting wire fences ..)