**A place to live in dignity for all: Making housing affordable**

**Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing to the
78th session of the UN General Assembly**

**Questionnaire**

For States: please share this questionnaire as well with your National Statistical Office and relevant Ministries to assist completing statistical sections relating to housing affordability.

Name of submitting entity, organization or individual: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (contact e-mail will be deleted before the response is published)

**National law, policies and jurisprudence relating to affordable housing**

1. Does your country’s national law, including constitutional, housing or social protection law, refer to affordability of housing or provide any other guarantees to ensure a minimum standard of living? Or in its absence, are there national policies that refer to affordable housing or minimum standard of living? Please provide references and links to the respective key laws or constitutional provisions as well as policies.
2. Please explain if there is any official definition or criteria to assess whether a household faces housing costs above the level of affordability in your country.
3. Please share any important court decisions in your country that relate to the issue of affordable housing or enjoyment of a minimum standard of living, including important judgements on State policies or measures aimed at ensuring housing affordability. Please provide if possible a short summary of the decision and a link to its text.

(e.g. judgements by international, constitutional, supreme or high courts, to rent control measures or rent freezes, to access to housing subsidies, public or social housing, non-discrimination and equal access to affordable housing etc.)

**Data and trends on housing affordability**

1. Is housing affordability regularly measured in your country, region or city, by the national statistical office or other entities? Please explain how housing affordability is measured and tracked. Where is the data published?
2. Has housing affordability increased or decreased in your country over the past 10 years? In which regions or cities has housing affordability changed and for whom?
3. Please describe which households, persons or groups are at particular risk of being exposed to housing affordability in your country, region or city.

(Please provide data on housing affordability disaggregated on the basis of household size, form of tenure (living in self-owned housing, rental, other), type and quality of housing (e.g. living in formal or informal housing); location (region, urban, rural), type of household (with or without children, single parent households), income, employment status, gender, disability, age, nationality, ethnicity, religious affiliation or immigration status.)

1. May certain specific groups or persons, such as persons experiencing homelessness, living in informal settlements, students, asylum seekers or refugees, potentially be left out in data collection in relation to housing affordability?

**Causes and Consequences of housing unaffordability**

1. What are main reasons why housing is unaffordable to certain persons or groups in your country? Please provide if possible as well links to (scientific) studies that have analysed such reasons.
2. What percentage of land is owned or otherwise controlled by the State or other public entities, as contrasted with private entities (both for profit and not for profit)? Please explain if there are any policies or laws which seeks to control the price of land, prevent land speculation including its supply and finance?
3. How many households have, during the last ten years been evicted because of their non-payment of housing costs? Please provide, if possible, more information on the socio-economic profile of the concerned households.
4. How many individuals, households or groups have, during the last ten years, been rendered homeless because of inability to afford housing? Please provide a breakdown of the socio-economic characteristics of such individuals.
5. Please describe how housing unaffordability impacts the capacity of individuals and families to enjoy their other human rights including rights to work, health, education, and access to personal security in all its dimensions.

**Laws, policies, programmes and practices aiming to ensure that housing is affordable to all without discrimination**

1. Please share an overview of the laws, policies, programmes and practices adopted in your country/region/city to ensure that housing is affordable for all without any discrimination, Please, provide links to relevant official texts.

(e.g. affordable housing, social and energy cost subsidies, preferential mortgage, building support schemes, provision of social and public housing, of serviced land for self-construction, rent containment and rent control measures, taxation, measures to reduce housing vacancy, multi-stakeholder initiatives by State, local Governments, construction industry, housing providers, tenant unions etc).

1. Please share an assessment of the success, limitations or potential failures of the above mentioned laws and policies in your country/region/city, including any studies or independent evaluation reports related to them. Who has benefited from them, who has not? What has worked well, what - less? What lessons can be learned? What could potentially be replicable in other countries/regions/cities?

**Submission instructions**

**Deadline:** **30 April 2023**

**Email:** Please return this questionnaire to: hrc-sr-housing@un.org; ohchr-registry@un.org

**Email subject line:** Input for SR housing - report on housing affordability

**Accepted File formats:** Word (supporting documents may be submitted in PDF)

**Accepted languages:** English, French and Spanish

Please include references to reports, academic articles, policy documents, text of legislation and judgements, statistical information with hyperlinks or attach them to your submission (please respect total file size limit of 20 MB per email to ensure that it can be received)

**Publication:** Submissions of States and public authorities will be published. For other stakeholders, submissions will be published, except confidentiality is explicitly requested.

**Expected presentation** of the report of the Special Rapporteur to the General Assembly: October 2023.