WHAT IS ADEQUATE HOUSING

A. INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS

- **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**

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**GENERAL SPACE CRITERIA**

- 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.** space standard can be neglected only if a person remains in the waiting list for a bigger accommodation while lives in a smaller one
- **Max.** Accommodation may exceed the standard:
  - If it is a 1-flat apartment / household
  - For people suffering from chronic illnesses

**CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS**

- Min. 2.5 m. floor height
- No pass-by living rooms
- Insolation, 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

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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