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Call for inputs for an expert workshop and a comprehensive thematic study on the human rights dimension of care and support

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 54/6 on Centrality of care and support from a human rights perspective.

Pursuant to resolution [54/6](#), adopted by the Human Rights Council on 11 October 2023, OHCHR will organize in 2024 “**a two-day expert workshop** to address the human rights of women, persons with disabilities, children and older persons as caregivers, as well as receivers of care and support, and for their self-care from a gender equality and human rights perspective, with the objective of evaluating experiences, good practices and main challenges regarding the effective recognition of the rights of caregivers and those receiving care and support”.

Based on the discussion of the above-mentioned expert workshop and in consultation with Member States of the United Nations and other interested parties, OHCHR will also prepare “**a comprehensive thematic study** on the human rights dimension of care and support, summarizing and compiling international standards and good practices and main challenges at the national level in care and support systems, and including recommendations on promoting and ensuring the human rights of caregivers and care and support recipients”. The report will be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-eighth session in 2025.

In order to inform the preparation of the aforementioned study and the expert workshop, OHCHR would appreciate receiving written contributions, comprising replies to the guiding questions in the annex, from United Nations Member States, United Nations entities and other international organizations, the private sector and civil society, particularly women’s organizations, including grass-roots women’s organizations, organizations of persons with disabilities, child rights organizations, older persons and their representative organizations and representatives of employers’ and workers’ organizations, and other interested parties.

Submissions should be received by **13 April 2024** and be:

- Limited to 5 pages (approx. 3,000 words);
- In Microsoft Word format;
- Written in English, French or Spanish, and if possible, provided with a summary in English
- Sent by email to registry@ohchr.org with ohchr-wohchr@un.org in CC, including in the e-mail subject line: **input to the study on care and support, pursuant to HRC resolution 54/6**.

All submissions will be made public unless otherwise requested. Any enquiries may be made to Asako Hattori at asako.hattori@un.org.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Annex

1. In your country, regional or at the global level, how are the following **rights recognized and protected under national, regional and/or international law**? Please provide concrete examples, such as legal provisions, jurisprudence of courts and/or human rights mechanisms:

- **Human rights of unpaid and paid caregivers**, including those who are women, persons with disabilities, children and older persons;
- **Human rights of recipients of care and support**, including those who are women, persons with disabilities, children and older persons;
- **Human right relevant to self-care of caregivers and recipients of care and support**, including those who are women, persons with disabilities, children and older persons

Such recognition and protection may be made in relation to, but not limited to, the rights to work, social security, adequate housing, health, education, enjoyment of scientific advancement, legal capacity, equality in marriage, independent life in the community, rest and leisure, and the rights relevant to participation. It may include the recognition of care and/or support as human right(s) under the law.

2. Concrete **policy or programmatic measures taken to promote and ensure the rights of caregivers and recipients of care and support** in national care and support systems, mentioned under Question 1 above. If possible, please indicate the impacts of such measures.

Such measures may include, but not limited to, social security/protection, working conditions, human support, childcare, long-term care and support, health services, education, transportation, housing, water and sanitation, assistive devices, digital technology, deinstitutionalization¹, access to justice, governance, financing, monitoring and evaluation, and awareness raising.

3. **Main challenges faced at the national level** in creating robust, resilient and gender-responsive, disability-inclusive and age-sensitive care and support systems with full respect for human rights.

4. As much as possible, we would appreciate receiving the following information in relation to your responses to points 1 and 2 above:

- **Data disaggregated by sex/gender, age, disability**, and if possible also by other grounds, including income, race/ethnicity, geographic location, migratory status and other characteristics;
- **Information on people who are in vulnerable situations and/or who face intersecting forms of discrimination**, such as single parents, widows/widowers, children deprived of family environment; persons with disabilities and older persons in care institutions; as well as those who are affected by humanitarian crises, armed conflicts, disasters; living in poverty; living in rural areas; migrants, refugees, asylum seekers; belonging to minorities or indigenous communities; and those who are deprived liberty.

¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/legal-standards-and-guidelines/crpd5-guidelines-deinstitutionalization-including>