



PADBelgium Observatory - Human Rights for People of African Descent

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent PADBelgium Observatory
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We would like to emphasize the urgent need of;

- Having EU countries to gather disaggregated data on the COVID19 situation and the challenges faced by PAD communities this should be applied to all fields of life
- PAD communities are extremely affected by the loss of jobs, the bad working conditions in healthcare sectors and other so called essential needed jobs -delivery, transportation , etc.. We have issues in running our enterprises,
- Education access issues , Difficulties for students - IT GAP not all children were equipped with IT devices enabling them to follow classes online properly, this will lead to poor results in this year performances
- Proper health care access and information has been challenging for the whole community. Needless to say, access descent treatment when diagnosed positive has been sometimes challenging too when in the worst case leads to death.
- NGO have seen the little funds they get for activities of support vanished, direct consequence of this lies in the shrinkage of the support to the communities

We, as an Observatory for example, are really struggling to collect data and support our network, we are limited to work in piloting research. We would rather scale up the research but this is only possible by getting substantial funds to carry on the research and get the appropriate Human Resource needed for this type of work.

- Police brutalities coupled with a very discriminatory judiciary system doesn't make it easy for people and the legal framework is not making it easy, Belgium is thinking on taking the same limitation laws as France with regards on how people report or make public police brutalities they face.
- We would like the UN WGEPAD to set a yearly themes to each of the next years of the decade this will enable a broader awareness raising and the upscaling of solutions and best practices that still exists despi

- We urge the UN the have a yearly theme for the remaining years of this decade in order to broaden the people engagement with activities
- When the pandemic will be in full control have the Annual Global FORUM
- Structural support to individuals and organisations is now crucial, if we want to have a strong support of the NGO to the solutions after the pandemic is controlled.