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Dear Zeynep

Thank you very much for your concern and I am grateful to discover atleast there is somebody somewhere concerned about my situation.

I came to Bakirköy in 6th Aug 2010 and I immediately started on my medication that I was using in Kenya. By then I was using Truvada, Kaletra, and Ziagen, which was given to me but after a few months Ziagen was not in this country again. So I had to wait for almost two months for it to be brought in this country. It happened that after a period of time Ziagen was available for a while until Later on it no longer worked with me so the doctor change my medicine again to Stalcrin, Truvada and Kaletra which Later on backfired and it became resistance to my system. But for Kaletra the doctor had to stop me because I was developing some swelling like a hunch back on my back. Since then I became resistance to most of the medication until the doctors decided to put me on a totally different cocktail, which am now using together with injection. The medicine am using currently is PREZISTA, NORVIR, ISSENTRESS, and FUZEON (injection). Now the biggest problem is this fuzeon is imported from Germany and they bring in every two months and its not regular that sometime I have to wait for it for a month or 1½ months. Like for example this year between February 20th and March 21st there was no injection. Then they brought in for 1 month which will finish on 7th again I will have

to wait for the next one to arrive. Last year I also had a problem with Norvir and Isentress which also missed for a month and a half, but if you complain to the authorities they will tell you we are trying our best to get it.

Anyway I applied for a transfer to my country and I was lucky enough to get it. The problem was I had to pay 31,250 TL so that they can proceed with the process. This money is suppose to be my court fine, so I applied to the minister of justice to allow me to go to my country because most of the time my medicine was problem and am unable to pay this amount due to my situation. My application for forgiveness of money was rejected and luckily enough this Lawyers came to visit me. They gave me some letters to give the management, later on they took me to hospital to get my medical report from a number of doctors. I go to hospital in Samatia, but what suprised me is that my medical report is to be done in Bakirköy hospital. Where upon this doctors were checking on me without asking me what my problem was. I kept telling them my problem is lack of regular medication which is very important for some^{one} with HIV, them they just look at you outwardly and assume you have no problem. After they make their report you are fine, I even tried to explain to them my problem is medicine not to see a person by the looks and assume. Anyway after their report they send me to another hospital (Adli Tip) In this Adli Tip I found doctors ~~sit~~ seated on an oval table Then you walk in like

a super model and they then check your blood pressure a week after they send me a report am very fine and strong. I am able to serve my sentence according to them. I will enclose with their report which you will decide after you read if I qualify.

Actually to be sincere living with this injection morning and evening is unbearable it's extremely painful. And the doctors we see here in Samatia have told^{me} I must take, coz they don't have another option. My thighs are ~~Swollen~~ Swollen my arms as well and my stomach too. This are the areas of my body where I inject. For medication this is the biggest problem and according to the doctors Turkey does not have any other Option other than this injection. When Adli Tip wrote my report and said that I am Okay I asked the doctor "Why don't you stop me from medication if am fine, why am I going through this painful injection everyday". The Doctor replied "Well you have to live with medicine for life because you've not reach even half of Normal human blood count". We have other cases here in prison of people living with HIV and none of them is going through what am passing. It happened some were lucky enough to get what they were using in their countries. And some started their treatment here in prison and did not even Lack treatment. According to the doctors my blood is resistance to most drugs and this treatment that am currently taking is the last option. I even tried to ask if there is an alternative for the injection but one doctor told me there is but Turkey does not have it.

Maybe in most infected areas you will get it.

The biggest problem with HIV is that if you take your medication you just look fine so no doctor in Turkey can understand you unless the doctors who treat HIV. Other doctors will see you walking fine and with this medication it even makes you fat so whatever you tell them they will think you are pretending. Like for my case sleeping is a problem for me because my legs are full of swollen bumps and my stomach too. So when you see me outside you think am okay unless I show you where I inject. As for the tablets I used in Kenya, now it cannot work for me coz most of this tablets have similar ingredients so am already in another stage with this now.

Whatever you want to try for me I dont have a problem even if its media as long as it can support my situation now. As for my sickness I dont mind if you name it. Zeynep please whatever will help me dont hesitate I cannot imagine myself in this injection for the next remaining seven years. My pain is more than what will appear in press for now I accept anything that will help me.

Please note that for now I look fine but am on very strong medicine together with injection I take double intake. The importance of HIV/AIDS is never miss your medicine. Once you start until you die you must take everyday of your life. My only contact in this country is the Kenya consulate in Ankara his name is LINDSEY KIPTINESS in the Kenyan Embassy. TACINTA.