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Problem:
Ensuring social welfare during the period of the pandemic crisis, based in two axes:

- Axis A: ensuring the health of the maximum possible population and
- Axis B: ensuring the efficient operation of as many sectors / sectors of the national economy as possible.

Data - Parameters:

- in the short term, the efficiency of the National Healthcare Services (NHS) can not be significantly improved, but its burden can be reduced,
- a large part of the burden on the NHS is caused by the disease of people from vulnerable groups or people with underlying diseases,
- individuals of vulnerable groups or individuals with underlying diseases are known because of online prescribing either they undergo regular clinical tests or they receive specific medication on a regular basis.

Solution proposal:

Individuals of vulnerable groups or people with underlying diseases can be voluntarily invited to restrict themselves for a period of time and to be accommodated in hotel facilities, which will be closed to external communications and are currently suspended.

Solution requirements:

- determination of interested beneficiaries,
- determination of the hosting facilities that wish to participate in the program,
- Ensuring health safety living conditions in the closed facilities, by selecting the appropriate staff and setting up the appropriate places and rules.

Indicative incentives:

To beneficiaries:

- priority of participation in the vaccination process in the host area,
- health safety living conditions,
• other incentives for those who spend the whole period without leaving the hospitality facilities and
• disincentives for those who want to "come in and out" of the hospitality facilities

To hotel businesses:

• State aid for companies that will join the program and
• State aid and other incentives for the staff that will voluntarily work on the project and will live on the same terms as the guests.

Proposal advantages:

• Ensuring the health of people in vulnerable groups or people with underlying diseases
• Reduction of risks that would put a burden on the NSS and the health structures that would be engaged in the care of the healthy population,
• Reopening of hotel businesses and increasing the employment of the industry (with staff who wishes under certain conditions)

Disadvantages of the proposal:

Possible stigmatization of "closed centers", "concentration centers", etc., which may be contradicted due to the voluntary nature of the project.

Extensions from the implementation of the proposal:

Progressive expansion of economic activities (not social), through more business activation and tolerance in mobility of non-vulnerable populations, because the health safety of vulnerable populations will be ensured and the possibility of unmanageable burden in the NHS and society will decrease.