

## **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

The Foundation notes with appreciation the wide coverage of free health care. However, The Foundation expresses deep concern about the high rate of children under five that are chronically malnourished (45 per cent according to government statistics), as well as the high incidence of poverty-related diseases. The Foundation is concerned about the alarming increase in maternal mortality rates. The Black Caucus Foundation recommends that increased attention be paid by the competent authorities to providing adequate nutrition to children suffering from chronic malnutrition as well as adequate health care, to address the potentially severe consequences on their health. The Foundation also recommends that the government take effective measures to improve the conditions of maternal care, including prenatal health services and medical assistance at birth.