



## AUTISM BETWEEN SOCIAL IGNORANCE AND DESPAIR OF AFFECTED FAMILIES

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### Introduction:

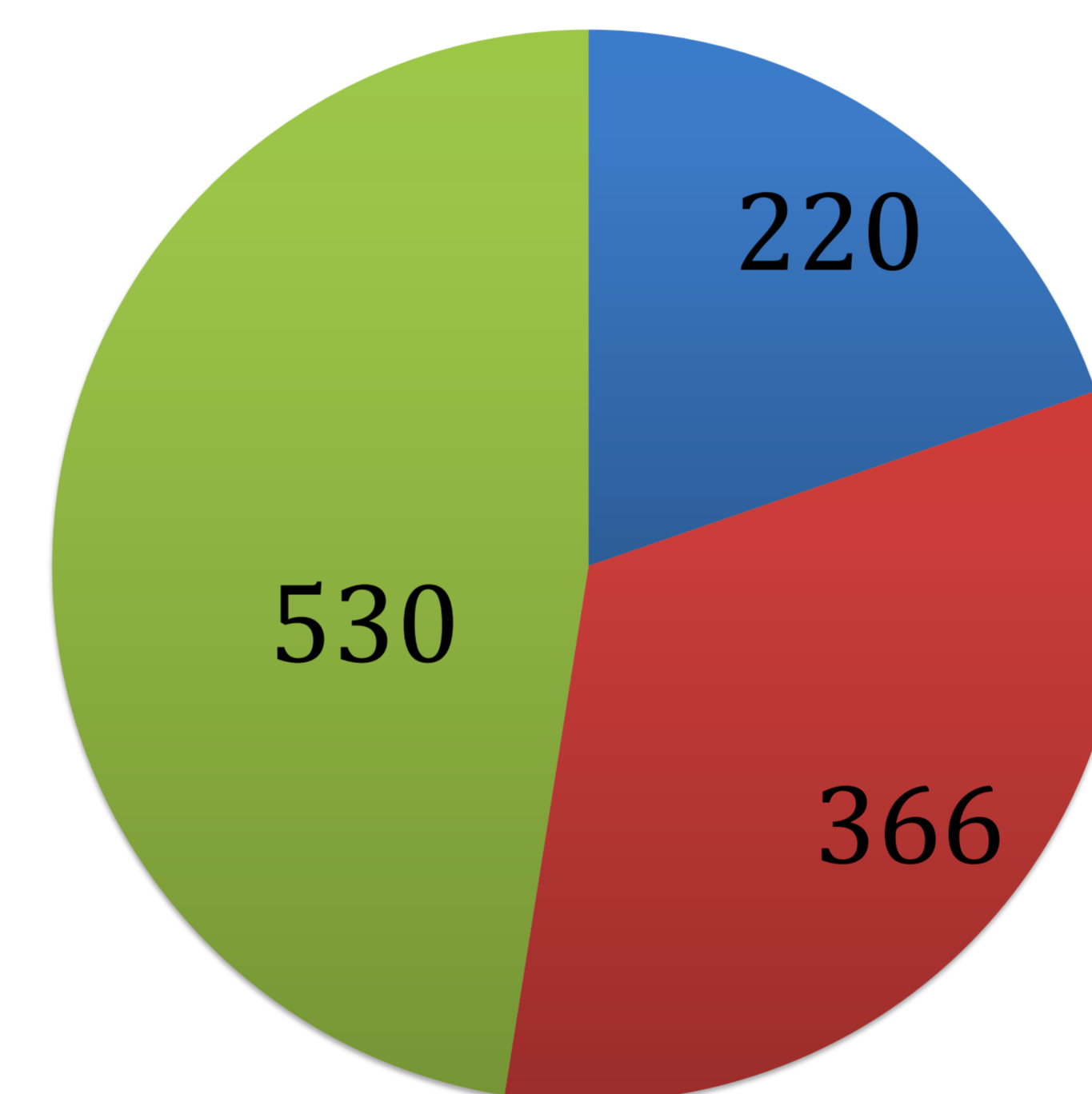
The specific therapy for people with autism is not offered free of charge.

The measures taken by the state are often insufficient.

### Results:

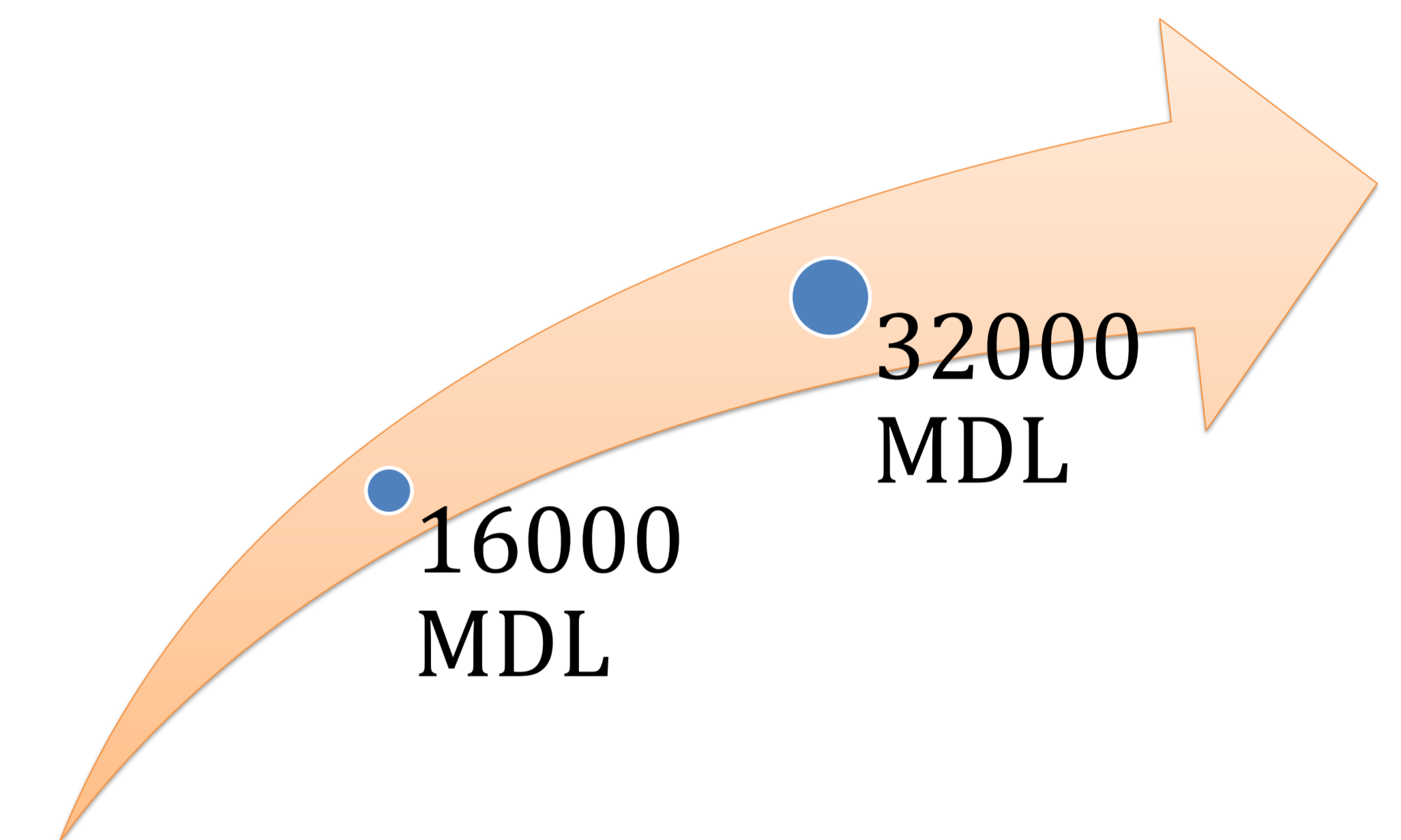
On average, one of 150 children in the world is affected by autism. In our country, the principle of equity in treating children with such disorders is constantly violated.

Number of cases in Republic of Moldova



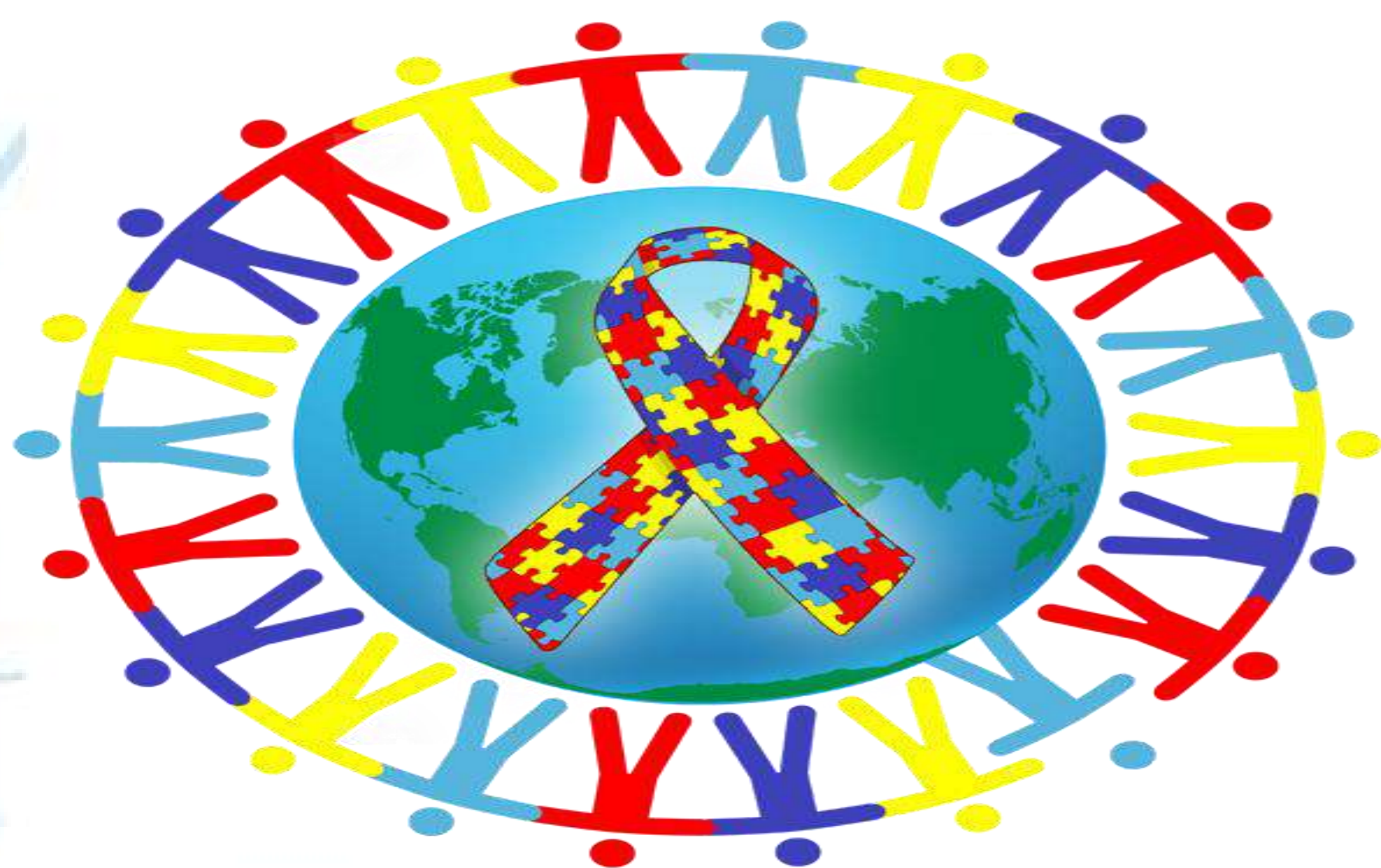
■ 2013 ■ 2016 ■ 2018

The cost of specialized treatment



**Purpose:** Arguing the necessity to respect the principle of distributive equity of children with autism in specialized medical services funded by the state, improving the knowledge of health workers about this disease.

**Material and methods:** Sources from medicine, medical and social bioethics. The methods that were applied: analytic-descriptive, bioethical, statistical and sociological.



### Conclusion:

From a bioethical perspective, it is necessary for patients with autism to be treated as complex personalities who need continuous support from the state and community members, counteracting any form of discrimination and ignorance, ensuring equal chances in providing medical care.

**Keywords:** autism, vulnerability, equity principle.