





HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE HEART OF RESPONSE

Relevance of human rights recommendations in responding to the pandemic

OHCHR aims to put human rights at the heart of the response of States, UN partners, civil society and the private sector to COVID-19. It focuses on supporting six priority areas: 1. Respect for all human rights and addressing specific issues which might be less visible or more sensitive; 2. Vulnerable people and groups; 3. Participation, inclusion and access to information; 4. Economic and social rights; 5. Integrating human rights into the UN system response; and 6. UN Human Rights Mechanisms contribution to COVID-19 response.

The graph shows recommendations addressed to China by the UN Human Rights Mechanisms, the Universal Periodic Review, the Special Procedures mandate holders and the Treaty Bodies in the 6 years prior to the pandemic, which OHCHR assesses as particularly relevant in responding to the pandemic in an inclusive and sustainable way. All recommendations addressed to China can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/.

Reduce poverty, including among the rural population and rural-to-urban migrants

Strengthen the social security system and extend its coverage

Establish a system of indexation and regular adjustment of the minimum wage

(CESCR; CERD; UPR)



Protect the right to adequate food

Address food insecurity and child malnutrition in poor rural areas

(CESCR; UPR)



Guarantee good quality and affordable health care to all persons

Strengthen health services in rural areas

(CESCR; CAT; UPR)





Improve access to education for children, including from migrant workers and ethnic groups

(CESCR; UPR)

expression, of information on the internet, association and assembly

Guarantee freedoms of

Ensure that public affairs are conducted in a transparent

manner

Ensure a safe environment for those working to protect and promote human rights

Establish an independent oversight body to monitor places of detention



(CESCR; CERD; CAT; WGDAW; UPR)

Reduce the adverse environmental effects of industrialization including air pollution

(UPR)



Build affordable social housing and renovate dilapidated housing

(UPR)





LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities

Ensure access of persons living with HIV/AIDS to health care, employment and education

Protect the rights of migrant workers

(CERD; CESCR; UPR)

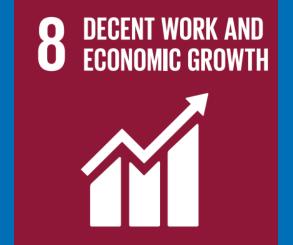


Combat and prevent violence against women and domestic violence

Ensure adequate access to shelters, medical services and legal aid to victims

Promote women's full and equal participation in political and public life

(CESCR; CEDAW; WGDAW; UPR)



Reduce unemployment rates, especially of minorities

Establish a mechanism to monitor working conditions

Address discrimination against women in employment

(CESCR; WGDAW)



Prohibit direct and indirect racial discrimination in all fields of public life

Offer adequate and effective protection against all forms of discrimination

Promote human rights education and awareness-raising programmes

(CERD; UPR)