## IRAN (Islamic Republic of)





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 Iran (Islamic Republic of) by the UN Human Rights Mechanisms, the Universal Periodic Review, the Special Procedures mandate holders and the Treaty Bodies in the 5 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 Iran (Islamic Republic of) can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/.

Strengthen efforts to reduce poverty

Take necessary measures to mitigate the effects of economic sanctions

Improve the social security system with a focus on people living in vulnerable situations

(CRC; SR on the Islamic Republic of Iran; UPR)



Ensure access to quality and affordable healthcare service for all, including in prisons and other places of detention

(CRPD; SR on the Islamic Republic of Iran; UPR)



Ensure equal access to education, particularly for girls living in rural areas, and children with disabilities

Improve education quality for all

(CRC; CRPD; UPR)



Prohibit and combat all forms of GBV against women and domestic violence, including marital rape

Prohibit all forms of discrimination against women both in law and in practice.

End child, early marriage and ensure that minimum age for marriage complies with international standards

(CRC; SR on the Islamic Republic of Iran; UPR)



(CRC, SR on the Islamic Republic of Iran; UPR)

Abolish the death

penalty for children,

measures to detention

for juvenile offenders

Prohibit all forms of

torture and other ill-

Protect human rights

defenders, lawyers and journalists from threats

treatment

and reprisal

and promote alternative

Take urgent steps to counter environmental pollution and water shortages negatively impacting on human health

Ensure the participation of the people affected by environmental degradation in developing relevant policies

(CRC; UPR)



SUSTAINABLE CITIES

**AND COMMUNITIES** 

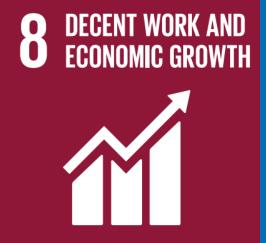
LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATIO **AND SANITATION** 

GENDER EQUALITY

Promote and protect the right to safe water and sanitation

(UPR)



Prohibit discrimination against women, especially in the workplace and in the hiring process

Promote sustainable employment in rural and nomadic regions

(SR on the Islamic Republic of Iran; UPR)



Protect the rights of religious and ethnic minorities

(SR on the Islamic Republic of Iran; UPR)

Ensure affordable housing for general populations, in particular for persons with low incomes

(UPR)



Repeal laws that punish people based on their sexual orientation and gender identity

Combat all forms of exploitation against persons with disabilities

Ensure prompt registration of all asylum-seeking children and provide street children with healthcare and free education

Ensure that sanctions imposed do not cause harmful impact on enjoyment of human rights, including through humanitarian exemptions

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