SIERRA LEONE





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

The graph shows recommendations addressed to Sierra Leone by the UN Human Rights Mechanisms: the Universal Periodic Review, the Special Procedures mandate holders and the Treaty Bodies in recent years prior to the pandemic, which OHCHR assesses as particularly relevant in responding to the pandemic in an inclusive and sustainable the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/. contribution to COVID-19 response.

Implement programmes targeted at reducing poverty and improving the economy

Address the wage gap and intensify vocational training for women in traditionally male-dominated fields

Ensure funding for the National Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities, especially children

(CRC; CEDAVV; UPR)



Build capacity in the health sector to deal with epidemics and other health challenges

Ensure that children with disabilities have access to health care and other services

Strengthen public health system and infrastructure ensuring access to vulnerable populations

(CRC; UPR)

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Ensure that pregnant teenagers enjoy equal access to education

(CRC; UPR)





Enhance women's access to health-care facilities and skilled birth attendance, especially in rural areas

Implement the National Action Plan on gender-based violence, and prohibit FGM and other harmful practices.

Increase the participation of women in the public and private sectors

(CEDAVV; CCPR; UPR)

Address inadequate water

supply, including by temporary measures to in rural areas

Incorporate lessons learned from the Ebola crisis in future human rights policies and actions

Continue requesting international assistance to tackle health challenges such as epidemics

(UPR)

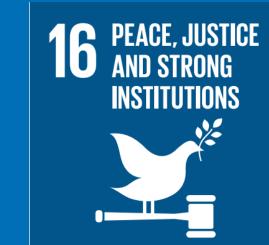
PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Investigate promptly, effectively and impartially all human rights violations

Reduce overcrowding and ensure access to basic services in detention

Amend laws and policies that restrict free speeches-related activities and rights

(CCPR; CAT; CRC; CEDAVV; UPR)

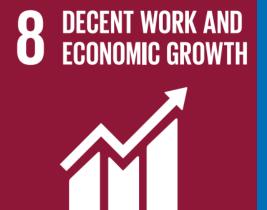




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(UPR; SR toxic waste)



Take all measures to eliminate the worst forms of child labour

Monitor and improve working conditions of women in private and informal sectors

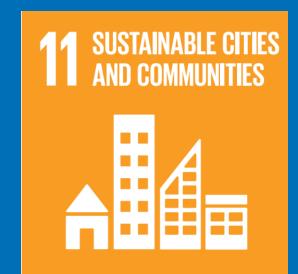
Regulate and monitor working conditions of girls and women in mining, domestic work, agriculture

(CEDAVV; CRC)



Ensure that widows enjoy their rights to property and inheritance without restrictions

(CEDAVV; UPR)





LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Holistically address the needs of street children

Address the particular needs of elderly women ensuring their social protection

Implement laws and policies for the protection of rights of persons with disabilities

Eliminate harmful practices against rural women and ensure access to services and economic opportunities



Ensure gender equality and combat stereotypes encouraging discrimination against women

Adopt measures to guarantee the rights of the LGBTI population and end stigmatization

(CAT; CCPR; UPR)

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