UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND





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 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 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 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/.

Guarantee targeted social support to those living in poverty or at risk of poverty

Allocate max available resources to eradicate child poverty

(UPR; CESCR; CRC; SR on poverty)



Address food insecurity in all jurisdictions of the country

(CESCR)



Ensure availability of quality health care to ethnic minorities, migrants, refugees, Roma, trafficking victims

Address underlying determinant of infant/child mortality, including social/economic deprivation and inequality

(UPR; CEDAW; CRC; CERD; SR on racism)





Address formal and informal school exclusion of minority children and youth

(SR on racism)

Address overcrowding in prisons

Cease the detention of asylum-seeking and migrant children

Ratify the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR

(UPR; CAT; CRC; CCPR; CERD; CESCR)



GENDER EQUALITY

Prevent and combat domestic violence, ensuring investigation, prosecution and remedies and protection for victims

Eliminate gender-based discrimination and segregation, and persistent pay gap in the labour market

(UPR; CCPR)

Reduce homelessness and address bad housing

Address the housing deficit and regulate the private rental sector

(CRC; CESCR)





Re-evaluate privatization policies in water and energy sectors

(SR on poverty)

Address xenophopia and hate crimes, and strengthen data collection

Eliminate prejudice, stereotyping and stigmatization, including by politicians and in the media

(UPR; SR on racism; CRC; CESCR)





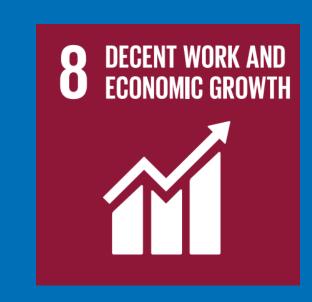
LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Ensure adequate benefits, care and treatment of older persons

Secure income levels for persons with disabilities and their families

Provide support to migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking children to access básic services

(CESCR; CRPD; CRC)



Uphold labour rights for all workers

Reduce use of temporary and precarious employment

Protect migrant workers and domestic workers from exploitation/abuse through effective inspection mechanisms

(CESCR; SR FAA)