UNITED STATES OF AMERICA





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 States of America 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 the United States of America can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/.

Acknowledge the damaging consequences of extreme inequality

Raise the minimum wage to a living wage level

Ensure adequate standard of living of indigenous peoples

(SR on Poverty; WG on Discrimination against Women; SR on Trafficking in Persons)



Guarantee the right to food to Afro-American

(WG on African Descent)



Recognize the right to health care for everyone

Extend access to quality and affordable health care to a greater part of the population

(WG on African Descent; SR on Poverty)





Ensure equal access to education for vulnerable groups

(UPR)

Increase the accountability of the business sector in the field of human rights

(SR on Trafficking in Persons)

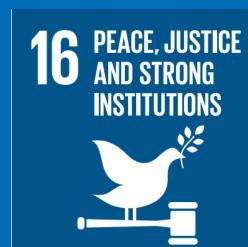


Halt the detention of migrant families and children

Prevent torture and illtreatment of children in detention and improve prisons conditions

Revisit substantive equality for women in court proceedings

(UPR; CRC; WG on Discrimination against Women)





5 GENDER EQUALITY

Promote actions to eradicate sexual and domestic violence

Amend gun control laws to effectively protect women against gun violence

(UPR; WG on Discrimination against Women)



Ensure the right to safe water and sanitation, without discrimination for the poorest sectors of the population

(UPR)

Eradicate discrimination and intolerance against any ethnic, racial or religious group

Prohibit all forms of racial profiling

(UPR; SR FAA)





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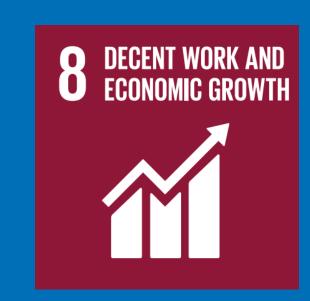
Protect children in vulnerable situations

Consult with indigenous peoples on issues that affect their rights

Put an end to detention of immigrants and asylum seekers because of their irregular status

Address gap between African Americans and the rest of the population in the enjoyment of fundamental human rights

(CRC, SR on Indigenous Peoples, WG on Arbitrary Detention, WG on African Descent)



Uphold labour rights for all workers

Protect against exploitation of migrant workers

(UPR; SR FAA)