

United Nations Country Team/Gender Theme Group

The Republic of Azerbaijan

CEDAW Convention/Comments on the “Draft update of General Recommendation No. 19”

Recommendations:

Prevention:

- (a): suggest to add “to empower women” in front of the provision “to address the underlying causes...”;
- (b): suggest to add “media” alongside women’s organizations;
- (b): suggest to add “that occurs at individual, institutional or societal/cultural level” right after “structural inequality”;
- (b): suggest to put a stronger emphasis on the provision regarding the development and implementation measures by adding “the development, implementation and monitoring of the national inter-agency policy framework to prevent and address GBV”;
- (b) ii: suggest to specifically refer to the gender transformative approaches that are in a position to create more opportunities to challenge the existing stereotypes, as well as foster more active engagement of women and girls in the design and implementation of the respective protection mechanisms to prevent and address GBV;
- (b) ii: suggest to also add “civil society organizations” among the target groups;
- (d) suggest to emphasize the need for the capacity building for the indicated target groups both at pre-service and in-service level;
- (j) suggest to add to the list of discriminatory provisions to be repealed “the legal provisions privileging mediation and reconciliation over the protection of women’s human rights”.

Protection and redress:

- (a) iii: suggest to add “sexual health services” to the provision on health-care services’ responsiveness to trauma;
- (a) iii: suggest to add “free, sustainable and state supported 24/7 helplines” instead of “24-hour helplines”;
- (a) iii: suggest to add “including migrant women” in the last sentence after “and should be accessible to all women”;
- (a) iv: suggest to substitute “all forms of prison” with “all institutions of detention and imprisonment”;
- (d) suggest to add “Including migrant women” after “or have no or limited knowledge of the official languages of the country”;
- Suggest to add a separate provision on addressing GBV faced by the women affected by war and other forms of military action;
- Suggest to add/specify provision of temporary accommodation, rehabilitation and reintegration services for the victims of GBV.

Data collection and monitoring:

Suggest changing the title of this subsection to “Data collection, monitoring and accountability”;

- (a) suggest to emphasize the need for regular monitoring and evaluation of the legal and policy measures to be adopted and implemented;
- (b) suggest to emphasize the need for systematic collection, analysis and publication of the statistical data on GBV;
- (b) disaggregation should also include the major socio-demographic characteristics;
- (c) suggest to emphasize the need for building in-country capacities for producing qualitative and quantitative data on GBV as well as its causes and consequences;
- (e) suggest to add the provision on the development of the specific monitoring tools that would enable the assessment of the progress achieved as well as identify the remaining gaps;
- (f) suggest to add rehabilitation programmes for the perpetrators of violence.