Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

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 DPRK 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 DPRK can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/.

Future opportunities to assess the status of implementation of these and other recommendations are during the upcoming review by the Universal Periodic Review in 2024, relevant Treaty Bodies as well as during upcoming visits by Special Procedures mandate holders in the country.