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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 Myanmar by the UN Human Rights Mechanisms, the Human Rights Council, 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. Recommendations addressed to Myanmar can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/

Address poverty and social-economic inequality by ensuring access to basic services for all
- Establish social protection and poverty reduction schemes with budgetary allocations, particularly for vulnerable groups
- Enhance women empowerment by involving ethnic women and girls in post-conflict reconstruction and decision-making processes

Ensure full access to food and health services for all without discrimination
- Remove discriminatory and restrictive requirements for medical referrals to ensure unhindered health access
- Ensure access to medical, psychosocial services to victims, including survivors of sexual violence

Provide equal access to education for all, including children living in vulnerable situations
- Introduce human rights education in teacher training, police and military academies

Adopt and implement effective legislation and policy to address exclusion and multiple and intersectional discrimination against women
- Ensure and promote gender equality in all aspects of life and address violence against women
- Guarantee and accelerate women’s full and equal participation at political, socio-economic and administrative levels

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- Protect workers’ rights to freedom of association, empower workers and improve working conditions
- Implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights through laws and policies

1. NO POVERTY
2. END HUNGER
3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4. QUALITY EDUCATION
5. GENDER EQUALITY
6. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
7. REDUCED INEQUALITIES
8. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
9. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Future opportunities to assess the status of implementation of these and other recommendations are during the upcoming review by the Universal Periodic Review in 2021, relevant Treaty Bodies as well as during upcoming visits by Special Procedures mandate holders in the country.