

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 socio-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

(SR Myanmar; CEDAW; CRPD; HC report; Fact-Finding Mission; UPR)



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, psycho-social services to victims, including survivors of sexual violence

(SR Myanmar; HC report; Fact-Finding Mission; UPR)



Provide equal access to education for all, including children living in vulnerable situations

Introduce human rights education in teacher training, police and military academies

(SR Myanmar; CEDAW; CRPD; HC report; Fact-Finding Mission; UPR)



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

(SR Myanmar; CEDAW; CRPD; HC report; Fact-Finding Mission; UPR)



Grant unrestricted, unhindered and predictable humanitarian access for life-saving activities and aid distribution

(SR Myanmar; HC report; UPR)



Immediately cease hostilities and protect civilians in strict compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law

Guarantee freedoms of expression, assembly and association of all, including journalists and civil society

Take necessary measures to guarantee and restore citizenship and related rights without discrimination

(SR Myanmar; CEDAW; CRPD; HC report; Fact-Finding Mission; UPR)



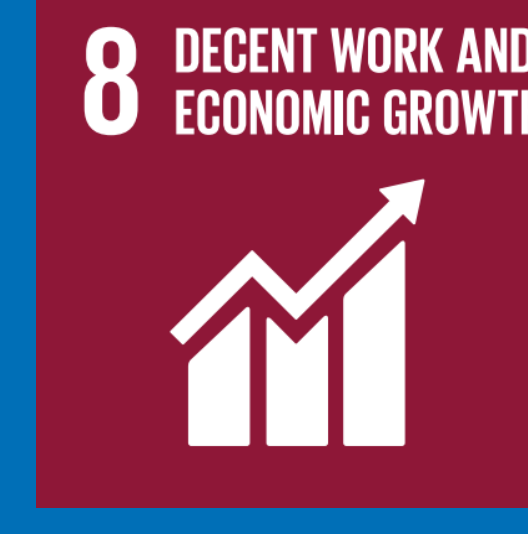
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Protect workers' rights to freedom of association, empower workers and improve working conditions

Work with employers' associations and unions to end forced labour and hazardous child labour

Implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights through laws and policies

(SR Myanmar; CEDAW; CRPD)



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Continue efforts to promote tolerance, harmony, social cohesion and human rights among all communities

Review and repeal laws and policies that perpetuate discrimination based on ethnic, religious, linguistic or cultural identity

Condemn all acts of incitement to discrimination, hostility and violence against minorities, including online

(SR Myanmar; CEDAW; CRPD; HC report; Fact-Finding Mission; UPR)



Ensure development projects comply with international human rights standards, including respect for environmental, social safeguards

(SR Myanmar)



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Take a human rights-based approach to achieving SDGs

Release political prisoners and provide them with redress and rehabilitation

Ensure dignified living conditions for all displaced persons and respect their right to return

Facilitate access for persons with disabilities to facilities and services in urban and rural areas

(SR Myanmar; CRPD; HC report; UPR)

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Recognize and protect land tenure rights of communal and customary land users and IDPs

Ensure genuine consultation, informed consent and adequate compensation for affected communities before granting land concessions

(SR Myanmar; CEDAW; HC report)

