SERBIA





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

Eradicate poverty and ensure adequate standard of living for marginalized groups

Ensure that social benefits cover the real costs of decent living for people left behind

Provide sustainable employment and ensure equal access to land and social security for rural

Ensure non-discriminatory access to adequate health care, including to most marginalized persons

Further develop healthcare services, including specialized and mental health care in prisons

Increase gradually budgetary allocations to the health sector that will be measured annually

(CESCR; CRPD; CRC; UPR)

Guarantee inclusive education for child asylum seekers, Roma children and children with disabilities

Ensure that children in rural areas have effective access to quality education at all levels

(CESCR; CRC; UPR)



Eliminate and address de facto housing discrimination against Roma, internally displaced persons and urban poor

Reduce homelessness, taking into account the specific needs of children

Regulate and subsidize housing-related costs for poor and low-income households

(CESCR; CRC; SR on adequate housing)





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Ensure continuous and prompt deinstitutionalization and community-based support services for persons with disabilities

Guarantee enjoyment of all human rights of migrants and refugees, including respect of non-refoulement

Eliminate structural discrimination of Roma and ensure their access to basic services

(CRPD; CAT; CCPR; CESCR; CRC; SR on adequate housing; SR on IDPs; SR on torture; UPR)



Ensure access to basic services to Roma, refugees, persons with disabilities, LGBTI and disadvantaged women

Recognize denial of reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities as a form of discrimination.

(CEDAW; CAT; CCPR; UPR)

Future opportunities to assess the status of implementation of these and other recommendations are during the upcoming review by the Universal Periodic Review in 2023, relevant Treaty Bodies as well as during upcoming visits by Special Procedures mandate holders in the country.