## 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

(CESCR; CEDAVV; CRC)



Ensure non-discriminatory access to adequate health care, including to the 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 asylumseeking children, Roma children and children with disabilities

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

(CESCR; CRC; UPR)



Ensure gender equality and protect women's rights

Protect from gender-based violence, including through provision of shelters, legal and medical aid and social schemes

Promote women's participation in a wider range of occupations and include rural women in decisionmaking

(CEDAVV; CESCR; CAT; CCPR; UPR)

Establish sustainable and continuous data collection on factors affecting enjoyment of rights and disaggregation by all relevant criteria

(CESCR; CRC; CRPD; CAT; CCPR)



**CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION** 

B DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

GENDER EQUALITY

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Further implement water supply projects to ensure equal access to safe drinking water

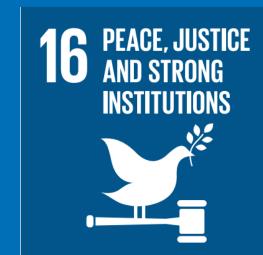
(CESCR; SR on adequate housing)

Guarantee access to information and legal protection of journalists and human rights defenders

Ensure independence of the judiciary and the Ombudsman to safeguard rights of all

Address overcrowding in prisons

(CEDAW; CAT; CRPD; CCPR; CESCR; CRC; SR on torture; UPR)



SUSTAINABLE CITIES

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## **LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**

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 for non-refoulement principle

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)



Reduce unemployment, especially regarding persons from marginalized groups and from rural areas

Promote gender equality and flexible working arrangements and guarantee equal pay for work of equal value

Continuously strengthen capacities of the labour Inspection to prevent occupational accidents and disease

(CESCR; CEDAVV; UPR)



Combat discrimination and hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender identity, disability and ethnic origin

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

(CEDAVV; CAT; CCPR; UPR)

housing-related costs for poor and low-income households

Eliminate and address de facto

housing discrimination against Roma, internally displaced

Reduce homelessness, taking into account the specific needs of children

persons and urban poor

Regulate and subsidize

(CESCR; CRC; SR on adequate housing)

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."