HONDURAS

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

Guarantee universal coverage of social security
Reduce levels of inequality and poverty, in particular among indigenous and Afro-Honduran peoples
Facilitate repatriation of remittances for families of migrant workers
(CESCR, GMW, CEDAW, CERD, CRPD, CRC, CEDAW, SR IDPs, UPR)

Ensure access to quality health, care, access to water and sanitation services, including in remote areas
Provide responses to the situation of food insecurity and child malnutrition
Ensure women’s rights to land ownership
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Protect journalists, human rights defenders and other civil society representatives from violence and combat impunity
Ensure access to justice, procedural safeguards and due process, particularly for vulnerable groups
Reduce overcrowding in prisons through alternatives to detention
Tackle the root causes of corruption
(IP, CAT, CCPR, CESCR, CRC, CEDAW, GMW, SR HROs, SR Sumex, WG Business and HR, SR P1s, UPR)

Ensure free, prior and informed consent from indigenous and Afro-Honduran peoples for activities on their land
Conduct independent and participatory impact assessments for development projects
Investigate and hold accountable persons responsible for the occupation and environmental degradation of indigenous territories
(CESCR, CEDAW, CRPD, SR P1s, SR HROs, WG on Business and Human Rights)

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Eradicate slavery, the trafficking of persons, and all forms of exploitation of any kind
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Reduce unemployment rates
Respect labour rights, including in the maquila industry and of domestic workers
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Protect children and adolescents, in particular those living in the street
Tackle forced evictions and ensure the restitution of possessions, return to home/land and indemnification
Enable ancestral lands and territories to be claimed and restored
(CESCR, CCPR, GMW on Business and HR, SR on P1s, SR Sumex)

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