**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 Iran (Islamic Republic of) 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 Iran (Islamic Republic of) can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at [https://uhri.ohchr.org/](https://uhri.ohchr.org/).

**Recommendations**

- **1. No Poverty**
  - Strengthen efforts to reduce poverty
  - Take necessary measures to mitigate the effects of economic sanctions
  - Improve the social security system with a focus on people living in vulnerable situations

- **2. Zero Hunger**
  - Abolish the death penalty for children, and promote alternative measures to detention for juvenile offenders
  - End child, early marriage and ensure that minimum age for marriage complies with international standards

- **3. Good Health and Well-being**
  - Ensure access to quality and affordable healthcare service for all, including in prisons and other places of detention
  - Ensure equal access to education, particularly for girls living in rural areas, and children with disabilities

- **4. Quality Education**
  - Promote and protect the right to safe water and sanitation
  - Promote sustainable employment in rural and nomadic regions

- **5. Gender Equality**
  - Take urgent steps to counter environmental pollution and water shortage's negatively impacting on human health
  - Ensure the participation of the people affected by environmental degradation in developing relevant policies

- **6. Clean Water and Sanitation**
  - Ensure affordable housing for general populations, in particular for persons with low incomes
  - Protect the rights of religious and ethnic minorities

- **7. Decent Work and Economic Growth**
  - Ensure that sanctions imposed do not cause harmful impact on enjoyment of human rights, including through humanitarian exemptions

- **8. Reduced Inequalities**
  - Repeal laws that punish people based on their sexual orientation and gender identity

- **9. Sustainable Cities and Communities**
  - Combat all forms of exploitation against persons with disabilities

- **10. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**
  - Ensure prompt registration of all asylum-seeking children and provide street children with healthcare and free education

- **11. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**
  - Ensure that sanctions imposed do not cause harmful impact on enjoyment of human rights, including through humanitarian exemptions

**Future opportunities** to assess the status of implementation of these and other recommendations are during the upcoming review by the Universal Periodic Review in 2024, relevant Treaty Bodies as well as during upcoming visits by Special Procedures mandate holders in the country.