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.

The graph shows recommendations addressed to Ukraine 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 Ukraine can be found at the Universal Human Rights Index at https://uhri.ohchr.org/.

- **End the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine**
- **Ensure the enforcement of anti-corruption laws and combat impunity for corruption**
- **Combat poverty, especially in the rural areas**
- **Ensure that social security payments cover the minimum cost of living**
- **Delink IDP registration for residents of non-government controlled areas to access pensions and social benefits**
- **Allocate adequate resources to prison health services**
- **Facilitate the access of children with disabilities to inclusive education**
- **Reduce the illiteracy rate among and the school attendance drop-out rate of Roma children**
- **Improve the prevention and prosecution of domestic violence**
- **Ensure that victims of domestic violence have access to medical and other support services**
- **Dispel gender stereotypes in the family and in society**
- **Develop economic recovery strategies that promote gender equality**
- **Increase the labour market participation of Roma and persons with disabilities**
- **Regularize the status of workers engaged in the informal economy, especially migrant workers and women**
- **Combat discrimination, condemn hate speech and racist attacks and punish hate crimes**

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.