

ECONOMIC SOCIAL RIGHTS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UGANDA FROM ITS 3RD UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)



A Summary

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On January 27, 2022, the United Nations Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group examined Uganda's human rights record. The UPR process spotlighted the human rights situation in Uganda, and recommended actions that the government of Uganda should take to fulfill its human rights obligations.

The UPR entails a state peer-to-peer review of the overall human rights situation in each state party to the United Nations. Once the UPR Working Group has considered all the information at its disposal, it offers a set of recommendations on addressing any breaches of international human rights law, which the state can then accept or reject.

This brief highlights the key economic, social rights recommendations that were offered to the Government of Uganda.

2.0 RIGHT TO EDUCATION



- 125.180** Consider putting in place a policy of free primary and secondary education, of 12 years' duration, as recommended by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Mauritius);
- 125.181** Redouble efforts to provide free and quality education to all girls (Mexico);
- 125.182** Continue efforts to facilitate access to education for all (Oman);
- 125.183** Take further steps to improve retention and completion rates among learners in primary and secondary education, including by addressing barriers to education and factors contributing to school dropout among children (Philippines);
- 125.184** Make primary education compulsory and consider extending the duration of compulsory education to nine years, given that improvement of the quality of education will result in reducing dropout rates and ensure that more girls attend school (Poland);
- 125.185** Further enhance the right to education, including through the implementation of the policy of universal primary education of 1997 (Sri Lanka);
- 125.186** Continue its efforts to improve the quality of education at all levels (Timor-Leste);
- 125.187** Continue to make the necessary interventions to increase school enrolment (United Republic of Tanzania);
- 125.188** Take adequate measures to improve the education rate in the public system (Angola);
- 125.189** Take all appropriate measures, including the allocation of an increased share of the government budget to the education sector, to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate progress towards the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 4, on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education (Belgium);
- 125.190** Continue efforts to ensure access to education for all, especially women and girls (Egypt);
- 125.191** Take further steps in order to ensure access for all to quality education, in line with Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5 and 10 (Georgia);
- 125.192** Take strong measures to promote children's right to education after long periods of school closures (Germany);

- 125.193** Ensure quality and holistic primary education for all children (Holy See);
- 125.195** Scale up efforts to improve the socioeconomic well-being of its people and seek necessary support, as appropriate (Nigeria);
- 125.197** Implement the High Court's decision by developing and implementing a comprehensive sexuality education policy for young people, to reduce the rates of unplanned and adolescent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (Netherlands);
- 125.200** Ensure the full operationalization of the sexuality education framework in schools, ensuring access to information on sexual and reproductive health and rights (Denmark);
- 125.202** Operationalize the national sexuality education framework in line with commitment made in the context of the 25-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (Iceland);
- 125.206** Promote the participation of girls in all levels of education, especially in rural areas, including by ensuring that schools are a safe space for girls (Latvia);
- 125.217** Continue implementing national initiatives, policies and plans to ensure gender equality and education for girls and to reduce the incidence of teenage pregnancy (Cuba);
- 125.218** Improve radically the social, educational and economic rights of women and girls (Estonia);
- 125.233** Prioritize the full implementation of the national strategy to end child marriage and teenage pregnancy (Bahamas);
- 125.233** Build schools closer to indigenous communities in order to eliminate barriers for children travelling long distances to access education (Zambia);
- 125.250** Increase national investment in children for early childhood development, especially for the first 1,000 days of life (Barbados);
- 125.257** Increase dramatically public expenditure for education and reduce the share of child labor (Estonia);
- 125.259** Implement existing legislation protecting children against exploitation, even under the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic, including ensuring access to education for all children, protection against sexual harassment, protection from all forms of violence and protection against child labour (Finland);

3.0 RIGHT TO HEALTH



- 125.39** Seek the international community's support to ensure access to COVID-19 vaccines for all people (Bangladesh).
- 125.40** Undertake further measures to mitigate the socioeconomic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, with support from the international community (Bangladesh);
- 125.169** Provide access to general health care for all, including disability specific services and programs (Norway);
- 125.170** Step up efforts to strengthen the health-care system, by expanding universal health coverage (Qatar);

- 125.171** Strengthen advances made in increasing people's access to health services (Sri Lanka);
- 125.172** Progressively increase funding to the health sector to meet the Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Other Related Infectious Diseases threshold of 15 per cent of the annual budget, as the Government has already agreed (Sweden);
- 125.173** Support social services and provide comprehensive health care, especially for the most vulnerable people in society, in line with the framework of national strategic plans (Libya);
- 125.174** Continuing national efforts to ensure the eradication of HIV and to provide health services for all (Algeria);
- 125.175** Continue taking steps to attain universal health-care coverage (Bangladesh);
- 125.176** Advance towards universal health coverage and finalize and implement the multi-sectoral strategy to reduce maternal mortality by 2030 (Costa Rica);
- 125.177** Continue strengthening HIV prevention and education policies and programs in the health sector (Dominican Republic);
- 125.178** Increase investment in the health system and infrastructure and ensure improvement in the equitable distribution and availability of sexual and reproductive health and childcare services (Fiji);
- 125.179** Continue to take further measures to enhance health-care services, especially for vulnerable groups and people living in rural areas (Ghana);
- 125.196** Provide access to quality maternal health-care services in public health facilities (Malta);
- 125.199** Continue with efforts to improve health-care access for women from poor and rural backgrounds (Kenya);
- 125.201** Continue taking steps to reduce maternal mortality rate through high quality, robust and comprehensive measures (Malaysia);
- 125.168** Maintain planning and infrastructure efforts to increase the coverage of the drinking water supply, particularly to rural and remote regions (Cuba);

4.0 BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS



- 125.27** Ratify the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), of the International Labour Organization (Namibia);
- 125.28** Ratify the Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), of the International Labour Organization (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
- 125.63** Implement promptly the national action plan on business and human rights adopted in August 2021 (Poland);
- 125.64** Adopt, within the framework of the third national development plan, the energy development program, which provides for efforts to prevent food and water pollution in settlements located near mining sites (Russian Federation);
- 125.69** Consider developing a national action plan on human rights, including in the business sector (Indonesia);



- 6** 125.210 Strengthen efforts to ensure the effective elimination of child labour, especially in hazardous work (Montenegro);
- 7** 125.211 Redouble efforts to ensure the elimination of child labour, and increase national investment in early childhood development (Paraguay);
- 8** 125.253 Strengthen efforts to eliminate child labour, especially in hazardous work (Republic of Korea);
- 9** 125.254 Strengthen its efforts to ensure the effective elimination of child labour, especially in hazardous work (Serbia);
- 10** 125.258 Continue efforts to eradicate child labour (Eswatini);
- 11** 125.260 Strengthen the efforts to ensure the effective elimination of child labour, especially in hazardous work (Holy See);



5.0 RIGHT TO SOCIAL PROTECTION

- 1** 125.66 Continue to implement the third national development plan, promote sustainable economic and social development and provide a more solid foundation for the people to enjoy human rights (China);
- 2** 125.50 Consider taking measures aimed at ensuring increased efficiency and accountability of public services (Azerbaijan);
- 3** 125.61 Pursue measures aimed at mitigating COVID-19 pandemic induced socioeconomic impacts and implementing the national development plan (Pakistan);
- 4** 125.160 Strengthen further its efforts for fighting against poverty and the promotion of full access to health and education, in cooperation with relevant United Nations agencies and other partners (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);
- 5** 125.161 Continue to expand social assistance for the most vulnerable and to reduce the number of people living below the poverty line (Holy See);
- 6** 125.162 Continue to implement social protection measures for vulnerable groups, including older persons (Sri Lanka);
- 7** 125.163 Continue strengthening its social programmes for its people, especially the most vulnerable groups (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);
- 8** 125.164 Strengthen the social security system to further protect the rights of vulnerable groups (China);
- 9** 125.165 Exert further efforts to fulfil international obligations for the promotion and protection of human rights by developing and implementing the A/HRC/50/11 19 comprehensive national social protection policy framework and strategy (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);
- 10** 125.166 Pursue efforts to set up extended social protection for all categories of the population, particularly agricultural workers, and ensure their equal access to quality health services (Djibouti);
- 11** 125.167 Continue to provide social assistance and increase support for individuals and families with limited income (Iraq);
- 12** 125.251 Strengthen funding mechanisms to support the registration of all children and support registration structures at the local government level (Barbados);

6.0 VULNERABLE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS



- 1** 125.47 Take measures to give priority to the allocation of financial resources to programs to combat gender-based violence, as well as to increase national budget allocations and investments for early childhood development (Togo);
- 2** 125.49 Continue and intensify efforts in protecting the human rights of vulnerable persons (Azerbaijan);
- 3** 125.71 Enhance measures to prevent discrimination against all vulnerable groups, including women, children and persons living with HIV (South Africa);
- 4** 125.72 Adopt additional measures to remove legal and legislative barriers to better promote the inclusion of people living with HIV/AIDS in society (Angola);
- 5** 125.73 Increase protection for persons with albinism (Mozambique);
- 6** 125.74 Strengthen measures aimed at protecting people with albinism, particularly in the field of health and education, in order to provide them with appropriate services (Djibouti);
- 7** 125.255 Strengthen social safety nets to reduce the number of children forced to live and work on the streets (Bahamas);
- 8** 125.198 Ensure adequate access to family planning and acknowledge women's and girl's autonomy over their own bodies (Norway);
- 9** 125.207 Continue its efforts to protect the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities (Algeria);
- 10** 125.208 Continue efforts to promote equal opportunities for vulnerable groups, considering a gender perspective, equality and the protection of children from all forms of violence (Tunisia);
- 11** 125.209 Take measures to combat all forms of violence and discrimination against women and children, including domestic violence, harmful practices and child labour, and promote the full enjoyment of the right to education (Italy);
- 12** 125.252 Prioritize financial and human resources towards the registration of births to enable effective planning and the protection of children's rights (Botswana);
- 13** 125.263 Take further measures to ensure equal opportunities for vulnerable persons, particularly children, women and persons with disabilities (Mozambique);
- 14** 125.264 Ensure the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly for women, children and persons with disabilities (Nigeria);
- 15** 125.261 Take measures to strengthen social services for vulnerable children and families, in the context of child labour, sexual exploitation, teenage pregnancy and violence against children (Botswana);
- 16** 125.265 Guarantee the inclusion of people with disabilities in national planning and budgeting processes (Costa Rica);
- 17** 125.266 Continue its efforts to create appropriate legislative and institutional mechanisms for the vulnerable groups of women, children and persons with disabilities (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);
- 18** 125.267 Work on public awareness-raising campaigns on the rights of people with disabilities and combat stigma and discrimination (Ecuador);

- 19** 125.268 Ensure adequate support and resources to the National Council for Persons with Disabilities to enable the institution to fulfil its mandate effectively (Malaysia);
- 20** 125.269 Continue to promote the lives of women and girls, especially those living with disabilities, with regard to education and health (Eswatini);
- 21** 125.270 Strengthen efforts to ensure the participation of women, children, persons with disabilities and local communities when developing and implementing climate change and disaster risk reduction frameworks (Fiji);



7.0 CROSS CUTTING

- 1** 125.26 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (Cyprus);
- 2** 125.41 Provide national commissions and institutions working on the rights of vulnerable persons, with sufficient means and financial resources, to enable them to carry out their work adequately (Mauritania);
- 3** 125.43 Human Rights Commission, the Equal Opportunities Commission and relevant line ministries with adequate financial resources and support measures and capacities (Togo);
- 4** 125.44 Ensure that the Human Rights Commission, the Equal Opportunities Commission and relevant line ministries are adequately funded (Zambia);
- 5** 125.46 Continue to take targeted steps to improve national legislation on human rights and fundamental freedoms (Russian Federation);
- 6** 125.48 Continue to align its domestic legislation with international instruments (Algeria);
- 7** 125.52 Continue efforts to implement the national plan of action on human rights (Niger);
- 8** 125.53 Continue efforts to further strengthen the independence of the national Human Rights Commission (Pakistan);
- 9** 125.54 Sustain efforts to finalize and implement the national action plan on human rights (Pakistan);
- 10** 125.65 Speed up the process of the finalization and approval of the national action plan on human rights to align it with the third national development plan (South Sudan);
- 11** 125.67 Develop an implementation plan for the systematic implementation of recommendations from the universal periodic review process (Malawi);
- 12** 125.68 Expedite the approval of the national action plan on human rights by the Cabinet (Ethiopia);
- 13** 125.70 Integrate a rights-based approach into climate mitigation policy and disaster risk reduction plans (Cyprus).