

HUMAN RIGHTS IN NIGERIA

UPR Info Pre-sessions

Situation in NIGERIA – Issue 1

Civilian protection & Accountability for Abuses

- Nigeria supported several recommendations at its 3rd UPR to ensure the protection of civilians and accountability for abuses but continues to fall short in this area.
- Citizens are experiencing heightened insecurity in regions of the country including:
 - Northwest - Banditry crisis
 - Northeast - Ongoing Boko Haram conflict
 - Southeast - Anti government groups clamoring for secession
- Authorities are failing to investigate and hold perpetrators accountable.
- Security forces in responding to the insecurity also continue to be implicated in gross human rights abuses without accountability.

Recommendations – Issue 1

- Deploy adequate security measures and personnel to protect vulnerable communities from attacks.
- Carry out prompt investigation of attacks against civilians and bring those responsible to justice .
- Address fair trial concerns and resume trials of Boko Haram suspects.
- Provide details and move forward with the announced investigation into accidental airstrikes by the Nigerian Airforce.
- Adopt strong monitoring and assessment processes to mandate compliance with international human rights principles and standards in military operations.

Situation in Nigeria – Issue 2

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Rights

- Some efforts taken towards recommendations during the 3rd UPR for Nigeria to adopt measures to protect IDPs including women & children but others have undermined this.
- Nigeria adopted National IDP Policy in 2021.
- Between 2021 and 2022, authorities in Borno state, the epi center of the Boko Haram conflict with over about 1.9 million IDPs, arbitrarily shut down camps for internally displaced persons.
- The camp shutdowns cut thousands from aid and pushed them deeper into suffering & vulnerability.

Recommendations – Issue 2

- Halt further camp closures until adequate alternatives are available to displaced people.
- Work with relevant state authorities and the humanitarian community to explore and provide durable solutions for displaced people in line with applicable international standards.

Situation in Nigeria – Issue 3

Economic & Social Rights

- Several recommendations during the 3rd UPR for the government to take steps to strengthen social protection and improve living conditions for its citizens.
- Welcome efforts by the Federal government to adopt a Social Protection Policy.
- Currently about 133 million people in the country live in multidimensional poverty with high levels of deprivation in areas including:
 - sanitation
 - health care
 - food
 - housing.
- Despite this situation, there remains no functioning social security system to support citizens in these areas.

Recommendations – Issue 3

- Draft and support legislation that recognizes Nigerians' right to social security and other economic and social rights.
- Develop a national strategy to fulfill the right to social security, building on the federal government's existing social protection policy.
- Review and harmonize existing domestic laws and policies with regional and international law standards on the right to an adequate standard of living, which encompasses adequate food, water, and housing.



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