

Women and Girls Paying the Heaviest Price in Yemen

UPR Recommendations

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CHANGES AHEAD:

Yemeni Women Map the Road to Peace



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Issues addressed in the UPR report

1. Gender-based and sexual violence
2. Women's participation in political and public life.



1. Gender-based and sexual violence

- Increased gender-based violence.
- Yemen ranks last at gender gap index
- Discrimination against women imbedded in laws, institutions, and social norms.
- Guardianship rules.
- Increased child marriages
- Failed legal system



Recommendations

- Urgently **ban child marriage** and set the minimum age of marriage to 18.
- **Amend discriminatory laws against women**, such as the Personal Status Law and the Penal code, especially with regard to male guardianship and control over women. The laws should be brought in line with Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.



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Recommendations

- **Establish a comprehensive gender-based violence response programme.** The programme should comprise support to survivors, such as health services, shelters, psychosocial support, financial and legal aid. And it should ensure the availability and accessibility of these services in all regions.



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- **Ensure the development without delay of reparation programmes** and transitional justice mechanisms for all survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. Survivors must be fully involved in their design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- **Ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.**

2) Women's participation in political and public life.

- Limited participation of women in public and political life.
- Paralyzed government mechanisms to advance women's rights.



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Recommendations

- **Effectively implement a minimum quota of 30% of women**, ensuring inclusion of youth and southern women, in the public and political spheres in accordance with the outcomes of the National Dialogue Conference, including in ambassadorial and other high level governmental positions.
- Call on all parties **to effectively implement a 30% minimum quota of women in peace negotiations**, including in the negotiation delegation, advisory team, and in all committees developed as result of the peace negotiations and political processes during the transitional period, and in the current and future governments.

Recommendations

- **Implement UNSCR 1325 by developing a National Action Plan with the adequate and sustainable financial and human resources, and in consultation with civil society organisations.**



Ensure Women's Meaningful Participation in Political and Public Life

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