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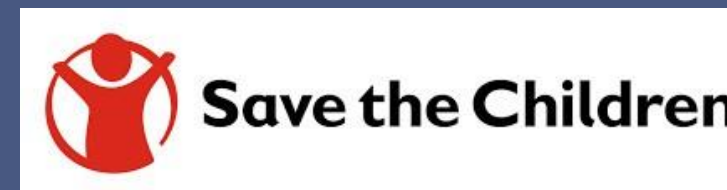


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BACKGROUND

- After the 2020 UPR recommendations, many policies and laws have been passed in Spain to comply with them.
- Still, 12.7 million people are still at risk of poverty.

Recommendation

Tax system reform for social expenditure expansion.

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JUSTICIABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ESCR

- In the Spanish Constitution, Economic, Social, and Cultural rights are less guaranteed than civil and political rights.
- Regarding the implementation of recommendations from UN treaty bodies, no internal body or procedure has been established.
- In 2023, the Second National Human Rights Plan was approved, but it has not yet been developed.

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JUSTICIABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ESCR

Recommendations

- Constitutional reform
- A procedure for implementing the rulings and recommendations of international human rights law bodies.

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COMBATING DISCRIMINATION AND XENOPHOBIA

- There have been many advances in this area.
- However, ethnic profiling continues to persist, undermining the confidence of racial and ethnic minorities in reporting crimes when they occur.

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COMBATING DISCRIMINATION AND XENOPHOBIA

Recommendation

Approval and implementation of the Independent Authority for Equal Treatment and Non-Discrimination.

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RIGHT TO HEALTH

- In some regions, foreigners in irregular situation continue to be excluded or charged for healthcare.
- The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in hidden cuts. The principle of progressivity and non-regression is called into question here.

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RIGHT TO HEALTH

Recommendations

- Approve the draft law presented by the government to restore universal access to health benefits.
- Reinstate services and specialists that were cut after COVID-19.

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RIGHT TO HOUSING

- Spain is facing an affordability crisis. Public housing stock remains at just 2.5%.
- New Housing Rights Law (2023), but lack of budget allocation and resistance from some regions makes its implementation difficult.
- Evictions, seasonal rental contracts or room rentals are major issues for tenants' rights.

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RIGHT TO HOUSING

Recommendations

- Develop a strategic housing plan.
- Implement stronger measures to end evictions and regulate temporary contracts and room rentals.

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RIGHT TO EDUCATION

- School segregation and public funding of private schools through the "grant-maintained" system.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Recommendations

- Plan for public spending on education between the State and the regions to reach the OECD average.
- To develop a State Plan against educational segregation, with indicators, concrete measures and budget.

RIGHT TO WORK

- The temporary employment rate remains at 16% (46% for young people), 3 out of 4 part-time jobs are held by women, and the unemployment rate for individuals under 30 is nearly 20%.
- The young population in Spain also has one of the highest levels of overqualification in Europe.

RIGHT TO WORK

Recommendations

- Continue working towards full employment, with particular attention to gender, age gaps, and discrimination.
- Improve leave policies and rights related to care and work-life balance, ensuring they do not result in a reduction in pay.

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BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- The first Business and Human Rights Plan has not been implemented nor evaluated.
- Awaiting the transposition of the Directive on corporate human rights and sustainability due diligence.
- Spanish companies have been denounced for their activities in the Palestinian territories.

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Recommendations

- Transpose the European corporate due diligence directive into national law.
- Involve Spain in the process of the binding international UN treaty for transnational corporations.
- Develop a second Business and Human Rights Plan with measures to strengthen the regulatory framework.



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