

HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANGOLA

UPR Info Pre-sessions

Access to Water

- Recommendation No. 143; The Angolan State was recommended to continue its actions to improve the human right to water under United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/292 (Bolivia, Plurinational State) and No. 144; On the creation of a strategic plan for water supply and sanitation, especially for Rural Communities (Spain).
- The Southern provinces of Angola are experiencing a drought. In Cunene 857,000 people are directly affected, 19,539 animals killed and about 54,500 pupils out of school.
- Increased access to water for 48% of the Angolan population without access to drinking water sources, 34% in urban areas and 68% in rural areas. (Multi Indicator Health Survey)

Recommendations – Issue 1



- Declare a State of Emergency and develop structured programs to end the loss of thousands of livestock and prevent the loss of human lives.

Access to adequate housing

- Recommendation 141 Section III.6.4; Ensure that the appropriate housing policy is developed and enforced in accordance with international human rights standards, and in particular with an effective remedy, adequate compensation and assistance to all displaced persons (GERMANY) and Properly apply Resolution prohibiting forced evictions and protecting the rights of the disadvantaged and indigenous (rural) communities (Santa Se) and Promoting and protecting the rights of peasants and other persons working in rural areas (Bolivia (Plurinational State)).
- Decrease in forced evictions and demolitions. 200 houses were for each Municipality, Centrality and Economic Neighborhood, the mechanism of access to such residences is not transparent, as over.
- Relocation or compensation of 5000 families, who had their homes demolished by the local Administration in Luanda

Recommendations – Issue 2

- Inclusion of civil society organisations as representatives of indigenous communities and to monitor interventions of the Inter-ministerial Commission for delimitation and recognition of Rural Lands established under the “Minha Terra” program through Presidential Order No. 14/18 of 19 February, approved on 11 May 2018.

Religious freedom

- Recommendation No. 122 Session II.5.7; demonstrate greater flexibility, tolerance and respect for religious minorities, in order to adjust them to the provisions of the Angolan Constitution as well as the international human rights obligations (CANADA).
- Enacted the Law of Freedom of Religion, Belief and Worship
- The previous law required 500 signatures for a church to be recognized, but the current law requires 60,000 signatures which is a major challenge for most people wishing to establish religious institutions.
- Excessive force applied by law enforcement agents in cases where religious institutions and individuals violate laws is a cause for concern.

Recommendations – Issue 3

- Amend the Law of Freedom of Religion, Belief and Worship to facilitate the entry of other churches
- Ensures that law enforcement agents respect and uphold the rule of law in cases where religious institutions break the law

Thank you

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