



Fulfilling the Right to Food through the UPR

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a mechanism of the Human Rights Council that reviews the human rights situation in all UN Member States. States provide recommendations for improving their practices in this area.

Although it is a state-led process, the UPR offers significant opportunities for civil society actors to engage and advocate for enhanced human rights in their countries.

Since its establishment, **788** recommendations addressing the right to food have been made in the UPR.

Overall recommendations supported

697

72 noted

Number of recommendations addressing the right to food per UPR cycle



So far, in the 4th UPR cycle (2022-2027) there have been 153 recommendations on the topic, out of which 145 were supported and 6 noted.

2 ZERO HUNGER



Goal 2 focuses on eradicating hunger by 2030, ensuring access to nutritious food, and promoting sustainable agriculture. Key strategies include supporting small-scale farmers, equitable resource access, and resilient farming practices, with increased international investments to boost agricultural productivity in developing countries. Access to food is fundamental to achieving other human rights and building thriving societies.

States can either support or note UPR recommendations. By supporting them, States commit to implementing those measures. UPR recommendations can be utilised by civil society actors in their advocacy efforts at the national level in championing the right to food.

Examples of UPR recommendations addressing the right to food

Cuba



Canada



37.164 Develop a national strategy to protect Indigenous and communities in the north of the country whose food security is threatened because of climate change.

110.86 Provide targeted support to farmers, protect local food systems and diversity and strengthen the resilience of agricultural production systems, given the effects of climate change and a growing dependence on imported food.



Luxembourg



Vanuatu

The UPR can reinforce commitments stemming from General Comment 12 of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

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