



# Advancing the Right to Health 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.

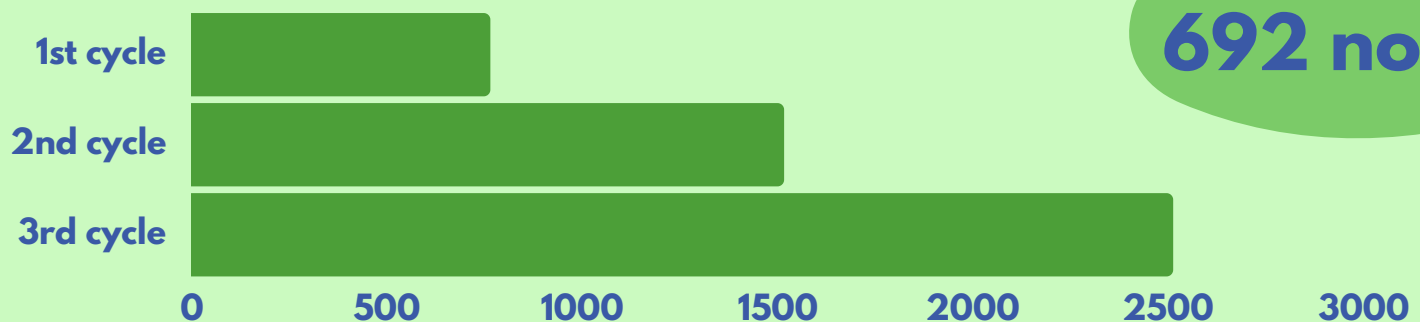
Since its establishment, **6468** recommendations related to the right to health have been made in the UPR.

Overall recommendations supported

**5683**

**692 noted**

## Number of recommendations addressing the right to health per UPR cycle



So far, in the 4th UPR cycle (2022-2027) there have been 1644 recommendations on the topic, out of which 1441 were supported and 184 noted.

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Access to health services is essential for ensuring individuals can enjoy good health and well-being (SDG 3) and other human rights. Guaranteeing access to health helps reduce inequalities (SDG10) and promotes gender-equality (SDG5), enabling individuals to more fully participate in society.

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 promoting the right to health.

### Examples of UPR recommendations addressing the Right to Health

The UPR can reinforce commitments related to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESR), and General Comment No.14 of the CESCR, as well as other commitments as the Plan of action of ICPD25

Iceland

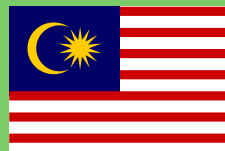


Comoros



*133.164 Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD25) to ensure that young people have access to age-appropriate services, information and education to prevent unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.*

*118.126 Enhance access to health care for all, especially disadvantaged communities, by providing quality maternal health care for women and improving health insurance coverage for workers in vulnerable sectors.*



Malaysia



Dominican Republic

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