Handout 1: Key rights related to income security

**Key articles in international and regional human rights law**

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| Right | UDHR | ICCPR | ICESCR | CEDAW | ICMW | CRPD | IAC | AUP |
| Social protection/ social security | 22 |  | 9 | 11 | 27 | 28 §2 | 17 | 7 |
| Adequate standard of living, including housing and food | 25 |  | 11 | 14 §2(h) |  | 28 §1 | 24 |  |
| Work and access to the labour market (including just and favourable conditions of work) | 23 |  | 6, 7 | 11 | 25 | 27 | 18 | 6 |
| Property | 17 |  |  | 15 §1, 16 §1(h) | 15 | 12 §5 | 23 |  |
| Non-discrimination | 2, 7 | 2, 3, 26 | 2, 3 | 2, 11, 13 | 7 | 5, 6 | 5 | 3, 6 |

**UN Treaty Body guidance**

CESCR General Comment No. 4: the right to adequate housing

* [CESCR General Comment No. 6: the economic, social and cultural rights of older persons](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CESCR/Shared%20Documents/1_Global/INT_CESCR_GEC_6429_E.pdf)

CESCR General Comment No. 12: the right to adequate food

* [CESCR General Comment No. 19: the right to social security](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fGC%2f19&Lang=en)
* [CESCR General Comment No. 20: non-discrimination in economic, social and cultural rights](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fGC%2f20&Lang=en)
* [CESCR General Comment No. 23: the right to just and favourable conditions of work](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fGC%2f23&Lang=en)
* [CEDAW General Recommendation No. 13: equal remuneration for work of equal value](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/1_Global/INT_CEDAW_GEC_5832_E.pdf)
* [CEDAW General Recommendation No.27: older women and protection of their human rights](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW/C/GC/27&Lang=en)
* [CEDAW General Recommendation No. 29: economic consequences of marriage, family relations and their dissolution](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW/C/GC/29&Lang=en)

Handout 2: Key rights related to health

**Key articles in international and regional human rights law**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Right | UDHR | ICCPR | ICESCR | CEDAW | OP-CAT | CRPD | IAC |  | AUP |
| Health | 25 |  | 12 |  |  |  | 19 |  | 15 |
| Independent living |  | 9.1 |  |  | 1 | 19 | 12 |  | 10 & 11 |
| Palliative care |  |  | 12 |  |  |  | 6,11,12 & 19 |  | 11 |
| Informed consent to health care |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 |  |  |
| Die with dignity |  |  | GC 14 |  |  |  | 6 |  |  |
| Equality and non-discrimination | 2 | 2, 26 | 2 | 2 |  | 5 | 5 |  | 3 |
| Freedom from violence, abuse and neglect |  |  |  |  |  | 16 | 9 |  | 8 & 9 |
| Participation | 21, 27 | 25 |  | 7 |  | 29,30 | 8 & 27 |  | 17 |
| Social protection/social security | 22 |  | 9 | 11 |  | 28 | 17 |  | 7 |

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* [CESCR General Comment No. 14](https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2f2000%2f4&Lang=en): the Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health
* [CESCR General Comment No. 6](https://www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/freedom-to-decide-for-ourselves-older-peoples-rights-are-denied-says-new-report/?symbolno=INT%2fCESCR%2fGEC%2f6429&Lang=en): the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Older Persons
* [CESCR General Comment No. 19](https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/documents/ninth/Inputs%20NGOs/HelpAge_Violence_rev.pdf?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fGC%2f19&Lang=en): the right to social security
* [CEDAW General Recommendation No.27](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW/C/GC/27&Lang=en): older women and protection of their human rights
* [CEDAW General Recommendation No.19](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/ConventionRightsPersonsWithDisabilities.aspx?symbolno=INT/CEDAW/GEC/3731&Lang=en): violence against women

Handout 3: Key rights related to inclusion & participation

**Key articles in international and regional human rights law**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Right | UDHR | ICCPR | ICESCR | CEDAW | CRPD | IAC | AUP |
| Participation | 21, 27 | 25 |  | 7 | 29,30 | 8,27 | 17 |
| Freedom of expression, opinion and access to information | 19 | 19 |  |  | 21 | 14 |  |
| Freedom of association | 20 | 21, 22 |  |  |  | 28 |  |
| Autonomy and independence | 6, 12 | 16, 17.1 |  |  | 5.1, 12 22.1 & 23.1 | 7 | 5 |
| Equal recognition before the law | 6 | 16 |  | 15 | 5.1 & 12 | 30 | 4 |
| Equality and non-discrimination | 2 | 2, 26 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Access to justice | 6, 8, 9, 10 & 11 | 2, 14, 15 & 16 |  |  | 5, 12 & 13 | 31 | 4 |
| Education and lifelong learning | 25 |  | 13 | 10 | 24 | 20 | 16 |

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* [HRC General Comment No. 25](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR%2FC%2F21%2FRev.1%2FAdd.7&Lang=en): the right to participate in public affairs, voting rights and the right of equal access to public service
* [CESCR Committee General Comment No. 21](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2FC.12%2FGC%2F21&Lang=en): the right of everyone to take part in cultural life
* [CRPD Committee General Comment No. 2](https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/general-comments-and-recommendations/general-comment-no-2-article-9-accessibility-0): accessibility
* [CRPD Committee General Comment No. 5](https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/general-comments-and-recommendations/general-comment-no5-article-19-right-live): the right to live independently and be included in the community

Handout 4: Key rights related to situations of conflict and disaster

**Key articles in international and regional human rights law**

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| Right | UDHR | ICCPR | ICESCR | CEDAW | CRPD | IAC | AUP |
| Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies |  |  |  |  | 11 | 29 | 14 |
| Life | 3 | 6 |  |  | 10 | 6 |  |
| Health | 25 |  | 12 |  |  |  | 19 |  | 15 |
| Nationality and freedom of movement | 13, 15 | 12 |  | 9 | 18 | 15 |  |
| Freedom from violence, abuse and neglect |  |  |  |  | 16 | 9 | 8, 9 |
| Participation | 21 & 27 | 25 |  | 7 | 29 & 30 | 8 & 27 | 17 |
| Access to justice | 6, 8, 9, 10 & 11 | 2, 14, 15 & 16 |  |  | 5, 12 & 13 | 31 | 4 |
| Housing (adequate standard of living) | 25.1 |  | 11.1 | 14 | 2 & 9 | 24 |  |
| Food (adequate standard of living) | 25 |  | 11 |  | 28 |  |  |
| Water and sanitation (adequate standard of living) |  |  | 11.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment\* | 5 | 7 |  |  | 10 | 6 |  |

\* The prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment is also guaranteed in the UN Convention against Torture.

\*Right to water recognised in [UN General Assembly resolution 64/292](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/292), 2010

\*Right to sanitation recognised in [UN General Assembly resolution 70/169](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/169), 2015

**UN Treaty Body guidance**

* [CESCR General Comment 15: the right to water](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2FC.12%2F2002%2F11&Lang=en)
* For other relevant rights see General Comments in Handout 1-3

Handout 5: Key rights related to climate change

**Key articles in international and regional human rights law**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Right | UDHR | ICCPR | ICESCR | CEDAW | CRPD | IAC | AUP |
| Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies |  |  |  |  | 11 | 29 | 14 |
| Life | 3 | 6 |  |  | 10 | 6 |  |
| Health | 25 |  | 12 |  |  |  | 19 |  | 15 |
| Freedom from violence, abuse and neglect |  |  |  |  | 16 | 9 | 8, 9 |
| Access to information |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participation | 21 & 27 | 25 |  | 7 | 29 & 30 | 8 & 27 | 17 |
| Access to justice | 6, 8, 9, 10 & 11 | 2, 14, 15 & 16 |  |  | 5, 12 & 13 | 31 | 4 |
| Housing  (adequate standard of living) | 25.1 |  | 11.1 | 14 | 2 & 9 | 24 |  |
| Food (adequate standard of living) | 25 |  | 11 |  | 28 |  |  |
| Water and sanitation (adequate standard of living) |  |  | 11.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Clean, healthy and sustainable environment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**UN Human Rights Body reports**

* OHCHR report
* IE report
* Also see General Comments in Handout 1-4

Handout 6: Group exercise

### What should be included in the UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons?

Older persons should be defined as: …

The general principles of the Convention should include: …

To tackle ageism, the Government should have to: …

There should be a specific right on:

…

…

…

…

…

Handout 7: Quiz

**Question 1.** A binding treaty on the human rights of older persons exists in which of the following regions?

Africa

Americas

Arab region

Europe

South-East Asia

**Question 2.** True or false? Older persons have the right to make their own decisions about their health and care, unless they live in residential care facilities.

True

False

**Question 3.** Older people have the right to participate in public and political life. This means that:

They have the right to vote and be elected.

They have the right to participate in the development and implementation of policies.

They have the right to equal access to public service positions.

All of the above

**Question 4.** While human rights apply in situations of conflict, Governments can derogate from all of them in situations of emergency.

True

False

**Question 5.** What are some of the reasons that older people’s rights are not adequately protected? Select all the correct answers.

Ageism affects laws and policies.

Older people do not face as many challenges as other marginalised groups.

There is no clear prohibition of age discrimination in human rights law.

There is no specific human rights monitoring body for older people.

**Question 6.** True or false? A new UN Convention can help change the way we think about ageing and older people.

True

False