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  |

**UN Treaty Body guidance**

* [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