

Report for Japan: Egypt's 2019 UPR Recommendations and Proposed Actions for 2025

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1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue and strengthen policies to protect and promote the rights of refugees and minorities.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report highlights its role as a host country for refugees and asylum seekers, offering some access to education and healthcare services. However, refugees and minorities face challenges in accessing legal protections, employment opportunities, and comprehensive social services. Refugees often encounter legal and bureaucratic barriers that limit their ability to integrate fully into society.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 1: Egypt should enhance protections for refugees and minorities by expanding access to legal assistance, education, healthcare, and employment. The government should establish specific programs to support the social integration of refugees and ensure that minority rights are fully protected.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What specific measures has Egypt taken to improve legal protections and social services for refugees?
- How does Egypt ensure that minorities receive equal access to employment, education, and healthcare?

2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Take further measures to promote and protect women's rights.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report references the National Strategy for Women's Empowerment 2030 and some initiatives aimed at promoting women's rights. However, issues such as gender-based violence, discrimination in personal status laws, and barriers to women's participation in political and economic spheres persist. Comprehensive legal and policy reforms are needed to ensure full gender equality in line with international standards.

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Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 2: Egypt should strengthen its legal framework to eliminate gender-based discrimination and violence, with specific reforms to personal status laws. The government should implement programs that promote women's economic and political participation and establish clear monitoring mechanisms to track progress.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What legal reforms has Egypt implemented to further promote and protect women's rights?
- How does Egypt monitor and evaluate progress in gender equality, particularly regarding violence against women and women's economic participation?

3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue to take concrete measures to eliminate discrimination against, and stigmatization of, persons affected by leprosy and their families.**Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report does not specifically address anti-stigmatization efforts for persons affected by leprosy and their families. Although Egypt has made progress in healthcare access, people affected by leprosy still face social stigma and discrimination, limiting their integration and access to support networks. There is a need for targeted awareness campaigns to reduce stigma and discrimination.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 3: Egypt should implement awareness campaigns to reduce the stigma surrounding leprosy and provide social and psychological support for those affected and their families. The government should ensure that healthcare services for leprosy are accessible and that anti-discrimination policies are enforced.

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Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What steps has Egypt taken to eliminate discrimination and stigma against persons affected by leprosy?
- How does Egypt provide support to individuals and families affected by leprosy to aid their social integration?

Conclusion

Japan's 2019 recommendations encouraged Egypt to enhance protections for refugees, promote women's rights, and eliminate stigma against individuals affected by leprosy. While Egypt's National Report outlines some steps, significant gaps remain in legal reforms, social support for refugees, and public awareness efforts. The proposed recommendations for 2025 highlight the need for targeted initiatives to promote inclusivity and eliminate discrimination in line with international standards.

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