

Social Cohesion and Human Rights



WHAT IS SOCIAL COHESION?

Social cohesion is the **extent of trust within both society and institutions**, and the **willingness to participate collectively** toward a shared vision of **sustainable peace and common development goals**. It emphasizes tolerance of, and respect for diversity in religion, ethnicity, economic situation, political preferences, sexuality, gender, and age. - **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

WHY IS SOCIAL COHESION IMPORTANT?



Foster Peace and Prevents Conflict

Strengthening social cohesion is essential to counter hate speech, identity-based conflicts and violence.



Promotes Democracy and Inclusion

Social cohesion builds trust in governance and ensures fair, inclusive decision-making.

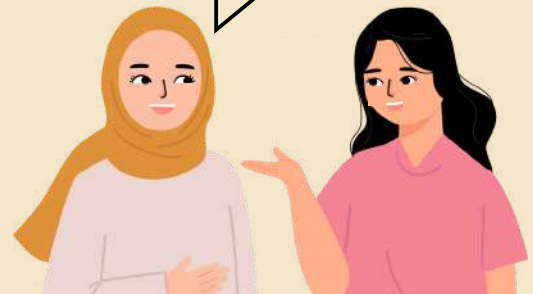


Protects Human Rights

Upholding social cohesion aligns with human rights principles to build peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.



Did you know? The **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)** promotes equality, dignity, and non-discrimination. Scan this QR code to learn more!



SOCIAL COHESION: CHALLENGES AND POSITIVE IMPACT



Remember, here's how we can build social cohesion through human rights-based approach.



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Integrating Human Rights Principles

Promote equality, non-discrimination, and the protection of diverse identities in all settings.

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Ensuring Social Inclusion and Participation

Governments and stakeholders must ensure equal participation to strengthen inclusive policies.

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Applying Effective Conflict Mediation Strategies

Integrating 'Do No Harm' approach and conflict sensitivity into social cohesion programming.

