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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SUBMISSION ON PRIORITY TARGET SECTORS AND THEMATIC HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES FOR THE FIFTH PHASE OF THE WORLD PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

Amnesty International welcomes the call for inputs from stakeholders on the upcoming fifth phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education and is pleased to share consolidated inputs from the Amnesty International movement. This submission represents the priorities shared by Amnesty's Human Rights Education Network.

Human Rights Education (HRE) is core to Amnesty's work, and in 2022 we reached more than 4 million people through our HRE, in more than 60 countries. Education for and about human rights has a critical role to play in the context of the deterioration of respect for human rights across the globe, where shrinking civic space, conflict, the climate crisis, and discrimination have led to mass violations of human rights in 2022 ([Amnesty International, 2023](#)).

Amnesty International acknowledges the relevance of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (WPHRE), and the crucial work done by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to guide and advance the implementation of the great variety of human rights education programmes in all sectors around the world.

Amnesty International's HRE occurs through formal and non-formal spaces, and more than 70% of HRE is with children and young people. The organisation's HRE supports learning on diverse human rights issues, among them, political and civil rights, climate and human rights, economic, social and cultural rights, LGBTI rights, gender rights and the rights of refugees.

In regard to the fifth phase of the WPHRE, Amnesty International stresses the need to ensure HRE is directed in support of rights of marginalised groups.

Amnesty International's HRE Network noted the importance of reaching a wide variety of target sectors, notably children and young people, so as to ensure that

human rights education is taken into account in a holistic way in the curriculum and the school space, and that human rights are transmitted and learned as current and daily issues.

The HRE Network also noted the need to reach a wide range of adults, noting the importance of HRE for journalists, including digital media; civil society organisations; health care professionals; and law enforcement officials.

Amnesty International encourages the OHCHR, the Human Rights Council, and other national and international actors, to adopt a holistic and intersectional lens to support access to HRE for as many people as possible, both inside and outside the school environment. HRE contributes to the spread of rights-respecting public narratives and strengthening rights-respecting societies.

Priority Target Sectors:

- Children and young people;
- Minority and/or marginalised groups (i.e., Indigenous Peoples, racialised communities; LGBTI people; refugees and forcibly displaced people); Professional groups (i.e., journalists, health professionals; law and enforcement)

Thematic Human Rights Issues:

- Discrimination
- Gender
- Climate change
- Freedom of Expression
- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights