**Template for UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to Gather Case Studies in combatting racial discrimination and strengthening protection of minorities from the UN country teams and humanitarian teams**

Deadline: **31 August 2021**

**Background**

At its September 2020 meeting, the [UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Minorities/Pages/UNNetworkRacialDiscriminationProtectionMinorities.aspx) (“the Network”) agreed that it would be important to compile and disseminate a document on good practices in combatting racial discrimination and strengthening protection of minorities in programming. Senior UN officials strongly endorsed this goal at their November 2020 meeting, and the activity has been duly included in the Network’s 2021 Work Plan.

The current document is a template for Network members to use in gathering examples of programmes from colleagues in UN country teams and offices. It is intended solely to assist in the gathering of information and is not intended as a strict or limiting framework. The Network intends to publish at the end of 2021 a compilation of these case studies from a diversity of contexts. The case study publication is intended as a follow-up to the Network’s 2020 [**Checklist to strengthen UN work at country level to combat racial discrimination and advance minority rights**](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Minorities/AnnotatedChecklist.docx).

The Network seeks examples of programmes from all parts of the globe and the broadest plurality of contexts. Of particular interest are:

* inter-agency collaboration to combat racial discrimination and protection of minorities
* work highlighting particular domains (such as health, education, employment, media, criminal justice, local community empowerment)
* work highlighting intersectionality and/or the empowerment of particular segments of minority communities (women and girls, LGBTI, etc.)
* programmes that have been evaluated and impact can be measured.

Material gathered here is intended for publication by the Network. As such, no material should be included in response which (1) is confidential; or (2) may plausibly lead to human rights protection or related threats to any person or community; or (3) includes personal information, if full, free and informed consent for the specific use of the information (publication has not been sought and received), this includes any pictures of rights-holders; or (4) is intellectual content (such as photographs or other graphic elements where rights have not been secured from the owner or rights-holder). Questions in this regard may be directed to: [ccahn@ohchr.org](mailto:ccahn@ohchr.org).

In describing good practices, please kindly use clear, accessible language, spell out all acronyms at first use, and write for UN personnel who do not have specific technical expertise in the area of addressing racism and advancing minority rights, as well as for non-UN lay-people.

**Template**

1. **Title**
2. **Summary**

Three lines summarizing the programme objective and its impact.

1. **Context**

1-2 paragraphs maximum setting out context. Any existing data on the particular group(s) benefitting from the programme or activity (baseline assessment) will be appreciated.

1. **Summary of the Action**
   1. paragraphs maximum summarizing what was done, by whom, when and where.
2. **Involved People and Institutions, including Minority Communities and Minority Human Rights Defenders Involved**

1-3 paragraphs describing involved parties and consultation and involvement of affected communities; section includes gender and intersectional aspects of consultation/inclusion.

1. **Challenges and Mitigation Strategies**

1-2 paragraphs maximum on challenges and how they were overcome.

1. **Impact**

1-2 paragraphs on the result of the action. Any evidence including evaluation reports, surveys etc to be linked/attached.

1. **What Should Happen Next**

1-2 paragraphs on how one might build on the example to develop to the next level. Any information on whether the experience appears to be replicable and/or transferable to a different context.

1. **Any Lessons Learned**

1-2 paragraphs on any lessons learned, what should be done differently next time, any unplanned results or negative impacts of the activity/programme.

1. **Photographs and other Graphic Content**

Photographs and other material illustrative of the action is very important. Please kindly submit high-resolution photographs, with description and permission to publish secured.

Example:

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3. Content
4. ….