

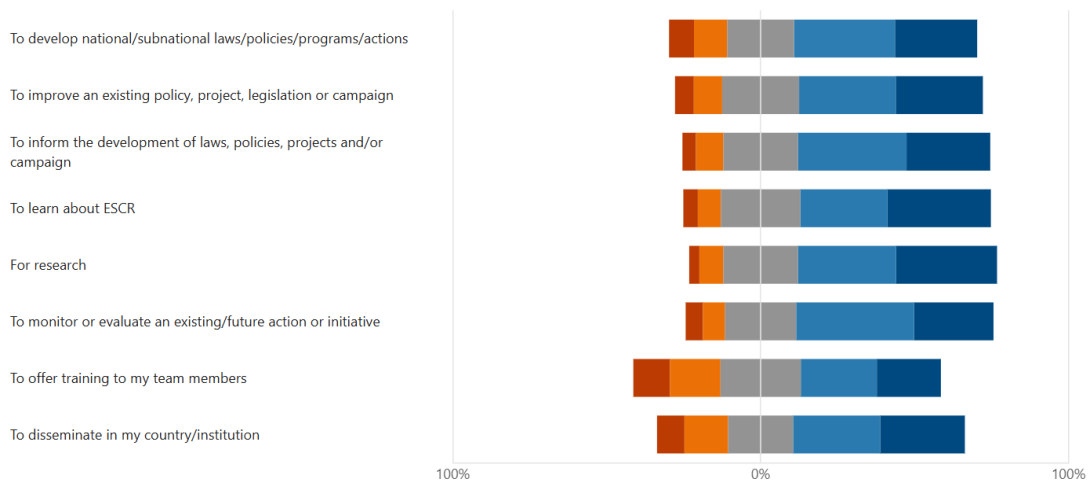
Needs Assessment for the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Knowledge Hub at OHCHR

Aggregate Responses

360 Responses received from 15 July to 17 September 2024

1. I need information about economic, social and cultural rights

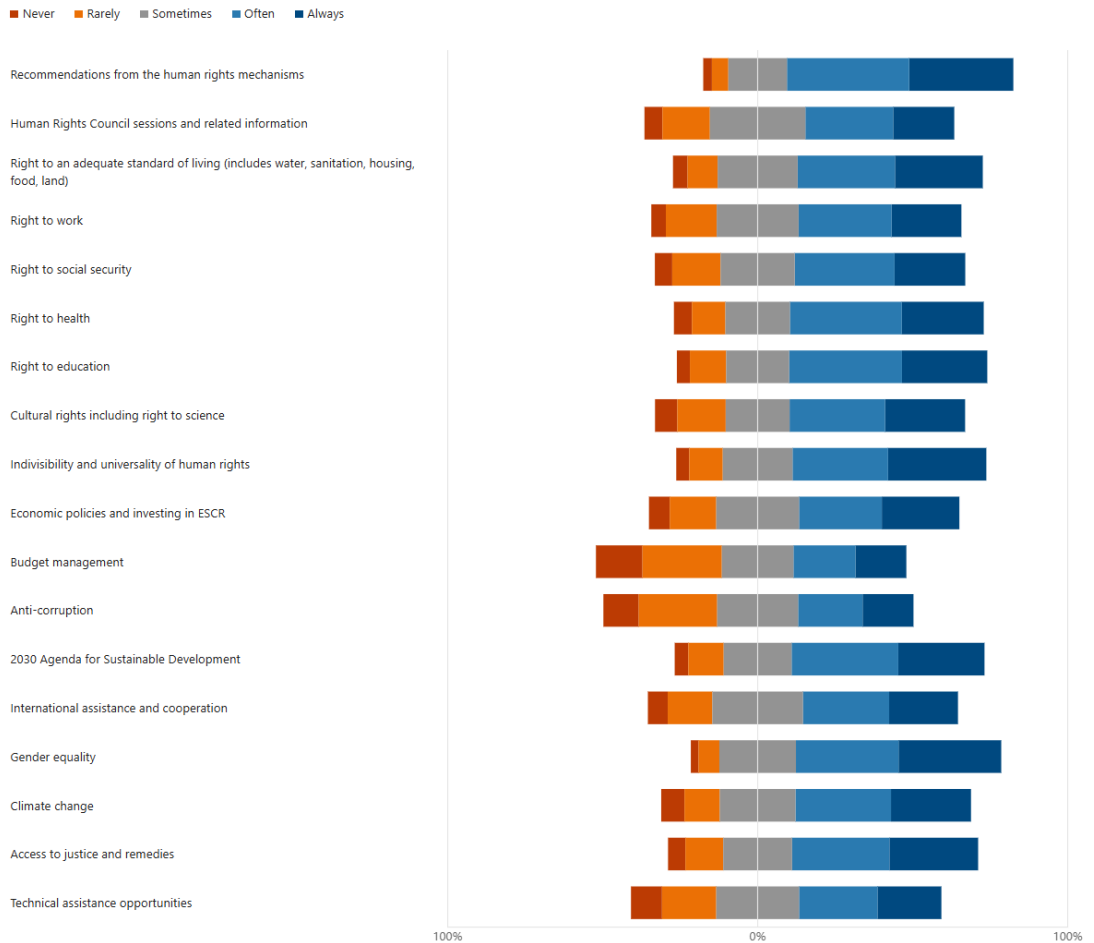
■ Never ■ Rarely ■ Sometimes ■ Often ■ Always



Additional information needs specified by respondents included:

- To work with other non-state actors, such as businesses.
- To disseminate information to other agencies, programmes and institutions belonging to the United Nations System. (Translated)
- To translate economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR) into tangible programmes and initiatives.
- To assess the attention given by the UN human rights ecosystem to ESCR.
- To follow OHCHR's work related to ESCR and the right to development and assess whether all human rights are treated in an equal and balanced manner as mandated.

2. What information about economic, social and cultural rights do you look for?

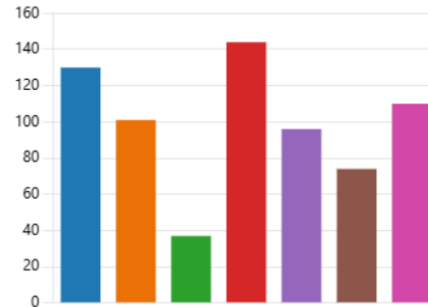


Additional information needs specified by respondents included:

- Economic, social and cultural rights of people with disabilities and those belonging to ethnic communities, as well as of women living in rural areas and community leaders. (Translated)
- ECSR of migrants and refugees, right to housing of migrants and refugees, state obligations, non-discrimination and ESCR, follow-up reports to the recommendations of HR mechanisms, General comments/recommendations, general/guiding principles, statements.
- Measuring non-retrogression and maximum available resources

3. Do you experience any of these challenges to access information on economic, social and cultural rights? (Please select all that apply)

●	Information is not available	130
●	Information in the language I speak is not available	101
●	Internet connectivity and lack of access to technology	37
●	Information is too lengthy	144
●	Information is not accessible	96
●	Low quality and credibility of information	74
●	Other	110



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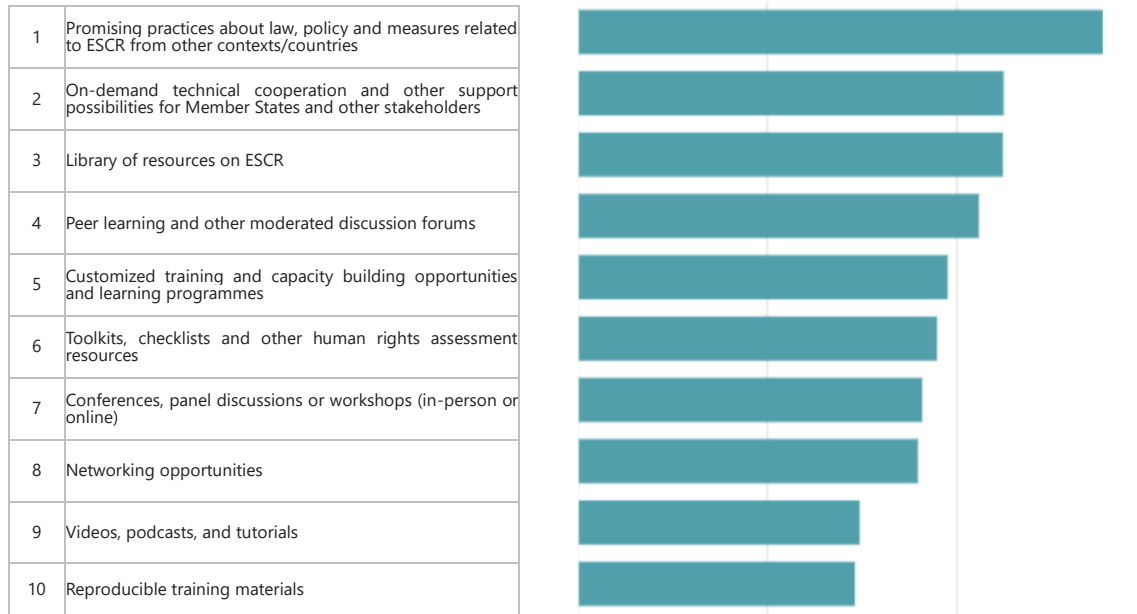
- The information about ESCR is scattered in different websites or sources. Usually, the websites or platforms are difficult to navigate, and the information is not easily found.
- The existing websites are not very easy to navigate to retrieve the information one is looking for.
- Finding the most relevant information and filtering may become challenging sometimes. Summaries of key documents are also needed.

4. Do you know about or use other hubs or resources about ESCR or related issues? Please indicate the name of the hubs and resources and any comments.

Highlighted Responses:

- General comments, statements, etc. of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. (Translated)
- Regional economic commissions and regional human rights mechanisms. (Translated)
- Websites of NGOs.
- Hubs and websites created by UN Agencies.

5. What content in the new ESCR knowledge hub would help your work? Please rank the list below in your order of preference, with number one being the most crucial one for you.



Additional information needs specified by respondents included:

- Centralising and making accessible avenues for informing and participating in the work of the ESC bodies to ensure effective participation of diverse voices and regions.
- Establish a mentorship program where experienced professionals can guide and support new or less experienced members in the field. Include case studies that highlight successful implementation of policies and practices, providing a practical perspective on overcoming challenges.
- Statistics and indicators as an overview of the application of rights at a global level. Possibility of carrying out online questionnaires and surveys. Online discussion forums.
(Translated)

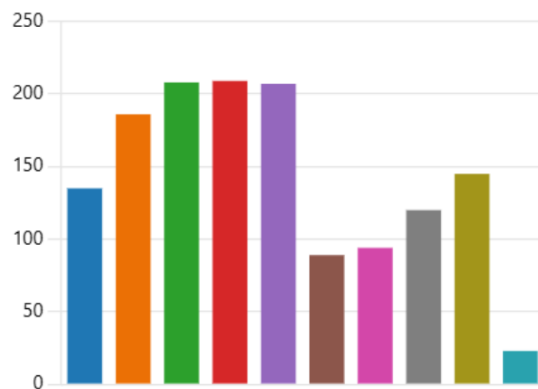
6. Please tell us what you would be available to contribute to the ESCR knowledge hub, how, and how often you would be willing to do it?

Highlighted Responses:

- Production of educational communication pieces and training workshops for mass, alternative, and community media at the national, departmental, and local levels, with an ethnic, gender, and human rights focus. (Translated)
- Training on ESCR rights in Arabic, producing learning tools and products (videos, infographics, etc.) in Arabic (and English), developing exercises and initiatives on ESCR (moot court competition, research competition, etc.) in Arabic, General knowledge sharing products, and organizing "regional" initiatives related to ESCR in the Arab region in Arabic.
- To contribute as a global enterprise, on the one hand, we will carry out our own practices/pilots in protecting the economic, social and cultural rights of stakeholders such as enterprises, supply chains, and communities, especially in overseas co-construction. On the other hand, we can pass on our experience to industry and value chain partners to strengthen the new energy industry chain's understanding and fulfillment of the responsibility to respect economic, social and cultural rights. We would be willing to make this an ongoing effort. (Translated)

7. How would you like to receive information from the ESCR knowledge hub once it is launched? Please select all that apply

	Notifications	135
	Broadcast emails	186
	Regular newsletter	208
	Thematic reports	209
	Analytical briefs	207
	Podcasts	89
	Videos	94
	Social media	120
	Regular capacity-building program	145
	Other	23



Additional information needs specified by respondents included:








- Email distribution for specific, important and "urgent" issues. (Translated)
- Community of Practice (Translated)
- Seminars

8. Is there anything else you would like to share?

Highlighted Responses:

- I am excited about the opportunity to enhance my skills and knowledge in ESCR through capacity-building programs. I'm passionate about ongoing learning and self-improvement, and I appreciate your support.
- This is an important and timely initiative, and I look forward to contributing to its success.
- Fragmentation of information on ESCR and related topics represents a significant challenge. When the necessary data and resources are dispersed in different places, finding and consolidating information becomes a difficult and time-consuming task. This problem not only increases search time but can also lead to inconsistencies and difficulties in validating information. Furthermore, fragmentation can create barriers to effective collaboration between different actors and organizations. It is crucial to promote initiatives that centralize and facilitate the exchange of information to improve the accessibility and coherence of available resources on ESCR. (Translated)

9. Please choose one of the options below that best identifies you and your affiliation.

	Government	125
	Civil Society	88
	UN Staff	78
	UN independent expert	18
	Regional human rights mechanism	5
	Private sector	8
	Other	38

