HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

The World Health Organization (WHO) Director General’s recent remarks on COVID-19 emphasized that “All countries must strike a fine balance between protecting health, minimizing economic and social disruption, and respecting human rights”.

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and it is the dignity and rights of those most vulnerable that requires additional attention in COVID-19 response.

Human rights guarantees and protections require special measures be put in place to ensure protection from discrimination and to ensure access to information, social services, health care, social inclusion, and education for vulnerable groups in national COVID-19 responses.