



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has turned 70. However, the global fight to protect people from despotism, violence, and the deprivation of their basic human rights is far from over.

Human rights are in multiple ways also endangered in Germany and we are currently experiencing an increase in the systematic exclusion of certain people.

Even the constitutional right to the so-called "minimum socio-cultural subsistence level" is under attack. That means the acknowledgement of the basic needs of every human being in order to enable their participation in society is being increasingly undermined - in the Hartz IV system, the health care for homeless people or in the Asylum-seeker Benefits Act to name a few examples.

The Paritätische and its member organisations are fighting every day for the implementation and protection of basic human rights.

"People, you got rights!" doesn't mean to ask for support but to stand up for basic human rights. Only those who know their rights can fight for them!

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70 years of the
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights



“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”.

The very first article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees equal rights and freedom for everyone in the world, irrespective of skin colour, gender, language, religion, political or social position, ethnic and social origin.

All members of the United Nations adopted the Declaration and committed themselves to these rights. Since its publication, the human rights have been included in numerous international agreements, international conventions and national constitutions.

The Paritätische and its member organisations are advocating for the basic, social and individual human rights on a daily basis. Through our work we know that those basic rights are often violated and even denied. We know that we must fight for their maintenance and development.

The human right to housing demands the availability and protection of adequate living space. However, the number of homeless people in Germany is also increasing, despite its obligations under international law. There is not only a lack of affordable and decent housing, but also of a non-discriminatory access to housing.

The human right to health demands the highest attainable level of physical and mental health for everyone. However, the access to adequate health care is restricted for many people worldwide, including Germany. Quite often, the access to appropriate medical treatment depends on the size of your wallet.

The right to protection, refuge and assistance plays a central role in the Declaration of Human Rights. There are considerable deficits in its implementation in many areas worldwide – also in Germany – even though there is no direct threat.

The path from the declaration of intent to the concrete implementation of the right to education is, even today, full of obstacles. Above all, many children from socially disadvantaged families are denied the realisation of their rights.

Everyone has the right not only to be part of society, but to participate in it actively. Being excluded from participation in political, social, cultural or economic life ultimately jeopardises the realization of democracy and undermines the trust in its institutions.

Every person has the right to self-determination, that means to shape one's own affairs freely and without the interference of other people or the state. However, especially the needs and expectations of people in need are often questioned or ignored.

The list could go on and on and illustrates that the principles and ideas stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights play an outstanding role in social work.