

Round 6

Africa Integrity Indicators

Category

Rights

Indicator 72

The government protects ethnic minorities from discrimination

Scoring
Criteria

An official mechanism is accessible to most members of minority ethnic groups, receives and investigates complaints of ethnic discrimination, has been proactive in the last year and has implemented programs such as awareness campaigns designed to reduce or combat discrimination

In Practice

-  **Namibia** is the only country with legal guarantees for ethnic minorities which are also effectively implemented in practice. All ethnic groups are able to access to the Ombudsman through decentralized offices. The government, however, does not support ethnic minorities, who often lack essential needs, through targeted policy.
-  While **Tanzania** does not officially recognize the existence of ethnic minorities, its Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance in 2017 has identified four indigenous groups and retains the mandate to receive and address matters pertaining to rights of communities considered in the minority.
-  **South Africa's** Human Rights Commission, constitutionally mandated with protecting ethnic minorities from discrimination, has reported the majority of complaints received were related to racial inequality over ethnic or social origin.

