

- Working Against Discrimination on the basis of sexuality in Africa.
- Working Against the Discrimination of People with Albinism.
- Working Against the Destruction of Africa's Environment.
- Working to Protect Africa's Girl-Child from cultural and other human rights.
- Working to Promote Women's welfare & Stop Domestic Violence against them.
- Working to Empower individuals through Education & Trainings.
- Working to protect minority rights including political & social rights.

The issues of human rights and humanitarian assistance are as old as mankind existence here on Mother Earth. Living documents like the **Magna Carta** began the discourse for human rights and individuals such as **Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Karamchand Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Rolihlaha Mandela, Ken Saro-Wiwa, Aung San Suu Kyi** and **Ebenezer Derek Mbongo Akwanga** have reiterated in their individual messages in the causes of their people of the indivisibility of mankind and 'equality for all'.

The despicable atrocities of the second global violent confrontation which saw the horrific Holocaust of six million persons of Jewish extraction and millions of other casualties of war compel mankind to rethink on the pressing issue of promoting and protecting the basic human rights of humankind without limitations of boundaries, skin color, sex, religious and political lineage, language and other possible human differences. It was this reasoning which formed the basis of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of December 10, 1948. In its preamble, the **UDHR** recognizes that "the inherent dignity and...the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world...and that it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law..."

However, more than six decades after the 'Geneva Draft' and the passing of resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948 in Paris, the **UDHR** has faced and continue to experience tremendous resistance from State signatories, individuals and fundamentalist groups who continue to show gross "disregard and contempt for human rights [resulting] in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind", making it almost impossible for all peoples to experience "the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief

and freedom from fear and want...as the highest aspiration of the common people”.

Thus, as state parties to the **UDHR** and violent extremist groups flaunts every segment of the guiding principles that hold true to the universality of human rights, rapid cultural changes globally have expanded the scope of the human rights debate. It has moved from mere political rights which entails the rights and responsibilities of participating in the affairs of governance such as universal suffrage and involvement in governance, and economic rights such as the fight against poverty, affordable healthcare for all to the right of a decent education, the rights of lesbians, gays, bisexual, transgender, environmental rights, rights to natural resources, reproductive rights, albinism, rights of the widow and the unborn foetus – the struggle to keep the flames of the **UDHR** remain a heated discourse with the ever expanding concept and understanding of what exactly is human rights.

The **EAHRHI** is one amongst thousands of existing international non-governmental organizations in the world. The **EAHRHI** is not here to add to the numbers but to breathe a new air into an existing network of reputable human rights and humanitarian organizations that more often than not has opted for celebrity status than working with the understanding of the changing dynamics of abusive state signatories and shockingly violent extremist groups to the UDHR. At times, the issue of human rights is seen from a context of ‘winning a peace prize than winning the peace’. And in this regard, persons with true-life touching personal struggles, real champions of human rights who have battled immeasurable odds with little or no external support, are often considered as ‘inconsequential’ in the human rights debate. These human rights activists and campaigners, real heroes to the cause but not darling to the celebrity-picking media houses are condemned to the dustbin of history. This epitomizes our honoree, the story of **Ebenezer Akwanga**, and the **EAHRHI** is founded on the premise that no other human rights activist or campaigner should be erroneously abandoned to the whims and caprices of brutal state signatories, to the diabolic machinery of torture with impunity by individuals sponsored by a state.

The **EAHRHI** is here to uplift the values of human dignity and humanitarian ethics, through education, skills development, humanitarian assistance and human empowerment. To enable the flourishing of an informed, educated, and

entrepreneurial-minded youth by reinforcing their capacities, equipping them with integrated knowledge and life-time skills so as to permit them access opportunities and reassert their right to life, dignity and the pursuit of happiness.

The **EAHRHI** is dedicated to shifting the dynamics of human rights activism from the traditional approach to a more innovative & proactive perspective. Usually, activists tend to abandon victims as soon as they make initial progress in assisting them. For instance, victims of illegal detention & torture often don't get adequate support as case workers don't take further steps to help victims overcome the trauma they were subjected to.

At **EAHRHI**, we have developed an effective mechanism that incorporates the humanitarian factors into our human rights activities. We provide counselling and rehabilitation services for victims of illegal detention & torture, rape, domestic violence, child abuse and discrimination. The aim here is to ensure that the victims get the necessary support that will help them integrate with the larger society and cope with their daily lives. We also follow up on them until they have fully recovered and are able to get on in life unassisted.

Our professionals work round the clock in partnership with governments, organizations and agencies to rehabilitate victims of various human right abuses. More so, from our distribution networks, we make available relief materials like clothes, food and cash donations to victims undergoing rehabilitation.

The **EAHRHI** is fully dedicated in its pursuit for the defense of human rights no matter who the violator is known to be; we are dedicated in protection of the girl-child and all forms of violence against women; we are dedicated in the protection of the environment, supporting the rights of minorities and protecting the inalienable right to life of the albinos. The **EAHRHI** hold firmly to the thoughts of the late United States Civil Rights Leader, The **Rt. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** that ***“whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly!”***