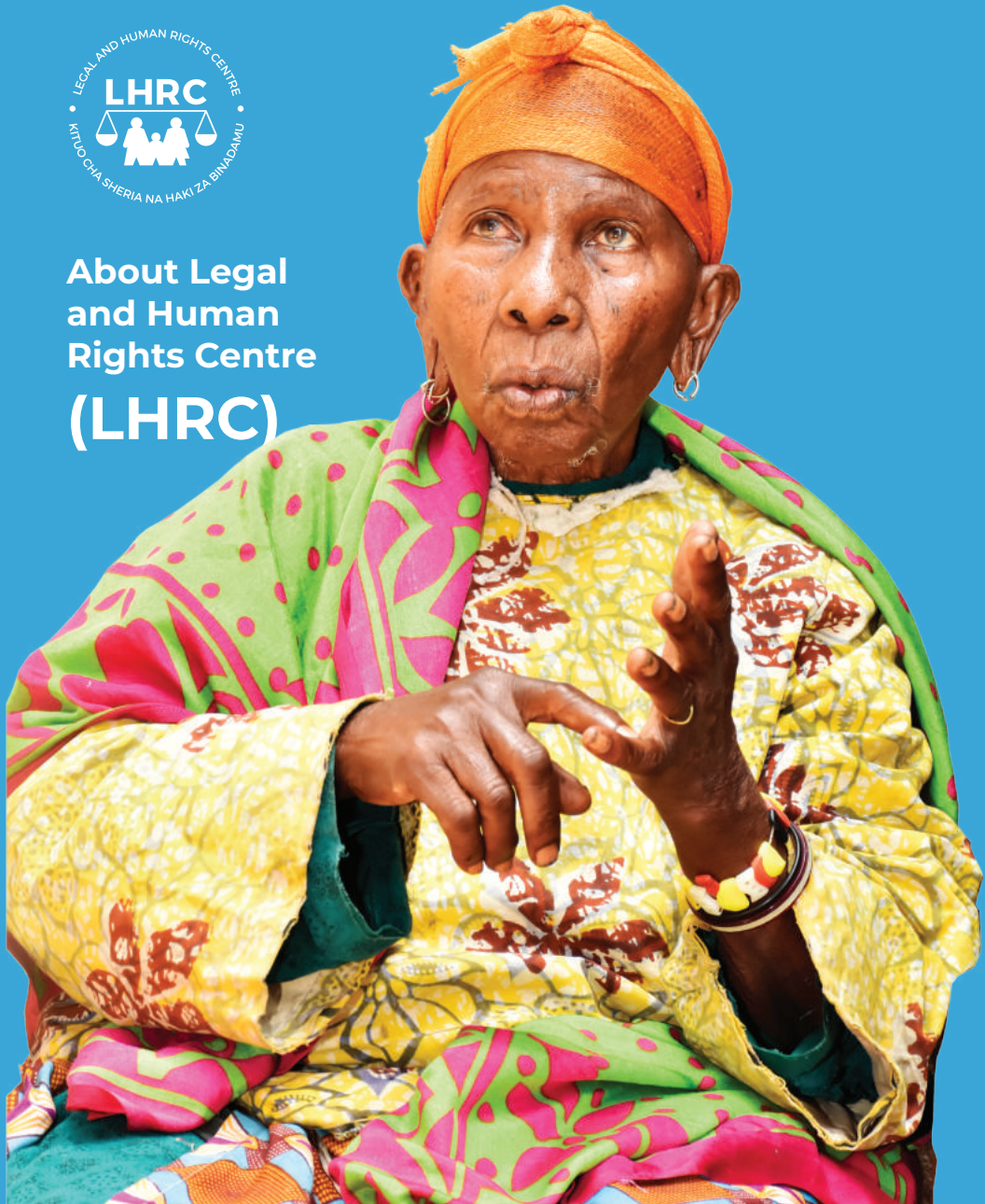




About Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC)



For a Just and Equitable Society



Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) is the Tanzania's human rights advocacy organization. LHRC was established in 1995 as a non-governmental, voluntary, non-partisan and not-for-profit sharing organization, with the purpose of working to empower and conscientize the people of Tanzania on legal and human rights.



How did LHRC Emerge?

LHRC was formed by lecturers of the then University of Dar es Salaam's Faculty of Law, seeking to enhance knowledge on human rights and support access to justice mainly through legal aid provision. In the course of their work they witnessed increasing violation of human rights which triggered the establishment of an autonomous institution to respond to the outcry. They founded the Tanzania Legal Education Trust (TANLET) within the University, and later the LHRC as an autonomous NGO.

September 26
1995

FOUNDERS

Prof. Costa Ricky Mahalu
Dr. Ringo Tenga
Dr. Sengondo Mvungi (the late)
Dr. Harrison Mwakyembe
Dr. Wilbert Kapinga

Our Coverage



LHRC has four offices with her head office at Kijitonyama in Dar es Salaam, the Model Legal Aid Clinic office located in Kinondoni (Dar es Salaam) and other two sub-offices in Arusha and Dodoma.

LHRC work is far stretched to the grassroots covering all 138 districts of Tanzania mainland with specific interventions in Zanzibar.

Through her well designated programs LHRC is found in remote areas of the country, raising awareness and providing support to enable citizens to re-imagine their communities and increase their ability to solve some of their problems amicably, without necessarily engaging in protracted legalities.



Our Vision

LHRC envisages “a Just and Equitable Society” a society where - the three arms of state [parliament, judiciary and the executive] as well as non-state actors practice accountability, transparency and there is rule of law; and where there is public awareness, respect and engagement for human rights and good governance; and where justice and respect for human dignity are reality.



Our Mission

Our Mission is to empower the public and promote, reinforce and safeguard human rights and good governance in Tanzania through legal and civic education and information; sound legal research and advice; monitoring and follow-up of human rights violations; and advocacy for reforms of policies, laws and practices in conformity with international human rights standards.

Our Values

Integrity



LHRC upholds ethical principles and strong moral uprightness which means doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

Accountability



LHRC is accessible and openly accountable, positioning herself where people know LHRC's responsibilities, and are able to ask for explanations, and give feedback on their experiences of the LHRC.

Equality and Diversity



LHRC treats individuals or groups of individuals fairly and equally, LHRC does not discriminate against her clients or employees on any grounds.

Transparency



Unless confidentiality is required, LHRC ensures that constituents and stakeholders are fully aware of LHRC's actions, management and financial situation.

Professionalism



Members of LHRC conduct themselves with competence, respect and courtesy in engagement with constituents, stakeholders and duty bearers

Voluntarism and Volunteerism



LHRC operates in a spirit of volunteerism, undertaking responsibilities willingly and with dedication and commitment beyond the value of financial rewards or material benefit.



Evolution

Since inception LHRC has thought big and responded boldly to a range of issues. LHRC has articulated and given visibility to human rights issues in the country, built relationship with the communities and strengthened social and emotional capitals. LHRC has built capacities of young lawyers most of whom are now fearless activists and front-line human rights defenders both in Tanzania and away from Tanzania.

LHRC has trained paralegals, human rights monitors, and volunteers and provided capacity building to civil society organizations. LHRC has organized human rights campaigns on specific issues such civil and political rights, created spaces for citizens to air their views and complaints related to social justice and documented stories of abuse of human rights as well as positive stories.

Generally, LHRC has grown to be known as a human rights watch dog, pace setter, bold and serious organization as well as the flag bearer of human rights in Tanzania.



Strategic Direction 2019-2024

The overall goal of LHRC's work is to contribute to an improved state of human rights in Tanzania. We hope to do this through five interrelated strategic objectives, four of which address human rights issues in the general population, and one that addresses LHRC's continued effectiveness to execute its mandate.

The LHRC interventions in the period of 2019-2024 focus on the three major thematic areas that are;

1. Civil and Political Rights
2. Socio-economic and environmental Rights
3. Collective Rights including Rights of Women, Children, and Persons with Disabilities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1

To deepen the understanding and respect for Human Rights among rights holders and duty bearers that will entrench a culture of human rights in Tanzania

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

To advocate for improvement of rule of law, civic space, democracy, constitutional and legal reforms

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

To promote socio-economic and environmental compliance, accountability and justice

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4

To improve the legal and policy frameworks governing specific rights of women, children and persons with disabilities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 5

To improve the effectiveness of LHRC in delivering its mandate





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about the protection
and promotion
of Human Rights?

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Our Programs



Legal Aid



**Women,
Children & PWDs**



Mass Education



Research



**Monitoring Democratic
Processes**



Strategic Litigation



**Legal and Policies
Reforms**



**Monitoring Human Rights
Violations**



**Human Rights
& Business**



**Youth
Empowerment**



Notable Achievements

LHRC contributes in so many ways in building a culture of human rights and justice in Tanzania.

Touching lives;

Through outreach initiatives, legal aid provision and projects implementation, LHRC has positively impacted lives of many Tanzanians. Marginalized groups counting women, children, PWDs and indigenous groups such as farmers and pastoralists benefit the most from LHRC interventions.



Imparting knowledge on human rights;

Through mass education programs and community engagement, LHRC has broadly created awareness of human rights to the members of the general public so that they can protect and claim their rights.

Notable Achievements

Agent of change;

Through human rights education and evidence based advocacy, LHRC has positively influenced change in behaviour and practices of both duty bearers and right holders towards protection and promotion of human rights and rule of law in Tanzania.

LHRC has exceptionally contributed to enactment and change of laws and policies that protect and promote human rights.

Human Rights Education Hub;

LHRC is a reference for human rights in Tanzania. LHRC researches and findings give the insight of human rights situation in Tanzania.

LHRC has consistently continued to produce the Tanzania Human Rights Report which depicts human rights situation both in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.



Drive for Accountability;

LHRC conducts strategic litigation and public interest cases for laws and policies reforms as well as enhanced accountability.



During implementation of her 2013-2018 strategic plan LHRC instituted a total of 18 strategic cases and 30 public interest cases for the purpose of guaranteeing accountability and rule of law among both rights holders and duty bearers.

The LHRC's Management

LHRC is a membership organization, governed by the members Annual General Meeting (AGM) which convenes each year. AGM appoints Board of Directors and approve the external auditors. It also receives the audited accounts reports of the organization. The Board of Directors supervises the management team while day-to-day LHRC's undertakings are supervised by the management team as depicted:



Anna Henga
Executive Director



Fulgence Massawe
Director of Advocacy
and Reforms



Silvian Sariko
Director of Finance
and Administration



Felista Mauya
Director of Empowerment
and Accountability

Resource Mobilization

LHRC's operational budget varies between \$ 2.9 to \$ 3.5 million per annum. To raise funds for the budget, LHRC develops strategic plans as a tool to solicit funds while responding to various calls for funding proposals. More than half of LHRC funding comes from bilateral donors who account for more than 80% of the core funding and the remaining 20% from multilateral donors, foundations, philanthropists and LHRC members.



Development Partners

Our core partners supporting the implementation of our current Strategic Plan 2019-2024



Norwegian Embassy



Irish Aid

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



Ministry for Foreign
Affairs of Finland

Partners supporting our cause in projects basis

Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania

Embassy of Denmark in Tanzania

Internews

DANIDA

Foundation for Civil Society

ICNL

Equality Now

ViiV Health Care



Our Products

1. Tanzania Human Rights Report

Annually produced report to depict human rights situation in Tanzania.

2. Tanzania Human Rights and Business Report

Annually produced report to depict the situation of human rights and business in Tanzania.

3. Mlinzi wa Haki Newsletter

A newsletter on human rights developments and LHRC work produced in quarterly basis

4. Haki Kiganjani

Human rights reporting system where members of the public can send in reports on human rights violations through SMS, Mobile App and web addresses

5. Haki TV

Online TV which seeks to promote human rights awareness among Tanzanians

6. Majimaji Awards

Awards prepared and presented by LHRC to outstanding human rights activists in Tanzania

7. Katiba Database

Online resource hub for constitutional materials



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Scalability and sustainability of our cause depend on people like you

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