



THE EAST AFRICAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



OURPROFILE

Enhancing the Realisation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in East Africa

About EACHRights

EACHRights was founded in May 2010 and registered as a Trust in Kenya in November of the same year. The organization was established to undertake human rights work within a regional context. Its creation followed consultations with academics and human rights practitioners from United Kingdom, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia. These consultations revealed a lacuna with regard to economic, social and cultural rights in Kenya, and within the East African region.

A concept paper was written in December 2010 which indicated that there were new developments and opportunities in the country that needed to be exploited, namely the promulgation of the Constitution of the Republic of Kenya, 2010, the developments at the African Court of Human and People's Rights, the developments at the East African Court of Justice (EACJ), the developments at the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), the adoption of the Optional Protocol on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the ongoing judicial reforms in Kenya, the Vision 2030 and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to mention a few.

The organization is the first regional human rights institution of its kind in East Africa that seeks to initiate and implement programmes that will promote, protect and enhance human rights generally, but with special emphasis on the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. In order to avoid duplication and enhance synergies of efforts, due consideration was taken of the programmes being implemented and work being done by other human rights organizations in Kenya.

Mission & Vision

Vision

a society that respects and upholds human rights and human dignity

Mission

to promote social justice in East Africa through research, capacity building, advocacy and public interest litigation

Overall Objectives of EACHRights

- to be a leading think tank in the promotion, protection and enhancement of economic and social rights and equitable development among the vulnerable and marginalised groups
 - to expand within the East Africa region
 - to enhance institutional sustainability, visibility, programmes and capacity
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