



NATIONAL  
COALITION OF  
HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
DEFENDERS  
UGANDA

## NCHRD-U@10 YEARS

Celebrating a Decade of Protecting and Promoting  
Human Rights Defenders and their work



## The National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders-Uganda (NCHRD-U)

The National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U) is a legally registered organization of individuals and organizations working to promote the protection of Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) in Uganda. NCHRD-U provides a platform for promoting synergy, cooperation, collaboration and sharing of best practices among HRDs in Uganda.

In June 2013, the coalition was formed to provide a structured, inclusive and consistent platform to enable HRDs galvanize efforts of the different HRD players; and bring together the isolated and divided voices into a unified and bigger voice required to undertake collective advocacy on the most pressing challenges of HRDs in Uganda. NCHRD-U focuses its work in all the regions in Uganda and embraces all defenders regardless of race, colour, gender, religion or political affiliation.



**Vision:** A society that upholds the rights and freedoms of every human rights defender



**Mission:** To protect and promote the work of HRDs in a safe and secure environment through linkages with national, regional, and international like-minded entities



**Core Values:** Integrity, Inclusiveness, Confidentiality, Transparency and Responsiveness.



**Institutional objectives:**

- To create an avenue for collective response to threats against HRDs
- To coordinate other civil society organizations in promoting safety and security of HRDs.
- To improve protection mechanisms, safety, and security of HRDs in Uganda individually and at organizational level.
- To advocate and raise public awareness and profiles of HRDs in the country.

## Foreword

As we mark 10 years of existence, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those who have played a part in the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U)'s journey to protect and promote Human Rights Defenders. From its humble beginning in 2013, (NCHRD-U) has grown to become a coalition with over 200 individuals.

I want to thank the human rights defenders for accepting to be part of the coalition. Sincere appreciation goes to the founder members and organizations for their support through the years. I deeply appreciate the Board for the trust and confidence bestowed upon me to lead the Secretariat since 2017 to date.

I want to say thank you to our international development partners for your firm faith in the Coalition's work. To the resilient members of the Secretariat; your unwavering dedication, and hard work have made a significant impact, and I am grateful for your contribution.

I invite you all to put on your dancing shoes and let us celebrate this milestone.

The team at the Secretariat has put this anniversary magazine together to record the voices of the numerous partners that have walked with NCHRD-U since its formation. I hope you enjoy reading partners' most memorable moments with the Coalition and what they consider the most significant impact of NCHRD-U.

Going forward, we commit to continue to work towards a society that upholds the rights and freedoms of every human rights defender.



**Robert R. Kirenga**  
Executive Director,  
NCHRD-U



# The Beginning — 2013







**Margaret Sekaggya**

Executive Director,  
Human Rights Centre  
Uganda  
(*Founder Member  
Organisation*)

At the beginning before the coalition was formed, institutions working to promote human rights in Uganda were implementing interventions in an isolated manner and they did not have a common voice.

So, in June 2013, a group organisations and individuals working to promote human rights came together and birthed the idea of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U). We sat together and started working on the modalities of setting up a coalition.

We set up NCHRD-U to bring people together and also help them understand that they were human rights defenders (HRDs).



**Yonah Wanjala**

Executive Director,  
Human Rights Centre  
Uganda  
(*Founder Member  
Organisation*)

Before the formation of NCHRD-U, the human rights space was fragmented and this created impact to human rights defenders. The coalition was formed in 2013 to bridge this gap to coordinate efforts to focus on the protection needs of human rights defenders from an informed perspective.

It is now 10 years down the road and we see that NCHRD-U has greatly contributed in this area. The coalition has also been able to rally forces to coordinate centers of excellence that provide these services and see to it that these centers of excellence collaborate and build a collective in the protection of human rights defenders.



**Hassan Shire**

DefendDefenders  
(*Founder Member  
Organisation*)

In 2006 and 2007, networks for human rights defenders were established in Kenya, Burundi, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Somali land, and Rwanda. As individuals and institutions working on promoting and protecting human rights, we finally agreed to establish a coalition in Uganda.

In June 2013, we convened a founders' meeting in Kampala and we came up with the formation of the coalition. We decided to make the coalition stand on its own and become a legal entity to do the work which had been tasked for the protection of human rights defenders in Uganda.



**Sheila Muwanga**  
Deputy Executive  
Director, Foundation for  
Human Rights Initiative  
(*Founder Member  
Organisation*)

As Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, we are really happy to associate with NCHRD-U as it marks 10 years of existence because many organizations in Uganda never live to see their 10th anniversary.

One of the reasons, we set up NCHRD-U was to bring human rights defenders in Uganda together to deliberate on issues affecting them. So, I can very confidently say that we are proud of the coalition.



**Tabitha Netuwa,**  
Senior Protection and  
Security Management  
Manager,  
DefendDefenders

## NCHRD-U - Amplifying voices of HRDs in Uganda

Human rights defenders (HRDs) in Uganda came together at the Speke Resort, Munyonyo in 2013 and committed to form a National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders. The smiles on everyone's face and the excitement in the room were contagious. I was glad to be part of that process and witness a historic moment in the protection of HRDs in Uganda.

NCHRD-U has indeed lived up to the expectations of its founding members. The secretariat, ably led by Mr. Robert R. Kirenga, has responded to the needs of HRDs, ensuring that the core mandate of the Coalition, which is protection for at risk HRDs is achieved.

The Coalition has amplified voices of HRDs, providing them with a platform at national level, for their concerns to be heard and addressed by duty bearers. We have seen the Coalition grow and we are proud of the strides made and the close working relationship we have with the secretariat.

NCHRD-U has successfully brought the issues of HRDs to national level discussions, claiming spaces that have not been available in the past. The profile of HRDs has been raised and they are now recognized as key actors in the communities in which they work and at national level. NCHRD-U should consolidate the achievements made and advocate for enactment of legislation at national level which recognizes, promotes, and protects the rights of HRDs.

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**Jennifer Achaloi**

1st Staff serving as the  
National Coordinator of  
NCHRD-U

The first years of NCHRD-U's existence were both exciting and challenging. There were a lot of grey areas in their formative stages, but working with experts and people that had been in the field longer made it easier as we kept giving focus and direction to the coalition on issues concerning its structure, membership, and thematic focus.

One of the core reasons for formation of the coalition was to have a space where members felt safe. A space where they could speak about issues that affect them and get support from one another. For example, before the coalition was formed, members would face a lot of issues and each one had to respond on their own, there was no one else to hold your hand and walk with you on the journey.

But with the presence of the coalition that has greatly changed. Knowing that there is a place to run to when in need of help that alone provides a safety net for HRDs in the country and we cannot take that for granted. Existing for 10 years is one of our greatest highlights because there are so many organizations that die at the initial stages. I am glad that I contributed to something that still exists and prevails after my departure.

## Formation and journey of NCHRD-U – A Treasured Memory

In March 2013, DefendDefenders assigned me a role to research national coalition models in the East and Horn region with the view of benchmarking their protection models. The HRD concept was also a relatively new concept at the time and the task to convene a national convention to discuss the necessity and generate consensus on the coalition was initiated and several meetings with national NGOs were undertaken.

I was at the center of it, and I remember vividly the enthusiasm of many grassroots HRDs from across the country. NCHRD-U was eventually launched on 13th June, 2013 with an initial 58 members. After its formation, we experienced numerous turbulent times but we were always encouraged by the desire and passion of HRDs on the ground. In 2017, NCHRD-U underwent restructuring that brought in Robert R. Kirenga as the Executive Director and this inspired numerous changes including holding our second AGM in April 2018 which proposed constitutional reforms, brought on a new board and technical thematic working groups.

In 2020, HRDs across Uganda faced huge COVID-19 related challenges. As



**Edward Serucaca**

Former Advocacy and  
Networking Officer



NCHRD-U planned for the International Human Rights Defenders commemoration on 9th December 2020, I presented to colleagues from DefendDefenders the idea of introducing an award to recognize HRDs who, despite the difficulties COVID-19 presented, continued to work and exhibit resilience. The idea was accepted and the awards were launched. The awards are now a source of inspiration, hope and goodwill for HRDs that struggle through difficult circumstances to stand up for human rights.

In my view, the most significant impact of the NCHRD-U, over the last 10 years, has been its convening capacity on key HRD issues. Whenever there has been a pressing HRD issue, NCHRD-U has stepped up to generate discussion and consensus on these issues. Many civil society organizations and state actors have confidence in the work of NCHRD-U. For example, in 2020, NCHRD-U was unanimously selected by close to 300 national and sub-national organizations to steer the 3rd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review process. NCHRD-U has also been able to set up a robust protection mechanism with a clear structured National Referral Network launched in 2019. This has over the years provided much needed protection and support to over 300 HRDs in need, restoring hope among HRDs and enabling them to continue their work.

Moving forward, NCHRD-U should leverage on this convening capacity to continue bringing together HRDs with a view to creating a critical mass. The Coalition should continue to focus on building the capacities of its members on financial accountability, systems, legal compliance and programming and this will reinforce the strength of the coalition if it has strong members. Additionally, NCHRD-U will need to chart out a sustainability strategy from its various lessons over the years and this can be through engagements with universities, mentorships and grooming a new crop of HRDs.



**Brenda Kugonza**

4th Staff serving as the  
Second National  
Coordinator of NCHRD-U

I joined the coalition when it had already been formed in 2015. At that time the coalition was still at the initial stage. The Coalition had few staff, no strategic plan and no funding. We were still trying to figure out how to streamline programs and respond to the needs of human rights defenders.

I recall we did a lot of work in fundraising for the coalition to support building regional networks and I am glad that my contribution was felt because then we were able to have functional regional networks. For example, the Rwenzori sub-region, Karamoja sub-region, and Kalangala sub-region.

I also participated in the development of the first strategic plan of NCHRD-U and by the time I left, the coalition had recruited staff to handle the increasing demand for protection and spaces where the members of the coalition could dialogue about their experiences of attacks and risks.

I am glad that the coalition is currently doing tremendous work. It has supported human rights defenders in the country by standing in solidarity with those that have been attacked. NCHRD-U has also been able to provide rapid response support to at risk human rights defenders.

# Creating lasting impact



# NCHRD-U empowers human rights defenders in Uganda



**Suleiman Ssenyonjo**

Executive Director,  
Kalangala Human  
Rights Network

Before the formation of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U), the human rights environment was quite uncertain. There was no respect for those who fought for the rights of others. Whoever came out to fight for the rights of others was called names. We were called names such as saboteurs, and enemies of the state among others. This also meant that anybody could arrest you, beat you up, and dump you in prison.

Kalangala Human Rights Network has greatly benefited from being members of NCHRD-U. We have benefited from several trainings in documentation, monitoring and reporting of human rights cases, in addition to digital and physical security training. For example, Kalangala Human Rights Network has received office equipment like computers and printers that have helped the organisation improve its documentation.

I feel very proud that something that was started 10 years ago is still in existence and growing stronger. I am also proud because as an individual human rights defender, I am now more known throughout Uganda, the region and the world. At least when people talk about human rights defenders, there is a one Suleiman Ssenyonjo in Kalangala District who is known to be one.





**Peninnah Zaninka**

Project Coordinator  
of United  
Organisation for  
Batwa Development  
in Uganda

The human rights situation was not all that friendly before the formation of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U). This is because the Batwa, an endangered group of people who used to live around Echuya Forest Reserve in Kisoro and Kabale Districts of South-western Uganda, had no platform to seek redress for human rights violations that had been perpetrated against them. In addition, we who worked with them had little knowledge on where to go for redress.

But with the formation of NCHRD-U, we improved our understanding of human rights issues, where to report rights violations, and also the documentation of the violations. We have gained a lot from the capacity building in security and safety, and documentation. Our knowledge of human rights has also greatly improved.

I recall that before we became members of NCHRD-U, we did not have a voice and representation at national level, but now whenever NCHRD-U organizes a national event on issues of human rights we are always invited and we speak for

ourselves. The coalition has helped us improve our networking at national level and created visibility for us among various development partners.

Having joined the coalition as a member organization has helped us to have people better understand our work. For example, we attend radio programs and talk about human rights issues and how to address them and get solutions to them.

As an individual, I have also benefited a lot. I was awarded two awards at the same time and that means that the work we do as UOBDU is being recognized by our partners. I was awarded the best performer in South-western Uganda as well as award winner of the year 2021. And all this is because of NCHRD-U who engaged development partners to support the awarding of human rights defenders.

The coalition has done a lot to bring out the work of human rights defenders. For example, I started working with the Batwa organization in 2000, but it was only in 2019 that I was awarded because of the work I am doing.



**Lee Apollo Kakonge**

Director of Western  
Ankole Civil Society  
Forum (WACSF)

The formation of the coalition addressed the need for an organised and well-coordinated body to unify and amplify the voices of human rights defenders (HRDs). The coalition brought us together in a safe space where we would be able to discuss our issues as HRDs. The coalition also came in to defend the rights of those that were defending the rights of others.

I recall in 2017, I was arrested on attempted murder charges. I was taken to police and when we went to court, there was no magistrate to give me bail. I was then sent to prison. While in prison, my colleagues at Western Ankole Civil Society Forum (WACSF) sent mails to everyone they knew in Kampala.

Unfortunately, most actors in Kampala were into mainstream human rights work and my situation did not directly relate to their work. The only organization that came to my rescue was the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U). NCHRD-U came with lawyers and money for bail and that made me feel the presence of the coalition. After being granted bail and the case being dropped, NCHRD-U went ahead and wrote statements about my predicament. NCHRD-U also continued to provide

additional support to me.

The coalition later organised activities in my region to not only document my story, but also allow me to tell my story. I felt so empowered as a human rights defender knowing that someone – NCHRD-U – cared when I was in trouble.

Later I got nominated and won the Human Rights Impact Award in 2021 in Kampala. It was the most exciting moment in my work as a human rights defender. This is because many times, as human rights defenders, we do so much and no one appreciates. The only thing that is usually seen is the police arresting and imprisoning us. But when I received this award, I felt appreciated.

When I returned home, I had a celebration with colleagues and friends in town. There was a realization in the human rights space that when you do good work for some time, someone will eventually appreciate and recognize your efforts. The recognition keeps me moving forward. The 10 years of NCHRD-U have been profoundly exciting because I have gone through all the hard times and had the coalition standing by my side. The coalition has moved with me through thick and thin.



**Pamela Angwech**

Director of Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalization (GWED-G)

In the early years as Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalization (GWED-G), we faced a lot of patriarchal attacks because we were women promoting human rights. The perception was that human rights was a western culture and that we were trying to attack the social cultural norms. Generally, the understanding of human rights was very low within the communities in Northern Uganda.

Before the formation of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U), the level of violations was intense and for Northern Uganda the violations, they were intensified by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) war. Sexual and gender-based violence were at their highest, early pregnancies for young girls and the youth was also very high because of the high numbers of unemployed youths. In addition, access to livelihoods was also still a low among the young.

GWED-G has benefited from NCHRD-U in very many ways. One of them is the level of collaboration and visibility that has increased for GWED-G as women's human rights defenders' institution. The coalition has also helped GWED-G to get space for its voice to be heard.

NCHRD-U has built the capacity of GWED-G staff and for the local human rights defenders in Northern Uganda. The membership with the coalition has helped GWED-G increase its scope of funding and visibility with development partners.



**Gerald Kankya**

Team Leader at Kweranaho Listeners Club

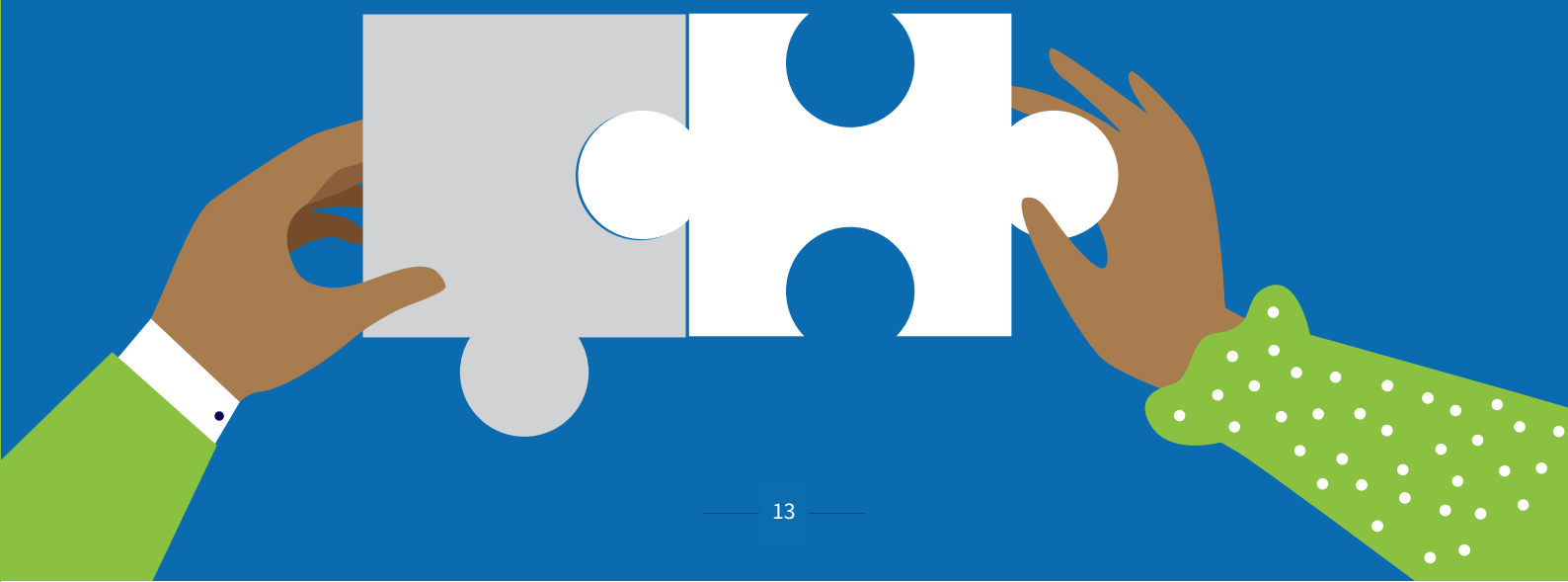
I am very fortunate to be the first steering committee members supporting the work of the coalition in the western Uganda in 2013.

I recall at that time it was even difficult to tell the human rights violations that were being committed. For example, many human rights defenders faced several challenges, and these challenges never came to the public light - with an exception of a few human rights defenders that were a bit connected and aggressive.

The contribution I see now, which is a significant contribution by the coalition is now human rights defenders are able to communicate within real time specific incidences that are happening in a specific community. This is because the coalition is rooted into different communities, and it is easy to pick some of these instances.

And of course, it has also been a very gradual process of sensitization and capacity building for human rights defenders to understand and know the processes of communicating.

# Building Partnerships





## NCHRD-U partners with key stakeholders for greater impact



**Ruth Ssekindi,**  
Director Monitoring and  
Inspection, UHRC

The Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) has partnered with NCHRD-U on several engagements to address the plight of the human rights defenders (HRDs) and the shrinking space. With passion and conviction, NCHRD-U created an avenue for collective responses to the threats against HRDs. NCHRD-U was undeterred by the COVID-19 pandemic and continued holding various meetings around the shrinking space of HRDs and actively promoting and protecting the rights and work of HRDs in Uganda.

The other memorable moments were the CSO preparations for Uganda's 2021 3rd Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). With dedicated leadership NCHRD-U worked with undisputable professionalism, commitment and integrity to have the voices of Human Rights defenders heard. A CSO alternative report was prepared and submitted to the Human Rights Council. Meetings and media campaigns were also

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held to popularize the importance of the UPR. By the time Uganda was reviewed, many Ugandans were interested and enthusiastic about the process and tuned in to watch the live proceedings. NCHRD-U is commended for the great work done increasing awareness and popularizing the UPR process.

Over the past 10 years, NCHRD-U has actively promoted and protected the rights and work of HRDs in Uganda. It has amplified the voices of HRDs and provided them with a platform to express their concerns. NCHRD-U has also worked relentlessly towards social justice and bringing positive change in society. Through advocacy, NCHRD-U has made efforts to influence policy development in favor of the poor and marginalized, on behalf of HRDs, as well as trained and disseminated information to build CSOs' capacities. NCHRD-U is unique in operations, because it is all-encompassing and unifies all HRDs regardless of their area of work in a favorable and conducive environment, so that they can achieve their set objectives.

In the past one year or so, the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U) has extended invitations to our office to engage in conversations on human rights protection and promotion as well as reporting to various mechanisms.

We appreciate this initiative and look forward to continued constructive dialogue and principled partnerships, which will go a long way in contributing to an enhanced realisation of human rights in Uganda.

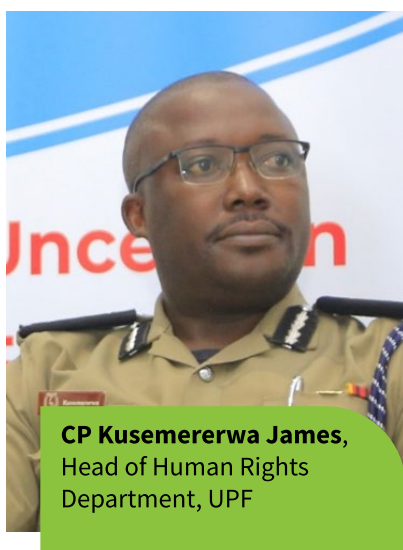


**Allen Bucyana,**  
Assistant Commissioner,  
Ministry of Justice &  
Constitutional Affairs, Uganda

The NRA/UPDF as a liberation force is anchored on a strong ideological foundation, central to which lies respect and promotion of human rights. As the UPDF, we are cognizant of the critical requirement of harnessing synergy with stakeholders. We therefore, value and appreciate our strategic partnership with the NCHRD-U in the concerted efforts to promote respect for human rights



**Col. Deo Karikona,**  
Directorate of Human  
Rights - UPDF



**CP Kusemererwa James,**  
Head of Human Rights  
Department, UPF

Uganda Police Force (UPF) has had a long-standing cordial relationship with NCHRD-U. Our main areas of cooperation over the years have hinged on training, experience sharing and jointly solving problems.

I applaud the leadership of NCHRD-U for choosing dialogue as the best method to solve problems in all our engagements. I also applaud NCHRD-U for its relentless efforts in championing the rights of human rights defenders (HRDs) especially during the COVID-19 period. The Coalition always went an extra mile in mobilizing UPF to ensure that rights of Ugandans were respected during that challenging period. NCHRD-U's Zoom meetings and media platforms are testimony to this.

NCHRD-U has been very instrumental in showcasing the relevance of HRDs. In the past, most HRDs were misunderstood, but the Coalition has engaged the relevant duty bearers to appreciate their work and ultimately created a safe environment for them to operate.

Defenders Coalition in Kenya looks back with joy at the formation and growth of NCHRD-U into a robust, innovative and responsive organization for HRDs in Uganda.

As a sister organization, Defenders Coalition in Kenya has walked hand in hand with NCHRD-U to address the myriad of challenges that frontline HRDs are faced with, ranging from attacks on female HRDs because they are vocal, to journalists who inform, entertain and educate us.

As a result of NCHRD-U's interventions, more HRDs are safer, more grounded in facts and knowledge for better advocacy, and they have now developed better safety and security measures to minimize risks. The Kenya HRDs family is proud of NCHRD-U's success and we are confident that the Coalition will remain steadfast as it grows older. Happy 10th Anniversary NCHRD-U!



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**Kamau Ngugi,**  
Executive Director,  
Defenders Coalition in  
Kenya

# Celebrating NCHRD-U's Excellence in defending rights of HRDs without discrimination and fear



**Onesmo Olengurumwa,**  
National Coordinator  
THRDC.

The Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) is proud of NCHRD-U 10 years of existence. NCHRD-U was the first organization to be hosted by THRDC in Tanzania. Leaders of NCHRD-U came on a mentorship program to learn about issues such as coalition building, and best practices that THRDC has acquired over its years of operation.

THRDC is proud to witness NCHRD-U excelling in what the coalitions in the region are supposed to be doing - defending human rights defenders (HRDs) without discrimination and fear. We are proud to see that today we have other similar sister coalitions in the region.

Currently, THRDC is working together with NCHRD-U in further promoting and protecting the rights of HRDs within the region. Our partnership is cemented on the principles that protection of HRDs is a service that is borderless, and non-discriminatory. We wish you a very fruitful celebration of the 10-year anniversary.

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## “NCHRD-U has truly exceeded our expectations”

The Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) previously worked with the NCHRD as a sub-grantee of one of DGF's partners. In the DGFII phase, NCHRD-U's expression of interest to become a fully-fledged DGF partner was successful; and we began to work directly with the Coalition.

We have seen the Coalition grow in institutional capacity, and its reach in advocacy and promoting and protecting the rights of HRDs. NCHRD-U has truly exceeded our expectations.

We were gratified to see NCHRD-U rise to the occasion and mobilize over 300 civil society organizations in different thematic areas, to prepare the Civil Society Report for the Universal Peer Review 2022.

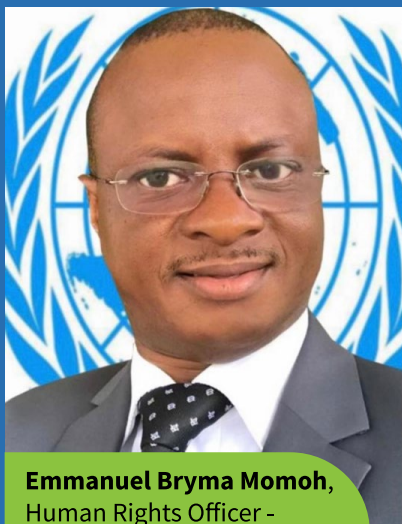
NCHRD-U has demonstrated its capacity to mobilize and build capacity of members; as well as their approach in working with regional coalitions and duty bearers to address regional issues affecting HRDs. We hope the Coalition will build on these achievements to continue promoting safety of HRDs, and advocacy on civil and political rights – especially in as far as they affect the rights of HRDs.

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**Martha Najobe,**  
Former Deputy Programme  
and Learning Manager, DGF





**Emmanuel Bryma Momoh,**  
Human Rights Officer -  
OHCHR-Uganda

## “NCHRD-U has truly exceeded our expectations”

As we commemorate the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda’s (NCHRD-U) 10th anniversary, we also honor the accomplishments and contributions of the broader CSO community. Together, we have raised our voices to advocate for social justice, equity, and the rights of the marginalized and vulnerable.

The strength of national organizations like NCHRD-U, which often have greater geographic reach than international ones and retain their focus long after an international presence has scaled down or left, is a critical factor in shaping the long-term human rights environment in Uganda. In 2013, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Uganda Country Office supported 300 human rights defenders from seven regions of Uganda to come together to form NCHRD-U.

During the past ten years, the OHCHR Uganda Country Office, in collaboration with NCHRD-U, has trained hundreds of human rights defenders on a range of human rights topics such as human rights monitoring, reporting, and advocacy, which strengthens their capacity and engagement with international human rights mechanisms.

I do hope that this milestone will serve as a reminder of the power of unity and collective action. Let it inspire us to strengthen our partnerships, build networks, and forge alliances that transcend borders, sectors, and ideologies.

Together, we can amplify our voices in sustaining human rights standards in Uganda.

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## CivSource Africa - Proud of NCHRD-U’s 10-year journey



**Malcom Mpamizo,**  
Chief executive officer -  
CivSource

CivSource Africa is proud to have been part of the decade long journey that NCHRD-U is celebrating. CivSource Africa has walked with and witnessed NCHRD-U emerge as a leading entity in uniting human rights defenders (HRDs) in Uganda.

NCHRD-U started its work in 2013 with the objective and mandate to unite and coordinate HRDs in their quest for dignity and rights. In a context as dynamic as ours in Uganda, the work for HRDs has never been more needed, to be the voice of the voiceless and hold duty bearers accountable to the citizenry. The question then begs; who looks out for those that look out for the vulnerable? Their work and conviction place their everyday lives at risk and their mental and physical health and wellbeing become paramount, for them to keep up the struggle. Enter, NCHRD-U with its capacity building programs, advocacy and networking opportunities as well as protection and emergency response mechanisms that have served HRDs across the country. The growth in membership, breadth and depth of work and visibility all point to a coalition that has seized its space in the civic space ecosystem and is making tremendous contributions to the sector.

It has been said that our hope for a more just, safe and peaceful world can only be achieved when there is universal respect for the inherent dignity and equal rights of all members of the human family. This family includes HRDs, people that act to address human rights on behalf of other individuals or marginalized groups. The journalists, environmentalists, lawyers, digital rights activists, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) activists, governance campaigners and others that NCHRD-U has brought together over the last 10 years have found partnership, collaboration, synergy and connection. As we continue to take the journey towards a society that upholds the dignity and rights of every human rights defender with NCHRD-U, our resolve to not stay silent in the face of oppression and vulnerability must reverberate in our every action and/or inaction.

Happy 10th Anniversary! Here is to more decades of growth, collaboration, and success.

## Creating one voice for human rights defenders in Uganda



**Moses Okwalinga**

Chief Executive Officer,  
Uganda Law Society  
(Founder Member  
Organisation)

I am mindful that there is still a lot to be done, but so far, the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U) has achieved many great successes over the past 10 years. The coalition has been able to unite human rights organizations. NCHRD-U now has over 100 members both institutions and individuals and the number is growing by the day. The coalition also has a presence in almost every region of Uganda with partners across the different jurisdictions. In addition, NCHRD-U has an audience with decision makers within the state in all arms of government - the Executive, Judiciary and Legislature.

The coalition is now a fully recognized national institution and is known as one of the leading organizations promoting and protecting the work of human rights defenders in the country. The state and government entities pay attention to the coalition and its members. As a whole, the coalition has achieved its intended objective though we still have a long way to go in achieving the Uganda that we all want.

I am excited about this 10-year anniversary because 10 years is a land mark. Many startup organizations in Uganda do not make it to their third or fourth birthday, therefore, 10 years is a real achievement for the coalition. As Uganda Law Society, we are excited and proud to have walked this journey with the coalition for the last 10 years.





## Reminiscing about NCHRD-U's formation



**Charles Masumbuko**

Executive Director  
of Alliance for  
Development (AFD) in  
Rwenzori Sub-region in  
South-western Uganda.

We used to call ourselves human rights activists and we were brutalized by the state and unknown assailants. In order to protect ourselves, the idea of an umbrella body that could speak for us was birthed. After brainstorming different names, networks and many other forms, we finally agreed on a coalition.

Forming NCHRD-U was not easy. First of all, organizations had individual interests and they thought they would lose their funding because they had similar objectives as the coalition. Other organizations thought they would own and house the coalition and host it, while others thought it would be independent. It was not an easy task to come to a consensus on the modalities for the coalition.

The first meeting of the founding members was a bit rough and there was contention on a number of issues such as the hosting of the coalition, and it so we ended without a clear decision. We then re-organized ourselves in the second meeting and got a clear direction and formed some structures. Some individuals were assigned key roles for the coalition and they helped to process the paper work to formalize the coalition to become formal until we saw it fully emerge with a proper management team.

Finally, the 'Munyonyo day' came, when we had all harmonized our differences. That day should not be forgotten in the formation of the coalition. It is the day when we formally agreed that we had a common direction and that we were fully constituted and we could run as a national coalition. It was a wonderful celebration with numerous colorful presentations. We had a cocktail at the end of the day and everyone danced to celebrate the birth of the strength of our work. That is how the coalition was born.

Over the past 10 years of building the coalition, we have achieved a lot and seen the greatest of our works. Making 10 years is a great achievement since many organizations are broken into and destroyed before they even hit the 10-year mark.





# NCHRD-U empowers Human Rights Defenders in Uganda



**Ismael Kusemererwa**

Mid-western Region  
Anti-Corruption  
Coalition

The human rights environment before 2013 was in a dire state. Our region is one of those that are rich in oil and gas and it was very scary to be a human rights defender in this area because there were many violations and the perpetrators did not want anyone to talk about the violations taking place. Those who spoke out about the violations were threatened and arrested.

Indeed, the formation of the coalition was a timely intervention. The Mid-western Anti-Corruption Coalition has benefited greatly from being a member of NCHRD-U. The coalition has supported us to do monitoring of human rights violations in this region in different areas during events such as elections, and monitoring the general civic space.

The coalition has supported us in building our own security measures through training on safety and security for human rights defenders. NCHRD-U also supported us with cameras to further enhance security at our office because we had previously experienced break-ins where computers were stolen and we could not identify the perpetrators. This security enables us to identify the perpetrators and follow up with the security institutions for investigations. Also, the would-be perpetrators are afraid to vandalize our office because of the presence of the security cameras.

NCHRD-U has also built our staff capacity in digital security and provided us with external hard drives to backup all our information. The coalition also trained us on cloud computing where we can store our information on secure virtual servers. We can now keep our information beyond our physical computers at office where it may easily be stolen.







**Elizabeth Kayanga**

Executive Director of  
Integrated Disabled  
Women Activities (IDWA)  
Busoga Sub-region,  
Eastern Uganda

I became an active member of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U) in 2015. As an organization and as an individual, we have led the disability thematic cluster of NCHRD-U. This has given us an opportunity to participate in several engagements including the Universal Peer Review where we contributed to the alternative report that was presented to the UN.

The coalition has helped us in capacity building. We have been trained on human rights and in turn been able to support our members to build their capacity on human rights as well. The coalition has also provided emergency services in form of legal aid, medical assistance and relocation to our women human rights defenders when they have been arrested as and when the need arises.

My experience with NCHRD-U has been very rewarding, emancipating and empowering. I believe I am a better advocate as a result.



**William Amanzuru**

Team Leader, Friends of  
Zoka  
West Nile Sub-region,  
Northern Uganda

Friends of Zoka is an organization that is centered on environmental conservation. We build movements in the communities such that communities are able to seek for accountability mechanisms. Friends of Zoka derives its name from Zoka forest reserve, the biggest natural forest reserve in Uganda. This forest reserve came under immense attack from several people so we started asking questions to find solutions on how best we could manage the forest reserve to prevent it from extinction.

There were many attacks directed towards me as Team Leader. Brenda Kugonza, the coordinator of the coalition at the time, called me and told me that I was a human rights defender. I did not know what a human rights defender was, she went ahead to explain it to me and categorized my work of environmental conservation as one of human rights defense. From our engagement, I learnt what defending human rights was all about. I was taught the basic principles of human rights and the dos and don'ts of human rights. The coalition built my knowledge and capacity; I did not know that what I was doing was human rights work before I joined.



**Yusuf Makweta**

Human Rights Activist  
Elgon Sub-region,  
Eastern Uganda

Before the formation of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U), most human rights workers did not know they were human rights defenders. Whenever they experienced challenges in their work, they did not have anyone to stand with them and some got discouraged and quit.

Human rights defenders did not know that they were doing a noble job it was more of a personal initiative for most of them. However, there were many challenges that they faced such as being arrested on trumped-up charges, intimidation, threats by security agencies like the police, local leaders who were not comfortable with their work and many other people who were against the work of human rights defenders.

There are numerous benefits accrued from being a member of NCHRD-U. First, the coalition re-energized and gave us hope as human rights defenders. In case of challenges while doing our work under the law, we were assured of someone to stand with us and support us. The coalition has supported its members through medical support, capacity building, physical and digital security training, and providing work tools. The coalition has also created awareness within institutions that have been at the forefront of violating human rights.

I got to know about the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U) through Moses Lwochaza who was the focal person of the coalition in the region. We had a series of trainings where I got to learn more about NCHRD-U until we eventually decided to join as members.

Before joining NCHRD-U, we were doing human rights work outside the law. For example, we were not aware of boundaries and we did not know what we were supposed to do or not to do. We were all over the place even where we were not supposed to be. Eventually, we found ourselves clashing with different state actors because we were trying to be activists and not human rights defenders. We were defending the rights of others, but did not know where to go to in case our own rights were abused or violated.

After becoming a member, the coalition identified me as a human rights defender that contributed to human rights work in the region and awarded me best human rights defender from Eastern Uganda. The coalition has built our capacity especially in advocacy, working peacefully within the law and it has also connected us to other funders. The coalition built our capacity and enabled us acquire skills that attracted funding and more partners on board.

The coalition has also helped us with legal compliance as an organization. Most of the grassroots human rights defenders did not know issues of compliance, but through the trainings, many have now become compliant to the law. Being part of the coalition has been a wonderful journey with a lot to learn and more to unlearn.



**Faith Namansa**

Executive Director  
Busoga Governance and  
Social Accountability  
Network (BusogaNet),  
Eastern Uganda



**Charles Masumbuko**

Executive Director  
Alliance for  
Development (AFD)  
Rwenzori Sub-region,  
South-western Uganda.

The benefits of the coalition are beyond individual; they are institutional and trickle down to communities we serve. As Alliance for Development (AFD), we have secured two funding opportunities through NCHRD-U. The coalition was a referee for us to be able to get the funding because it is aware of the work that we do at the grassroots.

When we had an office break-in, the coalition referred us to Frontline Defenders for support. Also through NCHRD-U, we were introduced to Defenders Protection Initiative which offered us a grant in digital security.

As AFD, we have also been able to network with member organizations and build stronger partnerships. The coalition has enhanced our access to human rights spaces at the sub-regional, national and international level. For example, we used to operate only in Kasese District but our space and reach has expanded through the coalition and now we are known across the Rwenzori sub-region.

As an individual, I got an opportunity to present a paper in South Africa through a reference from the coalition. In addition, I received an award from the coalition because of the work we do.





# The future for NCHRD-U in the next 10 years





# NCHRD-U members share opportunities for future growth



For sustainability, the coalition should enhance its international collaborative mechanisms by forming consortiums with international entities such as coalitions in Kenya, Tanzania and elsewhere to form an even stronger body that would also give backup to its member organizations and have larger fundraising opportunities.

**Charles Masumbuko,**  
Executive Director Alliance for Development (AFD)

There is need for stronger members of the coalition to build smaller members' capacity such that they too are able to fulfil their obligations as members of NCHRD-U.

**Ismael Kusemererwa,**  
Mid-western Region Anti-Corruption Coalition



The coalition should do more work at the local level. They should not only focus at the center, but also come down to the grassroots. For example, Integrated Disabled Women Activities (IDWA) has created a core team of 100 women that have trained on basic human rights, but we would like to see them now graduate to the next level to become real human rights defenders who are more knowledgeable about human rights and can participate in different spaces. The coalition should help train them and give them tools to carry on with their work as human rights defenders.

**Elizabeth Kayanga,**  
Executive Director Integrated Disabled Women Activities (IDWA)



For sustainability of NCHRD-U, we must have continuous training and support for the coalition members to strengthen the coalition and lobby for more funding. There is also need to continue sharing experiences among members of the coalition such that the fire that was lit in June 2013 continues to burn.

**Yusuf Makweta,**  
works with Human Rights Activists

The coalition ought to grow its membership and also keep up with the changing times. It should stay alive to advancements in technology so as to be relevant in the changing environment. There is need to use technology as an enabler for more effective human rights work.

Further, NCHRD-U should remain cognizant of the shrinking space for human rights defenders because the regulators of the space are innovating daily on creating new levels of compliance and restrictions in the sector.

The coalition should institutionalize its initiatives and structure such that it can continue to exist beyond its founders. It should also devise alternative funding mechanisms for its activities such that it can continue to operate beyond the support of its funders and partners in case such support comes to an end.

**Moses Okwalinga,**  
Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Law Society



AAs members, we should continue to participate in the activities organized by NCHRD-U and remain connected as a fraternity across the various regions. In addition, we should mobilize as many human rights defenders as possible to join the coalition so that the coalition can grow bigger and better.

**Lee Apollo Kakonge,**  
Director, Western Ankole Civil Society Forum

To ensure sustainability, NCHRD-U should build the capacities of its regional partners and member organizations and allow them to directly implement activities in their respective regions. This is because each human rights defender (HRD) organization has networks at the grassroots which would enable work with the beneficiaries directly.

For example, once HRDs are at risk and need support, they normally run to regional partners who then call the coalition. This is not sustainable because these are usually emergencies that require immediate redress. The coalition should focus on the oversight role and let the other member organizations do the rest of the work directly at the regional level.

The coalition should build its members' capacity on resource mobilization so that they are not entirely dependent on the coalition. Furthermore, NCHRD-U should introduce some of its members to its partners to get direct funding to continue supporting HRDs at the grassroots without entirely depending on the coalition for support.



**Pamela Angwech,**  
Director, Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalization (GWED-G)



The coalition needs to find ways to strengthen the human rights movement and its membership. We know that members are facing challenges of financing, unstable civic space operating environment where they cannot fully operate.

There is need, therefore, for NCHRD-U to strengthen members to be able to continue to operate as human rights defenders. NCHRD-U also needs to build resilience within members to work with the challenges of funding and shrinking civic space. The focus should be on keeping the human rights movement alive.

**Sheila Muwanga,**  
Deputy Executive Director, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative

To ensure sustainability, the coalition needs to increase its membership subscription to increase funding. The coalition should also start to think of investing in real estate and doing consultancy work, in addition to selling human rights materials like books and t-shirts.



**Suleiman Ssenyonjo,**  
Executive Director, Kalangala Human Rights Network

Going forward, advocacy should become core to engage with duty bearers, development partners, policy makers and members of parliament in dialogue about issues that affect human rights defenders (HRDs).

The coalition should build the capacity of legislators who come up with the bills. It should also further engage the Ministry of Constitutional Justice and the Uganda Police Force to help them come up with laws considering the human rights-based approach.

The coalition should also invest in coalition building because solidarity and networking is paramount in keeping members together. Investing in initiatives geared towards building and strengthening coalitions is going to be helpful in the long run.

There is a need for the coalition to continue working with international actors because of the need for international allies. It should help link human rights defenders to international spaces where grassroots HRDs can go and engage with the human rights instruments such as the African Commission, the UPR processes and providing opportunities for defenders to speak about their diverse contexts so that the world gets to know the situation of HRDs in the country.

**Brenda Kugonza,**  
Executive Director of Women Human Rights Defenders Network.



The majority of human rights organizations like DefendDefenders depend on good will from friends and partners, but sustainability comes when the members become contributing members where they partially fund their own activities.

Although it is very hard to reach that level in Africa, we must endeavor to convince our partners about the important work we are doing in protecting the civic space such that the business community and others have a stake in it and therefore contribute to the growth of such important forerunners for defending the civic space in a their country.

There is also a need to engage in production in terms of publishing materials and selling them at a fee and contributing to having a building and collecting rent, basically, having more resilient ways of sustaining the organization.

**Hassan Shire,**  
Executive Director, DefendDefenders



The coalition needs to increase human rights defenders (HRDs) meetings to at least twice a year to build stronger synergies. We also need to hold more multi-stakeholder engagements especially with duty bearers to harmonize the working relationship with state actors.

The Technical Thematic Working Group (TTWG) needs to be strengthened to provide more technical vibrancy to the coalition. Lastly, a HRD Protection law is urgently needed to recognize the work of HRDs but also ensure their protection.

**Robert J. Turyakira,**  
Deputy Executive Director of Environment Shield





# Voices from NCHRD-U Secretariat



**Robert R. Kirenga -**  
**Executive Director,**  
**NCHRD-U**

The most memorable event for me, was the move from being hosted by the founder organization Human Rights Network-Uganda (HURINET) to having our own office and being licensed by the NGO Bureau to carry out our mission of protecting and promoting human rights defenders and their work. After securing an operating license, we re-organized ourselves and started to develop systems and structures that would secure us resources to carry our mandate.

The year 2019 was another memorable year when NCHRD-U became a DGF partner and secured a three-year grant that helped us to undertake more program activities and resource mobilization. To date we have received over 12 grants from different international partners. In addition, we have grown from an initial 5 staff organization to 14 staff members.



**Andrew Lubanga -**  
**Manager Finance**  
**and Administration**

When I joined NCHRD-U, the Coalition did not have any means of transportation. We would either borrow a vehicle from our hosts, hire one even for short meetings within Kampala or staff would travel on boda bodas to do office work. I felt it was a major challenge for the Coalition.

When the Coalition got an opportunity to present the issue to a donor to allocate resources to procure a vehicle, the breakthrough came and NCHRD-U was able to procure its first vehicle in 2017. This achievement was a sign that new ideas and ways of working were possible in the workplace I had just joined. Now staff could seek for support for the Coalition and its activities comfortably across the country.



**Kiyai Dorothy Esther -**  
**Protection Officer,**  
**NCHRD-U**

I was seated at my desk at the Secretariat office in Ntinda in 2018, when I was called to the reception to receive an HRD who had requested to meet me. To my surprise, he had traveled all the way from Fort Portal to the Secretariat to personally extend his appreciation to me for having handled him with grace through one of the most difficult moments in his life. I was humbled when he handed me a certificate of appreciation with my names on it in remembrance of the journey I had walked with him.

Another memorable event took place in 2016; we had travelled to Western Uganda for a solidarity visit to one of the HRDs at risk. He was in so much distress and in our conversation, I explained to him the available psychosocial support provided by NCHRD-U. He suddenly paused our conversation and asked me, "Do you think I am mad, do I look mad to you, am I a Butabika Hospital case". For a moment I froze and did not know what

to say to him. However, I convinced him to go for just one session with the Clinical Psychologist and to my surprise he went for five sessions that greatly changed his life for the better. He thanked me for not giving up on him when he was in a vulnerable state, and I felt very proud to work with the Coalition.



**Babirye Prossy -**  
**Capacity Building**  
**Officer**

It was an exciting time when NCHRD-U won a grant from the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) in 2019. When we submitted the concept note and later the proposal, we did not know we would go through. Fortunately, we won the grant.

That grant enabled the Coalition to strengthen its institutional capacity, and give more visibility both for the Secretariat and the work of HRDs through capacity building, and media campaigns, among others. Not only did the grant leverage the Coalition before other development partners, it also gave resilience to HRDs at risk through providing relocation, medical and psychosocial support.



**Patience Kwizera**  
**Mpmizo - Advocacy**  
**& Networking**  
**Officer, NCHRD-U**

I first interfaced with the team from NCHRD-U at the inter-Ministerial Committee gathering held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uganda over the deliberation of the Universal Human Rights Report that was due to be submitted to the United Nations in Geneva.

I was intrigued by their commitment to uphold human rights and to ensure the safety and protection of the human rights defenders. They strongly advocated for safe environments and mechanisms in which human rights activists can operate without external threats. The Executive Director, Mr. Robert R. Kirenga, spoke with such conviction and clarity on matters relating to the violations of human rights and how the state and the CSOs can work effectively to address the matter. I am proud to be part of such a team.



**Elizabeth Doreen  
Namuyanja - M&E  
Officer, NCHRD-U**

The year 2020 was a turning point for NCHRD-U. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Coalition was charged with the mantle of leading the CSO fraternity in the compiling of the CSO shadow report to the UN Human Rights Council on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). The selection process was highly competitive with a number of CSOs who had participated in the previous process lobbying for the position. As the Coordinators of the UPR process, NCHRD-U had to offer leadership towards the compilation and submission of the CSO shadow report through the difficult times of the lockdown. Notably, the Coalition's donor base increased from 5 to 15, most of who offer both institutional and programme support not only on the UPR but also towards other programs.



**Frank Kigoye -  
Programs  
Assistant, NCHRD-U**

NCHRD-U was operating as a loose organization from its inception in 2013. It did not even have an organizational bank account due to its legal status, which meant that the Coalition could not directly receive funding. The day NCHRD-U got its operating license was an exciting time indeed. NCHRD-U was then able to procure its own office premises and directly receive funding. The Coalition is now fully constituted at the secretariat and coordinates the HRD referral network and the UPR process.



**Jennifer Alum -  
Administrative  
Assistant**

In 2021, the NCHRD-U held a roving activity to monitor the general elections across the country. It was such an exciting opportunity to see the Coalition engage with a number of grassroots human rights defenders and also to get their perspective regarding human rights issues especially during the electoral season.



**Ashraf Ndaula -  
Program Assistant**

The joy and excitement I witnessed during the commemoration of the International HRD day in December 2022 was so gratifying. Celebrating the work and achievements of our grassroots HRDs gave me immense joy too. Their work is significant in advocating for and promoting the human rights situation in the country.



**Richard Engoot -  
Logistics and  
Transport Officer**

NCHRDU celebrated HRD day 2022 in Mbarara, Western Uganda. It was the first of its kind and during the celebration there was a walk around Mbarara town that showcased the fact that human rights defenders do exist in their communities. HRDs then planted trees in Mbarara public grounds to commemorate the day and as a way of promoting environmental rights in the community. There was also a blood donation drive specifically targeted to save mothers who lose a lot of blood during child birth.



**Gladys Mirembe -  
Executive and  
Finance Assistant,  
NCHRD-U**

The HRD awards 2022 were an emotional time, especially the award going to the Top nominee who was an environment HRD since they are rarely recognized in the country even though they have a huge impact on our wellbeing.

This shows NCHRD-U's great impact on these individuals and groups who, in their personal or professional capacity and in a peaceful manner, strive to protect and promote human rights relating to the environment, including water, air, land, flora and fauna.





**Joanitah Nabbaale**  
- Administrator,  
NCHRD-U

NCHRD-U's most significant impact is popularizing the HRD concept. Before NCHRD-U came on board, there was little understanding about who an HRD is. HRDs themselves could not tell that they were HRDs or even identify as HRDs. Those who had some little knowledge on HRDs would also discriminate amongst themselves.

NCHRD-U took it upon itself to popularize who a human rights defender is following the UN declaration. As a result of this, there is a rising number of Human Rights Defenders, recognition and appreciation. This has also resulted into the fronting of the HRD Bill which is before Parliament.



**David Muganwa** -  
Caretaker, NCHRD-U

NCHRD-U has provided leadership and increased confidence and trust among its members. The Coalition has also built capacity of members and retooled member organizations through providing computers, flash disks, hard drives and smart phones, among others.

I interacted with NCHRD-U on a number of occasions while I was working with the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) as the Communications and Multimedia Officer. Two significant occasions come to mind. The first was in December 2020 during the International Human Rights Defenders Day celebrations at Royal Suites Bugolobi. I was impressed by how NCHRD-U organized the celebrations, in particular the effort put in branding and visibility of the organization and the event itself.

The second occasion was in October 2020 when I travelled to Lira District to document a success story achieved by NCHRD-U under the DGF support. I interacted with Ms. Rashida Odong, the Executive Director, Women Peace initiative, whose organization largely focuses on transitional justice and human rights concerns in the region. I was impressed by how much her knowledge and skills had been strengthened in managing personal and organizational security. Ms. Odong narrated how she was able to take practical steps after the training by NCHRD-U such as developing a risk matrix for herself and her organization.



**Angella Tusiime** -  
Communications  
Officer, NCHRD-U



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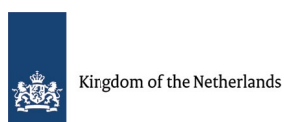




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