HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

(HURIC)

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the Executive Director



Dear friends, partners and colleagues,

It is a privilege to share with you HURIC's 2025 Annual Report. This year, we remained true to our belief that health is a human right, and that lasting change begins when communities have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.

In 2025, we continued to invest in young people. Through our Social Empowerment Programme in Kisenyi, 250 young people, 100 girls and 150 boys, have taken part in our mentorship initiatives, and 20 of them are now learning practical, income-generating skills in plumbing and tiling. Alongside this, our partnership with YABONG Philippines on the DigiConomy Program equipped 10 young people with digital marketing, content creation and social media skills, helping them prepare for the opportunities of the digital economy.

We also strengthened our voice on health rights. We took part in the Rotary Cancer Run, joined innovators and health leaders at AfyaFest 2025, and contributed to the Ministry of Health's 5th National Safe Motherhood Conference. Through the Kampala Community Walks, together with KCCA and our partners, we brought communities, physical activity and air quality advocacy together in one effort, supported by real-time air quality monitoring.

We know that a strong movement is built on strong institutions. As part of the HÄLLA Uganda Family, we learned from peer exchange visits, took part in training on gender, power relations and violence, and supported TATCO Uganda and Gufasha Girls Foundation to develop their three-year strategic plans. These experiences have made us a more accountable and capable organisation.

None of this would have been possible without our donors, partners, volunteers, staff and the communities we serve. I thank you sincerely for your trust and support.

As we look to 2026, we will deepen our partnerships and expand opportunities for more young people, so that more communities can claim their right to health and dignity. I invite you to walk with us.

Together, we are not only imagining the change, but we are making it happen.

Denis Joseph Bukenya

Executive Director, HURIC-Uganda

About Human Rights Research Documentation Centre (HURIC)

The **Human Rights Research Documentation Centre (HURIC)** is an indigenous, non-profit organisation dedicated to advancing human rights through research, documentation, advocacy and community empowerment. We champion innovative approaches to human rights implementation and reform, ensuring that regional responses are attuned to the specific needs of communities across Uganda and the broader Global South.

1. Our Vision

A society where human rights are the cornerstone of every decision and intervention impacting health and well-being.

2. Our Mission

To safeguard the well-being of Ugandans by amplifying community voices in decision-making processes. We achieve this through empowerment, evidence-based research, and advocacy for a human-centred approach to health and its broader social determinants.

3. HURIC's Overall Goal

Promoting bold approaches for effective health rights solutions.

4. Strategic Goals

- Foster an equitable, just, and inclusive health rights environment that respects, protects, and fulfils the right to health.
- Reform policies, laws, cultural norms, and practices to advance the realisation of health and human rights.
- Establish a well-resourced Centre for Health and Human Rights serving Uganda, Africa, and the Global South.
- Enhance community wellbeing by promoting meaningful participation and social empowerment of both rights holders and duty bearers.
- Build an evolutionary, efficient, and sustainable resource hub for health and human rights.

Our programs

Capacity Building for Social Empowerment

Empowering Youth in slum communities in Kampala

In 2024, HURIC launched a dedicated Social Empowerment Programme aimed at uplifting vulnerable populations, particularly girls from the slum community of Kisenyi. Through our rehabilitation and training programs, we are unlocking the potential of youth from Kampala's slum communities and giving them the tools to build brighter futures. So far, 250 young people, 100 girls and 150 boys, have taken part in our mentorship initiatives, gaining confidence, guidance, and hope. Right now, 20 of these youth (12 boys and 8 girls) are advancing even further, learning practical, income-generating skills in plumbing and tiling. With continued support, we can expand this opportunity to many more, turning vulnerable young lives into stories of self-reliance, dignity, and community transformation.





Video on the project: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jB4Qkq06bVI&t=178s

Youth Digital Marketing Literacy Training





In partnership with YABONG Philippines, HURIC Uganda successfully implemented the DigiConomy Program, an initiative designed to equip young people with 21st-century digital skills to thrive in the evolving digital economy. Through the delivery of a comprehensive virtual training in digital marketing, content creation, and social media management, the program strengthened participants' employability, entrepreneurship potential, and leadership capacity. HURIC mobilised and supported 10 youth participants aged 18–35 with equitable gender representation, ensured access to digital devices and stable internet connectivity, provided logistical support to minimise participation barriers, and coordinated implementation through a dedicated focal person. All program deliverables were achieved in line with the agreed-upon work plan, with participants completing the required outputs and receiving certification upon completion. This collaboration reflects HURIC's commitment to youth empowerment, digital inclusion, and strategic partnerships that foster sustainable economic opportunities and community leadership.

Health Rights Advocacy

Rotary Cancer Run 2025




On Sunday, 31 August 2025, Team Huric will participate in the 14th Rotary Cancer Run 2025, an annual event that plays a vital role in raising funds, increasing awareness, and improving access to affordable, quality cancer care. Through our participation, we stand in solidarity with those currently battling cancer, support survivors, and honour the memory of those lost to this disease. At Huric, we remain committed to contributing to initiatives that promote better health and well-being, reinforcing our dedication to making a positive and lasting impact in the communities we serve

AfyaFEst 2025



AfyaFest 2025, a flagship initiative of the Africa Health Collaborative, brought together young innovators, health entrepreneurs, higher education institutions, health professionals, and public and private sector partners from Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Ethiopia, Senegal, Zambia, and Canada to co-create and scale transformative solutions for primary healthcare. The HURIC team actively participated in this inaugural platform, engaging in collaborative dialogues, knowledge exchange, and innovation-focused sessions aimed at improving healthcare access for vulnerable populations, creating dignified employment opportunities, particularly for women and youth, and supporting the integration of scalable solutions into national and regional health systems. Our participation reflects HURIC's commitment to advancing sustainable health innovations, celebrating African ingenuity, and contributing meaningfully to strengthened healthcare systems across the continent

Maternal health conference

In October 2025, the HURIC team participated in the 5th National Safe Motherhood Conference organised by the Ministry of Health of Uganda, held under the theme *"Strengthening Multisectoral Collaboration and Mutual Accountability for Safe Motherhood."* The conference convened key stakeholders from government, civil society, development partners, and the health sector to share best practices, strengthen partnerships, and advance coordinated strategies for improving maternal health outcomes. HURIC's participation reinforced its commitment to promoting collaborative approaches, policy dialogue, and evidence-based interventions that support safe motherhood and strengthened health systems nationwide.




Kampala community walk for air quality advocacy

HURIC partnered with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), Kayo Line Foundation, the African Centre for Clean Air, CityMove, and Safeway Right Way to launch the Kampala Community Walks initiative, aimed at promoting physical activity while advocating for improved air quality in Kampala, one of the most polluted cities on the African continent. The biweekly walks are conducted in various locations across the city and integrate public awareness talks on air quality management and pollution control, alongside real-time air quality monitoring to assess and compare pollution levels in different areas. Through this initiative, HURIC contributes to strengthening community awareness, encouraging healthier lifestyles, and supporting evidence-based advocacy for cleaner and safer urban environments.





Strengthening and Expanding Local and National Partnerships

Exchange Visits and Internal Organisation Assessment among East, West, and Central Uganda Haella Family

As part of the HÄLLA Uganda Family Group, HURIC actively participated in exchange visits and internal organisational assessments among member organisations, aimed at promoting knowledge sharing, peer learning, and continuous institutional improvement. During these exchanges, HURIC was visited by TATCO Uganda, which commended the organisation's work and recommended strengthening internal capacity assessments to further enhance programme efficiency. HURIC also hosted NAWEI, whose team recognised the organisation's achievements and provided guidance on refining institutional management structures. These engagements strengthened collaboration, reinforced accountability, and supported HURIC's commitment to organisational excellence and sustainable impact.

The haella family training on gender, power relations and violence

HURIC participated in a gender training workshop organised for members of the HÄLLA Family from Western, Central, and Eastern Uganda, aimed at strengthening participants' understanding of gender concepts, principles, and related power relations. The workshop enhanced self-awareness on gender inclusion, promoted the practical application of gender-responsive approaches in organisational operations, and increased awareness of systemic biases, personal assumptions, and stereotypes within institutional settings. It also strengthened participants' communication skills for engaging effectively with individuals of diverse genders and social status. HURIC's participation reinforced its commitment to gender equality, inclusive programming, and institutional accountability.

Strategic planning capacity building for NGOs

HURIC participated in capacity-building workshops focused on strategic plan development with partner organisations TATCO Uganda and Gufasha Girls Foundation. The workshops aimed to strengthen institutional efficiency, operational capacity, and strategic coordination, while enhancing inclusive stakeholder engagement in organisational planning processes. As a key outcome, the participating organisations successfully developed comprehensive three-year strategic plans to guide their programmatic growth, sustainability, and impact. This engagement reflects HURIC's commitment to strengthening partner institutions and promoting effective, results-driven organisational development.

Acknowledgement of Donors and Partners

In the spirit of solidarity and shared purpose, HURIC-Uganda extends its deepest gratitude to the donors and partners whose unwavering support and collaboration have been instrumental in advancing our mission throughout 2024.

We are especially thankful to:

- Haella Foundation
- People's Health Movement Global and Ugandan Chapter.
- Mengo Kisenyi Catholic Parish through the Jean Marie Vocational Centre
- Tatco Uganda
- Gufasha Girls Foundation
- The Ministry of Health, Uganda
- Local governments in our districts where we had interventions (KCCA,

Beyond financial and technical support, your commitment to equity, dignity, and justice has been a source of inspiration. You are not just supporters, you are co-creators of a movement that seeks to transform Uganda's health landscape from the ground up.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to deepening these partnerships, exploring new avenues for collaboration, and sustaining the momentum we have built together. With your continued engagement, we are confident that the vision of a just, inclusive, and people-centred health system is within reach.

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