

Foundation People for Peace and Defense of Human Rights Profile 2016 -2020.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Foundation People for Peace and Defense of Human Rights (**Foundation PPDHR**) is an independent refugee led grass root organization that works with others non-governmental, non-Profit, community based organizations which is involved in the promotion of peace, Democracy, Human Rights and Good Governance in Uganda and in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. The Foundation PPDHR focuses on the empowerment of most vulnerable people in our communities and the most disadvantaged people including refugees.

The Foundation PPDHR was founded in 2003 and it is a refugee led organization, but since then it has gone through various transformations and change.

The Foundation PPDHR works on the promotion of Peace, Democracy, Good Governance and Human Rights through trainings, research, advocacy and capacity building. Especially for the less privileged people and Key Population at Risk such as refugees,

WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

- Any organization or individual that does not mind of the social status, colour, Nationality, religious or tribes but only there to fulfill the needs of people in the communities.
- We can work with any national, international, community-based organization.
- We can also work with any organization that has the same interests and goals for active participation in developing the community and the well- being of the whole people without discrimination based either on sex or social status.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NETWORK

Collaboration partnership and networking

- We believe that working collaboratively with others is the only way we will be able to reach our ultimate goals. We believe that partnership is key to maximizing resources and preventing the duplication of services.
- We believe that working together we learn much more from one another and improve our services.
- In joining our hands together is the beginning of change, which is the basis of human solidarity.
- We all lack something at least but though this network we believe we form what we call man power.
- Partnership and networking is also a form of developing the organization to strengthen and formation.

Why Peace, Democracy, Good Governance and human rights for all?

Human rights are universal and peace is also a universal value that is to be enjoyed by everyone in our communities but often the weak, vulnerable and voiceless are often left out and their rights are not even recognized in the communities. We have also observed the interconnection between them to Democracy and Good Governance and the culture of peace which will believe through smooth change of leadership via credible, free and fair elections.

The voice the weak

The weak need and serve the protection from the strong such as recognizing also their say and their views as they also play different roles in the community. We believe that our success will be mediated by how much we consider their perspectives and involve them in influencing our next steps as an organization, as we believe that we cannot be free unless we are all free.

Promotion of Human Rights

Strongly holding the fundamental principles of Human Rights of inalienable, indivisible, universal and inter-independent which the states have obligations to promote, protect and fulfill we strive for accessibility, availability, affordability and quality through equality and equity.

Motto: *“Whatever you do for us, without us you do it against us”*

VISION & MISSION OF THE FOUNDATION PPDHR

(1) The VISION OF THE FOUNDATION PPDR :

“A world or a society in which victims and vulnerable are masters of their own destiny and decide by themselves about their fate or future”,

(2) The MISSION of THE FOUNDATION PPDHR:

“To holistically empower the weak and marginalized in order to make them overcome the state of victimization through training, advocacy, research, and lobbying”,

GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF THE FOUNDATION PPDHR

(1) The GOALS of THE FOUNDATION PPDHR are:

- (a) Urgent intervention on behalf of individuals at risk of torture, degrading situations and humiliation on Uganda territory,
- (b) Training of members by local, international, human rights associations and peace based movements,

- (c) Collaboration with existing peace associations, youth groups and human rights organizations at international, regional and local level,
- (d) Participation in forums relating to peace in Great Lakes region and conducting conference relevant to peace in Great Lakes region, Africa and other countries in the world,

(2) The OBJECTIVES of THE FOUNDATION PPDHR are:

- (a) Promotion of peace, human rights and human values locally and internationally,
 - i. Collaboration with existing peace-based associations and human rights based organizations at the local, regional and international level,
 - ii. Participation in forums relating to peace in Uganda and conducting conferences relevant to peace in Uganda,
- (b) Empowerment of socially and economically marginalized people in the society,
- (c) Training of members by local and international human rights associations and peace based movements,
- (e) To promote the state of Human Rights, Democracy and good governance,
- (f) Fighting the spread of HIV/Aids and alleviating the misery caused by HIV Aids
- (g) To fight against poverty and destitution among people,
- (h) Promote the culture of quality leadership and fundamental freedoms amongst people,

FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

The Foundation People for Peace and Defense of Human Rights has the following values and each individual staff and members shall,

- Be transparency and accountability
- Timely and quality
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Equality and Equity
- Hard work and bravery

Work for social justice

- Partisan of non -violence.
- Respect for human rights equal treatment for all

- Supporting the weak, vulnerable and marginalized
- Work for the empowerment of the less disadvantaged
- Promoting fundamental human values
- Show a high level of Commitment and self -sacrifice for others

ACTIVITIES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY

1 Formation and training given in different skills

- A. Informal Education through Functional Adults Literacy program
- B. Civic Education, community meetings, dialogues and information sessions
- C. Computer training and income generating activity training
- D. Research, Advocacy and campaign
- E. Children Education and women empowerment
- F. Sexual and Gender Violence, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights HIV/ AIDs prevention and awareness
 - 1 Youth Drama, Dance and Music and Youth social economic empowerment
 - 2 Women empowerment through capacity building to participate in community affairs
 - 3 Counseling and Career- guidance
 - 4 Community media and internet access
 - 5 English For Adults and other languages
 - 6 Access to justice and Urgent Actions
 - 7 Peace and human rights campaigns
 - 8 Community media and access to information
 9. Promotion of quality leadership
 10. Being the voice of people at higher levels

ACTIVITIES TOWARDS MALGINALIZE PEOPLE SUCH AS REFUGEES

The Foundation PPDHR being a community organization, our targets are, youths, children, women victims of rape and sexual abuses, old aged persons and the community at large.

- 1 Counseling and behavior change towards community participation and engagement
- 2 Youth empowerment in different activities at different levels
- 3 Children care in and out of school programs for the most in need
- 4 Disadvantaged / disabled orphaned children and women
- 5 Youth, women and men without jobs and socio-economic empowerment
- 6 Illiterate youth, women and men without jobs and alternative to informal education
- 7 Young girls/ Boys and women/ men exposed to Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- 8 Young girls who have been sexually abused and early pregnancy and those who are face unwanted pregnancies
- 9 Career guidance sessions
- 10 Adults and children living with HIV/AIDS
- 11 Fight against human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery
- 12 Involvement in leadership and promotion of community participation

Here are more activities

- 1 In more relevant and supportive
- 2 Makes the voice of vulnerable and orphan children in need of basic needs.
- 3 Create awareness on the protection, advocacy, sensitization and promotion of refugee rights and access to quality services at the community level,
- 4 Train parents on issues of children health, development and their security.
- 5 Teach life skills.
- 6 Psychological and counseling to children who are raped, abused and enslaved.
- 7 We fight for example early marriage and forced marriage, domestic violence, and denial of basic needs.

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TARGET POPULATION.

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- 12 Girls out of school
- 13 Youth in and out of school
- 14 Children in and out of school
- 15 Disadvantaged / disabled orphaned children and women
- 16 Youth, women and men who are socially and economically weak,
- 17 Illiterate youth, women and men,
- 18 Young girls and women exposed to sexual abuse work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- 19 Old aged persons lacking basic needs and exposed to all forms of human rights violations
- 20 Adults and children living with HIV/AIDS
- 21 Local leaders, schoolteachers, Local churches and mosques
- 22 Political leaders and other stake holders
23. Women and girls who are economically marginalized

MAIN PILLARS OF OUR ACTIVITIES

The organization activities main pillars, which are directed towards training, promotion, protection, advocacy, community empowerment, education, health, poverty reduction and decentralization, as explained in details below,

Peace and Human rights

Advocating for the rights of marginalized and the excluded people is at the core of everything the Foundation PPDHR does. Through our work, we challenge government officials and policy makers, we collaborate with national networks and other group to lobby for man, women, child and youth rights, and ensure that the issues confronting marginalized people are heard in the national sphere.

Asserting their rights means different things for people: for some, this means meeting their basic needs; for others, the chance to go to school; for still others, it means reconnecting with their family, others it is to be given an opportunity, the Foundation PPDHR works towards these aspirations of people at community level,

Training, Youths, women orphans and caretakers will be referred to other organizations to get opportunities and acquire skills through training. Vocational schools have also played a big role to the illiterate's youths, men and women through giving those skills to enable them manage income generating activities (IGAs) like computer training, English Training, and small income activities training. Still more are needed to equip people with skills in order to actively participate in community affairs and ask for better services.

Promotion and Protection; Protection of human rights pursuant to nationality and villages accepted conventions and standard protection extends not only to legal rights, but also to the fulfillment of fundamental rights such as the right to food, water, shelter, medical care and education. These basic rights are for us the very first step to advocate and make people to participate in other rights.

Community empowerment; This is the expansion of assets and capabilities of communities to participate in, negotiate with, influence, control and hold accountable institutions that affect their lives or it means that the activity is to give that official authority or legal power to the community that can be a local group, a citizen's action committee, a citizen's initiative or a member of individuals with common interests.

Education programs; Support non formal learning such as Functional Adult Literacy (FAL), English For Adults (EFA), Computer Training programs, technical and vocational training to provide learners with skills that are relevant for the current and future economic environment and that are linked to employment opportunities for all people who did not get the opportunity to access formal education should serve as a complement to but not a substitute for formal education. Informal education is one among the best channels to impart knowledge to people in order to be good and active citizens at the community, national and international levels.

Decentralization, This refers to the transfer of responsibility for planning and executing, management and resource raising and allocation from the central (national) government and management system and its agencies to the people themselves and other unites in the fields of the local level or agencies. This will enable people at the community to make clear demands when they feel that their needs have not been fully addressed.

Health, HIV/aids, SGBV, SRHR and poverty reduction programs; Health, HIV/AIDS and poverty reductions programs are incorporated in all our activities right from the lower level and their families to achieve and maintain a state of good health is broadly defined as a state of complete physical, social and psychological well-being of an individual and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity but for the purpose of this section. The focus will be on physical and psychological support and the need for effective tools and thinking on how to secure healthy futures for people still exists as their basic rights.

Civil society; this is all about broadening development initiatives to build a stronger society with the ability to cooperate for the well-being of people, family and the community at large. In this effort people at community levels will be encouraged to organized in groups basing on their needs in order to be able to address and fully engage at community, national and international levels.

Mobilization; The organization shares information with the community members at peer levels to help members increase their knowledge on vocation skills, health issues their rights and many others. These programs create a sustainable answer to systemic level of improvement in many fields.

Livelihood & youth entrepreneurship

Livelihood opportunities and entrepreneurship have been at the heart of our organizations work since at the beginning. The initial bicycle courier businesses and boxing skills gradually evolved into the training programs, which have been shared in places around Uganda. These trainings effectively build the skills of youth striving to gain control of their lives, and equip them with the tools for better futures.

Organization structure of the Foundation PPDHR

The General Assembly

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Directors

The Executive headed by the Executive Director

With great wishes, thank you

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