

About us

CHRI is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit, international non-governmental organisation, mandated to ensure the practical realisation of human rights in the countries of the Commonwealth. Our sectors of focus are Access to Justice (Police and Prison Reforms) and Access to Information (Right to Information) with programmes on anti-discrimination and media rights also scheduled to start in 2018.

CHRI works to promote awareness of and adherence to the Commonwealth Charter, the Harare Principles, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other internationally recognised human rights instruments, as well as domestic instruments supporting human rights in Commonwealth member states. It has ECOSOC status at the United Nations and is the only Commonwealth human rights group accredited to the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Through its reports, field work, advocacy, fact finding missions, legal interventions and periodic investigations, CHRI draws attention to progress and setbacks to human rights. In advocating for approaches and measures to prevent human rights abuses, we address the UN agencies and networks, the Commonwealth Secretariat, member Governments, media and civil society associations. We work through processes of public education programmes and legal literacy, policy dialogues, comparative research, engagement and advocacy, media outreach, partnerships and networking. The effort is to expand public understanding of the issues as well as institutional capacity.

Headquartered in New Delhi, India, CHRI, has offices in London, UK, and Accra, Ghana.