

CHRI lauds government

THE Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), an independent, non-partisan, international NGO has congratulated the Government of Ghana on its efforts towards the realisation of the Right to Information Act.

It said information is an essential feature of good governance but added that more work needs to be done during and after the passing of the Bill into law.

A statement issued by the CHRI in Accra said a law was worthless if the very people it was meant for do not know it exists.

Consequently, it said awareness-raising remained a crucial part of the full realisation of right to information.

Over the past few months, CHRI in collaboration with the British Council, have carried out a series of regional seminars with the aim of raising awareness of right to information.

More precisely, the seminars, which were for all varieties of people, were aimed at enabling people to understand the concept of right to information in the context of their own lives.

According to the statement, in Ghana, CHRI had promoted the adoption of liberal access to the right to information, laws and administrative reform that promotes open and accountable government.

It said through awareness-raising workshops, community based groups, civil society, the media and parliamentarians have been informed about the value and the need for the realisation of such a right.

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