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NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Background of Organization

- 1) **Name of NGO: CENTREFOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE ADVOCACY(CHRAPA).**
- 2) **Date of Creation: 21st May 2001.**
- 3) **Registration Number: No. 525/E.31/067/scab**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy (CHRAPA) is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan, non-sectarian human rights organization established in May 2001. It is a national organization with international dimension. Its current membership is 150 people. The centre has been monitoring, documenting and following up human rights violations in Cameroon since creation. It has a **Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC of the UN**. In accordance with this status CHRAPA has designated permanent representatives to the UN Head Quarters in New York and UN Offices in Geneva and Vienna and attends UN Conferences and Meetings. The organization submits Quadrennial Reports, written statements and make oral presentations in UN conferences and meetings. CHRAPA also entertains good collaboration relationship with the Cameroon *National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms*. It plays a leading role in the Cameroon Coalition of Organizations for Voluntary Development, CAVOD and the Union of Northwest Human Rights Organizations, UNHURO, a network of more than 25 accredited NGOs. The organization may affiliate/collaborate with other national and international institutions with similar goals and objectives.

B. Goal

Our institutional goal is to promote sustainable development by pressing forward for greater respect of human rights and peace which are vital ingredients for good governance and hence development. To achieve these goals our work centers mostly on promoting the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) SDG 1, SDG 5, SDG 10 and 16 and other cross-cutting Goals by working in collaboration with communities, grassroots institutions and organizations both at the national and international level.

Objectives:

- Increase access to justice and other legal services to the common man through education and awareness raising within the local population in favour of human rights and peace.
- Empower the woman for sustainable development and other vulnerable groups with special focus on children.
- Monitor and follow-up the respect of Human Rights, good governance, and democratic evolution in Cameroon.

What we do

1. Promotion of human rights

We promote human rights through awareness raising by carrying out human rights awareness within communities, use of different media outlets for sensitization -radio, TV and Print Medium.

2. Protection of Human Rights

We carry out protection/human rights monitoring and where violation are identified, we support victims for legal redress and for other protection assistance where and when necessary. We also carry out monitoring in detention centres and irregularities are reported to the authorities that be.

3. Lobbying and Advocacy

We lobby competent public authorities to follow up, ratify and implement UN human rights instruments and redress victims of gross human rights violations. We issue press releases and Communiqués on striking issues, bulletins and fact sheets, flyers and publication and a quarterly newsletter called 'The Advocate' and organization of side events in UN Conferences on different advocacy issues.

a. Who are our Clients

We work with vulnerable men, women, children, persons with disabilities and other minority groups.

D. Funding

Members' dues and registration constitute an emerging though fragile source of funding. Our counterpart funds come from local contributions and donations; sale of publications, legal fund and interest earned. A majority of our projects are realized through the support of national and international partners.

Reporting:

CHRAPA's reporting procedure is both internal and external. Internal reporting is generally monthly for internal use only. Project, Activity, Quarterly, Annually and Human rights specialized reports and the financial reports that go with each item. External reporting is generally quarterly for partners and other stakeholders.

Networking With Other Organizations:

At the national level, CHRAPA has good working relationship with the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms, is member of the Union of Northwest Human Rights Organization (UNOWHURO) and chairs the Presidency of this Union. It plays a key role in the Cameroon Coalition of Voluntary Organizations for Development, CAVOD. At the International level CHRAPA is a member of the World Alliance of Religions.

Our Values

We value truth, freedom, justice, human rights, the rule of law and collective effort for the common good. We act with integrity, propriety, and political impartiality as we struggle to put the public's interest first. In doing this, we value professionalism in all we do. We value the people we work with and their diversity and we strive to show leadership and take responsibility. We value partnerships as ours is the achievement of results of high quality and good value.

When we do this badly, we don't respond to what the public want from us; we rather demand than earn respect; and we feather our own nest at the expense of others.

Our Partners

European Union, UN Women Cameroon, United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, United Nations Democracy Fund, United Nation Sub-regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, United Nations Information Centre for Central Africa, National Endowment for Democracy, and International Indigenous Women Forum Vital Voices.

SOME PROJECTS AND INTERVENTIONS BY CHRAPA ON THE AXIS OF SDG 5

| Projects | Period and Place | Participants / Beneficiaries | Funder |
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| Providing direct Assistance to women and Children Victims of Trafficking | 2022-2024 | Venerable Women and Girls | United Nations Slavery Fund |
| Rights Based Approach to Combatting Trafficking in Women and Children | 2021-2024 | Vulnerable Women and Girls | US Embassy Cameroon |
| Rights Based Approach to providing Access to Justice as a means to Promoting Social Cohesion | 2020-2021 | Vulnerable people including Women with disabilities ,IDP Women, girls and boys | UNDP Cameroon |
| Improving the protection of women and girls affected by the conflict in the South West and North-West Regions of | 2020-2021 Northwest Region | Vulnerable Women (IDPs, Women with Disabilities survivors of GBV | UN Women Cameroon |
| Sensitization and Education as a Means to Mitigate and End Child Sex Trafficking (SEMEST) | 2017-2018 | Judicial Officers (Magistrates, lawyers, Judicial Police Officers) | Global Freedom Exchange Vital Voices |
| Juvenile Justice Reform: Diversion; Alternatives to Detention; Humane Incarceration and Reintegration of Children in Bamenda. | Bamenda 2015-2017 | Juveniles and Children in Conflict with the Law | European Union |
| Coordination of CSOs Shadow Report to the UN on CEDAW | 2013 Geneva | Women and Girls | IRAW |
| Access to Justice, education and Sensitisation as a means to combat trafficking | 2014-Present | Women and Girls | United Nations Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery |
| Rights-based Approach to Capacity Development of Traditional Authorities to end Violence Against Women | 2012-2013 | Traditional Authorities | UN Women Cameroon |
| Human Rights Based Approach to Combating Violence Against Women. | Bamenda 1 st to 3 rd March 2007 | Women leaders | United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) |
| Human Rights-based approach to | December | Human Rights NGOs in the, | United Nations |

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| Strengthening Participatory Democracy | 2008 and ongoing 2013 Northwest, West, Littoral, Centre and Southwest Regions | (58 participants) Women and Youth, women leaders and young girls, traditional authorities, journalists and paralegals | Democracy Fund, (UNDEF) and UNDP-Cameroon |
| Access to Justice paralegal Programme | 2006-2007 | Women and other Vulnerable Groups | National Endowment for Democracy |
| Enhancing the skills, capacities and knowledge of 30 Legal Practitioners on CEDAW | Buea August 2009 | Legal Practitioners | United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) |
| Enhancing the skills, capacities and knowledge of Journalist on CEDAW | Bamenda 03rd March 2009 | Media Practitioners | United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) |
| Enhancing the skills, capacities and knowledge of Women Leaders | Bamenda 14 th February, 2006 | Women Leaders and NGOs working with Women. | United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) |
| Enhancing the skills, capacities and knowledge of Journalist, women leaders and the Judiciary on the implementation and follow-up of CEDAW in Cameroon | 2005-2006 | Women leaders, Judiciary and Media practitioners | UNIFEM Cameroon |
| National information and sensitization workshop on UN Resolution 1325 on Gender, Peace and Security. | 8 th November 2005 in Yaounde | NGOs, Government and Cultural Groups. | United Nations Development Fund for women. |
| Rights base Approach to Advocacy and Democracy issues | April 2004 Bamenda | Human Rights NGOs and Journalists (60 participants) | United Nation Sub-regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa |

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| Signature Collection to Petition Cameroon Government to ratify the African Charter on Human and People's Right on the Rights of the Women | 2004 National territory. | The Cameroon women. | CHRAPA 2004 |
| Monitoring Trafficking in Persons | 2004 North West, Adamawa and South West Province. | Children and the population | CHRAPA |
| Role of the civil society in the Promotion and Protection of Rights belonging to vulnerable Groups. | July 2003 in Chad | Human Rights NGOs in the Central African Sub-region (40 Participants) | United Nation Sub-regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa |