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Enforcement of Patients  
and Health Workers' Rights



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# ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Human rights rest on human dignity.  
Then dignity of man is an ideal worth fighting for  
and worth dying for  
-Robert C. Maynard-



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## WHO WE ARE

Enforcement of Patients and health Workers' Rights is a non-governmental Organization not for profit human rights enforcement organization established in 2017 duly registered with NGO board and NGO forum with Reg No. INDR13829939NB, permit No. INDP000939NB. EPHWOR is actively involved in programs geared towards enforcement and advocacy of patients, health workers women, sexual and reproductive health rights in rural and urban areas in Uganda.

EPHWOR is focused on its thematic areas of advocacy, education and enforcement of patients, health Workers, women, sexual and reproductive health rights.

## WHY WE EXIST

The right to health is not explicitly provided for in the Bill of Rights of the constitution of the Republic of Uganda. However, it contains a number of provisions with a bearing on health. The constitution enjoins the state to promote the social well-being of the people and in particular to ensure that all Ugandans enjoy rights and opportunities and access, amongst other things health services. The state is also enjoined to take all practical measures to ensure the provision of basic medical services to the population.

Though for many years, common medical practice meant that physicians made decisions for their patients, many countries have enacted separate laws to ensure that patients receive treatment consistent with the dignity and respect they deserve as human beings. Far from persecuting reckless medical workers and careless hospital administrators, the new law seeks to provide, at minimum, equitable access to quality medical care, ensuring patients' privacy and the

So Enforcement of Patients and Health Workers' Rights (EPHWOR), here thus comes to advocate and enforce for the realization of Patients and Health Workers Rights, women rights, sexual and reproductive health rights, enforce implementation of the local/international policies/laws on health, Lobby Donors' funds locally and internationally to help women, Patients and empower Health Workers serve better as we Challenge both Government and Law makers to respect the right to health as a basis of human dignity.

confidentiality of their medical information, informing patients and obtaining their consent before employing a medical intervention, and providing a safe clinical environment.

However on the other hand, Health Workers are not solely blamed because Government has to some degree caused the problem by paying meager salaries to the health workers, failed to facilitate them with adequate tools, failure to increase on health workers patients ratio, failure to develop community structures for improved health education, promotion and disease prevention which all together, have always incapacitated health workers to effectively deliver health services as expected.

On the other hand, Donor Community is wide and with a lot of resources to save lives of patients as well as empowering Health Workers serve with a smile. However most top Government Health Officials never Lobby such Donors to fund the open gaps in health system but they just sit and wait for Salaries from the meagre resources/taxpayers' money which have kept Uganda behind in in Development compared to other Countries like Kenya, South Africa etc where patients and health workers' rights are recognized.

## OUR VISION

- Having a Society in which Social Justice and best Health Service Delivery to the most Poor Peasant Patients is realized and Health Workers empowered to deliver Quality health services with a smile.

## OUR MISSION

- Strategic Research, Advocacy and Enforcement of Patients and Health Workers' Rights to achieve the above.

## OUR STRATEGY

- Factual research and Documentation in health facilities about patients and health workers rights violated, Empowerment of communities through awareness raising for patients to understand their rights and demand them even without us, Advocacy and Enforcement so that Government respects Patients and Health Workers' Rights, Litigation against medical negligence, and finally Lobbying Donors to fund the gaps within the health sector to save lives.

## OUR OBJECTIVES

- Factual Research and Documentation about Patients and Health Workers' Rights Violated thus Concomitant facts and the best working tool to advocate for their rights and better health service delivery in Uganda.
- Civil Society Empowerment through interface Civic Education and National Public Awareness Raising about Patients and Health Workers' Local/International Rights plus Laws that Protect them hence empowering even the most grass root local people to demand better health services and even enforce litigation for justice themselves in case of violence without us the initiators of this.
- Litigation against medical negligence.
- Challenge Law/Policy makers and academia to ensure justiciability of National Objectives in the Constitution that provide for patients' rights and right to health.
- Lobby Local and International Donors to Fundraise for Equipment, Medicine, other Material lacking in Health Facilities as well as Capacity Build our Organization to Enforce Laws against poor Health service delivery in Uganda.
- Train and create awareness among medical students undergoing training on their rights and rights of patients under their care.
- Empower and train various bodies regulating medical professionals in Uganda to ensure patients and medical workers rights are upheld.
- To contribute and engage in charity activities
- To obtain and accept gifts either in form of money or movable property and any other assistance that may be deemed necessary for the achievement of the company.
- To undertake studies, carry out research, write proposals, compile data and any other matter relating to or incidental to the above objective.
- To enter into partnership or arrangement in the nature of a partnership cooperation or union of interest with any person or persons interested in the carrying or conduct of any business which this company might derive any benefit.

- To advocate for sexual and reproductive health rights.
- To challenge negative norms that harass women sexually and undermine them socially, economically and politically.

### OUR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

- Factual Research and Documentation about Patients and Health Workers' Rights Violated thus Concomitant facts and the best working tool to advocate for their rights and better health service delivery in Uganda.
- Popularization of Patients and Health Workers Local/International Rights plus Laws that protect them. We shall effect this through Radio Programs in Local Languages, TV Shows, Health Camps, Social Media Networks, Interface Civic Education Outreaches etc to empower even the most grassroots members demand better health services and seek justice themselves in case of violence.
- Roundtable Amicable Dialogues with the State Stakeholder Authorities, other Human Rights Activist Organizations, Religious Leaders, Donor Representatives and the Victims to redress Patients and Health Workers' Rights Violated.
- Litigation against Patients and Health Workers rights violated.
- Organizing Health and Legal Events, Public Debates, Direct Visits to the Concerned Offices to Challenge Government to implement its NDPS (National Development Plans), Constitution, International Laws and MDGS (Millennium Development Goals) Pertaining Health Rights of Patients and Medical Workers.
- Empowering Health Workers and Patients through Lobbying Local and International Donors' Funds to close the open gaps in Medical Supplies and Infrastructure as well as empowering us Enforce Laws against poor service delivery.
- Networking with other Legal, Health and Human Rights Activist Organizations for Knowledge and Resource Sharing hence better Advocacy because "Together is Better than Alone"
- Advocating for sexual and reproductive health rights.
- Challenging negative norms that harass women sexually and undermine them socially, economically and politically.

### OFFICE, OPERATIONAL AREA AND DURATION

Enforcement of Patients and Health Workers' Rights (EPHWOR) operates nationally and our head office is located in Kampala the Capital City of Uganda at Sir Appolo Kagwa Road Kawempe Division with coordinational offices in different districts of Uganda.





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