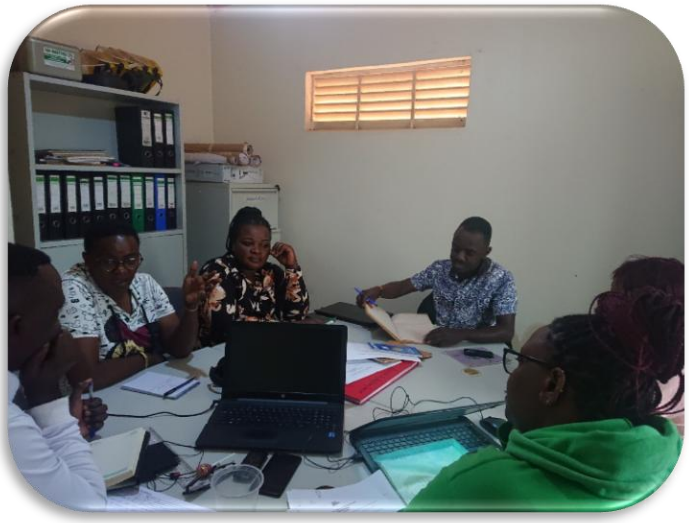

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COHRE

This Annual Report highlights the activities, achievements, challenges, partnerships, and financial overview of the Coalition for Human Rights Education (COHRE) for the year **2025**. Our work focuses on empowering vulnerable populations, advancing human rights education, expanding access to health services, including HIV prevention, Sexual, Reproductive Health, and Rights and strengthening collaborations on various social change advocacy programs for sustained impact.

Introduction

This Annual Report presents a comprehensive overview of the activities, achievements, challenges, partnerships, and financial performance of the Coalition for Human Rights Education (COHRE) during the year 2025. Throughout the year, COHRE remained committed to promoting human dignity, equality, and social justice by empowering vulnerable and marginalized populations through human rights education, advocacy, and community engagement.

The report highlights key interventions and milestones achieved in advancing access to essential health services, including HIV prevention programs, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights initiatives, and other community-centered development programs. It also show cases the organization's efforts in strengthening the capacity of individuals and communities to claim and protect their rights while fostering inclusive participation in social and economic development.

In addition, the report reflects on the strategic partnerships and collaborations established with government institutions, civil society organizations, development partners, and community stakeholders, which have been instrumental in driving sustainable social change and expanding the reach and impact of COHRE's programs. It further outlines the challenges encountered during implementation, lessons learned, and the measures taken to enhance organizational effectiveness and program delivery.

The financial overview provides a transparent account of the resources mobilized and utilized in support of COHRE's mission, demonstrating the organization's commitment to accountability, stewardship, and sustainable growth. Collectively, this report illustrates CHRE's continued dedication to creating informed, healthy, and empowered communities while contributing to long-term social transformation and human rights advancement.

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Organizational Background Overview

Coalition for Human Rights Education (COHRE) is a non-profit organization committed to advancing human rights, equity, and social justice through inclusive, community-driven approaches. COHRE works to strengthen the dignity, agency, and well-being of marginalized populations; women, girls and youths by promoting access to quality and non-discriminatory health services, fostering equitable policies, and expanding socio-economic opportunities. The organization's work is grounded in human rights principles that are implemented through strategic partnerships, grassroots engagement, and capacity-building initiatives that empower individuals and communities to participate in shaping their own development.

Overall, COHRE remains committed to achieve its objectives through integrated approaches that combine human rights education, health services, economic empowerment, and creative arts, with the ultimate goal of fostering inclusive development and social justice.

Vision: A society where knowledge and awareness of own human rights have created a well-informed citizenry to influence equity and dignity for all.

Mission: To Promote and improve Human Rights situations, health and livelihoods of the marginalized and vulnerable people, women and youths and empower them towards improvement of their freedoms and well-being.

Geographic Focus: Uganda with outreach in Wakiso, Kampala, Ntungamo, and other districts as may require our target.

Beneficiaries: Adolescents and youth, women and girls, people living with HIV, key populations, and marginalized communities.

COHRE Focus Areas

The Coalition for Human Rights Education (COHRE) implements its programs through the following strategic focus areas, aimed at promoting human rights, health, empowerment, and sustainable community development:



Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment:

Strengthening the financial capacity of individuals and communities through entrepreneurship promotion, livelihood enhancement, and financial education initiatives. The achievement included 23 community empowerment workshops reaching over **250 participants**; topics included leadership, financial literacy, digital skills and creative graphics, crafting skills and rights awareness.7 crafting sessions delivered in Wakiso-sissa, Makindye Sabaggabo and Katabi,Film Production and Music production, tailoring and shoe making basic skills

Advocacy and Health Access, Including HIV Prevention: Promoting equitable access to healthcare services while advancing community awareness, advocacy, and prevention efforts related to HIV and other health challenges. COHRE supported clients receiving HIV prevention services to ensure they continue taking and adhere to HIV treatment for order suppression of viral load in order to reduce and eliminate transmissions reaching over 2000 people with Hiv testing, 46 clients supported linked of HIV treatment and referred over 144 people screened for other heathy concerns and linked for immediate health service.



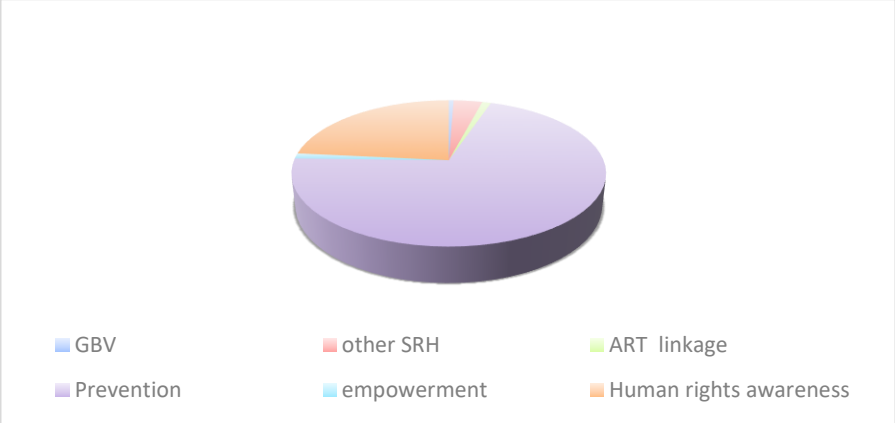
Coalition for Human Rights Education (COHRE) is actively engaged in advancing HIV prevention initiatives, with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through an Infectious diseases Institute sub grant. COHRE's work focuses on key populations, adolescent girls, and young women (AGYW) to promote HIV prevention through integrated services. We cordially extend these services to people living with HIV to promote adherence, drug distribution and any other counseling needs**.**

COHRE operates a drop-in center that serves as a hub for various services. This center provides information on HIV prevention, distributes self-testing kits, and offers crucial mental health counseling. Additionally, the center provides counseling for gender-based violence (GBV) and facilitates feedback mechanisms for any health-related needs of the community.

COHRE has facilitated its strategic budget and activities through partnerships and collaborations to reach targets. In feminism leadership improvement, we collaborated with MEMPROW that supported training our young women leaders. Legal support through HRAPF supported programs in paralegal training, Sauti youth network collaboration in addressing GBV, Health Access programs and IDI sub granting to improve HIV Prevention and other SRH screening and learning

Partnership Engagements: Building and maintaining strategic partnerships with government agencies, civil society organizations, development partners, and community stakeholders to enhance program impact and sustainability.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR): Supporting access to comprehensive SRHR information and services while promoting informed decision-making and reproductive health. The main emphasis of our focus under this theme is sexual violence and harmful practices by sensitizing community, screening for signs of violence, education about the legal framework and counselling of survivors. Education about sexual health and menstrual health .We also focus on **Gender-Based Violence (GBV) as a component of SRHR by** preventing and responding to gender-based violence through awareness campaigns, community engagement, survivor support, and advocacy for gender equality.



Human Rights Education and Sensitization by raising awareness of human rights principles and responsibilities through education, advocacy, community dialogues, and capacity building activities

Climate Resilience and Awareness focusing on enhancing community resilience to climate change through climate education and sustainable adaptation practices.

Creative Arts and Skills Improvement:

Utilizing creative arts and skills development to empower individuals, particularly young people, with opportunities for self-expression, innovation, and socio-economic



Key Achievements:

1. **Health Education &HIV Testing and Linkage Services**

- 200 health awareness sessions on HIV prevention and treatment conducted
- Reached 2000 Most at Risk community members
- Mobile HIV testing through use of Self-testing kits in underserved areas.
- 4340 individuals tested; with 98% linked to care for support.
- Distribution of Prevention materials to over 3000 people
- 45800 condoms distributed to most at risk through peer networks and clinics.
- Trained seven volunteers on HIV prevention, stigma reduction, and referrals.
- Created Community friends that connected us to other peers through Social Network Strategy.
- Continued Drop in center functions to supporting HIV prevention and holding dialogues on Gender Based Violence/Intimate Partner Violence, counseling and referrals.

2. **Policy & Advocacy**

- Engagement with health facilities health workers on non-discrimination, inclusive health services as a means to end HIV and other infections.
- Engaged with Ministry of health support Team on key needed service improvement engagements.
- Worked with Local council leaders to understand local council Act and leadership guidelines for better working relationship.
- Discussed Legal framework and interpreted what it means in relation to Ugandan constitutional guidelines.

3. **Partnership Engagements**

In engaging to forge partnerships, COHRE aimed at building strong, sustainable collaborations in order to increase strategic results and to reach a wider reach and impact.

- Wakiso District Health Offices for community health advise and key guidelines.
- Collaboration with national HIV coalitions and implementing partners
- Secured program funding from IDI sub grant for Sexual health including HIV prevention initiatives.
- Collaboration with Riots on Music for activism
- Skills development partnerships engagement with Sauti youth Foundation
- Collaborated on key advocacy programs with Sauti including GBV and personal hygiene, digital security and mental health wellness programs

Outputs:

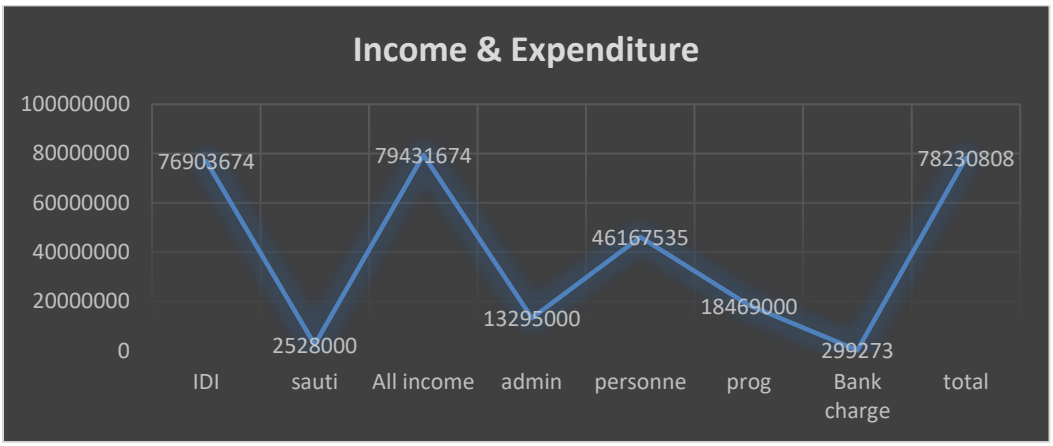
- Shared advocacy briefs on youth community marginalized persons needs
- Linked most at risk populations persons onto prevention services
- Created SACCO and linked clients to Government support systems for financial support
- Shared insights on creativity and created a music video widely publicized
- Identified and linked those with a reaction to HIV test into care for treatment.

4. Empowerment & Skills improvement



Coalition for Human Rights Education seeks out talented individuals to empower through knowledge practice and application in order to develop individual capabilities and point minds to creativity and self-improvement. In the 2025 year, COHRE continuously sought out individual and trained them in various skills including film production resulting in one feature film, one collaborated music video and training to 10 youths in shoe making.

4. Financial Summary



5 . Challenges & Lessons Learned

- In enabling access to health, transport and distance barriers limited, some clients from reaching health facilities as a result the burden of availing services became costly.
- COHRE experienced funding constraints that affected scale and continuity of skills programs in some districts.
- There was limited peers which constrained community reach out programs
- Partnerships can compensate missed chances and fill gaps where need be in achieving target programs.

6 . 2026 Plans

In 2026, the Coalition for Human Rights Education aims to expand its skills development initiatives to reach more individuals and communities, enhancing livelihoods and promoting self-reliance. The organization plans to establish and fully equip a resource center dedicated to skills and craft training, providing a sustainable platform for learning and innovation. COHRE will also scale up peer referral networks to strengthen access to HIV prevention, care, and support services while improving client retention through enhanced follow-up and community engagement mechanisms. Furthermore, COHRE will deepen its partnerships and collaborations with government agencies, civil society organizations, and development partners to influence policy reforms and advance human rights advocacy. To ensure long-term sustainability, COHRE will implement a comprehensive resource mobilization and fundraising strategy aimed at diversifying funding sources and increasing organizational capacity to deliver impactful programs.

7. Acknowledgement

We sincerely acknowledge the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) for funding and sub granting COHRE, which made this work possible. We also extend our appreciation to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for enabling a smooth and productive collaboration throughout the implementation of this work.

Special thanks go to the entire COHRE team for their dedication, professionalism, and commitment. We are equally grateful to the various health teams and partners we engaged with for their cooperation, valuable contributions, and support, which were instrumental to the success of this initiative.