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The Association for Human Rights and Immigration Assistance (AMHRI) is an independent, non-profit civil society organization of Yemeni-American origin with a global scope. It is officially registered in Yemen with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor under number (50/105) on June 17, 2007.

Recently, the organization was registered in New York, United States in 2022, and obtained tax-exempt status from the State of New York in 2023 with the number (3225634 - EIN:87). AMHRI is distinguished by its consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (Observer Status). The organization strives to advocate for and promote human rights principles according to international standards issued by the United Nations. It addresses migration challenges and partners in implementing sustainable development goals through enhancing empowerment and integration policies. AMHRI collaborates with various partners from the private sector, government sector, and humanitarian partners to contribute to achieving sustainable development goals and mitigating climate change.

GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. Contribute to the promotion of respect for human rights and democracy, and combat corruption.

2. Assist in monitoring and supporting developments in justice, sustainable development, and good governance.

3. Support the rights of children and youth, empower women, help address forms of violence still practiced against women, and ensure equal treatment of men and women before the law.

4. Coordinate efforts to establish partnerships with the government to provide advice on developing national legislation and mechanisms related to justice, development, and human rights.

5. Contribute to strengthening civil society and expanding rural activities.

6. Provide legal aid and assistance to victims of human rights violations, defend the rights of migrants (expatriates and arrivals), refugees, minorities, and vulnerable and marginalized groups in society.

7. Help create an equal civil society that respects human rights, without any racial discrimination based on religion, sect, nationality, origin, tribe, language, gender, age, or physical disability.

8. Contribute to raising government and community awareness to create equal social opportunities for minorities and marginalized groups.

9. Monitor, observe, and support the development of the democratic process and encourage it by all possible means.

OUR VISION

We are committed to creating positive societal change through a dual approach of advocacy and empowerment. We closely monitor human rights violations, migration issues, and climate change, urging policymakers to reform necessary policies that contribute to systematic positive change and community empowerment.

Through our dedicated efforts, we strive to provide meaningful and sustainable assistance to those affected and victims of violations. We aim to empower migrant communities with their rights and advocate for the implementation of sustainable development goals by fostering effective partnerships.

OUR MISSION

At the Association for Human Rights and Immigration Assistance, we are committed to achieving positive change in people's lives by promoting human rights and protecting migrants. We believe in the importance of providing support and empowerment to individuals and local communities, building their capacities to contribute to sustainable development and enhancing social justice.

We strive to monitor and document human rights and migration-related violations, raising awareness among the public and the international community about the importance of protecting human rights and advocating for migrants. Additionally, we work to strengthen laws and policies related to human rights and migration, and we aim to enhance collaboration in these areas.

LOCATION

United States

Main office:
New York, United States.

Switzerland

Office in Geneva.

Yemen

Office in Yemen.

OUR VALUES

- Advocacy
- Participation
- Sustainable Development
- Humanity
- Peaceful Coexistence
- Capacity Building

OUR VALUES

Advocacy

We are committed to advocating for human rights issues and addressing any violations in accordance with the humanitarian standards of the United Nations. We ensure there is no discrimination, racism, favoritism, or bias, and we emphasize transparency, oversight, and community accountability in all our projects.

Participation

We rely on creating effective partnerships in all our projects and activities. We are committed to collaborative work with all relevant entities and institutions, benefiting from others' experiences and exchanging expertise in humanitarian work.

Sustainable Development

Our projects aim to advocate for human rights issues, including the environment and climate. We strive to contribute to the implementation of sustainable development goals, raising awareness of these goals, and mitigating climate change affecting our planet.

Humanity

We adhere to the highest standards of humanitarian work as practiced by our humanitarian partners, contributing to effective humanitarian responses for the most vulnerable and affected groups in society, including migrants and displaced persons.

Peaceful Coexistence

We utilize all available resources to promote a culture of peaceful coexistence and tolerance among all groups in society, including migrants and minorities, to enhance social stability and drive development forward.

Capacity Building

We place a fundamental emphasis on building the capacities of our team in all aspects of humanitarian work, institutional work, and governance. We are particularly focused on building the capacities of migrants and minorities, contributing to positive social integration and economic development that helps reduce poverty.

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Advocacy Program

The organization plays a significant role in advocating for human rights issues at both local and international levels. Our teams in Yemen, New York, and Geneva organize numerous advocacy campaigns in coordination with partners, including United Nations agencies. The organization provides regular briefings on the status of human rights, minorities, and migrants through UN mechanisms and other channels. We use all available resources to press policymakers to make fair decisions that provide protection for individuals or groups who have suffered violations and achieve justice for them.

Legal Assistance Program

The organization monitors and documents human rights violations, with a particular focus on the rights of migrants and refugees. We seek to mobilize necessary resources and strengthen partnerships with donors from the humanitarian sector, government, and private sector to implement projects that provide legal assistance to migrants, refugees, and victims of human rights violations by following the procedures and mechanisms in the countries where they are located.

Migration and Asylum Program

The organization places special emphasis on the rights of migrants and asylum seekers by providing legal assistance to these vulnerable groups. We conduct needs assessments, analyze challenges and risks they face, and contribute to creating solutions for their situations in accordance with applicable laws. During our projects, we focus on building the capacities of migrants and refugees, enhancing their positive integration with the host community, and empowering them.

Climate Change Program

The organization contributes to raising community awareness about environmental issues and reducing climate change, emphasizing the community's duties in protecting the planet. We actively participate in local and international climate and sustainable development conferences to promote climate justice and protect those affected.

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Education and Empowerment Program

Education on Human Rights Culture
The organization aims to create effective partnerships to provide education for all, considering it a fundamental human right and aligning with the fifth goal of the Sustainable Development Goals. The organization promotes collaboration and partnership with migrant communities in the field of education to empower the beneficiaries for positive integration into host societies. It also presents project proposals to mobilize the necessary resources for implementing education and empowerment projects.

Capacity Building and Sustainable Development Program

The organization focuses on building the capacities of its staff in governance, institutional work, advocacy, enhancing transparency, and accountability. It trains them on monitoring and documenting violations, report writing, and providing briefings on human rights issues, among other topics. The organization builds a transparent, comprehensive, and credible database on human rights conditions and development indicators in the issues it addresses, making it a reliable reference for individuals and entities locally and internationally.

Justice and Peace Promotion Program

The organization enhances the efficiency of its employees in promoting justice, protecting human rights, institutional work, peace, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence.

PROJECTS

Projects Implemented by the Association in New York City in 2023 in the Field of Migrants Abroad.

Advocacy Campaign Project

An advocacy campaign was launched to open Yemeni passport services in New York City to serve the Yemeni community in the state. The campaign continued until Yemeni President Rashad Al-Alimi approved the request, which was adopted by Aziz Zaid, the Vice President of the Association. President Al-Alimi directed the establishment of a passport center at the Yemeni Embassy in New York. The center has been operational since the beginning of 2024 and continuously serves over 300,000 Yemeni American residents in New York State.

Educational Project for Yemeni American Students

A project was initiated to educate Yemeni American students online and raise their awareness of the Yemeni curriculum to preserve their original identity. This project, in partnership with the Yemeni community in New York, led to the signing of an agreement with Yemen Online School in Cairo. Since February 16, 2024, the project has been providing free educational services to over 2,000 Yemeni students in New York alone.

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