

## Who is HERAF?

Health Rights Advocacy Forum (HERAF) is a non-governmental organization that brings together health professionals, NGOs, FBOs and PLWHA organizations to advocate for health as a fundamental human right in Kenya. It was established in 2006 as a project of Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC), and registered as a non governmental organization in Kenya by the NGO coordination board in 2007.



## Vision

A Kenya where health is upheld and enjoyed as a fundamental human right

## Mission

To be a leading human rights organization that promotes and empowers Kenyans to realize the right to health for all.

## Core Values

- Indivisibility and universality of human rights
- Holistic well-being of persons
- Commitment to equity, respect and diversity
- Accountability and transparency
- Equality and non discrimination
- Team work
- Gender equity
- Non-confrontational
- Equity and social justice
- Community engagement and participation

## Goal

To be a visible leader in promoting, protecting and empowering Kenyans to enjoy the right to health at all times.

## Strategic Objectives

- 1) To create awareness, inform and educate health professionals, civil society and communities on health as a fundamental human right.
- 2) To influence Kenya's health policies to guarantee promotion, respect and protection of the right to health.
- 3) To provide leadership among health professionals, civil society and the local masses in identifying and addressing emerging health rights issues in Kenya.
- 4) To advocate for an efficient health financing system that ensures equity, accountability and sustainability of Kenya's health care system.

## HERAF PROGRAMMES

The programmes are designed to promote the right to health that includes entitlements to health, goods and facilities which are available, accessible, acceptable and of good quality.

### 1) Health Rights Awareness and Education

- Provides accurate and up to date information on the right to health and other related economic, social and cultural rights.
- Enables health care workers, civil society and general public to understand and acknowledge the right to health.
- Empowers community members, health care workers and civil society to comprehend human rights challenges impeding HIV&AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services.

### 2) Evidence-Based Advocacy for Reforms in Health Policies

- Raises public awareness of international standards, government obligations and national legislation that influences the right to health in Kenya.
- Influences health policies, public opinion, attitudes and perceptions of the right to health at the community, district, national and international level.

- Provides leadership among health workers and civil society in identifying and addressing the emerging policy gaps on the right to health in Kenya.

### 3) Promoting Health Sector Management and Governance

- Empowers community representatives in Health Committees, Management Boards and Teams to represent community interests in the design and implementation of health sector programmes at community, district and national levels.
- Improves participation of civil society organizations in district and national health forums.
- Conducts capacity building trainings for DHMT, DHMB and Health Facility Committees.
- Improves provider-client relationship and accountability.

