

# EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS PROJECT (EHAHRDP)

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**Number of Placements:** 1

**Placement Site:** Kampala, Uganda

**URL:** <http://www.defenddefenders.org/>

## **Field/Subject Area:**

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria

## **Position Description:**

The intern will work as part of the Advocacy/Research and Program teams to contribute to EHAHRDP's overall communications strategy, including work on the organization's public materials (website, printed materials, video and audio). The intern will also assist in other aspects of EHAHRDP's work, such as advocacy and training events.

## **Specific tasks will include:**

- Contributing to designing and redesigning the organization's public materials and website, including creating content, editing video and audio materials, and forming communications strategies for future.
- Assisting in capacity building department (logistics of events, rapporteuring) and advocacy department (media monitoring, taking notes in meetings, desk research).
- Any other duties as may be assigned by the Deputy Director.

**Complete all tasks assigned, which includes but is not limited to the responsibilities outlined above.**

**Expected work hours:** 8:30am to 4:30pm, 5 days per week

**Preferred start date:** May

### **Qualifications/skills required:**

- Skills in design, editing video and audio, layout design, and/or IT.
- Good analytical and writing skills
- Flexible and sensitive to different working environment and mentalities
- Creative and motivated to bring in ideas and share skills
- Knowledge on the social, political and economic dynamics in the East and Horn of Africa region.
- Demonstrated interest in human rights an advantage.

### **Language requirements:**

English; knowledge of French desirable

### **Highlights of Organization/background information:**

The East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project is designed to strengthen the work of human rights defenders (HRDs) by reducing their vulnerability to the risk of persecution and by enhancing their capacity for effectively defending human rights. Its activities focus on Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Somalia and Somaliland, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. The Project envisions a region in which the human rights of every citizen as stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) are respected and upheld. Our mission is to maximize the protection of HRDs working in the sub region and to enhance the awareness of human rights work through linkages with national, regional and international like-minded entities.

The Project's actions are guided by the following objectives:

- To protect and defend human rights defenders in the region;
- To build the capacity of human rights defenders in the region;
- To advocate and raise public awareness and profiles of human rights defenders in the region.

The Project is making effort to implement its set objectives in the following areas:  
Protection, Advocacy: and Capacity Building: