

Strong NHRIs. Strong Communities.

Respect for human rights is the foundation of fair and inclusive communities in which everyone, regardless of their background, can live freely and in safety. **National human rights institutions (NHRIs)** make a powerful contribution to their communities by promoting and protecting fundamental rights, especially for those most vulnerable to discrimination and abuse. However, threats and challenges to human rights are growing in all regions.

The **Strong NHRIs project** will support and equip NHRIs, as well as their global and regional networks, to respond to the most pressing human issues and promote and protect the rights of all people.



Building capacity

The Strong NHRIs project will:

- Strengthen NHRIs to promote and protect **human rights defenders and civic space**, and defend NHRIs when they face threats and reprisals
- Promote the establishment, strengthening and **accreditation of NHRIs**, in compliance with the Paris Principles
- Support NHRIs to bring about change in priority areas, including: **climate change, torture prevention** and implementation of the **Sustainable Development Goals**
- Deepen the capacity of GANHRI and the four regional NHRI networks – in **Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific** and **Europe** – to support member NHRIs



Engaging and equipping NHRIs

Through the Strong NHRIs project, NHRIs will have access to a wide range of **support and training** to deepen their knowledge and expertise.

We will regularly **bring NHRIs together** to share experiences and learn from each other.

We will publish **tools and resources**, drawing on the good practices and insights of NHRIs and partner organisations.

We will **amplify the voice of our members** and **influence the global human rights agenda** by sharing NHRI insights on priority human rights.



How NHRIs create change

NHRIs are established by the State, with a broad constitutional or legal mandate. Importantly, they operate independently from the State and from the government. They use their unique powers to promote and protect human rights.



Monitoring the human rights situation



Providing advice to government



Investigating complaints from victims



Delivering **human rights education**



Cooperating with national partners



Engaging with regional and international **human rights bodies**

Partners

The Strong NHRIs project runs from 2022-2025. Led by GANHRI and implemented in partnership with the four regional networks, it builds on developments from previous phases of the NHRI-EU capacity building project (*Phase 1: 2016-2018* and *Phase 2: 2019-2021*).



The Strong NHRIs project is the third phase of a long-standing capacity building project for NHRIs and their regional networks, funded by the European Union.