



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

This report presents a comprehensive record of CHHELD's 2025 work, including programs, partnerships, community events, outreach activities, and project outcomes across all stages of implementation.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I am pleased to present this executive summary, highlighting the significant progress CHHELD has made in 2025 towards promoting health, human rights, governance, accountability, and advocacy in Rivers State and beyond. Our dedication to driving meaningful change has strengthened partnerships with key stakeholders, enhanced our advocacy initiatives, and expanded our impact across various thematic areas, including gender equality, social inclusion, climate action, and civic engagements.

**Mission Accomplishments:** In 2025, CHHELD made substantial progress toward fulfilling its mission of *achieving peace through partnerships and support to the weak*. Through strategic collaborations and grassroots action, we mobilized 4 communities, strengthened advocacy platforms, and expanded our impact across key thematic areas. CHHELD reached over 3,500 beneficiaries, providing training, mentorship, and advocacy support that enhanced capacities in social inclusion, gender equality, leadership, and community-led solutions, demonstrating a sustained commitment to driving positive, lasting change in Rivers State and beyond.

**Impactful Programs:** During the year, CHHELD successfully established Menstrual Health and Climate Justice Clubs in 10 public secondary schools, empowering young people especially girls, with leadership skills, awareness on menstrual health and environmental sustainability, and advocacy tools to champion change in their communities.

We also deepened our engagement in climate justice by participating in Port Harcourt Climate Week 2025 and contributing to the launch of the Nigerian Climate Justice Movement, where CHHELD was appointed to the movement's steering committee, amplifying grassroots voices in national climate policy.

**Governance and Legislative Contributions:** In 2025, CHHELD continued to strengthen governance and legislative engagement by actively participating in multi-stakeholder platforms and policy dialogues at local, regional, and national levels. Our organization contributed to the South-South Regional Conference on improving the operational environment for CSOs, advocating for transparent, accountable, and enabling civic space. CHHELD also played a key role in legislative advocacy, providing evidence-based recommendations on community health, gender inclusion, and environmental policies, ensuring that the voices of grassroots communities, particularly women and youth, were represented in decision-making processes.

**Capacity Strengthening and Partnerships:** CHHELD deepened its commitment to building organizational capacities while expanding strategic partnerships to enhance impact across its priority areas. We strengthened our institutional capacity to engage in policy dialogues and collaborate with other Civil Society and development partners on regulatory reforms and civic space enhancement in the south-south region.

CHHELD also collaborated with the Civil Society for the Eradication of Tuberculosis in Nigeria (TB Network) under the Global Fund ATM grant to support community-led monitoring of TB, HIV, and malaria services—a partnership that included state-level training of trainers to build local monitoring skills and enhance health accountability mechanisms.

Strategic grassroots partnerships were further strengthened through training initiatives like the Capacity Building Training of Data Enumerators in Khana LGA under the ALAM-H project, equipping local actors with data collection and ethical research skills to support menstrual health advocacy.

CHHELD's network also included collaborations with the Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board, Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN), and other CSOs in joint health promotion campaigns such as the Port Harcourt Vaccines Uptake Walkathon.

**Recognition:** CHHELD earned a prominent role in the Nigerian Climate Justice Movement, where it was appointed to the steering committee, amplifying grassroots voices in national environmental policy discussions. This reaffirmed its status as a trusted and results-driven CSO, enhancing its visibility, expanding its partnerships, and solidifying its influence in driving inclusive and sustainable development across Rivers State and beyond.

**Challenges and Resilience:** CHHELD navigated a range of challenges while continuing to advance its mission. Operating in a dynamic civic environment, we faced constraints including political instability, shrinking civic space, limited access to consistent funding, regulatory and compliance complexities, and the ongoing impacts of socio-economic pressures on the communities we serve.

Despite these challenges, CHHELD demonstrated remarkable resilience through adaptive strategies, strategic partnerships, and innovative program design. By leveraging community networks, and investing in capacity building for staff and volunteers, we maintained continuity and amplified impact across our thematic areas.

**Gratitude and Acknowledgments:** As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2025, CHHELD expresses heartfelt gratitude to all our funding partners, technical advisors, stakeholders, and supporters, who made our work possible. We acknowledge the invaluable contributions of community members, Government agencies, civil society networks, and development partners whose collaboration and dedication enabled us to implement impactful programs and reach our beneficiaries.

We also extend appreciation to our dedicated staff, board members, and volunteers, whose commitment, professionalism, and resilience ensured the effective delivery of our mission.

**Looking Forward:** We look forward to building on the successes, deepening partnerships, scale up initiatives, and continue promoting inclusive governance, environmental sustainability, and sustainable impact for vulnerable communities across Rivers State and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **BRIGGS IBIBOBO**

*Chairperson, Board of Trustee, CHHELD*

# ABOUT CHHELD

The Centre for Human Rights, Health, Ethnic Harmony and Livelihood Development (CHHELD) is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental organization established in the Year 2015 but duly registered on the 28th day of November, 2018 with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). We are geared towards providing succor in areas such as Human Rights, Health (access to primary health care), Peace and Conflict Resolutions and Poverty Alleviation. Our core target beneficiaries are the Less Privileged, People living with Disability, Host Communities of the extractive sector and the Nigerian populace at large.

**Address:**

Our head office (Harmony Centre) is located at Bank of Industry – Rivers State University (BOI-RSU) Innovation Hub, Faculty of Management Sciences, Rivers State University, Nkpolu, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria. We also have focal persons’/field offices in all the states of the federation including the FCT.

**Our Vision:**

We envision a world where all races coexist healthily and care for each other leaving no one behind.

**Our Mission:**

To achieve peace through partnerships and support to the weak.

**GOAL:**

To promote human rights, demand for participatory and responsive governance at all levels.

**Core Thematic Areas:**



## 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



### Advocacy Meeting:

#### CHHELD Engages Rivers State Ministry of Education to Promote Menstrual Health and Hygiene in Khana LGA

*In a move towards addressing menstrual health challenges in public schools, CHHELD has secured a strategic partnership with the Rivers State Ministry of Education. A high-level meeting was held at the Ministry's office to discuss CHHELD's menstrual health advocacy project, which is set to benefit young female students in 10 public secondary schools across*

*Khana Local Government Area (LGA).*

*The meeting was attended by representatives from CHHELD, alongside key officials from the Secondary Education Department of Rivers State Ministry of Education, such as Mrs. Bertha Alalibo and Mrs. Ibifaka Idasefiema, both Assistant Directors in the Secondary Education Department. This focused on CHHELD's ongoing intervention to pioneer menstrual health advocacy and environmental sustainability in Khana Local Government Area (LGA) [read more](#)*

### Partnership Alert:

#### CHHELD Partners with Business and Professional Women to Conduct Advocacy Training

*The Women's Advocacy Training was organized by Business and Professional Women (BPW) Port Harcourt in partnership with CHHELD and CCDS, to equip women with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to advocate for their rights. The event brought together women entrepreneurs, and stakeholders to discuss pressing issues and explore solutions to promote women's rights and economic growth.*



*The training had in attendance over 50 Women entrepreneurs, small business owners and stakeholders. This training took place on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The training aimed to*

- *Address Multiple Taxation and Tax Injustice for women in business*
- *Provide insights into policy frameworks affecting women in business [read more](#)*



### Advocacy Meeting:

#### CHHELD strengthens advocacy for ALAM-H Project in Khana LGA

*The Centre for Human Rights, Ethnic Harmony and Livelihood Development held a crucial follow-up meeting with the Rivers State Ministry of Education to further discuss the implementation of the Advocacy for Legislative Action on Menstrual health (ALAM-H) project; a strategic initiative aimed at championing menstrual health advocacy and environmental sustainability.*

*The meeting, held at the Director of Basic Education's office, was attended by representatives from both CHHELD and the Ministry. The CHHELD representatives included Maureen Udeagha and Boloukie Samuel, while the Ministry of Education was represented by Mr. Owumbu Emmanuel (Director of Basic and Technical Education), Mr. George Iyagba (Assistant Director), Dr. Bertha Esukeme Pius, and Mrs. Dorathy Oloboh (Assistant Director) [read more](#)*

**Organizational Strengthening:**

**CHHELD at the ACT Foundation Knowledge Series: Mastering Money for Financial Resilience in Nonprofits.**

As funding continues to shrink in the civil space, nonprofit organizations must go beyond passion and purpose—they must master money. At CHHELD (Centre for Human Rights, Health, Ethnic Harmony and Livelihood Development), our commitment to building resilient, mission-aligned institutions led us to the latest edition of the ACT Foundation Knowledge Series, themed **"Mastering Money: Building Resilient Organizations through Financial Savvy."**

The sessions delivered actionable insights to strengthen financial systems, boost planning capacity, and ultimately help nonprofits adapt, survive, and thrive. [Read more](#)



**CSO Engagement -Tax Walkathon:**

**CHHELD Joins Tax Walkathon in Port Harcourt**

On February 28, 2025, CHHELD participated in the Tax Walkathon organized by the Rivers State Tax Justice and Governance Platform to raise awareness about multiple and illegal taxation affecting small businesses and informal sector operators in Rivers State. The Walkathon aimed to:

- ✓ Promote fair and progressive taxation that does not stifle businesses.
- ✓ Advocate for a simplified and harmonized tax system to ease the burden on entrepreneurs.

✓ Call for stronger enforcement of the \*5224# tax payment platform to curb illegal levies. [Read more](#)

**International Day Celebration:**

**Accelerate Action; CHHELD Hosts Virtual Event in celebration of International Women’s Day**

On March 8, 2025, in celebration of International Women’s Day, the Centre for Health and Human Empowerment for Livelihood and Development (CHHELD) hosted a powerful virtual conversation under the global theme “Accelerate Action.” This timely gathering brought together advocates, supporters, and changemakers to spotlight three critical pillars: menstrual health, women’s leadership, and mental well-being.

With support from Rise Up, CHHELD continues to raise its voice and drive meaningful conversations that push for policy reform and community action, particularly within Khana Local Government Area in Rivers State, Nigeria—where our current menstrual health advocacy project is making significant strides. [Read more](#)





### Capacity Building Training:

#### Training of Data Enumerators in Khana LGA

The Advocacy for Legislative Action on Menstrual Health (ALAM-H) project pioneers transformative menstrual health advocacy and environmental sustainability in Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State, addressing challenges faced by adolescent girls. As part of the ongoing [#ALAMHProject](#),

CHHELD successfully trained data enumerators on effective data collection techniques, ethical considerations, and digital data collection tools, to ensure accurate and high-quality data for informed decision-making. A total of 10 data enumerators (5 males, 5 females) participated in the training. These individuals will serve as field data collectors for baseline surveys in public secondary schools and communities. [Read more](#)

### Sustainable Menstrual Health and Climate Justice Activities:

#### CHHELD Setup Menstrual Health and Climate Justice Clubs in Public Secondary Schools in Khana LGA

The setup of Menstrual Health and Climate Justice (MCJ) Clubs across 10 public secondary schools in Khana Local Government Area, was successfully established. The MCJ clubs will raise awareness about menstrual health and environmental sustainability, foster leadership skills amongst students, promote advocacy on menstrual hygiene practices and climate justice.



The club members were provided with information and tools to champion change, both in their schools and communities. This activity was held on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2025, as two MCJ clubs were inaugurated per day. The schools include: [Read more](#)



### Climate Justice Movement:

#### CHHELD Emerges as a Steering Voice in Nigeria's Environmental Movement

CHHELD proudly participated in the official launch of the Nigerian Climate Justice Movement (CJM), a groundbreaking initiative aimed at building a unified, justice-centered response to the climate crisis in Nigeria. Held at Bolton White Hotel Abuja, on May 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, the two-day event was organized by Greenpeace Africa and convened over 40 CSOs, Policy Actors, and Climate Justice Advocates to

co-develop strategies for inclusive environmental governance and climate resilience.

The first day of the event was dedicated to thematic presentations and knowledge sharing sessions. Experts and community champions led critical discussions in six priority areas; [Read more](#)

## Regional Conference:

### CHHELD joins CSOs and other stakeholders in the 2025 South-South Regional Conference on Improving the Operational Environment for CSO Operations in Nigeria

On June 19, 2025, David Prince, Program Coordinator, represented CHHELD at the 2025 South-South Regional Conference on Improving the Operational Environment for CSO Operations in Nigeria, held in Akwa Ibom State. The conference, organized by Global Rights Nigeria and the Community of Practice on Civic Space Strengthening, with support from the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS, brought together over 200 stakeholders from the six South-South states and Abuja.



Themed “**Scaling Policy to Action – Strengthening the Regulatory Environment for Sustainable CSO Operations at the Subnational Level,**” this second edition of the regional conference built on momentum from the maiden edition held in Calabar in June, 2024 [Read more](#)

## New Project Alert:

### CHHELD Collaborates with the Civil Society for the Eradication of Tuberculosis in Nigeria (TB Network) under the Global Fund ATM Grant to Implement Community-Led Monitoring for TB, HIV, and Malaria Services in Rivers State

CHHELD took part in the State Level Training of Trainers organized by the Civil Society for the Eradication of Tuberculosis in Nigeria with support from the Global Fund. The training prepared selected community-based organizations in Rivers State to carry out Community-Led Monitoring of TB, HIV, and malaria services.



The project is being implemented in Port Harcourt City, Obio/Akpor, and Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni (ONELGA) Local Government Areas and CHHELD is one of the implementing partners working in ONELGA. The Civil Society for the Eradication of Tuberculosis in Nigeria (TBNETWORK) is a national network of Nigerian civil society organizations (CSOs) dedicated to combating tuberculosis (TB). [Read more](#)



## Workshop:

### Climate and Economic Justice Workshop Mobilizes Action in Port Harcourt

The Climate and Economic Justice Campaign took place in Port Harcourt. The event was organized by Climate and Sustainability Development Network (CSDevNet), PanAfrica Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), African Activities for Climate Justice (AACJ), and Guard Africa. This 2-day workshop held on 10<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> July 2025, combined with a campaign to Strengthen Adaptive Capacity and Advance Climate & Economic Justice in Rivers State.

The CSDevNet National Coordinator – Abu Enejo Stephen welcomed participants and stated the workshop objectives which is to advance Climate and Economic Justice. He mentioned that 60% of Nigerians depends on agriculture for livelihood and climate change issues require urgency for climate action in Nigeria and Africa. [Read more](#)

**Vaccine Walkathon:**

**Promoting Immunization for All: CHHELD Participates in the Port Harcourt Vaccines Uptake Walkathon**

The Vaccines Uptake Walkathon was organized by Care and Development Centre in partnership with the Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board (RSPHCMB), Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including CHHELD. The event formed part of the ongoing efforts to address the significant decline in vaccination rates recorded across Nigeria since after COVID-19 pandemic and to promote uptake of vaccines and demystifying myths and misconceptions about vaccines.



Vaccination remains one of the safest and most effective strategies for preventing life threatening diseases such as measles, polio, hepatitis, and other vaccine-preventable infections. With recent data indicating reduced uptake of routine immunization services, the activity sought to promote public engagement and strengthen community confidence in vaccines. [Read more](#)



**CSO Engagement:**

**From Voices to Victories: Promoting Fair and Progressive Taxation in Rivers State**

As a member of the Rivers State Tax Justice and Governance Platform, CHHELD participated in the public unveiling of the Power of Voices Partnerships – Fair for All Project Report (2021–2025), promoting fair and progressive taxation in Rivers State.

The report documents how sustained CSO collaboration, research, capacity building, advocacy, and media engagement helped amplify the voices of

women, youth, persons with disabilities in the informal sector of the economy, who are disproportionately affected by illegal and multiple taxation. [Read more](#)

**Desktop Research:**

**Period Poverty in Rivers State: Assessing the Social, Health, and Economic Impacts on Adolescent Girls in Public Schools**

CHHELD obtained comprehensive data and insights into the impact of period poverty as it affects adolescent girls in Rivers State. We complemented the field survey with a desk review of existing studies and reports. This helped us place our findings in a wider context, linking them to the health, education, and economic effects of period poverty across Rivers State.



It gave the project a stronger advocacy angle by showing that the issue goes beyond Khana LGA and needs broader attention. <https://chheld.org.ng/research-report-on-period-poverty-in-rivers-state/>

## VOLUNTEER/INTERN SPOTLIGHT

I joined CHHELD with a strong desire to learn more about development and social impact. From my first day as an intern from the Department of Development Communications Studies, Rivers State University, I was actively involved in proposal writing, outreach programs focused on education, health awareness, and youth engagement. My activities at CHHELD included assisting with office tasks, assisting with event planning (workshops and seminars), and supporting advocacy programs.

One of my most memorable experiences took place during an outreach. During the session, I assisted the facilitators by responding to students who needed clarification. The discussion focused on menstrual health and hygiene. Many students asked thoughtful questions and shared their experiences. This interaction helped me understand the real challenges young people face and the importance of clear communication.

I also participated in community sensitization programs where we engaged parents and youth on key social and health issues. My role involved distributing information materials, supporting group discussions, and ensuring smooth coordination between team members and community leaders. These activities taught and strengthened my ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds.

Through this interning experience, I developed stronger communication skills. I learned how to manage responsibilities, solve problems on the field, and remain committed to service even under pressure. Most importantly, interning deepened my sense of responsibility to my community and reinforced my passion for social impact work.

**Vivian Wosu**

**Intern**



## KEY PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS IN 2025

In 2025, CHHELD has embraced strategic collaborations that have propelled our mission forward. Rooted in shared values, these partnerships have enhanced our impact, broadened our reach, and advanced sustainable progress. Together with our partners, we have laid the foundation for lasting change and a future shaped by collective success.

### Partners and organizations CHHELD collaborated with in 2025.

1	Rise Up Together
2	OXFAM
3	Rivers State Tax Justice and Governance platform (RSTJGP)
4	Business and Professional Women, Rivers State Chapter
5	Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC)
6	Civil Society for the Eradication of Tuberculosis in Nigeria (TB-Network)
7	Global Fund
8	Greenpeace Africa
9	Aspire Coronation Trust Foundation
10	Global Rights
11	Climate and Sustainability Development Network (CSDevNet)
12	Rivers State Primary Healthcare Management Board
13	Rivers State Ministry of Education

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