

## CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights and Development<sup>1</sup>

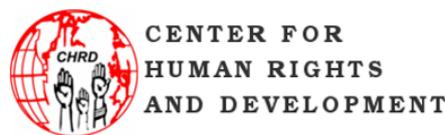
**Name of Organisation:** Centre for Human Rights and Development

**Website of Organisation:** <http://srilankachrd.org/>

**Facebook of Organisation:**

<https://www.facebook.com/chrdsrilanka>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes



The Centre for Human Rights and Development (CHRD) is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) which promotes and defends human rights in Sri Lanka. CHRD was established in 1997 with the mission to empower society through awareness-raising, mobilising, proactive interventions and advocacy for human rights and good governance.

The organisation was developed by human rights lawyers and activists as a source of legal support and to provide guidance to marginalised and at risk communities and individuals. It works closely with victims and human rights defenders' networks. In 2014, CHRD was awarded the Asia Democracy and HR Award by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy.

CHRD's values:

- Promoting fairness and equal treatment without prejudice in all dealings and with other stakeholders;
- Empowering everyone to set their own agendas, skills and knowledge with the outcome of increasing self-confidence and developing self-reliance;
- Engaging and working together to achieve the goals of CHRD;
- Responsibility of own actions and decisions;
- Transparency (clarity in the purpose for achieving the goal); and

Since 1997, CHRD has developed programmes focusing on three areas: civic engagement, solidarity and movement building, legal assistance and policy advocacy.

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<sup>1</sup> The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP ([www.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of Human Rights and Development more broadly.