

NGO Regional Center for Human Rights

NGO Regional Center for Human Rights (RCHR) was established by lawyers who united in 2013 in the city of Sevastopol to provide qualified legal assistance to victims of human rights violations. In 2014, due to the occupation of the Crimean Peninsula, the Organization was forced to move to Kyiv. Remaining true to its values, RCHR concentrated its forces on the problems associated with the occupation of the Crimean Peninsula and the armed conflict.

Since the beginning of the large-scale invasion of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine, RCHR established the process of documenting war crimes not only on the territory of the occupied Crimean Peninsula but also on the entire territory of Ukraine, where hostilities take place, and war crimes are committed, with the aim of further bring the perpetrators to justice. Members of the Organization also conduct analytical research on current issues related to the ongoing full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation and all violations of the laws and customs of war that accompany it. In addition, the Organization actively disseminates its developments in the information space to convey information to interested parties and the public.

Besides, Regional Center for Human Rights together with other Ukrainian NGOs founded “Ukraine. 5AM” Coalition, that collect and document war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the Russian armed aggression in Ukraine.

Underlying RCHR’s work are a set of commonly shared values that include justice, solidarity, tolerance, sharing, equity, transparency, responsibility, respect for human rights, including the rights of refugees and victims of armed conflict, women, children, and cultural heritage, pluralism and democratic principles. The key areas of the RCHR’s work are:

- Fight against impunity and accountability for international crimes.
- Conflict resolution and peacebuilding through the prism of the transitional justice system.
- Supporting the multilateral human rights system.
- Protecting human rights, in particular those of refugees and victims of armed conflict, women, and children.

The Organization uses the following tools as part of its human rights activities: consulting, legal support of strategic cases (filing complaints, applications and communications to the international institutions (ECtHR, UNHRC, ICC)), legal monitoring and documenting of the violations of the human rights, preparing analytical products and their advocacy. RCHR’s main products can be accessed via URL: <https://krymbezpravil.org.ua/en/all-materials/>.

The latest our product is 13th Submission to the ICC regarding the justification of crime of genocide committed by the Russian authorities, namely Maria-Lvova Belova, the Commissioner of the President of the Russian Federation for Children's Rights, against Ukrainian children and the Ukrainian nation (access via URL: https://www.lemkininstitute.com/files/ugd/9bc553_b7b957498faa441cbe88e21bf717bfe7.pdf).

RCHR’s Leading Expert Roman Martynovskyy received the National Human Rights Award for personal contribution to the protection of human rights in 2020 (access via URL: <https://advokatpost.com/natsionalnu-pravozakhysnu-premiu-tsoho-roku-otrymav-advokat-martynovskyy/>).

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NGO Regional Center for Human Rights (RCHR) commits to accept the Declaration of the Members of the CSP, adopted on 04 December 2011

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