



Annual Report January to December 2023

BILIE HUMAN RIGHTS Initiative (BHRI): Advocacy for the Rights of Biafran Indigenes

BILIE HUMAN RIGHTS Initiative (BHRI) remains unwavering in its mission to advocate for the rights of Biafran indigenes, tirelessly working across domestic and international frameworks to address urgent community needs and uphold the rights of those marginalized and impacted by longstanding conflicts. Through direct engagement with Nigerian institutions and leveraging global support, BHRI aims to amplify Biafran voices and their right to self-determination, an inalienable human right, protect human rights, and create meaningful peaceful change.

Recent Initiatives and Key Efforts

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Financial Overview

In the recent financial period, BHRI recorded an income of £1,130 against an expenditure of £1,428, resulting in an overspend of £298. To cover this difference, we utilized reserve funds. Through prudent financial management, we have successfully maintained our financial stability and avoided any operational deficit despite the resource constraints.

Income and Expenditure Analysis

Category	Amount (£)
Total Income	1,130
Total Expenditure	1,428
Net Overspend	(298)

Our current funding model has proven insufficient to meet operational demands and support our larger vision. However, we are exploring various avenues to diversify and expand our income sources to ensure both sustainability and growth.

Forward Strategy for Income Growth

To strengthen BHRI's financial position and support future projects, we are implementing a strategy to diversify funding through a range of streams, including:

Social Enterprise Initiatives



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One of our primary strategies involves generating income through community space management as a social enterprise. This initiative will enable BHRI to manage community spaces, generating a sustainable income while simultaneously supporting the needs of our community. By managing rental space for events, community gatherings, and workshops, BHRI can secure a recurring revenue stream.

Grant Funding and Donations

We plan to pursue grants from local and international organizations aligned with our mission, targeting funding bodies that support human rights initiatives, community development, and environmental sustainability. This approach, combined with our fundraising efforts, is intended to create a stable foundation for operating funds.

Partnerships with Local Councils and NGOs

Building stronger partnerships with councils and other organizations like Friends of Kennington Open Space will help us secure both in-kind and financial support, ensuring that BHRI has access to the resources required for impactful community initiatives.

Strategic Outlook

Although BHRI's current finances have required careful management, we are committed to growing our income to enable continued advocacy, community support, and project development. By diversifying funding through social enterprise, grants, and partnerships, we anticipate a strengthened financial base in the coming period.

Our vision remains ambitious, and we will continue working diligently to ensure BHRI's financial resilience and ability to serve the Biafran community effectively.

Policy Advocacy and International Engagement

BHRI has deepened partnerships with international bodies, NGOs, and supportive governments to draw global attention to the human rights issues impacting Biafran communities. In doing so, BHRI is spotlighting alleged human rights violations to rally international support and ensure that the rights of Biafrans are protected. Our advocacy includes participating in global forums, where we share Biafran perspectives on issues such as displacement, restricted freedoms, and access to resources, pressing for international accountability and intervention.

Legal Support and Representation

Through the legal frameworks of both Nigerian and international courts, BHRI actively seeks justice for the Biafran people. We initiate cases in Nigerian courts to challenge discrimination and abuses, while also appealing to international human rights bodies when necessary. By engaging with organizations like the United Nations Human Rights Council, BHRI aims to bring instances of human



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responsible authorities accountable, pursuing protections for affected communities. This legal representation is vital for ensuring Biafran indigenes have a voice in courtrooms and legislative chambers alike.

Documentation and Reporting

Accurate documentation and reporting are cornerstones of our advocacy. BHRI meticulously records instances of human rights violations, creating a reliable and detailed archive that strengthens our credibility and serves as evidence for legal actions. These records provide essential data for both local and international partners, supporting policy-making and advocacy efforts and reinforcing the legitimacy of BHRI's claims on the global stage.

Community Development and Environmental Initiatives

In collaboration with Friends of Kennington Hall Open Space and Enfield Council, BHRI is leading in a partnership to provide residents of Lower Edmonton, many of whom are of Biafran descent, with a dedicated outdoor recreation space and community hall. This initiative underscores BHRI's commitment to the principle that a healthy, safe environment is a human right. Accessible community spaces foster unity, physical and mental well-being, and social resilience, all of which are essential to building strong communities.

Acknowledgments

BHRI extends its heartfelt gratitude to our trustees, volunteers, and stakeholders. Your unwavering support, particularly during these challenging times, has been instrumental in advancing our mission and empowering our advocacy efforts. Thanks to your dedication, we continue to expand our impact and provide essential support to the communities we serve. We deeply appreciate the time, energy, and passion each of you brings to this cause.

We also offer special thanks to Mr. Manuel Casas, our Barrister, who has generously supported BHRI on a pro bono basis for the past three years. Your commitment and generosity are invaluable to our work, and we are profoundly grateful for your ongoing support.

Thank you for being a part of our journey toward justice and human rights.

Reverend Jerry Ifeacho

Chairman

BILIE Human Rights Initiative