

## **Organization for the Protection of Eritrean Refugee Children In the Sudan and Ethiopia**

### **Introducing the Organization:**

The name of the organization is: 'Organization for the Protection of Eritrean Refugee Children' (OPERC).

The Organization was founded in March 2005, in Stockholm; after seven months of deliberation, the founders decided to register the association in Stockholm, Sweden.

The Recipients of the solidarity of the OPERC are Eritrean refugee children in the Sudan and Ethiopia.

### **The Objectives of the OPERC are:**

To protect the Eritrean refugee child from abuse.

To protect the human rights of the Eritrean refugee child.

To provide her/him with legal protection.

To provide her/him with basic nutrition and shelter.

To provide her/him with basic health facilities.

To provide her/him with basic education

### **The Function of the Organization**

The OPERC is a membership organization of Eritreans that is open to citizens of the country in which the association is registered.

The OPERC shall open a bank account in Stockholm.

The OPERC shall encourage the formation of similar associations wherever it can.

The OPERC shall bind contributor branches into a coordinated network.

The OPERC shall publish an information bulletin and organize information seminars.

The OPERC shall support organizations that are registered in the Sudan and Ethiopia.

### **Structure and Officers**

OPERC shall have a six member Management:

**The Manager**  
**The Vice Manager**  
**The Head of Contacts**  
**Head of Organizational Matters**  
**Head of Finance**  
**Head of Information**  
**All Round Member**

**The Management shall be elected by the membership of the OPERC.**

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

**The Management of the OPERC shall be responsible for policy making, budget approval, and for overseeing its overall performance. The management of the OPERC is duty bound to carry out its duties and obligations in a transparent, accountable, and professional manner. It shall provide annual reports of its activities and its financial matters.**

**The Manager's primary role will be to ensure that the activities of the organization are in tune with the aims of OPERC. The Manager shall be accountable for the operational, financial and legal status of the organization. The Manager is the spokesperson of the OPERC.**

**The Vice Manager performs the duties of the Manager in his absence.**

**The Head of Contacts is responsible for the external activities of OPERC.**

**The Head of the Organization shall be responsible for maintaining a membership register; the securing of office premises; supplies, and other details that pertain to the daily operations of OPERC.**

**The Head of Finance shall be responsible for ensuring that financial resources are maintained in accordance with the legal status of the organization; funds shall be placed in the bank (and withdrawn from it) by the Manager and the Head of Finance; separate regulations for the financial conduct of the organization shall be approved by the Coordinating Committee.**

**The Head of Information shall be responsible for relations with the media; civil societies; NGO's; and shall provide information concerning the condition of Eritrean refugee children in the Sudan and Ethiopia - as well as other activities of OPERC.**

**The all round member shall be selected by the Manager**

### **Membership**

**Membership to OPERC is open to all; any individual of good character may apply for membership - provided he/she accepts the goals and principles of the association.**

**Resources and Funding**

One key source will be membership fees; OPERC shall also solicit donations, and raise funds from governmental institutions and non-governmental organizations.

OPERC shall establish transparent accounting procedures for its financial transactions; and provide financial report as required.

**Meetings**

The OPERC shall have regular meetings every two months; and evaluation/election meetings every year.

**Relations with the organizations in the Sudan and Ethiopia**

The management of OPERC shall establish strong links with refugee organizations in the Sudan and Ethiopia in order to achieve its aims.

**Amendments**

Amendments to the charter of the OPERC are the responsibility of the annual meeting of the association; likewise, amendments to the charter will require a two-third vote of the membership.

**Effective Date**

This Charter became effective on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, in Stockholm, upon its adoption by the founding conference of the OPERC.

