

Health professionals have a significant role to play in ensuring the realization of the right to health due to their expertise, skills, and direct involvement in healthcare delivery.

As mentioned in our last newsletter report, IFHHRO is currently in the process of developing an assessment toolkit for health professionals that both sensitizes them and enables them to participate in the realization of the right to health.

An important conclusion of our research is that there is a lack of knowledge of the right to health among (the interviewed) health professionals.

Our project leader dr Annemarie Middelburg concludes that “our research provides evidence for an urgent need to deepen health professional’s basic knowledge on the right to health and their engagement in the human rights movement. Strengthening their capacity as observers, rapporteurs and advocates is essential in this regard.

In our next phase IFHHRO would like to focus more on the lack of education on the right to health and investigate whether there is a need/wish among health professionals for a Right to Health E-learning.