Our Philosophy

“People are the real wealth of a nation.”
Concept and measurement of Human Development

HUMAN RIGHTS

Equal Rights for all

“Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.”

Preamble, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Striving for Well-Being & a Life of Value

We believe that a person’s or society’s well-being cannot be measured by Human Rights or Gross Domestic Product alone. They must be accompanied by opportunities and capabilities to actualize these opportunities.

“Central to the human development approach is the concept of capabilities. Capabilities – what people can do and what they can become – are the equipment one has to pursue a life of value.”

About Human Development, Measure of America

HUMAN JUSTICE

Where Accountability and Healing takes place on three levels: Individual, Community and System

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Our Methodology

If you want to go quickly, go alone; but, if you want to go further, go together.

-- African Proverb

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You are not judged by the height you have risen, but from the depth you have climbed.

-- Frederick Douglass