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1. Association nationale Al Hidn

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Association nationale Al Hidn, founded in 2001, is a Moroccan national association for cultural and social development focused on women, the family and children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's main goals are: cognitive and legal rehabilitation of women to enable them to engage effectively in the social, economic and political development processes of the country; empowerment of the family by strengthening family ties and maintaining family cohesion; and contribution to the upbringing of children within the framework of citizenship-based values and education. To achieve those goals, Al Hidn works through subsidiary committees in the following areas:

- (i) Development assistance, through scholarship programmes for disadvantaged students, the establishment of listening centres for students, and the mentoring and empowerment of widows by means of income-generating projects;
- (ii) Social programmes, through the sponsorship of orphans and the establishment of training centres for women in remote villages;
- (iii) Cultural awareness programmes, through the organization of study days, seminars, colloquiums and forums on women and the family.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, Al Hidn attended the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 25 February-7 March, 2008); at the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2-13 March 2009) organized a workshop on the role of the family in building social and economic security for humanity, co-sponsored by the United States Federation for Middle East Peace, and submitted a written and an oral statement to the Commission; at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March 2010) organized a workshop on violence against the working mother, co-sponsored by the United States Federation for Middle East Peace, and submitted a written and an oral statement to the Commission; and attended as an observer the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector in 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Al Hidn organized round tables in Casablanca in 2009 with Moroccan NGOs on the evaluation and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly; participated in e-discussions regarding NGO participation in the area of women and poverty, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Department for Economic and Social Affairs from 11 January to 12 February 2010;

and participated in the 2010 NGO Global Forum for Women: Beijing+15, organized by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (New York, 27-28 February 2010).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Action taken: empowerment of widows through income-generating projects.
- Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education. Action taken: distribution of school bags and supplies to 500 pupils, established scholarship programmes for disadvantaged students and listening programmes were established to combat student dropout and address addiction issues.
- Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women. Action taken: organization of study days, seminars, a colloquium and forums on women and the family, and mentoring programmes for widows.

2. Bahrain Women Society

Special, 2007

Introduction

The organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women to actively participate in public life and to maximize their contribution to Bahrain's transition to democracy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main objectives are: to empower women to play a leading role in society, in accordance with concepts of social justice; to enhance social awareness about child abuse and neglect; to promote environmental citizenship principles and practices at both the individual and societal levels; to propagate modern cultural concepts in the spirit of human-wide culture; to educate people in various sectors of society about their rights; to participate in the proposal and development of human development-related regulations; to contribute to the elimination of new forms of illiteracy; and to enhance effective communication among various sectors of society, social institutions and organizations with common interests.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization changed its bylaws in 2008, whereby the name Bahrain Women Society was changed to Bahrain Women Association for Human Development.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the period 2007-2010, the organization contributed to the United Nations development agenda in Bahrain and the other Gulf Cooperation Council countries. Its major activities were focused on the following:

Social justice and inclusion: gender equality, protection for children. In collaboration with the Women's Learning Partnership, the organization conducted more than 60 workshops for women in civil society and grass-roots organizations on

issues of gender equality and leadership skills, as well as five gender equality workshops for men; organized five public seminars on gender equality; participated in more than 40 local, regional and international conferences and summits, submitted 10 research papers and participated in weekly radio and television programmes. It launched a project entitled “An innovative prospective for women” in Bahrain in 2009/10 to address the root causes of gender inequality in the region. In December 2009 on Human Rights Day, the organization published a statement urging the Government to amend the nationality law, approve family law and remove all barriers to implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. It launched the Tatweer economic empowerment project in 2010 to help women gain economic independence at the grass-roots level by developing their skills in new fields and in managing small projects. In the context of its Be-Free programme of child protection, the organization conducted more than 200 workshops on children’s rights, targeting students, teachers and parents, and published stories and booklets on the subject. It participated in more than 30 local, regional and international conferences and summits relating to child rights and abuse and submitted research papers; participated in television shows relating to children’s rights on local and satellite channels; prepared and participated in more than 290 radio programmes broadcast by various radio stations, in addition to weekly programmes on Radio Bahrain discussing topics related to child protection; launched the “Child protection on the Internet” programme in 2009 to raise the awareness of children and adults about dangers on the Internet.

Sustainable development: consumption and production, energy, climate change. The organization conducted more than 20 workshops focusing on The Earth Charter to raise environmental awareness and help improve energy conservation; participated in the radio programme on “The world of the family” since 2007, covering a wide range of environmental topics; and published an environmental calendar in 2007 with HSBC Bank. On the occasion of Earth Day in 2009, it launched a kindergarten curriculum on “My environment”, under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in: the eleventh session of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 2-18 June 2008), submitting written and oral statements on the violation of basic rights of Bahraini women, in which it asked the Government of Bahrain for immediate amendment of the law on nationality to give women the right to grant their nationality to their children, approval of the family law and the removal of all barriers to the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Geneva, 20 October-7 November 2008), for which it contributed to the shadow report submitted in the context of the Committee’s consideration of the periodic report of the Kingdom of Bahrain; the 2010 NGO Forum for Women: Beijing+15 (New York, 27-28 February 2010); the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council, (Geneva, 1-26 March), where it presented a paper at a parallel event organized by the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence; the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March 2010), where it presented a written statement focusing on the main approaches for reforming the status of women, as well as on the root causes of gender

discrimination, cultural values and related legislation; and the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 31 May-18 June 2010).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies in the field and at Headquarters in the following areas: it launched the “It is my right to understand my rights” programme in 2008 in partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to raise children’s awareness of their rights; organized a conference on effective strategies for the prevention of child online pornography, trafficking and abuse in Bahrain, under the auspices of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Manama, 9-10 May 2009). At the Human Development Conference (Bahrain, 26-27 May 2010), it organized meetings relating to the UNDP *Arab Human Development Reports*. It also participated in a workshop on strengthening legislative frameworks to address all forms of violence against women (Beirut, 13-15 April 2010), organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Additional information

The organization also participated in activities related to the United Nations development agenda, such as: the Forum for the Arab Initiative for Building National Capacities for Combating Human Trafficking forum, organized by the Doha Foundation (Doha, 22-23 March 2010); “Women leaders and communication in the twenty-first century”, International Women’s Day conference and Arab Women Leaders Institute meetings (Washington, D.C., 7-13 March 2010), organized by the International Republican Institute and the Women’s Democracy Network; and “Freedom of association: a roadmap for the future”, a conference organized by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty (Cairo, 10-12 February 2010); the International Conference on Financing for Development (Qatar, 2008).

3. Center for International Earth Science Information Network

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Center for International Earth Science Information Network was established in 1989 to help scientists, decision makers and the public around the world to better understand human/environmental interactions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s mission is to provide access to and enhance the use of earth science information worldwide, advancing understanding of human interactions with the environment and serving the needs of science and of public and private decision-making. It develops and disseminates environmental and socio-economic data and information and provides online tools and databases. It also conducts research, participates in assessments and provides education and training on a variety of sustainable development issues.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center engages in many activities that advance the development agenda of the United Nations. It develops and disseminates interdisciplinary data on population distribution, poverty, urbanization, climate impacts, soils, roads, hazards, biodiversity, public health and other factors vital to development planning and applications. It is helping to implement the Africa Soil Information Service to improve African agriculture and is contributing to the development of the Global Earth Observing System of Systems, and the Global Earthquake Model.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2008, scientists of the Center participated in the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) meeting on “Unleashing the Potential of Urban Growth: UNFPA’s Role” (New York, 24 January) and in the Statistics Division’s Conference on Climate Change and Official Statistics (Oslo, 14-16 April).

In 2009, a scientist of the Center participated in the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2-13 March).

In 2010, scientists of the Center participated in the informal thematic debate on international migration and development at the United Nations General Assembly (New York, 19 May); the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (New York, 24-25 September); the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) workshop, “Population dynamics and climate change II: building for adaptation” (Mexico City, 13-15 October); and the fourth Meningitis Environmental Risk Information Technologies Technical Meeting, organized by the Economic Commission for Africa (Addis Ababa, 18-20 November). The Center also addressed a training workshop of the United Nations Interagency Framework Team for Preventive Action on “Land and natural resources management and conflict prevention” (Nairobi, 11-13 May).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a partner in the Nairobi Work Programme on Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It helps operate the Data Distribution Centre of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. It is an observer in the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group and provides an online search tool as part of ECOLEX, the environmental law database of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and UNEP. It is collaborating with the Cartographic Section at the United Nations on developing and disseminating global geospatial data collections and improving data validation and analysis methods. The Center serves as the main technical adviser and research lead for the Côte Sud Initiative and the Haiti Regeneration Initiative, working with the UNEP Haiti country office. It also coordinates a joint research and visitor programme with the Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch of UNEP. The Center hosted a UNEP workshop on the effectiveness of multilateral environmental agreements in New York on 20 and 21 May 2010. It collaborated with the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute and the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on a multi-hazard risk assessment for Asia. Project meetings

were held in Bangkok, in January 2008 and January 2009, and in Palisades, New York, in August 2008. The Center contributed data on urban population to the wall chart on “Urban population, development and the environment 2007” produced by the Population Division of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Center continues to provide data management and project evaluation support to the Millennium Villages project.

4. Center for International Health and Cooperation

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Center for International Health and Cooperation was founded in 1992 to promote healing and peace in countries shattered by natural disasters, armed conflicts and ethnic violence.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to forge partnerships with relief organizations, offer rigorous academic and training courses, host symposia and publish books relating to humanitarian affairs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes in the reporting period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center partners with the United Nations System Staff College through the Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation course. Many of the lecturers and alumni of that course and of the organization’s other courses have worked for United Nations agencies, including, but not limited to: the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, the World Food Programme, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Center was the chief adviser on humanitarian and public health issues to the Presidents of the sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions of the United Nations General Assembly for the thematic dialogue on education in emergency, post-crisis and transition situations. The Center chaired Panel I on “Education in emergencies: why we need to act now”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization’s cooperation with the United Nations agencies is listed in the following section.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization raises awareness of humanitarian issues through lectures, symposia, publications and events, which have included: lectures on the humanitarian crisis in Haiti; a documentary on flood relief efforts in Pakistan; a documentary on “Sudan at the brink: self-determination and national unity”; lectures on forced migration; a film series on the ethics of responsibility and the modes of protecting identity, diversity and constitutionalism in Africa; a lecture series on symbolic reparations and art for survivors of violence, with the International Committee of the Red Cross; a lecture on international law and mandates with UNHCR; and lectures on peacebuilding in Iraq, child protection programmes on rape as a war crime, gender-based violence in the Balkans, and youth, education and reconciliation in post-conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina, among other topics.

5. David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies

Special, 1999

Introduction

The David M. Kennedy Center International Studies at Brigham Young University facilitates internationally focused research and development among both students and faculty members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center’s overarching objective is to pair internationally focused, interdisciplinary coursework with a robust study-abroad programme that offers opportunities for language learning, international internships and field research. The Center augments its academic programmes with extensive study-abroad programmes. It provides opportunities to more than 1,400 students for international learning experience each year. The university also hosts a number of language, research and academic centres, including: the Center for the Study of Europe, the International Center for Law and Religious Studies, the Center for Language Studies, the Ballard Center for Economic Self-Reliance, the Whitmore Global Management Center, the Humanities Language Resource Center and the National Middle Eastern Language Resource Center. Nearly all of these centres are either located in or carry out at least a part of their work outside the United States of America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center contributes to the work of the United Nations in many ways, particularly in the area of sustainable development, social development, urbanization, human rights and children’s issues. Examples include:

- Partnership through the Fulton School with the Utah chapter of Engineers without Borders, through which the Center sends students to various countries — Tonga and Peru among others — to undertake projects such as building small-scale production plants and improving sanitation systems

- In the area of human rights, the Center participated in or organized the Religion and Rule of Law Conference (Viet Nam, 2011), the European Science Foundation Conference: Religion, Gender, and Human Rights (Sweden, 2011), the American Bar Association annual meeting (United States, 2010), a meeting on democracy and religious freedom (Ukraine, 2010), and the Summit for Human Rights, Tolerance and Democracy (Switzerland, 2010), among others
- A major initiative through the Ballard Center involves the search for pattern-breaking social innovations that address some of today's most vexing social problems, including social entrepreneurship, impact investing, corporate social innovation and high-impact non-profit organizations. In 2005, the Center worked closely with the United Nations for the International Year of Microcredit, hosting various meetings in New York and sponsoring a major film
- Brigham Young University for UNICEF is affiliated with the Campus Initiative, an unincorporated, student-led organization that partners with the United States Fund for UNICEF to educate, advocate and raise funds for UNICEF. In 2009, Provo, Utah, was one of the first 20 cities in the United States to collectively adopt the UNICEF water tap project
- Since 1989, Students for International Development has planned and hosted an annual "Hunger banquet" to raise awareness within the Brigham Young University community about global poverty and wealth inequality. It is an opportunity for members of the university and local communities to think critically about the systems of inequity that permeate the world. Funds raised as a result of the banquet are given as grants from the Kennedy Center to various NGOs to afford students a chance to learn project management and to apply best practices.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Center regularly accredits faculty, students and experts to participate in various conferences and forums of the United Nations, such as the plenary sessions of the Human Rights Council and the universal periodic review process, side events and other relevant meetings and to take part in the discussion on topics under review. The Center also attends the General Assembly and other meetings, as well as NGO-related activities.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Center has been actively involved with: the NGO Committee on Human Rights (including the NGO Subcommittee on Freedom of Religion and Belief, the NGO Subcommittee on Racism and the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education) and the NGO Committees on Development, on the Status of Women, and on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns. The Kennedy Center's Political Economy and Development Laboratory project has two ongoing field experiments in and around the city of Kampala, both of which are intended to help promote the accountability of aid organizations. Qualified students design and lead these field experiments and learn the process of randomized evaluation, with faculty guidance and supervision. In the first experiment, the Center works with UNICEF, the World Bank and technology innovator Ushahidi to learn what motivates citizens to provide feedback, through text messages on their cell phones, about development projects in

their neighbourhoods and villages. The second experiment gathers detailed information on Ugandan NGOs and issues report cards on their degree of organization and transparency in disclosing their budgets and activities. The NGO report cards are then published through various outlets and provided to the citizens and the media, to foreign foundations and to the Government.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Center's projects that support the Millennium Development Goals include the following:

(a) WomanStats, the world's most comprehensive compilation of information on the status of women. This project collects and codes over 300 variables on data that include laws, statistics and practices from 174 countries. It provides information on issues ranging from domestic violence to female landownership to women's political participation.

(b) The Political Economy and Development Lab focuses on key metrics to measure and improve sustainable development efforts internationally. For example, AidData is a database containing thousands of development projects financed by bilateral and multilateral donors from the 1940s to the present. It is on track to become one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date development aid databases available. AidData's geoploting feature applies a detailed set of sector codes that identify what part of a country's international development a particular donation is intended to foster. When this coding project is complete, it will allow researchers to examine in greater detail the varied impacts of different types of foreign aid. The professors and students involved in AidData are also actively drafting articles and books using AidData information to examine many different aspects of aid allocation and effectiveness.

(c) The Program Evaluation and Assessment Team helps develop the evaluation capacity of NGOs around the world using the latest evaluation methodologies and programmes. In addition, the Center facilitates a number of internationally based field studies and research projects.

(d) Lecture series: the Center hosts a number of ongoing lecture series with more than 150 presentations annually by policymakers, diplomats, journalists and others.

(e) Academic conferences and symposiums: the Center also hosts a number of symposiums and conferences in the United States and internationally that facilitate the exchange of ideas among scholars on a range of issues from health care to human rights to economic development to the issue of torture in the United States and abroad. They included, in the period under review, the Mother, Newborn and Child Health Conference (April 2008), the annual Economic Self-Reliance Conference (November, 2007-2010), Islam and the West (April 2011) and a seminar on the ethical, legal and human rights problems of torture (December 2009).

6. European Transport Safety Council

Special, 2007

Introduction

The European Transport Safety Council is a Brussels-based independent non-profit-making organization dedicated to reducing the numbers of deaths and injuries associated with transport in Europe. It brings together 45 national and international organizations concerned with transport safety from across Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Founded in 1993, the Council provides impartial expert advice on transport safety matters to the European Commission, the European Parliament and member States of the European Union (EU). It maintains its independence through funding from a variety of sources, including membership subscriptions, the European Commission, and public- and private-sector support for various activities. It seeks to identify and promote effective measures on the basis of international scientific research and best practice in areas which offer the greatest potential for a reduction in transport crashes and casualties. It provides factual information in the form of scientific reports, fact sheets and newsletters in support of high safety standards in EU harmonization, the take-up of best practice and transport safety research. The Council also organizes several conferences yearly, including the European Transport Safety Lecture, the Road Safety Performance Index Conference, the Preventing Road Accidents and Injuries for the Safety of Employees annual conference and the European Transport Safety Lunches.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Council strongly advocates for the implementation and application of the relevant Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) regulations in the area of transport safety in the European Union.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Council strongly supports the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 and is willing to provide support to international partners and organizations that seek to improve the level of transport safety in their respective countries, with a particular focus on road safety. The member organizations of the Council, as well as board members and leaders of the EU institutions, voiced a common appeal in support of the Decade of Action.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Council actively follows the activities of ECE in all areas related to transport safety.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Creating a safe and sustainable transport system is an integral part of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The Council works to ensure that the European Union maintains its leadership position in ensuring transport safety and advocates

for the exchange of best practices to improve the safety of transport activities worldwide. Moreover, the projects run by the Council promote both individual and governmental action, providing valuable material that can be used as a reference source throughout the world.

7. Focus on the Family

Special, 2003

Introduction

Focus on the Family works in Africa, Asia, Australia, the Middle East and South Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Focus on the Family is a global private organization dedicated to helping families thrive. It has resources in many languages, and makes radio broadcasts in 155 countries, to help couples build healthy marriages and strong families. It has numerous resources for women, men and children, including on parenting, teen issues, building healthy relationships, resolving conflicts, correcting abuse and overcoming addictions.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in December 2008, the organization, in partnership with the Care Trust, hosted a high-level lunch briefing at United Nations Headquarters. In 2009, building on that event, in partnership with Focus on the Family Malaysia, the organization hosted a high-level briefing on “The importance of marriage, family and human rights as essential foundations of nations”. Continuing to focus on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in 2010 the organization hosted a high-level briefing on “The inherent right to life: first and most fundamental human right”, co-sponsored by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines on the theological, legal, constitutional and international law foundations for protecting the inherent right to life. To encourage treaty bodies to focus monitoring activities on clearly understood articles of the international covenants on human rights, the organization attended meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in January 2007, July and August 2007 and July 2010; and meetings of the Human Rights Committee in March 2008.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Focus on the Family participated in meetings at the United Nations, including meetings of: the NGO Committee, in January 2007; the Commission on Population and Development, in April 2007 and April 2010; the commemorative high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children, in December 2007; the Commission on the Status of Women, in March 2008 and March 2010; the Commission for Social Development, in February 2009; and the Third Committee of the General Assembly, in October 2009 and November 2009.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

With respect to the Millennium Development Goal of reducing child mortality and improving maternal health, Focus on the Family is engaged in efforts to protect unborn children. To combat HIV/AIDS and other diseases, it regularly conducted “Love won out” conferences in the United States and other countries to educate and encourage individuals and families struggling with homosexuality and other sexual issues, and to assist them in developing healthy lifestyles and relationships. This special ministry was transferred to Exodus International, although Focus on the Family retains experts in those areas. Concerning the Millennium Development Goal of developing a global partnership for development, for decades, the organization and its partners in other countries have developed and implemented a strategic global partnership to assist in the healthy development of families, communities and nations through publications, curricula, programmes, videos, films and radio theatre in over 30 languages. Topics addressed include building strong marriages and families, parenting and raising children well, drug-proofing children, character-based sex education, women’s issues, youth culture, overcoming addictions, civil society, and public policy and government.

8. Fundación Salvadoreña Para el Desarrollo Economico y Social

Special, 2007

Introduction

Fundación Salvadoreña Para el Desarrollo Economico y Social is a private non-profit organization founded in 1983 by a group of independent entrepreneurs and professionals with the objective of improving the economic and social development of El Salvador.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The foundation is dedicated to the pursuit of the common good of all. Its strategy consists of creating and promoting public policy proposals in economic, social, environmental and institutional fields. Its fundamental goal is to carry out various activities aimed at increasing the economic, social, intellectual and physical well-being of the population of El Salvador, as well as its security, within a system of economic and individual freedom.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period the foundation published a study on “Environmental governance for the sustainable development of El Salvador”, in August 2007; prepared the fifth Economic, Social and Institutional Strategy, 2009-2010 on “Democracy and growth: basis for development”, in December 2008; prepared the second phase of the study on “Democratic institutions in El Salvador: performance assessment and strengthening plan”, 2008-2010; established the Action group on the Transparency and Public Information Access Law, in 2008; launched the Legislative Observatory, a tool for transparency and citizen participation, in 2008; and published a study entitled “Transparency in the public education budget”, in 2009.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The foundation attended the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva, from 1 to 3 October 2007; attended the thematic debate of the United Nations General Assembly entitled “Addressing climate change: the United Nations and the world at work” in New York on 11 and 12 February 2008; acted as adviser to the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations on climate change issues, in 2008; attended the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in New York on 14 April 2008; and acted as adviser to the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations in the area of international trade, in 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The foundation collaborated with UNDP in implementing the regional training programme on “Basis for the implementation of payment schemes for watershed services”, in El Salvador (2007); was a member of the consultative group on the 2015 Water Initiative project implemented by UNDP El Salvador (2007/08); was a member of the consultative group on the National Council for Climate Change project implemented by UNDP El Salvador (2008/09); provided technical assistance on the development process for the second national communication of El Salvador in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2008/09); provided technical assistance for water resource reform in El Salvador, in collaboration with UNDP El Salvador (2010); undertook the victimization survey project in collaboration with UNDP El Salvador (2008); implemented a project on dialogue strengthening and democratic institutions in El Salvador, in collaboration with UNDP and the United Nations Democracy Fund (2007-2009); and participated in a regional consultation on biodiversity and ecosystems convened by UNEP in Guatemala (2009).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has published several research documents with the aim of promoting the importance of integrated water resource management and natural disaster management, as well as the need to improve efficiency in water supply, sanitation services and climate change adaptation. It has supported the water reform process initiated by the Government, by bringing in international experts in the areas of public policy and legislation relating to water resources. The organization has been leading the public debate on macroeconomic stability, innovation development, quality of education, democratic institutions, environmental protection and poverty alleviation.

9. German Foundation for World Population

Special, 1999

Introduction

The German Foundation for World Population (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung) is an international development and advocacy organization with

headquarters in Hannover, Germany, offices in Ethiopia, Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda, and liaison offices in Berlin and Brussels. In addition, it works in partnership with sub-grantees in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Pakistan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through its Youth-to-Youth Initiative, the Foundation implements and supports integrated sexual and reproductive health education initiatives for young people that include environmental and income-generating components, family planning projects and health initiatives in Africa and Asia. It raises awareness and conducts advocacy dialogue on sexual and reproductive health and rights and the linkages between population dynamics, health, poverty, environmental protection and sustainable development at the national and international levels. The Foundation promotes the capacity-building of civil society organizations and communities, with a special focus on young people, as well as social and political decision makers, health providers and relevant stakeholders throughout the world. It integrates the knowledge and experience gained from programmes and advocacy in a mutually reinforcing cycle to improve outcomes, filling crucial evidence gaps regarding policy and funding where needed, and raises awareness of evidence-based interventions for improved, coherent and effective policies and programmes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has supported the Millennium Development Goal agenda of the United Nations through its offices in Africa and Europe, including the following examples:

(a) In 2010, it participated in the civil society online consultations in the run-up to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, which provided the organization with the opportunity to offer its expertise on development, advocacy and communications to the meeting with evidence-based information from the field. This interaction also helped it to benefit from the discussions at the high-level meeting for its own work programme up to 2015.

(b) In a joint consortium with other European partners, the Foundation published “Euromapping” from 2008 to 2010, a publication that tracks the commitments and disbursements of donors in the field of family planning and reproductive health on the basis of the donors’ reports to the Commission on Population and Development and UNFPA and on their financial contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. “Euromapping” now serves as an advocacy tool for civil society organizations.

(c) The Foundation has been one of the organizing partners of the International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development in cooperation with GTZ (German Technical Cooperation), KfW Entwicklungsbank, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals and the Government of Germany in 2007, 2008 and 2010. This conference involved representatives of several United Nations organizations, including UNFPA, and successfully linked the work of the United Nations with the foreign and development policy of Germany. It also highlighted the importance of the work of

the United Nations to German decision makers. In addition, in 2010, the Foundation was able to facilitate meetings between UNFPA and the German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development as well as with the German Parliamentary Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation participated in the following events, among others: (i) High-level Meeting on AIDS (New York, 10-11 June 2008), where it advised the German delegation on population and development issues; (ii) the forty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development (New York, 30 March-3 April 2009); (iii) Global Partners in Action: NGO Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development — Invest in Health, Rights and the Future, which it organized and which was co-hosted by UNFPA and the Government of Germany (Berlin, 2-4 September 2009); (iv) global consultations between UNFPA and NGOs (New York, 16-17 February 2010), where it advised UNFPA on the integration of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development into the Millennium Development Goal framework; (v) civil society hearings for the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals (New York, 14-15 June 2010); (vi) consultative meeting of the main European donors on the state of European support for sexual and reproductive health and rights in the final five years of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, jointly organized with UNFPA (Brussels, 28-29 June 2010).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As the German partner of United Nations Population Fund, the Foundation promotes and mobilizes resources for international organizations concerned with sexual and reproductive health and rights and raises the visibility of those issues and of population issues. It is responsible for the annual presentation of the UNFPA annual *State of World Population* report to the press in Germany, in cooperation with UNFPA and the Government. The UNFPA annual report was also discussed by UNFPA representatives in the period 2007-2010 at round-table meetings with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs and the Policy Planning Unit of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin in order to present the work of the United Nations to German decision makers. The Foundation also annually presents the *World Population Prospects* in Germany jointly with the Population Division of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in many ways, especially in the area of family planning and reproductive health (Goals 4, 5 and 6). It helped to improve family planning services, which enabled women and couples to determine the timing and spacing of their children and give mothers and newborns the chance to stay healthy (Goals 4 and 5). In its several youth clubs, it promoted sexual education and thereby helped to improve the health of children, adolescents, young people and adults. Its programmes empowered people to protect themselves from diseases and other harmful health conditions, for example through a programme on safe motherhood that focuses on family planning and providing

access to health facilities with skilled birth attendants. One of the key activities of its programmes was to improve gender equality, particularly dealing with the health and education of adolescent girls.

At the international level the Foundation promotes Goal 8 and the development of global partnerships for health and advocates for more efficient and effective financial and political support from development partners for developing countries. Until 2010 it was a member of the international campaign on Goal 5 (b), advocating for universal access to reproductive health in cooperation with many international civil society partners.

In 2010 it implemented several activities in the run-up to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, including liaising with the German delegation, advocacy work with the European Union, advising the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development on the drafting of the Ministry's political position, speaking to the German Parliament's Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development on the health-related Millennium Development Goals and informing Members of Parliament about the necessary next steps after the summit in New York. The Foundation organized bi-monthly parliamentary breakfasts on health-related Millennium Development Goals, which events were attended by several Members of Parliament and spokespersons on development cooperation of all parties. It is a member organization of the working group of the Government of Germany on sexual and reproductive health and rights and advised the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, particularly on Goal 5. In 2010, it supported the launch of the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and provided comments on the first drafts of the strategy. In addition, it was one of the signatories of and committed itself to advocating for the strategy.

10. Global Exchange

Special, 1999

Introduction

Global Exchange is an international human rights organization headquartered in San Francisco, California, United States, dedicated to promoting political, social and environmental justice globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main goal of Global Exchange is to build understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries. More specifically, Global Exchange aims to: (i) educate the United States public about critical global issues; (ii) promote respect for the rights outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (iii) encourage both the Government of the United States and private institutions to support policies that promote democratic and sustainable development; and (iv) link people in the United States and people in the global South who are working for political, social and environmental justice.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the past four years, Global Exchange has carried out a number of campaigns aimed at promoting and protecting the rights outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Its campaigns have two main aims: first, to provide direct support to embattled grass-roots movements for human rights in the focus countries and second, to educate and engage people in the United States and elsewhere in these struggles. These campaigns have been conducted in, among other places, Mexico, Haiti, Colombia, Venezuela, South Africa, Nigeria, Honduras, China, Israel and the Occupied Territories, and Viet Nam. In Colombia, Global Exchange worked with local non-partisan groups and organized electoral observation during the presidential election in 2010; democracy experts from the United States and Canada were invited to participate and to report on their findings. Global Exchange's human rights work also includes a focus on social and economic rights. It has formed a network of communities that are struggling from the toxic impacts of oil extraction in more than 40 countries. These communities are in regular contact by phone, e-mail and face-to-face meetings to learn from each other and formulate strategies for a better future. Closer to home, Global Exchange focused on educating hundreds of children of elementary school age about child slavery in western Africa in the context of the cocoa production industry. Hundreds of children in the United States participate in consumer advocacy, encouraging companies to purchase Fair Trade cocoa and drive slavery out of existence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Global Exchange participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings in Copenhagen in 2009 and in Cancún in 2010. It also participated in the "Harmony with Nature" event convened on 11 April, in conjunction with Earth Day, in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Global Exchange works to support the advancement of the Millennium Development Goals in the following ways: by advancing a vision that values the rights of workers and the health of the planet; by prioritizing international collaboration as central to ensuring peace; and by helping to create local, green economies designed to embrace the diversity of communities. It supports "global partnership" in a fundamental way through its Reality Tours programme, which provides opportunities for United States citizens to travel to other countries to meet with and learn from their counterparts. During the past four years, Global Exchange has provided travel opportunities for well over 5,000 people from the United States to travel to over 25 countries in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe. Exchanges have taken place with, inter alia, Cuba, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Viet Nam, South Africa, Nigeria, Israel and Palestine, and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The goal of the delegations is to build binding ties between individuals and organizations in the two countries as a way to promote peaceful and just international relations. These delegations have resulted in the construction of further bilateral exchanges in a variety of fields, humanitarian and development assistance programmes and any number of less formal relationships.

11. Good People International

Special, 2007

Introduction

Good People International was established in 1999 as an international development NGO. It has 10 local branches and 15 overseas branches.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Good People International aims to raise awareness about global neighbours who are most vulnerable to poverty, disease and disaster because of social isolation, and to reach out to those in need through transnational, systematic and dedicated support. It carries out services in many global villages, working to provide support in the areas of health care, education, community development and childcare.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period the organization implemented a project which provided cataract operations for 768 patients in the Philippines, China, Viet Nam and Solomon Islands (2007-2010); facilitated heart surgery for five children in Yanbian, China (2009); constructed 65 houses in Viet Nam (2008); constructed a waterway and a reservoir in Namanga, Kenya (2009); executed a well-sinking project in Kenya (2010); provided emergency relief supplies to Bangladesh (2007); dispatched an emergency relief team to Myanmar (2008); provided emergency relief supplies and a medical team to Haiti (2010); worked on an earthquake recovery project in Indonesia (2010); provided emergency relief supplies to India (2010); and supported the indigenous people, called "Aeta", in the Philippines through comprehensive programmes that included housing, education, nutrition, sanitation and medical care, to raise their social and economic status (2007-2010).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the resumed session of the NGO Committee in New York in May 2007 and a meeting on families and persons with disabilities, in New York on 14 and 15 May 2007.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on the emergency relief project for Haiti in 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1: End poverty and hunger. Good People International sent 300 tons of soybeans to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2007).

Goal 2: Universal education. It built schools in Indonesia (2007), a vocational training centre in Sri Lanka (2007), an elementary school in the Philippines (2010), two information and communications technology centres in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (2010) and reconstructed two elementary schools in Myanmar (2010), among others.

Goals 4, 5 and 6: Child health, Maternal health and Combat HIV/AIDS. It provided medicine and diets for 1,500 tuberculosis patients and built the Capas City hospital in the Philippines (2009), built and operated a cholera centre in Haiti (2010), reconstructed two health-care centres in Myanmar (2010) and built two health-care centres in the Philippines for the Aeta people (2010).

Goal 7: Environmental sustainability. The organization donated and installed solar-powered lights in Aeta tribal villages in the Philippines (2009 and 2010).

12. Instituto Qualivida

Special, 2003

Introduction

Instituto Qualivida was established in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Its work covers five States and several cities in South America with frontiers with Brazil.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the organization is to improve the quality of life and increase the standard of living of the poor and the disenfranchised. The aim is to provide opportunities for a healthy, balanced and productive relationship between its clients and associated professional partners. The activities of the Institute are aimed at developing economically vulnerable and socially excluded sectors of society, prioritizing focus on the following groups: the unemployed and unoccupied; men and women over 40 years of age; young people in their first job; women heads of households (primary wage earners); entrepreneurs; and rural workers.

Significant changes in the organization

The most significant change was gaining new partners and increasing visibility in the media with the return and expansion of the Central de Apoio ao Trabalhador — Rio de Janeiro in 2009.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Instituto Qualivida launched the *mulher com vida* (women with life) project in 2008 to recognize and honour International Women's Day on 8 March; from 2007 to 2010, the institute administered the Central de Apoio ao Trabalhador — Rio de Janeiro, working with the private and public sectors to abolish the stigma of hiring workers who live in the slums. It designed several employment programmes aimed at young people at risk of trafficking and teen pregnancy; between 2007 and 2010, representatives of the institute provided technical assistance to the NGO Committee on Human Settlements at United Nations Headquarters by designing and maintaining its website. The institute assisted in organizing side events during major United Nations conferences at Headquarters and in Brazil and made presentations on the occasion of World Habitat Day at United Nations Headquarters and at universities from 2007 to 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The institute attended the regional preparatory meeting for the Economic and Social Council annual ministerial review: “Key challenges for financing poverty and hunger eradication in Latin America and the Caribbean” (Brasilia, 17-19 May 2007); the Department of Public Information/NGO Conference (United Nations Headquarters, 5-7 September 2007); a panel discussion hosted by the American Association of Retired Persons and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on “Population shifts: challenges and opportunities for economic and social sustainability” (New York, 1 July 2008); the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2-13 March 2009); the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development (New York, 24-26 June 2009); the second session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 2-4 September 2009); the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March 2010); the fifth World Urban Forum (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 22-26 March 2010); the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (New York, 3-14 May 2010); and the celebration of World Habitat Day 2010 (New York, 4 October 2010), among other United Nations meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The institute supported the proposal for a general recommendation of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the rights of older women, initiated by Ferdous Ara Begum, a member of the Committee, in July 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the Millennium Development Goals, the Instituto Qualivida took part in the Brazil Millennium Objectives Award between 2008 and 2010. It launched a new website, and Facebook and Twitter campaigns to promote the Award in Brazil.

13. InterAction, American Council for Voluntary International Action

General, 1995

Introduction

InterAction is the largest alliance of United States-based international NGOs focused on the world’s poor and most vulnerable people. InterAction currently has 202 members, including five associate members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

InterAction champions a bold agenda for decreasing poverty, upholding human rights, safeguarding a sustainable planet and ensuring human dignity for poor and vulnerable populations globally by promoting a united agenda for action to influence policies and approaches; raising the collective role, profile and power of NGOs; advancing inclusive approaches to and country ownership of development by fostering partnerships; and building InterAction’s internal systems to support those strategies.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, InterAction expanded its membership to include associate members.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, InterAction and its members have attended annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women. At each annual session, InterAction delegates were observers in the formal meetings, convened workshops, participated in side meetings, caucuses and workshops, and advocated for positions related to each year's theme with Government delegations. Articles on the Commission's sessions from 2007 to 2010 were included in InterAction's newsletter *Monday Developments*, among them articles entitled "InterAction members lobby UN on girls' rights, UN reform" (2007), "The US is back" (2009) and "Update — United Nations Commission on the Status of Women meeting 2010" (2010). InterAction hosted workshops at its annual forum that promoted dialogue on both the development and humanitarian agendas, inviting numerous United Nations representatives to make presentations as both keynote speakers and workshop presenters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Staff and members of InterAction attended the following meetings: International Conference on Addressing the Humanitarian Needs of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons inside Iraq and in Neighbouring Countries (Geneva, 17-18 April 2007); the General Assembly (New York, 25 September 2008); the Global Civil Society Forum (Doha, 26-27 November 2008); Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November-2 December 2008). As one of the three NGO consortia that are permanent invitees to the meetings of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and its Working Group, InterAction was represented at all the regular Working Group meetings, as well as at ad hoc Principals meetings, participating actively in the high-level discussions on responses to specific crises, as well as on thematic issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

InterAction collaborated regularly with UNHCR, participating in the annual NGO consultations and side meetings in Geneva, hosting meetings with the High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as preparing statements for meetings of the UNHCR Executive and Standing Committees. InterAction staff and members met regularly with UNICEF to discuss the development of strategic partnerships, the broadening of UNICEF/NGO collaboration in the field and the importance of staff safety and security. InterAction has implemented partnership activities with two United Nations specialized bodies: with UNFPA on the links between women, faith and development, including reproductive health; and with the International Fund for Agricultural Development on effective strategies for community-level food security. InterAction engaged directly with the humanitarian country team in Haiti, assisting in the post-crisis coordination. InterAction staff and members participated actively in the Global Humanitarian Platform.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

InterAction is recognized as a key representative in the efforts to advance the Millennium Development Goals in the United States. InterAction released reports entitled “The United States and the Millennium Development Goals: United States contributions to reducing global poverty” and “The road forward for the United States”. InterAction organized a G8 Summit NGO coordination group and began preparations for the 2009 G8 Summit in Italy, drafted position papers and participated in working groups and strategy meetings. InterAction co-organized Charge 2015!, which convened key United States private-sector leaders to galvanize action on their part towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. A dedicated webpage, “Millennium Development Goals 2010”, was created for the United Nations Millennium Development Goal summits to disseminate Millennium Development Goal-specific messages. InterAction also engaged with and supported members for the third annual High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, hosted by the Government of Ghana.

14. Intermon

Special, 1995

Introduction

Intermon fights with, and for, disadvantaged peoples, as part of a broad global movement, with the aim of eradicating injustice and poverty in order to ensure that all human beings can fully exercise their rights and enjoy a dignified life. Intermon works in over 50 countries in Africa, the Americas and Asia through over 500 development and humanitarian action programmes. It promotes fair trade and campaigns for social change. It has over 250,000 members and donors. In 1997, Intermon became part of the Oxfam International confederation together with 14 other NGOs in different countries in order to be more effective and to enhance its impact.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization’s 2007-2012 strategic plan is, together with its partners and allies, to act in solidarity with people living in poverty, especially women, to enable them to achieve their rights and assert their dignity as full citizens. This strategic plan confirms the rights-based approach as the basis of the work of all the Oxfam International affiliates and defines five strategic core areas that will be implemented at the national and international levels so as to make progress in achieving the human rights-based objectives of economic justice; the right to quality essential services; humanitarian action; women’s rights; and citizenship and governability.

Significant changes in the organization

The main change in the organization’s bylaws relates to the change of its name from Intermón to Intermón Oxfam. The organization has also, together with Oxfam International, defined a new strategic plan for the period 2007-2012 that takes into account the challenges the world is facing and the opportunities for making progress

towards achieving equity. Its goal for the next 10 years is to contribute towards ensuring that all can fully enjoy their fundamental rights so as to bring an end to poverty and injustice.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, Intermon actively participated in work concerning the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, through the development of policy and the promotion of work in relation to the Convention in Spain. Intermon implemented programmes to reduce the impact of climate change on the livelihoods of the poorest segments of the population. It also lobbied for a strong climate change convention. The organization worked actively to promote food security and to reinforce support for FAO and the Center for Food Safety. Through its work in over 50 countries, it promoted strategies to seek the protection and promotion of sustainable livelihoods, especially in agriculture, for the poorest of the population. Intermon conducted extensive research and made policy recommendations regarding the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in the area of health and education. Intermon also worked together with United Nations agencies in order to deliver vital humanitarian assistance in response to various crises, from the crisis in Chad to that in Haiti, providing, in particular, water and sanitation support for populations in need. In order to mitigate the effects of natural disasters, Intermon carried out risk reduction work by tackling the underlying causes of vulnerability and urged greater commitment by Governments to drawing up and implementing disaster protection and preparation plans. To promote awareness of the notion of “global citizenship” in Spain and beyond, Intermon, in partnership with other organizations, promotes social mobilization in the North and in the South to raise awareness of citizens’ rights and obligations. Through cooperation programmes with other organizations, Intermon also helps to strengthen women’s movements and organizations as agents of change by supporting the development of their leadership capacity in the social, economic and political spheres and by enhancing their learning opportunities. It also promotes cooperation between women’s organizations in order to forge vital linkages between and among them, particularly to support local mobilization and advocacy efforts.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Through Oxfam International, Intermon participated actively in various United Nations events, including: the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Poznan, Poland, from 1 to 12 December 2008 and in Copenhagen, from 6 to 18 December 2009; General Assembly sessions in New York, in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010; FAO and Center for Food Safety meetings in Rome; and Security Council debates, particularly those relating to the protection of civilians in humanitarian crises, in New York in the period 2007-2010. At the country level, Intermon participated in various coordination mechanisms established by the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

See the sections above.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Intermon worked with the United Nations Millennium Campaign and others in Spain in order to further knowledge and promote support of the Millennium Development Goals by Spanish citizens. Based on its field experience and in partnership with its colleagues at Oxfam International, Intermon published reports and policy recommendations for Member States of the United Nations to enhance support for and compliance with the Millennium Development Goals. In Spain, Intermon lobbied with the Government in order to increase levels of official development assistance and support to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. During the Spanish presidency of the European Union in 2010, the organization launched a campaign to influence the Government of Spain to develop a strong European Union position in favour of the Millennium Development Goals at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals in New York in September 2010.

15. International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing

Special, 2003

Introduction

The International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing is a global network of providers of services for the ageing, businesses, researchers, Government officials and individuals that collectively share their knowledge and best practices to enhance the quality of care for the elderly. Based in Washington, D.C., the Association is a not-for-profit educational and charitable organization, with an international composition in both governance and membership. It represents more than 20,000 providers of services for the ageing, who serve almost 3 million elderly people daily in approximately 30 countries. Its mission is to connect and support providers of services for the ageing worldwide to enhance the quality of care for the elderly.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's mission is to enhance the quality of care for the elderly. It achieves its mission by encouraging the development of quality services for the ageing around the globe, facilitating information and technology transfers, promoting ongoing professional interaction and exchanges across State borders, organizing international opportunities for education on global ageing and encouraging research on international ageing and disability issues, programmes, services and innovations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Association, in collaboration with other organizations for the ageing, sought to advance causes and positions that strengthen the rights of older persons and improve their quality of life. Its main representative at the United Nations served as a member of the NGO Executive Committee on Ageing of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, attending its monthly meetings and being present at sessions of the

Economic and Social Council. It has supported joint statements focused on older persons around the world. It has also hosted visitors, including municipal leaders from other countries investigating the provision of services for the ageing in the United States.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the steering committee meeting for the twentieth celebration of the International Day of Older Persons, in October 2010; it also sent a letter to the Secretary-General in September 2010, asking him to encourage further attention to the needs of older adults in United Nations efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the Association participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, including hosting speakers for a variety of panels; was an active member of the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on Ageing; and was an active participant in the annual activities to mark the International Day of Older Persons.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1: Poverty eradication. Association members provide charity care and meals to older adults and elderly immigrants in developed and developing countries. The Association promoted the development of programmes that contribute to educating the unemployed, increasing their employability and self-empowerment.

Goal 2: Universal education. The Association promoted models of active ageing whereby older adults and grandparents raise and mentor children in home, as well as in classroom, settings.

Goal 4: Child health. The Association supported intergenerational programmes that provided support to families and older primary caregivers.

Goal 5: Maternal health. It promotes models of active ageing whereby older adults volunteer in public health and maternal health educational initiatives.

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS. It called for dementia, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and other non-communicable diseases to be considered at High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases. The Association aids in the research and implementation of care technologies that help its members provide effective care for older adults. It encourages the participation of older adults in public health educational initiatives that serve to stem the prevalence of diseases among the elderly.

Goal 7: Environmental sustainability. The Association promotes green and sustainable design in care facilities for the aged.

Goal 8: Global partnership. It encourages cross-border partnerships between its members that improve the provision of care services for the aged.