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1. Local Initiatives Program

Special, 2007

Introduction

Local Initiatives Program has been assisting the maternal and child health-family planning programme of the Government of Bangladesh since 1987 in improving its performance by strengthening the management capability of the mid-level programme managers, service providers and community leaders through training and other technical assistance programmes to implement decentralized service delivery. The organization originated from the Family Planning Management Training project, later renamed as Family Planning Management Development programme, a global project of the Management Sciences for Health, of Boston, United States of America. The organization was launched in Bangladesh in 1987 with financial assistance from the United States Agency for International Development through a global project of the Management Sciences for Health with the name Family Planning Management Development and continued up to August 1997. On the expiry of the project contract, the United States Agency for International Development discontinued funding. Considering the significant contributions to the national programme by the organization, the Government of Bangladesh and the United States Agency for International Development approached the Government of Japan, through a common agenda meeting, for the organization to be funded by the Japanese Debt Relief Grant Assistance-Counterpart Fund.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to increase the use and effectiveness of contraceptives, especially clinical contraceptives, in order to fulfil unmet needs, reduce the rates of dropouts in education, increase coverage among young couples, newlyweds and non-users aged 15-49, strengthen the referral system of maternal and child health services, provide information on HIV/AIDS prevention through the use of community female volunteers in areas that are hard to reach and strengthen the management capacity of field personnel.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization's contributions have included:

- (a) Ensuring the referral of children to centres, clinics and hospitals of the Expanded Programme on Immunization for immunization;
- (b) Referring pregnant mothers to family welfare centres, clinics and hospitals for antenatal care;
- (c) Referring mothers to family welfare centres, clinics and hospitals post-natal care;
- (d) Organizing cluster meetings by volunteers and workers in order for women to participate in nation-building activities;
- (e) Conducting awareness-building meetings by volunteers and workers on HIV/AIDS.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in events and programmes to mark World Health Day, World Population Day, World Immunization Day, Breastfeeding Day and World Mother's Day.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

During the reporting period, the organization worked to prevent HIV/AIDS; scale-up behavioural change activities and health promotion interventions for high-risk behaviours and vulnerable groups, particularly sex workers; expand advocacy and awareness among the general population through multisectoral agencies; promote the social acceptability of condom use and ensure adequate supply; reduce discrimination against those infected with HIV or groups engaging in high-risk behaviours, through appropriate advocacy, policies and related measures.

2. Madre

Special, 1995

Introduction

Madre is an international women's rights organization that works with local grass-roots women's groups around the world. The organization is based in New York City but works with partner organizations in Afghanistan, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Palestine, Panama, Peru and the Sudan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works towards a world in which all people enjoy the fullest range of individual and collective human rights; in which resources are shared equitably and sustainably; in which women participate effectively in all aspects of society; and in which people have a meaningful say in policies that affect their lives. In order to achieve these aims, the organization works with local women's organizations worldwide on projects that include reproductive health, economic and environmental justice, combating violence against women and peacebuilding. These projects all incorporate four strategies to bring real change to women on the grounds of meeting immediate needs; partnering for social change; advocating for human rights; and educating the public. By listening to local women who best know the challenges they face, the organization provides support and training to improve the communities in which these women live.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2007 and 2010, the development agendas of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large included working to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, a commitment to global public health, international peacebuilding, sustainable development, gender equality and women's empowerment.

The organization worked with grass-roots women's organizations worldwide on projects that strive to achieve these goals, including combating sexual violence in

displacement camps in Haiti; providing support and training to indigenous women farmers in Nicaragua and the Sudan; providing counselling and art therapy to child soldiers in Colombia; and empowering women to speak up for their rights in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guatemala. As these projects are ongoing, it is difficult to outline the main activities carried out in support of the agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, the organization and a coalition of Colombian human rights organizations produced a shadow report on Colombia, which was presented before the Human Rights Committee of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in Geneva on 15 July.

Also in 2010, the organization co-sponsored a parallel side event on comparative strategies to end violence against women, held on 3 March during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

In 2009, representatives from the organization and its sister organization in Kenya, the Indigenous Information Network, participated in the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), held in Nairobi from 16 to 20 February.

In 2008, the organization co-sponsored a parallel side event during the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to mark the launch of the Gender Equality Architecture Reform campaign.

In 2007, the organization participated in the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Bali in December. Also during the reporting period, the organization and its partners attended events at the annual sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

During the reporting period, the organization provided informal briefings and testimonies on trends and themes related to the human rights situation in various member States to various United Nations bodies, including the Human Rights Committee, Committee against Torture, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

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

The organization contributed to achieving Goal 1 by providing over 4,000 women farmers in the Sudan with the tools and training they need to support their communities. The organization contributed to achieving Goals 2 and 3 by providing over 600 girls with an education and a safe space from female genital mutilation and forced child marriage at the Kilgoris Girls' School in Kenya. The organization contributed to achieving Goal 4 by working with indigenous Emayian Maasai women in Kenya to set up water purification systems to provide clean drinking water for hundreds of children, thereby significantly decreasing the number of deaths caused by contaminated drinking water. The organization contributed to achieving Goal 5 by working with the organization Midwives for Peace in Palestine

to ensure that over 700 women have access to safe childbirth. The organization contributed to achieving Goal 6 by working with the Indigenous Information Network in Kenya to provide HIV/AIDS education to thousands of women and their families across eight Kenyan communities. It contributed to achieving Goal 7 by working with grass-roots women's groups in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama and the Sudan to protect environments and improve the lives of their communities.

3. Millennium Institute

Special, 2003

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations through implementing its core objective to empower countries to drive their own development agenda by providing dynamic macroeconomic models that support the comprehensive and integrated analysis of scenarios related to development challenges, such as poverty reduction, economic growth, climate change/global warming and peacebuilding in post-conflict regions. The main activities undertaken in this area are detailed below.

The organization's macroeconomic planning model was further improved to support monitoring and evaluating progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals. Twenty-four indicators are now implemented in the model, thus enabling countries to perform such analyses as evaluating the policies and strategies that are most effective for achieving the Goals and estimating the investment required to meet them.

The macroeconomic planning model was also improved to include the analysis of the risks and impacts of climate change across the major sectors in the economy, society and environment. This will enable countries to better understand the full effects of the different aspects of climate change and formulate more coherent adaptation and mitigation policies that encourage sustainable development, poverty eradication and the increased well-being of vulnerable groups, especially women and children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, representatives of the organization attended via live webcast meetings and conferences related to agriculture and poverty; migration and development; climate change and development; food security; and achieving the Goals. They also attended the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 3 to 14 May. In 2009, representatives attended meetings and conferences in New York related to peace and security and financing for development; and the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen. In 2007, representatives attended a workshop on macroeconomic modelling for Goals-based planning, held in Lusaka.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

During the reporting period, the organization provided technical assistance to UNEP in preparation for its 2010 report entitled *Towards a Green Economy: Pathways to*

Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication. It also provided technical assistance to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the issues of agriculture and food security in 2010. The organization collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and civil society organizations in Kenya, Senegal and Swaziland on several training workshops on integrated development planning and climate change mitigation and adaptation, aimed at Government officials from the ministries of planning, finance and the environment. The workshops were held in August 2008, June 2009, February 2010, June 2010, and November 2010.

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

The organization partnered with organizations in Zurich and Nairobi to develop malaria management models that would be used to develop policies and programmes to combat malaria in Kenya. It developed macroeconomic models for Mali, Senegal and Swaziland to support the analysis of policies and strategies with which to achieve sustainable human development, particularly relating to the Goals.

4. Netherlands Organization for International Development Cooperation

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Netherlands Organization for International Development Cooperation has been working on its mission of realizing a just world without poverty since 1956. As a fighter against injustice, the organization is driven by solidarity with women, men and children living in poverty and neglected by current international and national power structures. Since 1996, the organization has been part of the Oxfam confederation, with which it shares a strategic plan and collaborates intensively. Furthermore, the organization cooperates with partner organizations in poor countries and at the regional and global levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization adopts a rights-based approach. Its members believe that every human being has fundamental and inalienable rights, and organize programmes around the right to resources for a sustainable livelihood; the right to basic social services; the right to life and security; the right to social and political participation; and the right to an identity.

Significant changes in the organization

During the past four years, the organization has given more attention to disadvantaged people to claim their rights. It has focused more on lobbying and campaigning and has specialized more in cooperation with companies, holding them to account if needed.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization and its partners successfully lobbied and cooperated with the United Nations on the Gender Equality Architecture Reform campaign to establish the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2007, the organization was represented at the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Bali in December.

In 2008, the organization was represented at workshops related to the Framework Convention, held in Bonn in June; the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Accra in April; and the High-level Conference on World Food Security of FAO, held in Rome in June.

In 2009, the organization was represented at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen in December; workshops related to the Framework Convention, held in Bangkok; and the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in March. In 2010, a representative of the organization attended as an observer the twenty-second session of the FAO Committee on Agriculture, held in Rome, in June; the organization was also represented at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in March.

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

Goal 1. The organization financed partner organizations committed to the right to land, fair trade, sustainable livelihoods, food and income security, labour rights and microfinance. Together with Oxfam International, the organization conducted a campaign on economic justice. In 2009, the organization decided to make additional investments in food security, in cooperation with existing partners.

Goal 2. The organization financed partner organizations' work on more and better education, training of female teachers, better teaching methods and curricula, involving parents and teachers in improving education and in supervising compliance with laws and regulations. The organization also lobbied and campaigned for education.

Goal 3. The organization supported partners in making gender analyses and in mainstreaming gender in their work. It also supported partners working on developing female (transformative) leadership, as well as men and women taking a stand for equal rights, for instance by financing a programme to end all violence against women. The organization continued to work on programmes to provide access to female condoms and to mainstream a gender approach and promote female leadership. At the same time, the organization developed a manual to support non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in self-assessments and gender mainstreaming competence. In 2010, the organization held a workshop on most significant changes, including gender mainstreaming and learning.

Goals 4, 5 and 6. The organization financed partners supporting people living with HIV and working on HIV education, mainstreaming, monitoring and budgeting, the distribution of female condoms and other sexual and reproductive health-care services, including workplace policies on HIV. In 2010, the organization and Stop AIDS Now! were involved in a campaign coinciding with the football World Cup, held in South Africa.

Goals 8 and 9. The organization participated in many long-standing international partnerships with a number of other NGOs.

5. Network Movement for Justice And Development

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Network Movement for Justice and Development is a national non-governmental civil society and human rights advocacy organization. It was established in 1988 in Kenema in eastern Sierra Leone and operates across the country, but only with a physical presence in the districts of Bo and Pujehun in the south, Kenema and Kono in the east, Bombali in the north and Western Rural Area District in the west.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization (a) trained and supported paralegals to promote peace and human rights culture; (b) organized and facilitated gender-related trainings for civil society groups to enable them to mainstream gender issues into their work; (c) mobilized citizens' groups to advocate for the review and formulation of policies that seek to address the aspirations of the people; (d) facilitated and supported the formation and operations of independent citizens' groups to monitor public service delivery systems in the country; (e) commissioned action-oriented research studies on areas that are critical to the livelihoods of the people, such as the utilization and impact of the Diamond Area Community Development Fund; (f) facilitated and supported, in collaboration with a community radio network, the establishment and operations of community radio stations across the country; (g) simplified and popularized human rights as laid down by the Economic and Social Council within the operational communities of the organization.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization (a) attended the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 25 February to 7 March 2008; (b) participated in the capacity-building workshop on advocacy, monitoring and reporting on economic, social and cultural rights in Sierra Leone, held by UNDP and civil society organizations in Sierra Leone from 22 to 26 September 2008; (c) participated in a consultation for civil society on the guiding principles for the implementation of the "Protect, Respect and Remedy" framework for business and human rights, held in Geneva on 11 and 12 October 2010; (d) attended rights training for civil society organizations, held by the Economic and

Social Council in Kenema from 2 to 4 August 2010; (e) participated in the twenty-sixth consultative forum on human rights, the rule of law and developmental issues, held by UNDP and civil society organizations in Freetown on 3 June 2010; (f) participated in the United Nations High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York in September 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

In collaboration with other civil society organizations in Sierra Leone, the organization raised and presented \$420 to the United Nations Office in Sierra Leone towards alleviating the sufferings of the people of Haiti following the earthquake of 2010. With support from the UNDP Office in Sierra Leone, the organization implemented a project against sexual and gender-based violence in Kono district from 2009-2010. With support from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the organization implemented the same project for Liberian refugees and their host communities in the southern and eastern regions of Sierra Leone, aimed at promoting peace, reconciliation and human rights. The organization, under the umbrella of the global call to action against poverty-Sierra Leone, has organized activities and events since 2007 to mark the global month of mobilization, held in September-October.

6. New Seminary

Special, 2003

Introduction

New Seminary is a non-profit organization incorporated under the guidelines of the Board of Regents of the University of New York on behalf of the New York State Department of Education. It is authorized to confer the title Minister upon its graduates. Since its inception, it has trained and ordained close to 3,000 interfaith ministers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to helping individuals and communities in deepening their understanding of, and honouring, not only their expressions of faith, but those of others as well.

The primary goals of the organization are:

- (a) To ordain and train interfaith ministers to serve as global agents and messengers of peace, tolerance and understanding;
- (b) To promote interfaith education as a means of resolving global conflict and fostering tolerance and understanding among all faith and cultural traditions;
- (c) To sponsor and participate in programmes, at the grass-roots community level and as an NGO, that focus on the common moral values and community concerns shared by most faith and cultural traditions;
- (d) To help create a global environment where all can be free to express their faith and cultural traditions free from fear, harm and judgement.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has a new board and staff, which will be reflected in its mission and programmes. For example, the new main United Nations representative has a mandate to sponsor and participate in more programmes that relate directly to the organization's mission and goals and the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. The organization's long-term goal is to offer the service of its chaplains to assist other international agencies and NGOs in their disaster relief efforts.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations by training and ordaining ministers each year as messengers and agents promoting an interfaith approach as a tool for resolving global conflict and fostering equality and harmony. In addition, it has participated in the programmes and efforts of the NGO Committee on Spiritual Values and Global Concerns. Many of the organization's staff members, students and alumni have provided meditations and presentations in the week of spirituality, which is held each year in October at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in 2007, at which it sponsored an event entitled "The sacred women's circle". Women from all over the world attended and expressed their hopes and prayers to be free to express their faith and cultural traditions without fear, harm or judgement.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

The organization has offered the service of its students, staff and alumni to serve as volunteers with the general United Nations community to implement the Millennium Development Goals.

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

The organization promotes global gender equality and calls for the global eradication of extreme poverty and hunger. On 22 February 2010, the organization was one of the organizing groups for a prayer vigil for Haiti at the United Nations Church Center, attended by the Permanent Representative of Haiti, the Chaplain of the United Nations Church Center and members of the Haitian Church of God, to offer prayers and petitions for the speedy recovery of Haiti, its people and the United Nations employees and other workers assisting with the relief effort there.

7. Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization

Special, 2003

Introduction

The main activities and programmes of the organization focus on the eradication of poverty, the fight against corruption, food security, agriculture, the environment, rural development, land reforms, education, peace, security and disarmament, gender equality, public physical and emotional health, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, water management, democracy and good governance, sports, culture, women, children, students, youth, the elderly, economic promotion, tourism and exchange, the media, debt relief and themes related to the United Nations programmes and priorities according to the Millennium Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to:

- (a) Promote and propagate the aims and ideals of the United Nations;
- (b) Promote the aims and objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement;
- (c) Organize meetings and arrange lectures on subjects connecting with the United Nations system and the Non-Aligned Movement;
- (d) Militate actively for human rights;
- (e) Promote national and international peace, understanding, solidarity and cooperation among people throughout the world without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion;
- (f) Promote social and sustainable development;
- (g) Educate its members and others about the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the Non-Aligned Movement;
- (h) Observe and celebrate major international United Nations and Non-Aligned Movement events and achievements;
- (i) Organize lectures, symposiums, conferences, seminars, workshops and forums on issues of burning importance and relating to United Nations and Non-Aligned Movement ideals;
- (j) Launch awareness campaigns on sexual and substance abuse, population, education, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, battered women and children;
- (k) Voice and to defend by all legal and peaceful means any kind of oppression, victimization, discrimination and abuse of any rights on the grounds of religion, caste, political belief, sex, age or any other factor.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2007, the organization was represented at events held in Port Louis to mark International Women's Day, World Health Day, the International Day of Families, World Environment Day, World Population Day, International Youth Day, United Nations Day, and the International Day of Tolerance. It was also represented at

events held in Pamplémousses, Mauritius, to mark World AIDS Day, World Human Rights Day and a day in honour of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in events to mark World Women's Day, World Water Day, Environment Awareness Day and International Mother Earth Day. It also attended a symposium on the effects of tobacco and a workshop held to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The organization participated in a celebration to mark World Youth Day on the theme of poverty alleviation and a talk to mark World Habitat Day. It also participated in a celebration to mark United Nations Day and an awareness campaign on diabetes. The organization took part in a seminar to mark Universal Children's Day, an awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS and a talk on efforts against corruption and to protect human rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

The organization took part in events to mark World Cancer Day, International Women's Day, and World Autism Awareness Day. It participated in a workshop on the environment, a seminar on drug abuse and a workshop on rural child development.

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

The organization took part in a seminar on the environment, a workshop on teenagers and the communication gap, and an event to mark International Day of Peace. It also marked the sixty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the United Nations, at London College, Mauritius. The General Secretary of the organization participated in a workshop on the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Bandung, Indonesia, in October 2010. The organization also took part in an event to mark World Children's Day at the Indira Gandhi Women's Centre in Rivière du Rempart, Mauritius.

The Health Director of the organization delivered an awareness talk on early pregnancy, menopause, poor health and its social effects at a community health centre in Grand River South East, Mauritius. The organization was also represented by its Director of Communication at the eleventh International Conference of Chief Justices of the World and Global Symposium, on awakening planetary consciousness, held in Lucknow, India, from 8 to 14 December 2010.

8. Nord-Sud XXI

Special, 1995

Introduction

Nord-Sud XXI is an international NGO registered according to Swiss law and based in Geneva. It was created in 1989 as a result of the meeting of activists and intellectuals from Africa, the Americas and Western Europe, who shared the vision of combating inequality, injustice and misery anywhere in the world in the twenty-first century. The organization's founding members include its current President

Ahmed Ben Bella, the first President of Algeria, and Nelson Mandela, the first President of post-Apartheid South Africa.

The organization strives to promote human rights, social justice, equality, and non-discrimination. It places special interest in development and social policies. Its strategic objectives are to contribute to the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as socio-economic development issues through cross-cultural understanding and cooperation. To this end its strategies are based on the dictates of social justice and international human rights law, with special attention to the needs and concerns of the most vulnerable individuals and groups especially in the developing countries of the South.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is guided by the principles, purposes and values enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Human Rights Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and their optional protocols. Its work is based on resolutions of the General Assembly and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as declarations of regional and national human rights institutions in the countries of the North and of the South. It provides a platform for joint North-South reflection on the questions of emerging global challenges in the twenty-first century and the desire to act together for the benefit of the people, especially those in greatest need, the most discriminated and the most forgotten, beyond boundaries of political systems and cultural backgrounds.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization endeavours to achieve its goals by presenting oral and written interventions at specialized forums, conferences and consultations with the United Nations, primarily the Economic and Social Council and the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary bodies. It contributes opinions and studies to the United Nations and regional bodies concerned with the promotion and protection of human rights, development and environmental matters. The organization also undertakes initiatives to organize events by itself and with other partners, including United Nations bodies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

The organization has observer status with the International Labour Organization. It also participates in the work of the standing bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Executive Committee of UNHCR and the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO). It has also cooperated with UNDP and is registered with the Department of Public Information. It cooperates particularly with the States Members of the Group of seventy-seven, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

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

The organization attaches special importance to the human rights component of the Goals. For this purpose it has been actively lobbying with States and civil social groups to influence the policymaking process. It has also participated in a number of advocacy activities.

9. Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development is a joint policy think tank for 54 Norwegian environment, development, human rights and peace organizations. The organization's close work with a number of international networks and Southern partners has resulted in greater political impact through joint lobbying activities in international forums.

The work of the organization covers the eight thematic areas that are the most pressing for development and the environment: climate change, international trade, food security, water and sanitation, conflict, peace and human security, financial systems and corporate social responsibility and aid reform.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's vision is a democratic and peaceful world, based on equity, solidarity, human rights and ecological sustainability.

The organization is a policy think tank for environmental, development, human rights and peace organizations, and seeks to influence policies through coordinated advocacy work.

The aims of the organization are to (a) facilitate the building of joint policy positions on international environmental and development and peace issues; (b) be a centre of competence for political lobbying; (c) undertake policy advocacy on prioritized issues; and (d) be a central meeting place for peace, environment and development organizations.

The members of the organization apply different working methods in order to: (a) coordinate political lobbying; (b) promote perspectives on development politics from civil society in the Global South; (c) raise the standard of specialist knowledge in the organization and partner organizations; (d) exchange knowledge and generate debate; (e) present viewpoints based on professionally established and well-founded fact; (f) define the framework, direction and goals of its activities; and (g) work in close collaboration in the development of policies and in political lobbying to achieve the goals of the different programmes. Secure and open dialogue exists between the members of the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

Over the past few years, the organization has become more of a political think tank than a process-oriented organization. This implies that it has obtained a greater political impact both in Norway and in international forums and as member of international NGO coalitions, such as Control Arms and OECD Watch.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization followed the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen, as well as climate negotiations. Representatives of the organization were part of the Norwegian delegation in those meetings. The organization coordinated and sponsored a Norwegian group of NGOs and a number of Southern representatives to attend the above-mentioned fifteenth session. It lobbied for increased climate action and cuts at the national level in countries historically responsible for climate change and for enhanced financial support for adaptation. It also focused on securing the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, increased technology transfer and a caution as to the effects of the clean development mechanism and against carbon capture and storage. The organization was part of the Norwegian delegation that attended the seventeenth session of the Commission on Social Development, at which it emphasized the importance of providing substantial support to sustainable agriculture and the special needs of dryland areas, all with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa. Members of the organization took part, as members of the Norwegian delegation, in a meeting of the Governing Councils of UNEP, held in Nairobi in February 2009. At that meeting, the organization highlighted the role of youth and their participation in international environmental governance. The organization was part of the Norwegian delegation attending the Conference on Finance for Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, held in New York, at which, in the light of the financial crisis, it lobbied for financial reform and a new financial architecture. The organization was also represented at the Special High-level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods Institutions, held in New York. Members of the organization attended as observers a meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for an Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York; and a meeting of the First Committee of the General Assembly, held in October 2009. In close cooperation with Control Arms, the organization drew attention to the human costs of irresponsible arms transfers. It also contributed to an Oxfam briefing paper entitled "Dying for action", launched at a United Nations side-event. The organization was part of the Norwegian delegation at the FAO World Summit on Food Security and high-level Conference on Food Security, and the thirty-fifth conference of the FAO Committee on World Food Security, all held in Rome. The organization continued to lobby for the right to food and the strengthening of global coordinated efforts for food security through the Committee, and enhanced support for sustainable agriculture. It also participated in the launch of the global platform to eradicate hunger, and supported southern NGO participation at the World Summit.

The organization took part in the fifth World Water Forum, held in Istanbul, Turkey, and lobbied for a high-level meeting to be held on water and sanitation and hosted by the United Nations.

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

Following the Goals review process, the organization has expressed concern on the donor-driven agenda. In 2010, the organization coordinated a Norwegian NGO assessment of the status of the fulfilment of the Goals and voiced the need to emphasize the role of civil society and equity.

10. Order of St. John**Special, 1999****Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Order of St. John encompasses the St. John Eye Hospital Group serving the people of Palestine and the occupied Palestinian territories. It has cared for a total of 362,731 patients and performed 15,845 eye operations. It also encompasses hospitals and Clinics in Jerusalem and Hebron, Israel; Gaza City; and Anabta in the West Bank; as well as mobile outreach clinics. A total of 98,200 patients have been treated in 14 eye clinics in South Africa; 73,972 sets of spectacles have been issued; and 5,000 patients have been referred to hospitals.

During the reporting period, the organization was involved in training 13,000 people in disaster preparedness and emergency first aid in seven Caribbean countries, focused at the level of ordinary households and funded by the Government of Germany.

It was also involved in the development and publication of a new first aid manual entitled "*Caring for the Caribbean*", specifically aimed at the Caribbean Region.

In 2009, the organization partnered with United Nations agencies dealing with the crisis of internally displaced persons in Northern Province, Sri Lanka, providing ambulance support and medical treatment. In addition, it distributed Rs 6.5 million worth of food items to internally displaced persons in Vavuniya, Sri Lanka.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, a senior representative of the organization attended the sixtieth and sixty-first Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conferences, held in New York in 2007 and 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

The organization's participation during the reporting period included the following:

- (a) The provision of eye care on behalf of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to 9,858 patients, including 1,652 operations;
- (b) The provision of first aid training in Sri Lanka on behalf of UNDP;
- (c) The completion of a safe motherhood programme in Papua New Guinea with the United Nations Population Fund, and partnering with WHO for assistance to the St. John national blood service;

(d) The inclusion as a member of the United Nations disaster management team for Papua New Guinea, and reception of UNICEF funding for two HIV counsellors in St. John Health Centres;

(e) The sponsorship by UNICEF for a school-based first aid training programme for 4,136 teachers.

11. Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International

General, 1995

Introduction

The Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement is a multicultural NGO formed in 1961 and headquartered in Tokyo. It aims at helping to elevate people's consciousness to secure the well-being of current and future generations, of the Earth's ecological systems and of the whole biosphere on which human and other forms of life are based. Its activities include deepening and broadening consciousness through experimental learning programmes; spreading ecologically sustainable commodity production; and rehabilitating ecological functions.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2009 and 2010, through its network of schools in Africa, Asia and the South Pacific, the organization participated in activities initiated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. As a result, 6,700 school children from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, representatives of the organization attended the thirteenth FAO World Forestry Congress, held in Buenos Aires from 18 to 23 October. The organization also organized an official side event with Argentine and Paraguayan NGOs.

In 2010, representatives of the organization attended the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Nagoya, Japan, from 18 to 28 October. The organization also organized an official side event in collaboration with a Malaysian NGO.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

On 25 October 2010, the organization signed a memorandum of understanding with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to implement programmes and projects relating to the Greater Nagoya Initiative.

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

The organization focuses on capacity-building of young men and women as key agents for sustainable community development. It runs five training centres in Japan

and 29 in different countries in Asia and the Pacific Region. During the reporting period, a total of 632 people received long-term (one year) skills-development and leadership training in Japan. On average, 1,000 people attended in-country skills training every year at the 29 training centres.

The organization has made continued efforts to enhance the awareness of its supporters and the public about the importance of its activities in support of the Goals.

12. Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities

General, 1995

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In an effort to effectively implement and follow-up on the outcomes of the International Telecommunication Union World Summit on the Information Society, the organization:

(a) Held its ninth international scientific symposium, on information and communications technology, the impact on municipal service development and e-government, held in Ankara from 18 to 20 June 2007, in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Islamic Development Bank and the International Development Research Centre of Canada;

(b) Held its tenth international scientific symposium, on the same theme, in Doha from 18 to 20 May 2010, in collaboration with UNESCO and the Islamic Development Bank.

In order to disseminate information on the events and work of the United Nations and its various agencies, the organization published in its biannual magazine articles and materials on the following:

- Global forum on building trust in government
- Sixtieth, sixty-first and sixty-second annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conferences
- Thirteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Bali Action Plan
- Twenty-third General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, a representative of the organization attended the following meetings:

- Seventh Global Forum on Reinventing Government, on the theme “Building Trust in Government”, held in Vienna from 26 to 29 June 2007
- Sixtieth annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, on climate change and how it impacts us all, held at Headquarters from 5 to 7 September 2007

- Twenty-third General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, on the theme “Moving from consultation to partnership in promoting rights and responsible governance at all levels”, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2007
- World Cities Summit 2008, on liveable and vibrant cities, held in Singapore from 23 to 25 June 2008
- Thirty-fifth, thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), held in Vienna from 2 to 4 December 2008
- Forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development, held at Headquarters from 3 to 12 February 2010
- High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, held at Headquarters from 20 to 22 September 2010

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

The organization was represented at scientific symposiums in collaboration with UNESCO towards the effective implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

13. Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women’s Association of Thailand

Special, 1999

Introduction

Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women’s Association International was founded 83 years ago by a group of American women in Hawaii, United States of America, with the aim of improving women’s life status at home and at work, and to improve understanding and friendship among women of all the Pacific and South-East Asia Region.

Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women’s Association of Thailand was formally registered on 20 October 1959.

For the past 52 years, the organization has actively and efficiently worked to promote better living, education and health-care conditions for women, teenagers and young children in both urban and rural areas. It also promotes development for women in prisons so that they can lead more productive lives when they return to civil society.

The organization’s projects include training young unwed mothers to better care for their babies, environmental protection, and art and culture. The organization has expanded its work, ideas and understanding not only among the countries in the Pacific and South-East Asia region, but also to other countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are:

- (a) To strengthen relations with women in the Pacific and South-East Asia Region and promote good understanding and friendship;
- (b) To develop cooperation with women in the Region in order to study and improve social conditions;
- (c) To promote the objectives of the Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association International.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2007, the organization was represented at the following meetings:

- Fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on the theme "The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child", held in New York from 23 February to 3 March
- Sixty-third session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, held in Almaty from 17 to 23 May, coinciding with the International Day of Peace and Climate Change on 21 September
- Events held to mark International Day of Non-Violence, held in Bangkok on 2 October

In 2008, the organization was represented at the following meetings:

- Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna from 13 to 15 February
- Fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on the theme "Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women", held in New York from 25 February to 7 March
- A meeting of the Vienna Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Crime Justice, held by the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in Vienna on 16 January

In 2009, the organization was represented at the following meetings:

- Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on the theme "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS", held in New York from 2 to 13 March
- Sixty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 23 to 29 April

In 2010, the organization was represented at the following meetings:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000), held in New York from 1 to 12 March
- Symposium on global health and gender, held in Vienna on 8 to 10 April

- Nineteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Crime Justice, held in Vienna from 17 to 21 May
- Informal interactive hearing of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, held in New York on 14 and 15 June
- Meeting on standard minimum rules and a new horizon for women prisoners, held in New York on 6 October

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

The organization worked in conjunction with a public health centre and the Centre for the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation in organizing a workshop on sex education and safe sex, focusing on young adults of both genders selected from three elementary and secondary schools located in central Bangkok.

In 2010, the organization took part in an event to mark International Women's Day. It also organized workshops on the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, aimed at young people, women and the elderly in their respective communities at Ayuthaya Province, Thailand. It cooperated with the Human Security and Social Advancement Department of Ayuthaya Province in organizing a seminar on personality development for women leaders, attended by 200 women from all districts of the Province and aimed at improving the personalities and knowledge of leaders.

14. Pathfinder International

Special, 2003

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pathfinder International places reproductive health services at the centre of all its work in the belief that health care is not only a fundamental human right, but also critical for expanding opportunities for women, families, communities and nations, while paving the way for transformations in environmental stewardship, decreases in population pressures, and innovations in poverty reduction. The organization provides women, men and adolescents with a range of quality health services from contraception and maternal care to HIV prevention and AIDS care and treatment. It strives to strengthen access to family planning, ensure the availability of safe abortion services, advocate for sound reproductive health policies and, through all of its work, improve the rights and lives of the people it serves.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main activities of the organization are focused on expanding programmes to combat HIV/AIDS, promote maternal and newborn health and provide information on contraception, abortion and adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health in developing countries. Its work on delaying marriage and childbearing, averting unintended pregnancies, and preventing sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS contributes to (a) improved health and education outcomes, especially for girls and young women; (b) the growth of individuals as productive and healthy citizens and increased prospects for social and economic progress; (c) the promotion

of gender equality; and (d) reductions in poverty. These are essential in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, the organization was represented at the forty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development and the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women. In 2010, it was represented at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, at which it organized, in collaboration with the Youth Health and Rights Coalition, a side event on sexual and reproductive health and rights as part of the Goals. It also provided comments to the Secretary-General's strategy on women's and children's health released at the United Nations High-level Summit on the Millennium Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

The organization's project to strengthen the capacity of local NGOs in Northern Uganda was funded by the World Bank to enhance the ability of the NGO sector to play an engaged role in the provision of sustainable adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and services to combat sexual and gender-based violence.

The organization's project to provide continued care in Nigeria received funding from the United Nations Population Fund and aims at reducing maternal mortality by incorporating a comprehensive approach to preventing and managing post-partum haemorrhaging at both the community and facility levels.

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

The organization provided more than 3.2 million individuals with HIV/AIDS services, including prevention and stigma-reduction counselling; voluntary counselling and testing; care and support to orphans and vulnerable children and people living with HIV/AIDS; antiretroviral treatment; and treatment to prevent mother-to-child transmission. It provided over 850,000 individuals with counselling and testing services, and care and support services to nearly 118,000 people, including more than 50,000 orphans and vulnerable children and 58,000 people living with HIV/AIDS.

15. Transnational Radical Party

General, 1995

Introduction

The Transnational Radical Party is the evolution of a non-violent international political organization founded in Italy in 1955. It is a membership-based organization to which anybody can be a member regardless of nationality, gender, race or philosophical and political orientation. Members include everyday citizens as well as elected officials from both parliaments and governments of different countries and different political affiliations. All members pay their dues on an annual basis.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since it gained consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 1995, the organization has participated in several United Nations forums and focused its related work on the promotion and protection of civil and political rights; the support of all bilateral and multilateral actions to promote democratic reforms worldwide; the support of the activities of the ad hoc and special tribunals and for the establishment of an International Criminal Court; the support of the adoption by the General Assembly of a universal moratorium of capital executions and to ban female genital mutilation; the support of a reform of the United Nations Convention against the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances; the support of the use of Internet technologies the world over to foster civil liberties, democracy and transparency; and the support of freedom of scientific research and for a civilian conversion of military expenses and indigenous and linguistic rights.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2007, one of the organization's main international campaigns was ended after the adoption by the General Assembly of a resolution on the universal moratorium on the use of the death penalty. The organization had worked with the NGO Hands Off Cain since 1993 to promote international mobilization on the issue. The organization's office in New York closely cooperated with several Government delegations on the drafting, presentation and voting by the General Assembly of the resolution, which was finally adopted in December 2007. At the same time, bilateral meetings were organized in more than a dozen countries with the objective of achieving a moratorium. At its sixty-fifth session, the Assembly adopted resolution 65/206 on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, with a greater number of votes in favour of the adoption of the resolution.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization sent delegations to the high-level segments of the substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, at which in 2009 it was quoted as a partner in a project launched by FAO together with the NGO Esperanto Radikala Asocio. The organization also sent delegations to attend the fourth, sixth, seventh, eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council, at which they delivered statements on civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights as well as the right of women, children and indigenous people. The organization also held briefings for delegations in collaboration with other NGOs, as well as meetings with the press at the United Nations Office at Geneva on the issues of indigenous rights, religious freedom, freedom of scientific research and freedom of expression on the Internet.

The organization has sent a delegation to attend the sixth session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group, held from 30 November to 11 December 2009. It also sent delegations to attend the fiftieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held from 12 to 16 March 2007. At that session, the representatives participated in a variety of side events on treatment for addicts, drug-related prison sentences, reducing the supply of drugs and the introduction of licensed opium production in Afghanistan for pharmaceutical painkillers. The organization sent delegations to attend the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental

Organizations held at Headquarters in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, at which they participated in several sessions. It also sent a delegation to attend the seventy-sixth session of the Committee on the Eradication of Racial Discrimination, held from 15 February to 12 March 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

Having concentrated its work mainly on the issue of the death penalty and the promotion of a world ban on female genital mutilation, the organization had no cooperation with specific United Nations bodies during the reporting period.

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

The organization has focused its activities on the right to health, through its cooperation with the international NGO No Peace Without Justice, conducting a worldwide campaign for the adoption of a General Assembly resolution to ban female genital mutilation, a practice that still affects millions of women in scores of countries every year. In that regard, the organization organized and participated in initiatives both at the United Nations, notably an event held in New York in 2010 with four African First Ladies, as well as other public gatherings in Europe and in Africa to raise the awareness of the international community on this issue.
