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## **1. Pos Keadilan Peduli Ummat**

**Special, 2008**

### **Introduction**

Pos Keadilan Peduli Ummat or the Centre for Justice and Care for Society is a humanitarian foundation based in Indonesia. Established in late 1999, it has expanded its coverage to 17 branches across Indonesia and one international branch in London.

In the course of its development, the organization has become a good community management agency for humanitarian assistance and other social assistance and managed to obtain accreditations.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Our vision is to be the most reliable organization in developing the independence and self-sustainability of communities. Our mission is to empower villages and assist in their rehabilitation; to develop partnerships with the community, the private sector, Government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), both local and international; and to provide information services, education and advocacy to the beneficiaries. The vision and mission are embodied in five main clusters of activities: microfinance and economic empowerment, social services, education and child protection, health programmes and disaster risk management. These programmes are in alliance with the Millennium Development Goals.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Observing the lack of access to health care, the organization had the idea of an integrated mobile clinic — the ProSmiling mobile and integrated community health programme. ProSmiling is a curative, rehabilitative and educative health programme in a package. The organization has reached over 2 million beneficiaries since 1999 through 16 branches across Indonesia.

Clean water is one of the main requirements to support healthy living and the organization has helped to provide access to clean water in communities. Water pumps have been constructed in accordance with community needs and field conditions. Along with water and sanitation facilitation, the organization also promotes health and hygiene through the concept of community-led total sanitation. Every year it builds about 100 water and sanitation facilities across Indonesia. Its child protection programme includes the establishment of orphanages and scholarship programmes for orphans. It has supported more than 1,800 orphans aged 7 to 22 in Aceh, Jakarta and other provinces in Indonesia.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization attended the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2010 in New York; the High-Level Panel on Peace and Dialogue Among Cultures in New York on 11 March 2011; a United Nations Environment Programme conference in Nairobi on the crisis in the Horn of Africa in 2011; and a Humanitarian Forum conference in Nairobi, also in 2011. The delegations joined in the group discussions on livestock and livelihoods and on water and sanitation issues.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- Community-based disaster risk reduction pilot project No. 3 in Kota Bengkulu in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) from 1 July 2010 to 31 July 2011.
- Disaster risk reduction pilot project No. 2 in Nagari Batu Bajanjang, Solok district, Sumatra, in cooperation with UNDP from 23 August 2010 to 22 September 2011.

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

The organization provides a free mobile health clinic for antenatal checks and for education, health promotion, screening and other interventions among women of reproductive age to reduce risk factors that might affect future pregnancies.

## **2. Project One**

### **Special, 2004**

#### **Introduction**

The aims and purposes of Project One are to improve the quality of life for children, assist with the world issue of hunger and raise awareness and promote tolerance of differences in an effort to reduce human rights violations. Project One is connected with a large network of partners throughout the world.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Project One has participated in various intergovernmental meetings as they relate to its prime objective of children and family advancement. Representatives of Project One attended the following meetings: a meeting on the development needs of Africa on 22 and 23 September 2008 at United Nations Headquarters, the 62nd annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference from 9 to 11 September 2009 in Mexico City, the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women from 2 to 13 March 2009 in New York and the forty-third session of the Commission on Population and Development, from 12 to 16 April 2010 in New York.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Project One submitted a letter of support to the United Nations Commission on Population and Development requesting that indicators on non-communicable diseases be included in the Millennium Development Goals for stronger prevention and control.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Project One would like to become more specialized in working with different agencies. The organization is subject to budgetary restrictions following the terrible losses after the tornadoes in Alabama, United States of America, destroyed the office and caused human casualties. However, the organization is rebuilding with

great vigour and a desire to be more extensively involved with United Nations bodies.

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

Project One has endorsed the Millennium Development Goals as part of its work.

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Project One has established and currently maintains facilities that have grown from feeding 3,000 children per day to feeding 5,000 children per day in Kenya. The organization has supported land leases for orphanages and schools in this region as well. Project One contributes to various programmes of this nature in other locations, including Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles, Haiti, India, Nigeria, Peru and the United States.

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education. At its conception in 2001, Project One began work on the problematic issue of literacy in Alabama. Since then, the organization has developed a variety of relationships in a number of different cultures to continue the struggle for educational accomplishment through financial contributions to the United Negro College Fund and the Alabama Department of Education. In 2008, the organization re-established the United Millennium villages in Africa with a four-fold solution package of shelter, food, clothes and education for all the children. The organization provides this humanitarian package to more than 5,000 children in six villages in Africa.

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality. Project One has contributed financial resources and planning assistance for a children's hospital in Haiti and dedicated resources for the distribution of vaccines to children under the age of one in the schools and orphanages established in Africa through its networks. It initiated a large number of medical missionary tours to Belize, Haiti, India and countries in Africa in an effort to lower infant death from common diseases that are easily cured by western medicine and inoculations.

### **Additional information**

The organization has sponsored and celebrates the following special days and events on the United Nations calendar at its headquarters following a constant agenda to raise awareness of the Millennium Goals of the United Nations: (a) International Youth Day on 12 August; (b) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March; (c) International Women's Day on 8 March; (d) International Literacy Day on 8 September; (e) International Day of Older Persons on 1 October; (f) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October; (g) United Nations Day on 24 October. Project One has also distributed large quantities of informative materials concerning the work of the United Nations.

### **3. Rehab Group**

#### **Special, 1996**

##### **Introduction**

The Rehab Group is a leading non-governmental organization (NGO), which works towards a world where every person has the opportunity to achieve their potential. The Group places great importance on its special consultative status with the United Nations and is committed to reflecting the goals and objectives of the United Nations in its work.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Rehab Group works in local communities to provide high-quality services and opportunities to people who need them. More than 54,000 people access our health and social care, training and education, employment and commercial services in more than 250 locations in Ireland, the Netherlands, Poland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Group took part as a stakeholder in the submission of a number of national reports under human rights instruments.

In 2011 the Group submitted a stakeholder report to the universal periodic review of Ireland, considered in Geneva in October 2011. This submission was also provided to the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. Group representatives also attended stakeholder meetings on the universal periodic review at national level. In 2009, the Group made a written submission to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in relation to the fifth report of the United Kingdom.

In 2008, the Group participated in national consultative meetings to discuss the third periodic report of Ireland under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Group also submitted a shadow report on Ireland to the Human Rights Committee and a representative attended the consideration of the third periodic report at the ninety-third session of the Committee in Geneva. The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs is currently compiling its fourth periodic report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Group has made a contribution to this report.

##### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Rehab Group participated in a number of meetings at the national level to discuss the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities prior to its introduction. Ireland has not yet ratified the Convention, but in submissions and through the media the Group continues to call for legislation on assisted decision-making, which is considered a requirement for ratification.

In 2011, the Group delivered a written statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, recommending that the ministerial declaration include a specific commitment to ensuring that children and adults with disabilities and mental health difficulties are included in education.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In 2011, planning began for a side event during the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in July 2012, entitled “Employment — the key to social inclusion for people with disabilities”.

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

All Group activities support the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, as they support children and adults with disabilities, older people, people who are unemployed and others who are marginalized, to live more independent and prosperous lives. The Group regularly advocates for change in national and international policies of relevance to people with disabilities.

The Rehab Group international grant scheme provides seed funding to enterprises promoting personal development and creates sustainable jobs for people with disabilities in developing economies. A total of €100,000 has been allocated to projects in India, Mauritius, Nepal and Panama. More than 1,000 people have now been supported by the project.

### **Additional information**

The Rehab Group participates in national activities to promote human rights. In Ireland, this has included ongoing participation in the Joint Department of Foreign Affairs/NGO Standing Committee on Human Rights, attendance at the National Disability Authority seminar on the theme of “The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Council of Europe’s Disability Action Plan: implications for Ireland”. The Group is a member of key international representative bodies including Rehabilitation International, the European Platform for Rehabilitation and Workability International. Membership entails hosting and attending meetings and conferences, participating in key projects and providing support to other member organizations.

## **4. Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Introduction**

The Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims is a self-governing institution independent of party politics. In Denmark, the Centre treats refugees who have survived torture and undertakes research in torture and the sequelae of torture. By doing so, the Centre has gained specialized knowledge and experience, on the basis of which the interventions of its partners in the South are developed and targeted.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

It is the proclaimed objective of the Centre to prevent torture and to help alleviate the human suffering resulting from torture — for the individual, family members and the community. The Centre seeks to achieve this aim by altering the mechanisms resulting in torture through programmes in partner countries. The

Centre also conducts research with the aim of developing and disseminating knowledge about the prevalence, causes and consequences of torture and organized violence and about rehabilitation and preventive interventions targeting survivors and perpetrators. It also provides clinical treatment to torture survivors in Denmark, as well as working with advocacy in Denmark and providing information to the broader Danish society.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Centre works on a rights-based approach, which means that the main United Nations conventions are at the heart of its activities. Thus it is constantly working to further the aims and goals of the United Nations through promotion of those conventions and assistance to States on how to fulfil their international obligations, in particular those that relate to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Centre and its partner organizations have participated in sessions of the universal periodic review, meetings with the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and in concrete examinations under the Convention.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The Centre has cooperated with the Committee against Torture, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. In particular, it has assisted its partners in providing information to the Committee against Torture in relation to the Committee's examination of Sri Lanka and Tunisia. The Centre has participated in an ongoing dialogue with the Subcommittee on the implementation and interpretation of the Optional Protocol during biannual meetings and has maintained a continuous dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on conditions in partner countries and related national issues in Denmark. The Centre was also instrumental in providing information to the Human Rights Council for the universal periodic review of Denmark and has actively supported the process through advocacy in Denmark.

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

The Centre supports the Millennium Development Goals, as its work against torture centres on the issue of poverty and poverty reduction. Torture is very much related to poverty, as those who are victims of torture most often come from marginalized groups such as the poor, ethnic minorities or the racially discriminated against. Working to empower these groups therefore is at the heart of the Centre's activities and poverty reduction is therefore also a key factor in many of its programmes.

## **5. Right to Play**

### **Special, 2004**

#### **Introduction**

Right to Play implements child-centred, experiential learning programmes using a sport- and play-based methodology to improve health, develop life skills and foster peace for children and youth. It operates in Benin, Burundi, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, South Sudan, Thailand, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

The organization has grown substantially from revenues of \$27.6 million in 2007 to \$32.1 million in 2011. In this reporting period, Right to Play has begun to implement its methodology in China, Burundi, Mozambique, Kenya and Peru and provide technical assistance in the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Colombia. Right to Play also has pilot programmes in Canada, Norway and the United States. It has closed its operations in Azerbaijan, Dubai, Indonesia and Zambia.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

From 2004 to 2008, Right to Play served as the secretariat of the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group and produced two publications entitled “Harnessing the power of sport for development and peace: recommendations to Governments” and “Sport for development and peace: Governments in action”; it provided input into General Assembly resolutions 63/135 and 65/4; and contributed to an advocacy brief entitled “Empowering girls and women through physical education and sport”, published by the Bangkok office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2012.

Right to Play UK is a partner of UNICEF UK in “International Inspiration”, the London 2012 Olympic Games sports legacy programme, for implementing International Inspiration projects in Azerbaijan, Jordan and Zambia.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In September 2010, Right to Play participated in the World Conference on Early Childhood Education, hosted by UNESCO, the Government of the Russian Federation and the City of Moscow, and in a round table in New York on the theme of “The value of sport as a development tool”, hosted by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace.

In February 2010, the representatives of the organization attended the Economic and Social Council special event on the role of philanthropy in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women in New York.

In May 2011, Right to Play made a presentation at the plenary session of the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group in Geneva.

In February and March 2012, representatives of the organization attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Forum on the Role



of Business in Empowering Women hosted by the Business Civic Leadership Center and the United Nations Office for Partnerships, in partnership with the Center for Women in Business, at United Nations Headquarters.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Right to Play partners with United Nations agencies in all its countries of operation. Recent activities include the following:

- In 2009, Right to Play received funding through a service contract from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to support the implementation of activities in the Syrian Arab Republic. Since 2009, UNRWA has funded Right to Play activity-based service contracts in Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In 2008, Right to Play and UNRWA amended their memorandum of understanding.
- From 2007 to 2010, Right to Play partnered with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the Ninemillion.org project in Azerbaijan, Liberia, Thailand and Uganda. In 2010, UNHCR supported Right to Play activities in 14 relief camps in Ghana, Liberia and Uganda and in boarding houses in Thailand.
- In 2008, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Right to Play formed a partnership to implement International Inspiration projects in Azerbaijan, Jordan and Zambia.
- In 2010, Right to Play and UNESCO entered into partnership in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and in 2011 they initiated a partnership in Benin.
- In 2008, Right To Play signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and partnered with it on a social legacy project of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup entitled "Youth for a safer Africa".
- Since 2007, Right to Play has continued to act as the secretariat of the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group until this role was transitioned to the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace in 2009.
- In 2008-2011, UNDP supported Right to Play programmes in Mozambique and Zambia.

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

In relation to Goal 2, assessments of Right to Play programmes in formal educational environments have shown that participants go on to show better academic achievement and attendance, including stronger language and numeracy skills and increased motivation to attend school.

In relation to Goal 3 (Promote gender equality and empower women), the participation of girls and women in leadership roles contributes significantly to their confidence and has a tremendous impact on society. Fifty per cent of participants in Right to Play programmes (coaches and participants) are female.

In relation to Goal 6 (Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases), programme evaluations show significant changes in health-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviour.

## **6. Roma Centre for Social Intervention and Studies**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Introduction**

The Roma Centre for Social Intervention and Studies is an NGO founded in 1993. The mission of the Centre is to defend Roma rights in Romania. The Centre offers legal assistance in cases of abuse and works to combat and prevent discrimination on ethnic grounds in all spheres of public life, including education, housing and health.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The actions developed within the human rights department target abuse by law enforcement officers; assure equal access to education (monitoring and litigation of cases of violation of the right to education, such as segregation in schools); assure equal rights of access to health and housing; combat discrimination in employment; and combat discrimination promoted by the mass media. Other objectives of the organization include improving the health mediation programme initiated by the Centre; developing the basis for a quality education for Roma children and preserving their cultural identity; working to improve the access of Roma children to education and combating segregation of Roma children in schools; participating in the development of public policies for Roma at the national level by building coalitions and alliances; and offering information on the programmes that have been implemented to international partners and donors.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Over the past four years, the Centre has paid special attention to the area of education in order to contribute to the further economic and social development of Roma communities. It has worked in 100 schools to combat segregation and school dropout and to encourage the participation of Roma children in schools. Two strategic projects of this kind have been implemented in that time.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- In the period under review, the Centre and the Euroregional Centre for Public Initiatives submitted a proposal to the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child to support the development of a general comment/recommendation on harmful practices.
- In 2008 the Centre submitted a shadow report on Romania to the universal periodic review.
- In March 2010, representatives of the Centre attended the eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal

Court in New York and submitted a statement on the protection of illiterate persons.

- In April 2009, representatives of the Centre attended the eighteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna and submitted a statement on the protection of illiterate persons in criminal justice.
- In 2010 the Centre and the Roma Civic Alliance submitted a shadow report to the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination for its examination of the sixteenth to nineteenth periodic reports of Romania at its seventy-seventh session.
- In November 2009, the Centre attended the second session of the Forum on Minority Issues in Geneva and submitted a statement on the political participation of Roma.
- In 2011, the Centre submitted a written statement on education for the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The Centre and UNDP Romania, with other NGOs, formed a coalition in 2011 to monitor how the Government strategy for Roma was being drafted and adopted and to submit comments on the draft. The Centre has conducted a study, with the support of UNICEF Romania, in the field of education on participation, school dropout and discrimination against Roma, which is available at [www.romanicriss.org](http://www.romanicriss.org). In 2011, the Centre worked closely with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Romania to identify and support adequate measures for increasing the accuracy of the data collected through the census, with regard to the ethnic component. Representatives of the Centre have attended several meetings organized by UNFPA and the UNFPA representative attended the press conference launching the Centre's campaign entitled "Declare your ethnicity openly within the census!".

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

In the past four years, the Centre has focused on Goal 2, among others. It has both implemented programmes for promoting and assuring equal and qualitative education for Roma and conducted strategic litigation for combating segregation.

## **7. Rural Africa Water Development Initiative**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Introduction**

The primary activities of the Rural Africa Water Development Initiative are concentrated in the oil-rich Niger Delta region but it has also undertaken extensive and successful project design and implementation in parts of Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Chad, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia and Senegal.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aim of the Initiative is to promote sustainable development in environmentally ravaged communities in Africa through improved access to adequate and safe water supplies for people and sustainable ecosystems.

Its objectives are:

- To safeguard public health and mitigate poverty through improved water supply, sanitation and hygiene promotion.
- To promote freshwater ecosystem resilience through watershed management.
- To promote efficiency in water-supported livelihood activities, including food security.
- To promote community participation, including gender mainstreaming.

Its mission is to work as a centre of expertise, collaborating with relevant local and international groups, as well as other stakeholders, to provide appropriate technologies for sustainable development.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization has partnered with community-based women's groups and other stakeholders to support vulnerable households in communities in the Niger Delta region and to maximize the quality of their drinking water. It is committed to supporting millions of vulnerable people to sustainably access clean and safe drinking water through the construction, provision and installation of its bio-sand filters. Well over 35,000 filters have been constructed and installed in local households since 2006.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) network on household water treatment and safe storage in the promotion of appropriate technologies and best practices.

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

The organization has concentrated mostly on those Goals related to environmental sustainability and its activities include the following:

- Communal latrine construction projects in two public schools in Owerri, Imo state, Nigeria.
- Bio-sand filter for oil-producing communities in seven Niger Delta states.
- Managing run-offs and erosion for food security in communities in Imo state.
- Strengthening the links between rainwater harvesting and soil and water conservation in Okigwe, Imo state.

## 8. Shinji Shumeikai

### Special, 2004

#### Introduction

Shinji Shumeikai aims to foster a deep appreciation of the arts, an understanding of the inherent harmony among natural ecosystems and a commitment to the unifying factors that bring diverse peoples of the world together as a global family.

#### Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations through its ecological agricultural programmes, which include capacity-building and training in Brazil, Europe, Japan, the Philippines, the United States and Zambia. The organization has been actively networking and partnering with other NGOs on the issue of sustainable agriculture, to reduce poverty, support smallholder farmers, increase the status of women, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and protect the natural environment. The organization has also actively participated in United Nations meetings over the years and was fully engaged in the preparatory meetings for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. The organization has also sponsored and organized symposiums to bring about environmental awareness.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in the following meetings:

- General Assembly thematic debate on the Millennium Development Goals, 1 April 2008 at United Nations Headquarters.
- Sixteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 5 to 16 May 2008 at United Nations Headquarters.
- High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council and the Innovation Fair during the annual ministerial review on the theme of implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development, 30 June to 3 July 2008 at United Nations Headquarters.
- Seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 4 to 15 May 2009, and Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, 23 to 27 February 2009, at United Nations Headquarters.
- Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 7 to 18 December 2009, in Copenhagen.
- Eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 3 to 14 May 2010, at United Nations Headquarters.
- First session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 16 to 18 May 2010, at United Nations Headquarters.

- Sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 29 November to 10 December 2010, in Cancun, Mexico.
- First intersessional meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 10 and 11 January 2011, at United Nations Headquarters.
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 2 to 13 May 2011, and Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, 28 February to 4 March 2011, at United Nations Headquarters.
- Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 7 and 8 March 2011, at United Nations Headquarters.
- General Assembly interactive dialogue on harmony with nature, 18 April 2011, at United Nations Headquarters.
- Informal thematic debate of the General Assembly on the “Green economy: a pathway to sustainable development”, 2 June 2011, at United Nations Headquarters.
- United Nations Environment Programme consultations with major groups on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 1 September 2011, in Bonn, Germany.
- 64th annual United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference on the theme of “Sustainable societies: responsive citizens”, 3 to 5 September 2011, in Bonn.
- Seventeenth session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 28 November to 9 December 2011, Durban, South Africa.
- Second intersessional meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 15 and 16 December 2011, at United Nations Headquarters.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization made recommendations and contributed to discussions on the world food crisis and presented its sustainable agriculture programme in Zambia at the Economic and Social Council Civil Society Forum on the world food crisis, 20 May 2008, at United Nations Headquarters.

A representative of the organization participated in the round-table discussion at the Economic and Social Council ministerial breakfast on the impact of climate change on food security in least developed countries, 1 July 2008, at United Nations Headquarters.

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

The organization has contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in the following geographic regions: Asia, North America, Africa and Europe through its capacity-building and training programmes for sustainable agriculture, which have

specifically contributed to eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and ensuring environmental sustainability. For example, its partnership programme in Zambia works with over 7,000 rural women farmers. In support of Goal 7 (Ensure environmental sustainability), Shinji Shumeikai has sponsored several events, including a symposium on 7 June 2008 on the theme of “Earth Charter and ecology” in Shiga, Japan, to raise awareness of environmental issues and the Millennium Development Goals and to support the Earth Charter. The symposium addressed issues such as the world economy, the environment and climate change.

## **9. Ship and Ocean Foundation**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aim of the Ship and Ocean Foundation is to promote the shipbuilding industry and related manufacturing industries through activities such as conducting management diagnoses, financing business operations, supporting technology development and taking measures to prevent marine oil pollution.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In 2011, the Foundation, operating under the name of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, submitted comprehensive proposals to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. The Foundation also suggested that a separate chapter of the outcome document of the Conference be devoted exclusively to the oceans agenda, with a view to ensuring the enhanced awareness and recognition of Governments and the international community as a whole of the importance of the oceans. The Foundation recommended the inclusion in the oceans agenda of the following five measures:

- Promotion of a comprehensive ocean policy
- Management of islands and their surrounding ocean areas
- Sustainable development of maritime industries
- Education of the public
- Responses to marine disasters.

Between 2008 and 2010 the Foundation was a member of an international consortium of 10 institutions, led by the Norwegian Marine Technology Research Institute, which carried out a study on greenhouse gas emissions.

Between 2009 and 2011, the Foundation undertook an international research programme in collaboration with the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security and formulated a policy proposal captioned “For the better conservation and management of islands and their surrounding ocean areas”.

In 2010, the Foundation established an expert group to carry out research on issues pertaining to the Arctic Ocean and the group finalized its work by producing a

report taking into account all the presentations, proposals and debates from the process and formulating policy proposals.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2009, 2010 and 2011, representatives of the Foundation attended and presented a written statement to the following meetings at United Nations Headquarters:

- Tenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, 17 to 19 June 2009.
- Eleventh meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, 21 to 25 June 2010.
- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, 14 to 18 February 2011.
- Twenty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 13 to 17 June 2011.
- Twelfth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, 20 to 24 June 2011.
- Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, 27 and 28 June 2011.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- Project in collaboration with the World Maritime University, established by the International Maritime Organization, to support the strengthening and expansion of international cooperation in ocean-related fields by promoting the international development of human resources and building networks through a scholarship fund established by the Foundation. Since the inception of the scholarship fund in 1987, the Foundation has provided over 450 scholarships. Between 2008 and 2011 scholarships were granted to 131 successful recipients to study at the University for a master's degree. Since 2008, the scholarships granted have amounted to \$2,000,000. A proposal to support the creation of an alumni network is currently under consideration.
- In association with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and collaborating governmental and non-governmental organizations, the Foundation co-hosted the Oceans Day at Nagoya during the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Nagoya, Japan, from 18 to 29 October 2010. The Oceans Day at Nagoya drew high-level policy attention to the need to address the major drivers of ocean and coastal biodiversity loss, took stock of progress in the achievement of global biodiversity targets, and outlined the next steps in the global oceans agenda.

### **Additional information**

The Foundation has not participated as fully as might be expected in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as it has focused its



activities on the development and implementation of programmes concerning oceans and the law of the sea, as well as expanding its knowledge on those matters, working mainly with the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and the International Maritime Organization.

## **10. Sister to Sister International**

### **Special, 2004**

#### **Introduction**

Sister to Sister International links women of African descent globally to the resources that connect, advance and strengthen them. The members of the organization are primarily women of African descent throughout the diaspora, including the girl child and a few young men. Its diverse network of intergenerational members include women from grass-roots, business, professional, and political backgrounds.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization sponsors educational forums and links youth to UNDP projects. It works on cyberschool websites to impact literacy and promote universal education, including literacy work with the Gambian National Library; sponsors parallel events, including workshops and forums on thematic issues, during the annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as presenting papers; promotes the Maama Kit programme, a safe birthing initiative for women in Africa, in conjunction with WHO; sponsors testing and prevention activities that assist in combating the HIV/AIDS pandemic; sponsors a networking initiative that promotes global partnerships among NGOs of the African women's diaspora, and various resource persons. The organization also utilizes the Internet to ensure that timely United Nations communications are disseminated to members and other constituents globally.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization has sponsored forums and parallel events during sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters for the past four years. These events occur on United Nations Day, which has provided an opportunity for women of African descent, both local and international, to examine progress on related thematic issues, through the lens of women of colour.

Representatives of the organization participated in and presented written and oral statements during the following sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and planning meetings of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters:

- The organization presented written and oral statements to the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2011 entitled "Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, employment and decent work: an African diaspora perspective". The organization worked with the African Caucus and others during the debate and sponsored its three traditional side events on 2 March 2011, including a tour of and briefing on the United Nations for local students and a thematic workshop at which the

organization shared its highly acclaimed STEM camp for girls as a best practice with UNICEF programme managers and NGO representatives. This was followed by a networking reception with United Nations leaders and other actors.

- At the fifty-fourth session of the Commission in 2010, the organization worked with the African Caucus and others during the debate and sponsored its three traditional side events on 10 March.
- At the fifty-third session of the Commission in 2009, the organization worked closely with the African Caucus and others during the debate and sponsored its three traditional side events on 9 March.
- At the fifty-second session of the Commission in 2008, local and global members participated in the “Sister to Sister International United Nations Day”, held on 7 March.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization cooperated and collaborated with various United Nations bodies including: the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), WHO, UNICEF and the Millennium Development Goals campaign office, in activities highlighted in this report.

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

The programmes of the organization are focused primarily on the United States, Africa and the Caribbean and address Millennium Development Goals 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 (Develop a global partnership for development). The organization has worked in support of the Millennium Development Goals on various projects.

## **11. Smile of a Child**

### **Special, 2009**

#### **Introduction**

Smile of a Child is an NGO registered in Greece, which has been active in Greece in the field of child protection and children’s rights since 1996. Empowered by committed employees and the support of hundreds of volunteers, it implements various programmes for the welfare and protection of the physical and psychological health and safety of thousands of children in danger in Greece.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

- Establishment and operation of 11 community homes nationwide for children who are in danger.
- Operation of the national helpline for children — “SOS 1056”.
- Operation of “116000” — the European hotline for missing children — in Greece.

- Operation of Amber Alert Hellas, the national coordination programme for notification of disappearance or abduction of minors (with the cooperation of 54 other public and private institutions).
- Emergency intervention in cases of children in danger.
- Cooperation on a number of issues with the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children.
- Development of the South-Eastern European Centre for Missing and Exploited Children.
- Mobilization of blood, blood platelet and bone marrow donors.
- Mobile medical units and state-of-the-art ambulances put at the disposal of the emergency services nationwide, for the safe transport of children and newborns.
- Preventive medicine and dentistry at schools and in isolated areas nationwide, carried out by the organization's mobile medical units.
- Information, prevention and awareness programmes for children, parents and teachers.
- Counselling support for children and their families.
- Creative occupation in children's hospitals in Athens, Thessaloniki and Patras.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- Participation in the 61st Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Paris in September 2008. On this occasion, Smile of a Child sponsored a workshop on 4 September, entitled "Our children: their rights and our future — education as a human right".
- Participation in the 62nd Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Mexico City in September 2009.
- Participation in the 64th Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Bonn in September 2011.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Participation of a representative of Smile of a Child as an expert speaker at the weekly briefing for the community of NGOs associated with the Department of Public Information in February 2010, on the prevention and prosecution of the trafficking of women and children and their protection.

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

In support of Goal 4, Smile of a Child has been delivering preventive medicine to children all over Greece since 2002. From 2002 until 2010, thousands of children of various ages were examined. Today the organization has three preventive medicine units for children. This programme is implemented under the auspices of the competent ministries: the Ministries of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs, and of Health and Social Solidarity. The goal of the organization is to

provide preventive medical services, and treatment in certain cases, to children of all ages, in both urban centres and remote villages. The mobile preventive medicine units are staffed with volunteer doctors, as well as a social worker and a nurse from the organization.

#### **Additional information**

On 11 October 2010, in Athens, the South-Eastern European Centre for Missing and Exploited Children was inaugurated as a joint initiative of Smile of a Child and the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children.

## **12. Social Action Forum for Manav Adhikar**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Introduction**

Social Action Forum for Manav Adhikar is an NGO based in India, comprising lawyers, professionals and education experts committed to the protection and promotion of human rights. Its operational agenda is to help vulnerable and marginalized sections of society to understand how the law, human rights and gender affect their lives and empower them to countenance discrimination and injustice. Its geographical coverage is national.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The overriding objective of the organization is to work for the protection and promotion of human rights enshrined in the constitution of India and guaranteed by various laws, by using legal and judicial processes as its tools of action and redress. Its principal targets are the disadvantaged sections of society, especially women and children, who for lack of knowledge and means of access are unable to secure their rights and entitlements. Its specific operational aims are to generate awareness, remain watchful of human rights violations, make available free legal assistance, act as a pressure group, mobilize public opinion for eradicating social evils, highlight burning issues confronting society and initiate legal action for eliminating exploitation of the underprivileged sections of society, particularly women and children.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Protection of human rights and issues of social and economic development that the organization is actively engaged in, are also issues of concern to the Economic and Social Council. The particular initiative of the organization lies in integrating poverty alleviation strategies with awareness-building of legal rights among women and other marginalized groups.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- Technical assistance in collaboration with the Solution Exchange for Gender Community in 2011, to create a code of conduct for promoting zero tolerance of sexual harassment in the workplace. This has been converted into a poster and advertisement by the National Commission for Women, a statutory body, for wider dissemination.

- Consultation with the Solution Exchange for Gender Community in 2011, for the purpose of developing guidelines on the role of the police under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and providing them to the National Commission for Women for publication.
- Development of legal literacy manuals in the vernacular language in 2010 and 2011 for UNICEF training of police and other stakeholders dealing with children in conflict with the law and in need of care and protection.

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

- International Women's Day was observed on 3 March 2011 in slum areas of Uttar Pradesh. The organization provided assistance to over 100 victims of domestic violence and dowry victims. It facilitated access to old age pensions, widows' pensions and pensions for handicapped women.
- In 2010, the organization published a legal literacy manual entitled "Domestic violence" for sensitizing police and other stakeholders dealing with victims.
- In 2010, the organization trained and sensitized over 200 Delhi police personnel on gender issues.
- In 2009, it published a book on violence against women containing Supreme Court and High Court judgements.
- Between 2008 and 2011, it counselled and provided legal aid to over 150 women in distress and dowry victims.
- In 2011, it signed a memorandum of understanding with St. Stephen's Patients Welfare Society for the treatment of orthopaedically disabled children.
- Between 2008 and 2011, it provided free legal aid and counselling to about 500 children in conflict with the law.
- In 2011, it highlighted violations of the Juvenile Justice Act by the media and sensitized news reporters on child issues. In 2009 and 2010, it trained and sensitized over 100 Delhi police inspectors.
- In 2009 and 2010 it provided informal education to 10 children before admission to regular school.
- It also conducted rescue operations for the elimination of child begging.

#### **Additional information**

- Between 2008 and 2011, the organization initiated local capacity development initiatives by strengthening the capacity of artisans and generating awareness of the laws and challenges of globalization. In cooperation with the private sector, it made available new technologies to traditional artisans, especially women, with a view to protecting their intellectual property rights under the Geographical Indications Act, thus integrating them into the modern economic system. It facilitated the registration of artisans producing the Jaipur blue pottery, so they were among the first in the country to apply as authorized users under the Act.

- The organization provided services to dying and destitute women, including financial aid for medical assistance to serious and terminally ill women.

### **13. Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany**

#### **Special, 2004**

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In the last few years, the Agency has organized a great number of workshops on topics related to the implementation and protection of human rights, providing training for more than 500 human rights defenders. One of the key objectives of those workshops was to actively involve participants in all stages of the universal periodic review. Workshops were held in Angola, Burundi, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Liberia, the Philippines, Rwanda and Togo.

In May 2009, the human rights accountability website was launched by the World Council of Churches, the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance and the Lutheran World Foundation and financed by the organization. The website provides new tools and information for partners concerning the United Nations human rights system.

Once a year, the Federal Foreign Office offers a human rights dialogue to human rights organizations gathered in the *Forum Menschenrechte* (Human Rights Forum). As an active member, the organization each year contributes to the publication of aides memoires, which describe the current human rights situation in developing countries. These aides memoires are also used by the delegation of Germany to the Human Rights Council. The organization has sponsored several studies carried out by the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights. Among them are a study on criminal accountability in Sri Lanka as of January 2009, published in June 2010, an alternative report on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and a study on women and armed conflict in Sri Lanka (January 2011), both of which were presented by the Centre in an oral statement to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its forty-eighth session in Geneva on 24 January 2011.

##### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Each year, the organization accredits seven employees as annual representatives to the Human Rights Council. In addition to that, it accredits a number of partners from human rights organizations from all over the world as temporary representatives. This has enabled them to participate directly in the processes of the Council, especially the universal periodic review of their respective countries. In addition to that, they were able to build up a network of relations with other organizations. Among those representatives were the director of the Congolese NGO *Voix des Sans-Voix*, the director of the Angolan partner organization Angola 2000, two human rights defenders from the Zimbabwe Election Support Network and the National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, a Togolese human rights defender from the *Ligue Togolaise des Droits de l'Homme* and a representative of the NGO Rights Now from Sri Lanka.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization has been in contact with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on a number of occasions, reporting on and discussing current projects, as well as introducing her to local partners and organizations. On 30 April 2009, it invited Roberto Garreton, a member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, to a discussion on opportunities for cooperation.

On 4 December 2009, together with the German-based Ecumenical Network of Central Africa, a discussion on the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was held in Geneva with the office of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. Congolese human rights defenders from Radio Mandeleo, *Synergie des Femmes pour les Victimes des Violences Sexuelles Goma* and *Voix des Sans-Voix* participated.

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

About 75 per cent of the funding of the organization is spent on projects with partner organizations in developing countries. A significant number of those are related to the Millennium Development Goals. As published in the annual report for 2010, 31 per cent of total project spending was dedicated to food security, 24 per cent to overcoming violence and 22.7 per cent was spent on providing access to basic services (such as health care and education). Another important part of the work of the organization is advocacy at the national and European levels, tackling numerous topics with a strong influence on the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals.

## **14. Society for the Protection and Assistance of Socially Disadvantaged Individuals**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Awareness-raising and public outreach:

- Education and improvement of the knowledge of people and authorities through mass media, holding seminars and conferences, providing pamphlets, books, tapes and video films on the problems of socially disadvantaged individuals.
- Public awareness events in schools and universities attended by HIV-positive single mothers to share their experiences and to educate students and the public about the challenges of HIV/AIDS.
- Interviews with local newspapers, radio and television about AIDS issues.

Community support, engagement and empowerment:

- Establishing a hotline to provide free professional telephone counselling services to socially disadvantaged individuals.
- Special services to widowed mothers infected with HIV and their children, including regular financial support, weekly classes and group therapy sessions,

home visits and counselling services, group trips, handicrafts classes and organization of showcase exhibitions of their products on special occasions.

- The Ashianeh art gallery is being constructed and designed as part of the reconstruction effort of the Society's programme to support families, in order to provide space for art training and exhibitions to support victims of HIV/AIDS. Children and single mothers will attend art classes, both as a form of art therapy and to produce artefacts to be exhibited and sold. In addition, artists who are willing to donate their works to financially support the Society will be able to hold exhibitions in the gallery.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

In 2010, the Society added two new objectives:

- Providing counselling and social work services for families and individuals who have problems and need professional help.
- Providing temporary shelter for HIV-positive children in order to give them the spiritual, financial and social support that they need and educate them.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In May 2010, to commemorate World AIDS Orphans Day, an exhibition was held in Le Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland, in order to familiarize people with HIV/AIDS and people living with HIV and also to raise money from selling the paintings of artists for the benefit of orphans of AIDS. The Society invited Swiss artists to cooperate in this exhibition and donate the money from selling them to UNICEF for HIV-positive children of their own nationality.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization attended the following events:

- A workshop on primary drug and HIV/AIDS prevention in street children that was held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on 13 and 14 July 2008, in Ankara.
- The first-stage process of dialogue, consultation and analysis of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework on 21 May 2008, at the United Nations office in Tehran.
- A forum on networking of NGOs held by UNODC on 2 December 2009, at the United Nations office in Tehran.
- One of the monthly sessions of UNICEF on the subject of women and children on 1 June 2009, at the United Nations office in Tehran.
- The third session of the workshop on gender in emergencies that was held by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on 20 and 21 November 2010, at the United Nations office in Tehran.

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

- Holding the annual World AIDS Orphans Day ceremony on 7 May.



- Holding weekly meetings of health advocate mothers, discussing subjects such as health, culture, education, psychology, nutrition and social work.
- In cooperation with Qom Seminary teachers, promoting initiatives to prevent HIV infections in 2009.
- Holding an AIDS coordination and information council whose meetings are held on a weekly basis with pertinent specialists and experts.
- Holding *Chahar Shanbe Sory* (a traditional festival at the beginning of the New Year), other programmes for children supported by the Society and giving food baskets and donations of presents to all children and families in need.

## **15. Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries**

### **Special, 2000**

#### **Introduction**

The Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries helps physicians grow in the spirit of Christ in their personal and professional lives, so they can bring his spirit to the science and art of medicine.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Society participated in every session of the Commission on the Status of Women in the review period and was active in a large number of side events, as well as at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development and the fiftieth session of the Commission on Social Development, at which it contributed a written statement (E/CN.5/2012/NGO/23).

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Society took part in the following meetings:

- Fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen, Cancun and Durban, respectively.
- Ninth to eleventh sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York.

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

- In India, the Society used self-help groups and cooperatives to address the Millennium Goals relating to poverty, education for women and health. One member received a state award for efforts in poverty eradication and the empowerment of women through the Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the Society provided nutritional supplements to 5,000 children and 3,000 pregnant mothers.

- In the cause of environmental protection, the Society planted 8,000 trees with rural women and children.
  - The Society carried out a kitchen garden promotion by providing 4 kinds of seeds and seedlings in 20 villages for 550 families.
  - The Society helped to generate income for 600 families in 20 villages by providing 1,800 chickens.
  - The building of 1,000 toilets was initiated in the rural areas with the help of the Government and local people.
  - Health clinics and health worker training and awareness activities were conducted in rural areas.
  - International Women's Day and World Health Day are celebrated every year by the Society in most of the countries in which it is involved.
  - Medical and psychological attention was provided by the Society to over 5,000 people in Haiti, as well as short-term volunteering and post-flood health camps together with the Caritas team in Pakistan. The Society's member in Japan continued the post-Fukushima relief work and fund-raising efforts in other countries.
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