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1. Organization for International Economic Relations

Special, 1973

Introduction

The organization has its headquarters in Vienna. It has a global geographical focus, with most projects and partners located in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa and South America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is working to develop partnerships for development between private and public stakeholders. It has a range of members, mainly large and medium-sized businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations, banks, funds, foundations and scientific institutions. The focus areas are energy and environment, infrastructure development, agribusiness, health and education. Within these focus areas, the organization works to establish innovative partnerships and develop projects and programmes for development. Another focus is on identifying funds, donors and business partners for United Nations programmes and projects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has consultative status with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. It works closely with the Economic Commission for Europe and other United Nations bodies, depending on the project and geographical scope.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the Global South-South Development Expo 2012, hosted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in Vienna from 19 to 23 November.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

Additional information

The organization is well positioned between the private and public sectors and works as a facilitator at all levels (global, regional and national) to identify and support innovative initiatives.

2. Osservatorio per la Comunicazione Culturale e l'Audiovisivo nel Mediterraneo e nel Mondo

Special, 2005

Introduction

The organization was created in 1997 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and was validated in 2000 when it created the first information and communications technology village in San Ramon, Honduras. It brings the benefits of the information society to the most disadvantaged communities of the developing world, such as those in Brazil, Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Honduras, Lesotho, Madagascar, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda and Tunisia. It also organizes the annual Infopoverty World Conference and a number of seminars and workshops to share best practice and to promote the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through innovative strategies and tools.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization pursues innovation through the digital revolution, opening new perspectives for development and orienting actions towards disadvantaged people.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Infopoverty World Conference is the organization's main work, webcast worldwide by the United Nations. World conferences were held from 2009 to 2012. In 2009, the World Conference created a network of villages and communities based on the model of Sambaina, Madagascar, a Millennium Village, in cooperation with local governments and the Procurement Division of the Secretariat. In 2010, the World Conference activated new e-service delivery in Lesotho and Mozambique. In 2011, it created shared e-services for agriculture, phytopathology, parasitology and veterinary medicine for Mahobong, Lesotho, in cooperation with the University of Milan and in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). For 2012, it continued to support projects in Brazil, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Liberia, Mali, Peru and Sierra Leone, working closely with other United Nations organizations, NGOs and civil society.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

- (a) Meeting of the Global Forum of the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development, held from 2 to 4 September 2009 in Monterrey, Mexico;
- (b) World Summit on Food Security, held from 16 to 18 November 2009 in Rome;

(c) Twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, held from 24 to 29 May 2009 and from 16 to 21 May 2010 in Geneva;

(d) Innovation fair held during the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2009 of the Economic and Social Council, held from 6 to 9 July in Geneva;

(e) World Summit on the Information Society, held in May 2010 in Geneva;

(f) Campaign to improve maternal health care, as part of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011 of the Economic and Social Council, held in July.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supported projects in the Mediterranean region (Albania, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Turkey). It has organized, since 1996, an annual Euro-Mediterranean conference, coordinated with UNESCO, during which awards are presented.

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

The organization's strategy takes a holistic approach to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through the use of information and communications technology innovations. With regard to Goal 1, the organization empowers communities through job creation, agriculture-oriented devices and food security e-services. On Goal 2, e-learning applications in villages increase the standard of education and facilitate job creation. As to Goal 3, the organization's projects focus on the role of women, promoting best practice in maternal care and child safety policies. Concerning Goal 7, the organization's equitable community-building process assures environmental sustainability.

3. Oxfam Great Britain

Special, 1973

Introduction

The organization's objectives are to relieve poverty and suffering in any part of the world and to educate the public concerning the causes and effects of poverty. The organization focuses on the following five areas linked to the Millennium Development Goals: sustainable livelihoods; education and health care; protection and assistance during disasters and conflict; capacity-building for policy change; and diversity. It raises money from individuals and from public grants, in particular from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the European Union and the United Nations. It has sister organizations in 16 countries that work together as Oxfam International.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to save lives by responding quickly with aid and protection during emergencies, to empower people to work their own way out of

poverty and to campaign for lasting change. The organization believes that tackling poverty is possible only when it is helping people to secure their fundamental human rights: the right to life and security; the right to a sustainable livelihood; the right to essential services; the right to be heard; and the right to equity (in particular the rights of women). The organization works at all levels — global and local, with international governments and global institutions, local communities and individuals — to make sure that everyone's rights are protected and the best solutions possible are implemented.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization influenced policy changes that will have a long-term impact on millions of people. During the reporting period, the impact of a failing food system on the world's poorest people was brought sharply into focus. The organization launched a global campaign, "Grow", to tackle the unfair global food system and start a movement for a world where everyone has enough to eat. It worked closely with the United Nations and Member States ahead of the decision by the General Assembly to open negotiations on an arms trade treaty and continued to help to lead the campaign to successfully conclude the treaty. The organization also shared information and engaged in advocacy with the Assembly and the Security Council on assistance to and protection of civilians in Afghanistan, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, South Sudan and the Sudan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, including as Chair of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response from 2008 to 2010 and as Chair of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat. The following are a selection of its programmes with the United Nations:

- (a) In Sierra Leone, it received funding from UNICEF to rehabilitate water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in schools and to strengthen outreach services in villages;
- (b) In Pakistan, through an emergency response fund of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, it implemented an emergency cash and voucher project to ensure that 3,700 flood-affected households in Sindh were able to buy food;
- (c) In Zambia, it worked with UNHCR to develop entrepreneurship and business management skills in refugee farmer associations, women's groups and youth groups. The project also developed the literacy skills of refugees;

(d) In Zimbabwe, it worked with the World Food Programme to distribute food to 70,000 beneficiaries in three rural districts to protect their livelihoods and avoid communities resorting to damaging cropping patterns.

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

With regard to Millennium Development Goal 1, more than 1.3 million people were supported annually to achieve income and/or food security. A total of 780,000 people were supported to improve production through provision of seeds, fertilizers and livestock. The organization undertook food crisis advocacy on the Horn of Africa and Sahel food crises at the United Nations and with donors, engaging at world food summits and with the High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis. With regard to Goal 3, the organization's programmes reached annually more than 3.5 million people to enable women to gain more control over the factors affecting their priorities and interests. In 2011, the organization supported 250,000 women to improve their economic position in enterprises and markets. As to Goal 7, the organization provided some 5.7 million people with access to safe drinking water every year. Between 1 million and 2 million people benefited from the improved sanitation facilities provided by the organization and its partners.

4. Pan Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association

Special, 1953

Introduction

The organization is the only international women's organization devoted to families, peace and understanding in the Pacific and South-East Asia. It works to strengthen the bonds of peace by promoting better understanding and fostering friendship among all women of the Pacific and South-East Asia, as well as to initiate and promote cooperation among the women of those regions for the study and improvement of social, economic and cultural conditions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's goals are to identify the needs and problems of today's women and children; to protect the status of women and children and promote family and child welfare; to further education, training and literacy programmes for all ages; to protect and improve the environment; and to raise funds and provide support locally and throughout the region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's triennial conferences devote a day to supporting the agenda of the United Nations. Examples of contributions to the work of the United Nations include screening a film presented by UNICEF, *Child Brides: Stolen Lives*, at the twenty-fourth international triennial conference, held in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia,

from 18 to 22 May 2010, and supporting, on 11 October 2012, an activity on prevention of child exploitation at major events.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

(a) Fifty-fourth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in 2010 and 2012, respectively, signing on to the global campaign for gender equality architecture reform at the former and co-sponsoring two events at the latter;

(b) Sixty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, held from 17 to 23 May 2012 in Bangkok;

(c) Sixty-third Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization Conference, held from 30 August to 1 September 2010 in Melbourne, Australia.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

5. Passionists International

Special, 2009

Introduction

The organization is a not-for-profit body incorporated to promote the worldwide work of the Passionist family, who, within the Roman Catholic tradition, are a network of religious communities that share the vision and tradition of Paolo Daneo (1694-1775), also known as Saint Paul of the Cross.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to promote the dignity of and harmony among all people; to empower women and girls; to assist with the development of indigenous peoples; to address issues of poverty and development; to provide services to people suffering from HIV/AIDS; to protect the environment; and to promote education, health care and spiritual development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in meetings of NGO committees on financing for development, social development and the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples, in addition to NGO working groups on

mining, Israel/Palestine and girls. The organization established liaisons to increase communication between its grass-roots members and its representatives in New York. It organized campaigns supporting the Social Protection Floor Initiative. From 2009 to 2012, it participated in presentations to students from Cornell University who were visiting United Nations Headquarters as part of an urban semester programme and sent out newsletters to its 3,000 members with information concerning commissions, meetings and activities of the United Nations. The organization provided a written statement to the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council in July 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the following meetings:

- (a) Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impacts on Development, held in New York from 1 to 3 June 2009;
- (b) Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations conferences held in 2009 and 2010;
- (c) Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, delivering an oral statement as part of a thematic debate on 18 March 2010;
- (d) Fourth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, held in New York on 23 and 24 March 2010, delivering an oral statement;
- (e) Ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, covering the period 2009-2012;
- (f) Annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council, delivering an oral statement on 26 April 2010 on programmes to improve the situation of women with regard to development challenges;
- (g) Fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, covering the period 2009-2012;
- (h) Forty-eighth, forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions of the Commission for Social Development, covering the period 2009-2012;
- (i) Eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 3 to 14 May 2010;
- (j) United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat with regard to briefings on education for girls on 1 April 2010 and on the need for free, prior and informed consent in relation to indigenous rights, mining and development on 28 April 2011. In 2012, it sent a report to the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.

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

The organization worked closely with the Millennium Campaign in supporting the Stand-Up campaign for the Millennium Development Goals and engaged in interfaith advocacy for the Goals. As part of outreach, it held presentations and workshops on the Goals for congregations and high school and university students.

6. Pasumai Thaayagam Foundation

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Foundation works to conserve the glory of nature and its greenery and gaiety. The main action taken consists of direct action-based interventions, campaigns, seminars, conferences, rallies, mass demonstrations, advocacy interventions and action-based networking and solidarity initiatives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation envisages sustainable environmental regeneration, sustainable social development and sustainable economic development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2009, the organization launched its climate action campaign with a symbolic display of the Copenhagen countdown clock at the entrance to Spencer Plaza in Chennai, India, and organized a climate awareness programme in Chennai. The organization has been coordinating programmes for World Environment Day (5 June) based on the themes of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). As a part of the UNEP Billion Tree Campaign, the organization participated in 214 afforestation programmes, with 135,000 saplings planted throughout the State of Tamil Nadu. The Foundation also campaigned for the implementation of the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in Tamil Nadu. The organization has been organizing awareness programmes for World No Tobacco Day (31 May) based on WHO themes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the following meetings:

- (a) Tenth regular session, eleventh special session and twenty-first regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 2 to 27 March 2009, on 26 and 27 May 2009 and from 10 to 28 September 2012, respectively;
- (b) United Nations Climate Change Conference, held in Copenhagen from 7 to 18 December 2009;
- (c) Fourteenth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 22 October to 5 November 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation was involved in the WHO smoke-free city case study conducted of Chennai that was developed by the WHO Centre for Health Development in 2011.

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

The Foundation has been carrying out programmes in support of the Millennium Development Goals, primarily in terms of achieving universal primary education, combating HIV/AIDS and ensuring environmental sustainability. With regard to Goal 2, a series of programmes were organized, including a conference for equitable education for all that was held in Chennai on 25 August 2011. As to Goal 5, programmes were launched to raise awareness of World AIDS Day (1 December), based on the themes of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

7. Pathways to Peace

Special, 1989

Introduction

The organization is an international peacebuilding, educational and consulting organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary mission of the organization is to contribute to the evolving mission of the United Nations by expanding the substantive expression of peace and peacebuilding and to build a culture of peace by uniting and enhancing the strengths of existing organizations and programmes, locally and globally.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and major United Nations conferences. It also took part in advocating the holding of a fifth world conference on women. Efforts resulted in a joint announcement by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly in which they called for the conference to be held in 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

- (a) Fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, covering the period 2009-2012;
- (b) High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace, held on 14 September 2012 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization co-sponsored the Planetary Week for a Better World from 9 to 17 June 2012 as a special programme of the Culture of Peace Initiative. It also co-sponsored a side event at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, in 2012, entitled “Women leading the way: mobilizing for an equitable, resilient and thriving future”.

Additional information

The organization assisted in planning the International Day of Peace from 2009 to 2012.

8. Peace Worldwide**Special, 2005****Introduction**

The organization is an independent, non-political and non-profit organization registered in 1961 in Pakistan. It is working with Governments, the United Nations, the Commonwealth and international institutions to promote and protect the fundamental human rights of the masses declared in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in order to build a global village of lasting peace, social and economic justice and development for the twenty-first century.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to use education to create awareness of rights and liabilities among individuals; to take action in preventing human rights violations and to provide aid and assistance, including legal aid, to victims of human rights abuses; to investigate reported and unreported cases and allegations of human rights abuses; to provide basic necessities of life such as drinking water, medical relief and dowries to poor and helpless girls; to address drainage and other rural development schemes; to help to keep the environment free from pollution and to work for sustainable development; to educate and create consciousness among young people and women about the dangers of drugs, narcotics and HIV/AIDS; to cooperate with national and international organizations, groups and individuals engaged in promoting human rights and to participate in meetings and conferences on human rights at home and abroad; and to abolish the blasphemy law in Pakistan.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provided educational support to students in vulnerable areas, including in the form of teacher training and faculty development, curriculum

enrichment activities and infrastructural improvement of schools in vulnerable areas. It organized gender equality programmes to expand women's access to justice and human rights, in addition to designing and implementing projects to empower people to achieve self-sufficiency by generating income through provision of livestock, carpet weaving, capacity-building and vocational training projects.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization engaged in the following forms of cooperation:

(a) Executed a three-year (January 2010-January 2013) project providing skills training to Afghan refugees in Pakistan, supported by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);

(b) Provided, for a period of six months, technical assistance to empower women in Buner and Gilgit, supported by the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Secretariat and the Commission on the Status of Women;

(c) Organized seminars on drugs and crime at two universities in Peshawar, in collaboration with Pakistani parliamentarians and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);

(d) Executed a three-month (July-September 2012) project on air pollution control in Faisalabad, with the support of UNEP;

(e) Organized water and environmental sanitation improvement programmes in Muzaffarabad, with the support of UNEP.

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

With regard to Millennium Development Goal 3, the organization observes International Women's Day (8 March) each year. It initiated a six-month (March-August 2011) project to promote women's education in Nawabshah. It also arranged teacher training and faculty development in Faisalabad from 2010 to 2011. As to Goal 5, it implemented a two-month (June-July 2010) training and capacity-building programme on maternal and newborn health in Hazro.

With regard to Goal 6, it organized an HIV/AIDS prevention and care campaign covering the period November-December 2009. It executed a three-month (August-October 2011) project on fighting malaria and saving lives in the slums of Islamabad. It also arranged a study of sexually transmitted infections among urban men in Gilgit, Buner and Peshawar. Concerning Goal 7, it implemented an air pollution and control programme and public education initiative in Dera Ismail Khan and Sargodha from August 2011 to January 2012. It also created a team of young students for environmental protection by establishing green clubs in Gilgit, Abbottabad and Sargodha.

Additional information

Other programme activities include arranging a painting competition for young people in the central jail in Rawalpindi; providing warm clothes, foodstuffs and other basic necessities to women and children in the central jail in Rawalpindi; taking part in the “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence” campaign by arranging seminars and rallies from 25 November to 10 December 2012; arranging 42 training sessions from June 2010 to June 2012 on decent work and empowerment of workers; and organizing a one-year awareness campaign, from October 2011 to October 2012, on persons with disabilities.

9. Penal Reform International

Special, 1993

Introduction

The organization was founded in 1989 to develop and promote international standards and norms, and within those norms to implement site-specific solutions to penal and criminal justice reform. It operates worldwide at the policy, advocacy and implementation levels under three broad headings: reducing the unnecessary use of imprisonment, developing and implementing human rights standards and responding to special needs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to reduce the unnecessary use of imprisonment; to develop and implement human rights standards; to abolish the death penalty; to prevent torture; and to ensure a sensitive response to women and children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the process of reviewing the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and the creation of the new United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems through intensive policy advice and advocacy. It placed emphasis on initiatives relating to human rights in the administration of justice and juvenile justice and on the promotion of the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules). Linked to the aim of abolishing the death penalty and alternative sanctions, the organization made submissions to the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the moratoriums on the use of the death penalty ([A/65/280](#) and [Corr.1](#)), the reports of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment ([A/67/279](#) and [A/66/268](#)) and the reports of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions ([A/HRC/20/22](#) and [Corr.1](#) and [A/HRC/17/28](#)). With regard to torture and ill-treatment, the organization highlighted the problematic use of solitary confinement at a side event on solitary confinement and its human rights implications held in Geneva on 6 March 2012 as

part of the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council. The Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment was part of the panel. The organization also provided the following input:

- (a) Submission on draft general comment No. 3 on redress of the Committee against Torture, made on 23 August 2011;
- (b) Joint NGO submission to the Committee against Torture on the implementation by Belarus of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, made on 10 November 2011;
- (c) Submission to the Human Rights Committee at its 103rd session with regard to the country report task force on Armenia, made on 2 September 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization regularly participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the General Assembly. Examples of such participation are:

- (a) Meetings of the Expert Group on Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, held in Vienna from 31 January to 2 February 2012 and in Buenos Aires from 11 to 13 December 2012;
- (b) Open-ended intergovernmental expert group meeting on strengthening access to legal aid in criminal justice systems, held in Vienna from 16 to 18 November 2011;
- (c) Expert meeting on prison overcrowding, organized by UNODC in Vienna on 14 and 15 November 2011;
- (d) High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels, held in New York on 24 September 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization closely cooperated with various United Nations bodies, treaty bodies and special procedures mandate holders engaging in the areas of the organization's mission. It regularly attends meetings, submits fact-based information and involves members in its own conferences and activities. On 24 October 2012, it co-hosted a side event during the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly on the death penalty with the Special Procedures Branch of OHCHR and, on 22 November 2012, it co-organized a briefing with the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations on the review of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, providing a good practice example of inter-agency cooperation between UNODC and OHCHR.

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

The organization undertook work on justice for women offenders, many of whom are imprisoned as a result of multiple layers of discrimination (Millennium Development Goal 3) and advocated adequate health care in detention, including in relation to HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and tuberculosis (Goal 6), the prevalence of which are higher in prison.

10. People with Disability Australia

Special, 2005

Introduction

The organization is a disability rights and advocacy organization, founded in 1980 in the lead-up to the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981) to provide people with disability with a voice of their own. The organization exists within the international human rights framework and undertakes a number of activities, including individual, group and systemic advocacy, consumer protection, information, education and training. Individuals with disability and organizations of people with disability are the primary voting membership. The organization has a fundamental commitment to self-help and self-representation for people with disability by people with disability.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The major aims of the organization are the empowerment and promotion of the rights of people with disability and the creation of a society in which they can fully participate. The objectives are:

- (a) Advocating on behalf of people with disability, in particular where their rights have been infringed;
- (b) Developing education programmes and support services for people with disability to ensure that they have equality of opportunity within the community;
- (c) Promoting access to proper and adequate representation of people with disability on all bodies that make decisions that affect their lives;
- (d) Encouraging the development and coordination of self-help groups of people with disability;
- (e) Providing information, advice and practical assistance to any person with disability whose personal circumstances require such services;
- (f) Fostering communication and cooperation with other community organizations with similar aims.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works cooperatively across the Asia-Pacific disability sector on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and on efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization makes submissions to United Nations treaty bodies. It:

- (a) Submitted a parallel report to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities regarding Australia in June 2012;

(b) Contributed to a joint NGO parallel report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding Australia in June 2012;

(c) Contributed to a joint NGO parallel report to the Human Rights Committee regarding Australia in May 2012 and participated in a videoconference briefing to the Committee in Geneva in October 2012;

(d) Served as a member of a joint NGO working group that prepared a report for the universal periodic review of Australia in January 2011;

(e) Contributed to a joint NGO parallel report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in July 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

With regard to Millennium Development Goal 8, on global partnership for development, the organization:

(a) Acted as a disability adviser to the delegation of the Government of Australia at a meeting of disability ministers of the Pacific Island Forum, held in Rarotonga in October 2009, advising the Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Development Assistance and the Australian Agency for International Development and providing direct input to the Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability 2010-2015;

(b) Provided input to the development by the Australian Agency for International Development of the strategy “Development for all: towards a disability-inclusive Australian aid program 2009-2014” and the Agency’s midterm review of the strategy, covering the period 2008-2011;

(c) Provided policy advice to the Australian development sector, such as the development of a disability policy for ChildFund Australia in 2012;

(d) Delivered human rights training and capacity-building assistance at national and international forums of Disabled People’s International, including those held in New Delhi in 2010, Bangkok in 2012 and Durban, South Africa, in 2011, as well as at those of the Pacific Disability Forum held in Port Vila in 2009 and Nadi, Fiji, in 2010.

With regard to Goal 3, on gender equality and the empowerment of women, the organization:

(a) Began, in October 2012, a two-year research project to support better practice in service delivery and government responses to women with disabilities who are at risk of or experience violence;

(b) Began, in June 2011, a two-year research project to develop and deliver a training package on prevention and responses to domestic violence for women with intellectual disabilities and mainstream service providers;

(c) Published, in September 2010, a report entitled “Accommodating violence: the experience of domestic violence of people with disability living in licensed boarding houses”, which included gender analysis and accounts of the disproportionate impact of such violence on women.

11. Philippine Human Rights Information Center

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Center has been part of the human rights movement and has been performing advocacy work through its education, training, research and information activities since 1991. It serves as the research and information centre of the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center's primary goals are to increase the knowledge and understanding of the member organizations of the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates and the general public with regard to human rights issues; to enhance the skills of human rights NGOs and grass-roots communities on human rights monitoring and documentation; and to disseminate human rights information and tools to human rights NGOs and grass-roots communities. Those goals are achieved through the organization's institutional programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization held various human rights monitoring and documentation training sessions in its region in support of the goals of the United Nations and its human rights bodies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in a regional consultation on national human rights institutions and civil society organization engagement with the international human rights system, organized by OHCHR and UNDP in Bangkok on 22 and 23 November 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization received funding from UNDP for a research project on human rights challenges in the armed forces of the Philippines and for activities relating to monitoring of the concluding observations of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.

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

The organization has undertaken research assessing a cash transfer programme of the Government of the Philippines from a human rights perspective. It has also carried out capacity-building activities for children and parents on human rights in poor communities.

12. Qatar Charitable Society

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Society is based in Doha and operates in more than 30 countries, with field offices in 10 countries. It strives to observe the minimum standards in disaster response of the Sphere Project. It focuses its work on relief and charitable services, emergency response and development, addressing the root causes of poverty, improving access to education, creating sustainable improvements in and access to water, sanitation and health, strengthening families and assisting women and orphans, as well as cultural and seasonal support projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Society's mission is to support the neediest groups to achieve human dignity and social justice in cooperation with local partners. Its essential values are cooperation with local communities and international partners, honouring human dignity, credibility, professionalism, originality, innovation and quality.

Significant changes in the organization

The Society works in between 50 and 60 additional countries through local NGO partners. All local partners funded by the Society are accredited by the Ministry of Social Affairs of Qatar and are approved in accordance with the established procedures and conditions.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Society signed a standby partnership programme agreement with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in June 2011. From 28 February to 2 March 2012, the Society sent an observer to a related training session held by the Office in Berlin. On 5 April 2012, representatives of the Society attended the launch of a consolidated appeal by the Office in Doha.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Society have participated as follows:

- (a) European Union, United Nations and African Union conference on Somalia, held in Brussels on 22 and 23 April 2009;
- (b) Launch of the *2009 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction* in Manama in May 2009;
- (c) Meeting on the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Humanitarian Forum, held in Cairo on 17 December 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Society participated in an exchange of information to improve humanitarian action, organized by the field office of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Kuwait in September 2011. In 2012, the Society cooperated with UNHCR in Somalia to help 647 families to return to their areas of

origin and with FAO in Somalia to support the livelihoods of 460 families and help them to return to their villages. It also worked with FAO in the Niger to help farmers to obtain key materials such as seeds, fertilizers and tillage equipment.

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

The Society took the following initiatives with regard to the Millennium Development Goals:

(a) *Goal 1:* Sponsored 62,000 orphans, persons with disabilities and children of the poor in 34 countries, giving them monthly financial assistance to meet their basic needs, including food; distributed food aid to 50 countries, reaching more than 1.5 million people;

(b) *Goal 2:* Sponsored 55,000 children in more than 34 countries, guaranteeing their care until the age of 18 years; provided 7,384 classrooms at the elementary level, mostly in rural areas in 25 countries, for a total capacity of 300,000 pupils;

(c) *Goal 3:* Sponsored 35,000 girls in 34 countries, helping to ensure that they receive an education; helped 25,000 women in 45 countries to establish income-generating work;

(d) *Goals 4 and 5:* Provided 58 primary health-care facilities in rural areas of 15 countries;

(e) *Goal 6:* Worked in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to fight the polio epidemic in Pakistan and allocated \$3 million therefor; trained 250 persons in HIV awareness in Jordan, Morocco, Qatar and the Syrian Arab Republic;

(f) *Goal 7:* Provided 3,800 sources of drinking water in 45 countries, benefiting around 2 million people;

(g) *Goal 8:* Pledged money and support for the Comoros, Darfur and the Occupied Palestinian Territories through international donor conferences.

13. Reach Out to Asia

Special, 2009

Introduction

The organization has joined the global effort to achieve high-quality basic education for primary and secondary schoolchildren throughout Asia and the Middle East. It helps local communities to overcome major obstacles to education that can ultimately lead to a better quality of life. Founded in December 2005, it is currently working in 13 countries in Asia and the Middle East and North Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization envisages a world in which all young people have access to the education and training that they need to realize their full potential and shape the development of their communities. Together with partners, volunteers and local communities, it works to ensure that people affected by crises throughout Asia and

around the world have continuous access to relevant and high-quality primary and secondary education. It engages young people and other community members in tackling educational and development challenges, both at home and abroad.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has significantly contributed towards Millennium Development Goal 2, on achieving universal primary education. Under its themes of access, quality and youth engagement, 56,000 direct beneficiaries in four countries benefited from the organization's educational programmes in 2012. Currently, 121,697 people are benefiting from 14 projects in eight countries. The organization has contributed to Goal 7, on environmental sustainability, under its four focus areas. It has incorporated an environmental education component into its educational projects and has also carried out events with young people in Qatar in line with the United Nations commitments to the environment. The organization has also contributed to Goal 8, on global partnership for development, under which it has developed partnerships with international NGOs and donors to develop and implement educational programmes in 13 countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is currently working on a global partnership with UNICEF to develop educational projects in Asia and the Middle East and North Africa.

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

The organization's strategic theme of access to educational facilities aligns with Goal 2. Its focus areas on the environment align with Goal 7 and its approach to strategic partnerships with Goal 8.

Additional information

The organization intends to scale up its projects in the Middle East and North Africa in the areas of education through focus on sport, the environment and use of Arabic.

14. Refugee Council of Australia

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Refugee Council is the national umbrella body for organizations and individuals that support refugees and asylum seekers. Its primary focus is on Australia, but it works in close partnership with like-minded international networks.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Refugee Council's purpose is to work with its members in promoting the development of humane, lawful and constructive policies towards refugees and asylum seekers by Governments and communities.

Its aims are to act as a unifying organization and represent its members; to promote the empowerment of refugee communities and individuals in Australia and internationally and support the capacity-building of the Australian refugee sector; to monitor, research and present information on issues relating to the needs and circumstances of refugees and asylum seekers; to assist Governments and intergovernmental organizations to formulate policy and improve support and services for refugees and asylum seekers; and to increase public awareness and media sensitivity towards refugees and asylum seekers.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Refugee Council has continued to work to promote policies and programmes that support the protection of refugees in line with the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, through national research, policy development and awareness-raising campaigns and through close cooperation with international networks and UNHCR.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Refugee Council participated in the following meetings:

- (a) Sixtieth to sixty-third sessions of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, covering the period 2009-2012;
- (b) Annual consultations between UNHCR and NGOs, covering the period 2009-2012;
- (c) Annual tripartite consultations on resettlement, covering the period 2009-2012;
- (d) Meetings of the Working Group on Resettlement, covering the period 2011-2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From July 2011 to July 2012, the Refugee Council worked with UNHCR and the Government of Australia on coordinating two meetings of the Working Group on Resettlement and the 2012 annual tripartite consultations on resettlement. It worked with the University of New South Wales and UNHCR as co-organizer and co-sponsor of a conference entitled “Looking to the future, learning from the past”, held from 14 to 17 June 2011 in Sydney, Australia, to mark 60 years of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. Each year, it has coordinated an annual national programme of events for Refugee Week, held in conjunction with World Refugee Day (20 June), which is coordinated by UNHCR. It also has worked with the UNHCR regional office in Canberra in its cooperation with Australian NGOs, including by assisting in the planning of annual consultations held each October (2009-2012).

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

The Refugee Council has worked with community-based organizations and NGOs to highlight needs relating to the Millennium Development Goals with regard to refugees and asylum seekers, in particular the Goals relating to poverty and gender equality. This has been done through publication of research, presentations at conferences, awareness-raising activities and through facilitating the involvement of refugee representatives at key meetings with UNHCR and Governments (in Australia and in Geneva).

15. Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights**Special, 1993****Introduction**

The Center is one of the foremost international human rights organizations. It amplifies the work of activists, authors, journalists and students to a global audience through five annual awards. It has forged effective collaborations with NGOs, universities, legal clinics and the media on behalf of oppressed communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center focuses on the power of the individual, working through alliances and organizations, to generate change. This is carried out through its core programmes that:

- (a) Bolster the efficacy of human rights defenders through sustained, strategic partnerships, extending their reach to legislators, diplomats, international institutions and corporations;
- (b) Educate students and the public about human rights issues and provide the tools for creating change in their communities;
- (c) Convene the financial community to advance discussion of the connections among investment performance, fiduciary duty and public interest issues to optimize risk-adjusted rates of returns and address current and future global challenges;

(d) Bring the practice of direct service and the power of advocacy to strengthen the rights of juveniles and urge more effective policies for adjudicated youth making the transition back into their communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Center participated in the following meetings:

- (a) Seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 4 to 15 May 2009;
- (b) Third session of the Forum on Minority Issues, held in Geneva on 14 and 15 December 2010;
- (c) Dialogue on the comprehensive framework for action of the High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis, held in Dublin on 17 and 18 May 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Examples of cooperation include:

- (a) Engaged in advocacy for a rights-based approach to rebuilding in post-earthquake Haiti during consultations with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, Port-au-Prince, March 2010; the Office of the Special Envoy for Haiti, Washington, D.C., August and October 2010; OHCHR and the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, New York, September 2010; and the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat, New York, September 2010;
- (b) Provided a briefing to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the situation of Dominicans of Haitian descent in the Dominican Republic in Washington, D.C., in May 2009, June 2010 and August 2010; and to the High Commissioner in Geneva in April 2009 and, in coordination with UNHCR and UNDP, in the Dominican Republic in February 2010, December 2011 and July 2012;
- (c) Held consultations with UNHCR regarding protection gaps in United States interdiction in the Caribbean, Washington, D.C., December 2012;
- (d) Coordinated a conference on the right to education for minorities and launched a report promoting dialogue on the issue, in Colombia in September 2009. UNHCR participated in a panel for the launch with the Independent Expert on minority issues delivering the keynote speech;
- (e) Held a consultation with the UNDP office in Chad regarding a regional approach to the conflicts in the Central African Republic, Chad and the Sudan, as well as regarding the United Nations role after the withdrawal of the United Nations peacekeeping mission from eastern Chad, September 2010;

(f) Held a consultation with UNDP and OHCHR regarding United Nations work on sexual orientation and gender identity issues, New York, September, October and November 2011. Collaboration took place on the issue, specifically in Uganda, with OHCHR in January 2012;

(g) Coordinated with the Child Protection Programme of UNICEF regarding communication strategies to help to debunk the myths about promotion of homosexuality and child protection, New York, May 2012. Coordination took place with the Communications Section of UNICEF in Uganda in October 2012;

(h) Informed OHCHR of human rights violations in Western Sahara; advocated the addition of a human rights monitoring mechanism to MINURSO, New York, April 2011, April-May and October 2012.

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

No activities were specified.
