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1. Hoffnungszeichen

Special, 2005

Introduction

Hoffnungszeichen (“sign of hope”) is an interdenominational human rights and relief organization based in Germany. Helping those in distress is the focus of the organization’s work.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization campaigns where human rights are being abused or threatened. It provides humanitarian aid in the form of disaster relief and emergency aid and is also involved in sustainable development cooperation based on the principle of “Help people to help themselves”. South Sudan continued to be the focus of the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization put into practice the strategic decision to increase the share of self-implemented programmes in the fields of human rights, humanitarian aid and development cooperation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2009 the organization contributed to the tenth session of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 2-27 March 2009) by submitting a written statement concerning the human rights situations in the Sudan. In its monthly magazine, the organization regularly refers to international days within the scope of the organization’s activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated at the tenth session of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 2-27 March 2009).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As its main focus of activity is the Sudan and South Sudan, the organization has continuously been cooperating with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). While addressing the issue of prison conditions in South Sudan, the organization was in constant contact with UNMISS officers in Rumbek, and it promoted the World Health Organization’s drinking water standards as the basic standards for drinking water quality worldwide while promoting water security in the Sudan.

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

The organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in South America, Africa and Asia through the following activities:

Goals 1 and 4: supported child nutrition and general nutrition projects to fight hunger in South Sudan and other countries. It is currently operating two clinics in Duong and Rumbek, South Sudan, where nutrition programmes are carried out.

Goal 2: supported educational projects, such as primary school projects in South Sudan.

Goal 3: supported women's projects in India, South Sudan and Sri Lanka.

Goal 5: carried out maternal health projects in South Sudan.

Goal 6: combated malaria by operating two clinics in South Sudan and distributing mosquito nets for malaria prevention.

Goal 7: carried out a study of the contamination of groundwater resources by oil companies in the Sudd swamplands, in South Sudan, documenting pollution and recommending ways to avoid contamination, and provided the local population with clean drinking water by drilling deep wells.

Goal 8: the organization's representatives are in contact with government officials to address the issue of good governance, the rule of law, the separation of powers and the need to establish a comprehensive system of social services.

2. Rotary International

General, 1993

Introduction

Rotary International is an organization of 1.2 million business and professional leaders in more than 34,000 clubs around the world united in providing humanitarian service and promoting goodwill and peace. Operating in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary clubs are non-political, non-religious and open to all cultures, races and creeds.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Rotary International's top philanthropic goal is the global eradication of polio. Since 1985, Rotary members have contributed more than \$1 billion and committed countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries from the wild polio virus. In addition to polio eradication, all Rotary clubs implement at least one local and one international service project annually. Through these projects, Rotary members volunteer their time, expertise and financial support to address such local and global challenges as illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty and environmental concerns.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2009, Rotary International has focused its programmes for increased impact and sustainable outcomes in the areas of peace and conflict prevention and resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development. In support of these areas of focus, Rotary has developed strategic partnerships with Aga Khan University, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)-IHE Institute for Water Education, Mercy Ships and Oikocredit International.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A network of 25 Rotary leaders is appointed annually to serve as representatives to the United Nations and other organizations. The Rotary International representatives facilitate communication between the organization and United Nations entities at the highest levels while encouraging collaboration on joint projects locally. Each year representatives to the United Nations in New York organize “Rotary-United Nations day”, which brings more than 1,200 Rotary members and guests to United Nations Headquarters for a day of discussions and presentations between key United Nations officials and Rotary leaders. Similar events have been organized at UNESCO in Paris.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

To support the work of the Economic and Social Council, Rotary International participated in many United Nations conferences and meetings as panellists, moderators, presenters and exhibitors, including: the Commission on Sustainable Development; the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); the World Health Assembly; the high-level segment of the sessions of the Economic and Social Council; the Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations; the UNESCO General Conference; the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development; and the Council and regional conferences of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Rotary International’s highest-level relationships are with partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative: the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). Beyond polio eradication, in 2009 Rotary International signed a collaboration agreement with the Global Compact encouraging Rotary members and Global Compact local networks to work together on education and information-sharing, local project implementation and joint efforts to promote corporate social responsibility. In November 2011, Rotary International entered into a strategic partnership with the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education. Through the partnership, Rotary International provides scholarships to students enrolled in one of the UNESCO-IHE 18-month Master of Science degree-granting programmes.

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

Rotary clubs implement a variety of projects that address the Millennium Development Goals:

Goal 1: Rotary clubs established microcredit loans, provided agricultural development training and organized community food banks.

Goal 2: some 16,000 Rotary clubs worldwide supported literacy and numeracy programmes by donating dictionaries, building schools and serving as tutors.

Goal 3: Rotary clubs worldwide expanded education and vocational training for girls and women.

Goal 4: many Rotary projects helped to reduce child mortality by providing potable water, nutritional supplements and medical care.

Goal 5: Rotary projects provided reproductive health education, medical services during pregnancy and nutritional supplements to pregnant women and new mothers.

Goal 6: Rotary HIV/AIDS projects focused on prevention, education, testing, counselling, nutritional and medical intervention, hospice care and female empowerment.

Goal 7: Rotary International implemented environmental projects, such as tree planting, water purification and sanitation, and recycling programmes.

Goal 8: Rotary International and its polio eradication partners, UNICEF and WHO, worked with pharmaceutical companies to provide the polio vaccine at greatly reduced costs.

3. Russian Peace Foundation

General, 2009

Introduction

The Russian Peace Foundation implements national charity and humanitarian programmes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main activities of the Russian Peace Foundation include the promotion and enhancement of peace, friendship and understanding between peoples, the promotion of the ideas of humanism and charity, philanthropy, the prevention of national, religious and social conflicts, human rights protection, the preservation of the environment, the development of international cooperation, and scientific, cultural and youth exchange. The Foundation's activities involve war veterans and invalids, young people, children, people of science and culture, and representatives of Russian and foreign public partnership organizations, as well as representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church and other denominations. The Foundation's branches are active in 57 regions of the Russian Federation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Within its programmes on the themes "Peace and youth" and "Peace and consent", the Foundation carried out annual international peace camps, hosting children from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Germany, the Russian Federation and the United States of America in collaboration with foreign non-governmental organizations. During the reporting period, the Foundation took active part in organizing the Moscow International Model United Nations and sponsored the attendance of its winners at the Global Model United Nations. Since 2010, the Foundation has actively cooperated with the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow. The

Foundation's representatives took part in the Information Centre's conferences, seminars and events that marked international days and covered issues of global concern. Since 2010, the Foundation has been implementing its "Migrants of the region" project, dedicated to studying labour migration issues in the Russian Federation. In March and April 2011, the Foundation organized a series of charity campaigns in regions to render assistance to Japanese children affected by the Fukushima nuclear disaster. It also held exhibitions of Japanese children's artwork and organized rallies to commemorate the victims.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Foundation took part in all sessions of the General Assembly, UNESCO Executive Board sessions, the Annual Conferences of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations and the Alliance of Civilizations Forums held in Istanbul, Turkey (2009), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2010) and Doha (2011).

The Foundation also attended the following:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March 2010).
- Sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 28 February-25 March 2011 and 30 May-17 June 2011).
- UNESCO conference on the theme "Early childhood: seeds for the future" (Paris, 23 April 2012).
- Substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council (New York, 2-27 July 2012).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

With respect to Goal 7, to ensure environmental sustainability, in January 2009 the Foundation's representatives participated in an Antarctic expedition.

4. S. M. Sehgal Foundation

Special, 2005

Introduction

The S. M. Sehgal Foundation, registered as a trust in 1999, is dedicated to improving lives and securing a brighter future for rural communities in India. Focusing on water management, small-scale agriculture and good local governance, the Foundation, through its Institute of Rural Research and Development, implements sustainable, impact-driven models for rural development; builds the capacities of villagers and local institutions, with an emphasis on women's empowerment; and advances research and policy dialogue as a knowledge centre on rural issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation's programmes on water and agriculture, good local governance, rural research and impact assessment, and communications work together to bring about a positive difference in the lives of rural villagers. Water management improves the availability and quality of water for drinking, households and agriculture, and sustainable, small-scale agriculture increases agricultural productivity and income using customized and sustainable practices. Its programme on good local governance creates informed and participatory rural communities, and capacity-building leads to empowered, responsive village-level institutions. Rural research assesses villagers' needs and baseline conditions in rural areas, evaluates and refines the Foundation's development models, determines outcomes and measures the impact of grass-roots interventions. The Foundation's communications programme works with and for communities at the grass roots and provides them with media to exchange knowledge, ideas and experiences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation empowered women by giving them equal opportunities. It promoted women-led water management and increased women's participation in decision-making in agriculture through *krishi sakhis* (women farmers). Better agricultural productivity increased income.

The Foundation's "Good governance now" programme engaged 1,540 women trainees to help improve the delivery of poverty alleviation programmes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation organized a joint conference with UNICEF on women-led water management and a communications conference on rural voices through mainstream and alternative media with UNESCO in 2012.

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

The Foundation contributed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Mewat and Alwar districts in the Haryana and Rajasthan states of India:

Goal 1: 2,250,000 people had access to clean drinking water in 57 villages; 40 villages and 83,575 farmers benefited from increased crop productivity; 116 functional *anganwadi* centres (day-care centres for children aged 0-6 under the integrated child development scheme) provided access to good-quality, nutritious food to 4,000 children and 500 pregnant and lactating mothers; 121 functional midday-meal centres in government schools provided access to good-quality food to 12,000 children; 69 villages have shops providing access to subsidized wheat, kerosene and sugar to 7,000 families.

Goals 2 and 6: *panchayat* in 35 villages and village institutions on education and health empowered to support universal primary education and reduce disease incidence.

Additional information

The Foundation, through its Institute of Rural Research and Development, extended its technical expertise on watershed management to Koriya district. The Chhattisgarh and Haryana State governments adopted the Institute's water harvesting model for 503 village schools. It is also a partner in a new collaborative research project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada entitled "Living with climate change: mapping experience and adaptation across the global South and North" with York University, Canada.

5. Simply Help

Special, 2005

Introduction

Simply Help is a non-profit organization based in California, United States, dedicated to alleviating poverty by providing emergency disaster relief, vocational training and shelter and care for the homeless elderly. Simply Help is active in 23 countries and has had a strong presence in Central America and South-East Asia since 2000.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to relieve poverty by providing emergency disaster relief, vocational training and shelter and care for the homeless elderly. The purpose of the organization is to empower people living in poverty so they can sustain themselves and their families in their own environment. Simply Help believes in providing basic human rights through vocational training, shelter, care and disaster relief to enable people to take control of their lives and have hope.

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

During the reporting period, the organization attended and hosted workshops during the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and at the Annual Conferences of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Simply Help contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in Central America, Asia, Africa and North America:

Goal 2: Simply Help volunteers built 10 elementary schools in the Jiangxi, Huizhou and Sichuan provinces in rural China. It provided primary education to more than 1,050 Chinese students every year and delivered 100 computers and 100 sewing machines to four schools in Nicaragua.

Goal 3: the organization's tailoring school in rural Cambodia has empowered women, raised their social status and developed a thriving economy in the rural areas in which they are located. Approximately 5 per cent of the graduates set up their own businesses and are attracting suppliers and distributors from all over Cambodia. About 95 per cent of the graduates have been able to find jobs with local manufacturers. Simply Help donated 25 new computers and 25 new sewing machines to women's centres in Panama. It built a new vocational training centre for women in La Libertad, El Salvador, in 2009. Classes offered include cosmetology, cooking, housekeeping services, baking, tailoring and bartending.

6. Sisterhood Is Global Institute

Special, 1993

Introduction

The Sisterhood Is Global Institute is an international non-profit organization that, for almost three decades, has functioned as the world's first feminist think tank. The Institute has developed a global communications network through which an umbrella of interest, advice, contacts and support from non-governmental organizations can be mobilized collectively for greater, more cost-effective impact in connecting and empowering the global women's movement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Institute is to promote cooperation and coordination in the international women's movement.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute's online women's centre, GlobalSister.org (<http://orgs.tigweb.org/globalsister.org>), has served as a virtual meeting space for women and women's organizations to organize, discuss, coordinate and mobilize for the advancement of women, including through the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute participated at the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010 and from 22 February to 4 March 2011, respectively.

The Institute remotely monitored other meetings relevant to the status of women, including meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Human Rights Council and the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Institute focused on Goal 3, to promote gender equality and empower women, which forms part of its ongoing mission.

7. Sisters of Charity Federation

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Sisters of Charity Federation includes 12 congregations of religious women and was founded to support and promote their work with those living in poverty.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation aims to alleviate and eliminate all forms of poverty through advocacy, witness, systemic change and direct service.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation is engaged in ministries throughout the world that promote human dignity through formal education at all levels and provides informal education through skills-based training. Members are engaged in peace and reconciliation efforts in countries, such as Guatemala, and support microfinancing projects in Haiti, India and Mexico. The organization provided counselling, job training and shelter for victims of trafficking in Canada, India and the United States and worked with refugee, migrant and immigrant populations throughout the United States and Canada to ensure that their human rights are respected and that they have the support needed to adapt to their new environments. The Foundation has given presentations on the work of the United Nations, the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development in multiple locations throughout the world. It also issued monthly updates entitled “The UN and you” and quarterly newsletters to

engage its membership in the work of the United Nations. More than 100 members have participated in United Nations orientations sponsored by the Department of Public Information Non-Governmental Organizations Section.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation participated in the following meetings:

- Sixty-fourth Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011.
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012.
- High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York from 20 to 22 September 2010.

During the reporting period, the Federation also attended the sessions of the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Federation's representative served on a steering committee with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat for input on a survey on the effect of the economic crisis on non-governmental organizations. It also participated as a member of the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee for Social Development. The Federation worked on a planning committee in collaboration with the Office of the President of the General Assembly in 2011 and 2012 to prepare an event in the General Assembly Hall in celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week.

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

Goal 2: the Federation provided personnel and financial support for teacher training in Ethiopia; books and educational materials for schools in Kenya; a school for physically/mentally challenged children, schools for elementary to high school students, and non-formal education for village and street children in Nepal.

Goal 3: in Nepal, the Federation provided adult literacy training in marketable skills in cottage industries, human rights education for women, and development centres which help women become leaders and transform the status of women in their home villages. In India, it provided multiple self-help training groups for women. In Mexico, it provided a water project which equips and empowers mothers to become agents of change in their communities. In Botswana, it provided skills training for women so they can support themselves and their families.

Goals 4 and 5: child mortality has been reduced owing to clean water projects, as well as through initiatives to prevent the transmission of AIDS from mother to child. Maternal health has improved owing to the same initiatives.

Goal 6: both financial support and personnel were provided to the Drug Resource Enhancement against AIDS and Malnutrition (DREAM) project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kenya, as was outreach to those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS in Belize and Botswana. Botswana also has a day-care centre for children in need, including those orphaned because of HIV/AIDS.

Goal 7: member congregations provided personnel and support for organic farming initiatives, environmental centres, the exploration of land use, and workshops on climate change and global sustainability throughout the United States and Canada and employed sustainable development techniques in ministries throughout Asia, Africa and South, Central and North America.

8. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur is a congregation of Catholic sisters founded in France in 1804 to serve the needs of the poor, especially women and children. Traditionally, most members worked in formal education (kindergarten to university), although today they are also involved in a wide range of informal education projects, adult literacy, primary health care, rural development, direct services to the poor, and advocacy work for justice and peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The most relevant line of the organization's mission statement is "Women ... working with others for justice and peace for all". A major focus of the organization's work is the empowerment of women through adult literacy, training them to be leaders in their communities and advocates on behalf of those lacking social amenities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization regularly contributed to efforts in social development, sustainable development, the Working Group on Girls, migration, the fight against trafficking in persons, education, and financing for development. To inform members of development issues at the United Nations, the organization published e-newsletters, posted on weblogs, its Facebook page and Twitter, spoke to school groups, and conducted orientations for members participating in United Nations conferences. It served as Chair of the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee for Social Development, moderated a civil society forum panel in 2009 and helped to prepare points for inclusion in a report of the Secretary-General in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Global Forum on Migration and Development (2010 and 2012).

- Global Migration Group symposium (New York, 17-18 May 2011).
- Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, tenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (February 2012).
- United Nations Institute for Training and Research meeting on migration and climate change (New York, 22 August 2012).
- Sessions of the Commission for Social Development (2009-2012), the Commission on Sustainable Development (2009-2011), the Commission on the Status of Women (2009-2012), the Commission on Population and Development (2009-2012) and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2009-2012).
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012).
- Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations (2009-2011).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated in 2012 with UNICEF and the Global Migration Group on a book about youth migrants, authoring the chapter on migrant girls.

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

The organization operates more than 20 schools in Africa and Latin America, including those for adults without primary education. In many countries the organization works to alleviate poverty through microfinancing and vocational training, sponsors asylum seekers, operates photovoltaic and pure water projects in Africa and provides health services. The organization's Notre Dame Virtual School provides an online forum for sharing educational resources, facilitates global networking and promotes the Millennium Development Goals internationally.

9. Smile of a Child

Special, 2009

Introduction

Smile of a Child works in the humanitarian, educational and medical fields. It works in several countries and assists various organizations and missions in service to others. One of the organization's main target countries is Haiti, where the organization has worked and assisted for more than three decades and is a recognized foreign non-governmental organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purposes of the organization are: serving, working and assisting in impoverished countries and national and international disaster relief efforts; humanitarian, educational and medical efforts through the organization and other groups throughout the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is currently working on establishing relations with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in Haiti for various needs within its base of operations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

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

With its very low administrative expenses, the organization is transparent in providing services and reporting the monies spent. Integrity in assistance is the organization's continued priority.

10. Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer has entered its third decade as a charity care institution exclusively funded by benevolent citizens concerned with the welfare of children with cancer and their families. It is the first non-governmental organization in the Middle East granted a non-governmental organization benchmarking certificate with a top 10 global ranking from the Société générale de surveillance, signifying its commitment to excel in adopting best practices.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's primary mission is to support parents with cancer-stricken children by ensuring that no child with cancer is ever refused treatment owing to insufficient financial means. Offering comprehensive services to children with cancer and their families as a charitable endeavour, providing the most effective treatment services, and undertaking scientific research to identify the underlying causes of childhood cancer and effective methods of early detection and diagnosis constitute the mission of the organization. A critical aim consistently met is ensuring that more than 80 per cent of all funds collected is spent for the welfare of children with cancer and their families. The organization also supports: quality of life

initiatives; complimentary recovery services, such as physical therapy, prosthetics and home environment improvements; and growth and penetration among civil society organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization acknowledges international days and publicizes them to its target community of several tens of thousands of supporters inside and outside the Islamic Republic of Iran. The organization actively supports inclusive and effective public-private initiatives in ensuring that non-governmental organizations are active partners in policymaking and supervising the implementation of Millennium Development Goal-related policies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011 of the Economic and Social Council of 2011, held in Geneva in July 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Under an agreement with UNHCR, all Afghan and Iraqi refugee patients authorized by the United Nations refugee agency benefited from the free-of-charge comprehensive treatment and welfare services of the organization.

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

The organization worked to reduce child mortality (Goal 4) resulting from cancer.

Additional information

The organization's specialized paediatric cancer hospital, established in 2007, is one of the largest of its kind in the region and provides a complete array of diagnostic, treatment and support services. Since 2009, the hospital has launched a stem cell transplant unit, a fully equipped intensive care unit, two operating facilities, and echocardiology, heart and infectious disease units. It will launch a pain treatment unit in the hospital, thereby establishing "quality of life" measures as a model for the national health-care system. In the past four years, the organization has expanded its outreach across the Islamic Republic of Iran to identify new cases and promote early detection by raising the target population coverage to 90 per cent of estimated cases in the country. It is now organizationally active in 15 provincial centres in the country, facilitating the registration of new cases and treatment payments without the need for the families to travel to Tehran. In active partnership with the Tehran Chamber of Commerce, the organization hosted two international corporate social responsibility congresses on the theme of childhood cancer.

11. Summer Institute of Linguistics

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Summer Institute of Linguistics is a faith-based non-governmental organization committed to serving language communities worldwide as it builds capacity for sustainable language development. It does this primarily through research, translation, training and materials development. Founded in 1934, it has grown from a small summer linguistics training programme to an organization with more than 5,500 staff from more than 60 countries. Its linguistic investigation exceeds 2,590 languages spoken by more than 1.7 billion people in nearly 100 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization serves language communities worldwide, building their capacity for sustainable language development by means of research, translation, training and materials development.

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 contributed to several United Nations publications: *Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger* (UNESCO, 2009); *Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2010* (UNESCO, 2010); a multilingual education documentary produced in partnership with the UNESCO office in Yaoundé (July 2012); and *Why Language Matters for the Millennium Development Goals* (UNESCO, 2012).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Fifth to seventh sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, held in Nairobi in November 2010, in Bali, Indonesia, in November 2011 and in Paris in November 2012, respectively.
- Collective consultation of non-governmental organizations on Education for All held by UNESCO in Paris in October 2012.
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012.
- Eighth to eleventh sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
- Thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions of the General Conference of UNESCO, held in Paris in 2009 and 2011, respectively.
- Second International Conference on Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace, held in Yakutsk, Russian Federation, in July 2011.

- International conference on language, education and the Millennium Development Goals held in Bangkok in November 2010.
- World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education, held in Moscow in September 2010.
- Launch of the *Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2010*, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in January 2010.
- Sixth International Conference on Adult Education, held in Belém, Brazil, in December 2009.
- International Symposium on Multilingualism in Cyberspace, held in Barcelona, Spain, in September 2009.
- United Nations Literacy Decade strategic framework symposium, held in Paris in January 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization co-sponsored, with UNESCO and UNICEF, an international conference on language, education and the Millennium Development Goals (Bangkok, 2010). It also provided institutional consultancy for UNICEF and the Ministry of Education and Training in Viet Nam (2011-2012), including the Lao Cai Primary Classroom Language Mapping Project in 2012.

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

With regard to Goal 2, the organization provided technical assistance to mother tongue-based multilingual primary education in more than 20 countries.

12. Susila Dharma International Association

Special, 1989

Introduction

Susila Dharma International Association is a non-profit organization in continuous operation since 1969 and is registered as a charity in the United States of America. The Association is a global, member-based network made up of 70 national Susila Dharma organizations and humanitarian projects in Argentina, Australia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Suriname, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States, Viet Nam and Zambia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to relieve human suffering and promote just sustainable development through partnerships and support for grass-roots, participatory development and humanitarian initiatives, empowering individuals and communities to engage in positive human, social and economic change and raising awareness of global issues and interdependence.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Members of Susila Dharma International Association contribute to the work of the United Nations by promoting human rights and sustainable development. The Association raises awareness of global issues, sharing United Nations communications and publications with its members, publicizing relevant information on United Nations events and initiatives and organizing events on related issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Tenth and eleventh sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva in 2009.
- Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009.
- Forty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 3 to 13 February 2009.
- Thirteenth to fifteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva in 2010.
- Third session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, held in Geneva from 12 to 16 July 2010.
- Fifth session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, held in Geneva from 2 to 6 August 2010.
- Sixty-third and sixty-fourth Annual Conferences of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations held in 2010 and 2011, respectively.
- Eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva in September 2011.
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Two of the Association's members are non-governmental organizations working with the United Nations Development Programme in Indonesia, and one collaborated with UNEP on mercury and artisanal mining. Another Association member, International Child Development Programme, worked with UNICEF in Colombia. In 2009, UNICEF co-funded the implementation of its project in all 37 towns in the Huila department, reaching 65,750 children. In 2011, UNICEF co-funded its project to improve the psychosocial care of vulnerable and disabled children and families in alternative and institutional care in the Manica, Sofala and Tete provinces of Mozambique.

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

The Association supports locally initiated projects to achieve the Millennium Development Goals:

Goal 1: Association members in Asia, South America and Africa provided nutritional supplements for children; introduced new organic agriculture techniques to reduce farmer dependence on agricultural inputs and increase food production by poor farmers; and provided training on work skills and income-generating activities.

Goal 2: in Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and India, Association members operated 16 schools and tutoring, reading and scholarship programmes to improve access to primary school and completion rates.

Goal 3: eight members worked on gender education and awareness-raising and with women's groups and microcredit programmes to empower and include women with a view to improving women's access to resources and decision-making in Colombia, Ecuador, India, Indonesia and Uruguay.

Goals 4, 5 and 6: seven members provided basic prenatal, postnatal and maternal care, malaria prevention and treatment, HIV/AIDS awareness and childhood vaccinations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Indonesia, Mexico, Paraguay and South-East Asia. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Association and its local partners initiated a series of community-owned health centres.

Goal 7: eight Association members worked to protect the environment through the reduction of mercury in the environment caused by artisanal mining; reforestation activities; the promotion of sustainable agriculture; the creation of seed banks; clean water and sanitation; the creation of green spaces in communities; and awareness-raising.

13. Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights is a non-profit organization established in 1991 with the objective of promoting human rights through human rights education, advocacy and international development cooperation. Since 2008, the Foundation has been part of the Swedish education network, Sensus, while maintaining its status as an independent organization with its own Board.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Internationally the Foundation specifically focuses on strengthening civil society and its potential to promote human rights. This is done primarily through financial and technical support to local initiatives, which lead to a tangible advancement of human rights and simultaneously contribute to the positive development of competencies of local civil society. The Foundation has a broad

contact network of human rights organizations in Africa, Latin America and Asia that work before the regional human rights mechanisms.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Foundation promoted the adoption of an optional protocol to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights that would allow the Committee to receive individual complaints. The Foundation has raised the issue at meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden and at meetings with other Swedish organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation participated in the sixth session of the universal periodic review, held in Geneva from 30 November to 12 December 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2009, the Foundation supported the visit of three Special Rapporteurs to Colombia: the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers. This support included arranging meetings for the Special Rapporteurs. The Foundation also participated in a panel discussion on the rights of victims organized with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Colombia. In 2012, the Foundation met with OHCHR staff in Bangkok regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights in Myanmar.

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

The Foundation supported Goals 3 and 8 of the Millennium Development Goals in its role as a donor to local human rights non-governmental organizations in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

14. Tamana Association

Special, 2005

Introduction

Tamana Association is a non-governmental organization for mentally impaired children, with three centres in New Delhi. The Association caters to five states in India (Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Srinagar) and has become a known non-governmental organization in the disability sector nationwide. It is supported by the Government of India in the hosting of international conferences, seminars, workshops and teacher training programmes. It is also a member of the Rehabilitation Council of India and the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's purposes are: to offer advocacy in setting up special centres in urban and rural India; and to focus on its research centre for autism and on neural network and simulation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association participated in online discussions for the global thematic consultation on education and disabilities in the post-2015 development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in a briefing seminar on disability and economics of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs held in New York in July 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

In support of Goal 2, Tamana Association provided special education to differently abled individuals and free education to the economically weaker section of the society.

Additional information

During the reporting period, Tamana Association celebrated the following international days: World Autism Awareness Day (2 April), International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December), World Cerebral Palsy Day (first Wednesday in October) and United Nations Day (24 October). Tamana Association regularly organized events with a view to enhancing public awareness.

15. Tarumitra**Special, 2005****Introduction**

Tarumitra is a forum of students on the environment with a vision of eco-sensitive humanity in the future. Networking in more than 2,500 schools and colleges across Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Mexico, Nepal, Panama and the United Arab Emirates, Tarumitra students have reached out to half a million students on environmental issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Tarumitra aims to promote sensitivity to ecology among students. Its objectives are to promote: the conservation of biological diversity; the

dissemination of information on organic farming among farmers and students; the conservation of electricity; and a deep sense of ecology at the social, psychological and spiritual levels.

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

- Summit on Climate Change, New York, September 2009.
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.
- Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Hyderabad, India, October 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Tarumitra worked with UNEP and the UNICEF field office in Patna, India, in promoting solidarity with the United Nations.

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

Tarumitra has focused on Goal 7, in particular conserving biological diversity, promoting sustainable livelihoods and saving electricity as a way of protecting the planet. Tarumitra's original concept of a bioserve in Patna, with its collection of 450 varieties of rare trees, is being replicated in five other locations in India.

Additional information

Regular awareness-raising programmes are conducted at the bioserve in Patna. More than 5,000 students and teachers have visited the bioserve and attended the organization's programmes. A sizeable plot to demonstrate organic farming has been developed, and more than 2,000 students have worked in the farm. The organization has also coordinated 12,000 students to save more than a megawatt of electricity every day.