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1. Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust was created in 2000 by Sadako Ogata, then United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Foundation's mission is to assist communities in meeting the educational needs, in the broadest sense, of young people made vulnerable by displacement, violence, armed conflict and disasters.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation provides a continuum of formal and non-formal programmes in post-primary education, secondary education, livelihoods and vocational training in marketable trades, teacher training, life skills training, gender issues, psychosocial needs, human rights, peace education, conflict prevention and mitigation, and solutions to other community development challenges. It also provides a bridge to employment and economic development and to formal tertiary education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation is part of the Global Education Cluster, in which humanitarian agencies and United Nations organizations get together to improve the effectiveness of the global humanitarian response system. The Foundation co-leads the Cluster's Adolescent and Youth Thematic Group. The Foundation, along with the World Bank, co-chaired the Steering Committee of the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies, an essential network of global professionals from the United Nations and agencies working together to ensure that all persons have the right to quality and safe education in emergencies. The Foundation has signed memorandums of understanding with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). It participated in the Economic and Social Council Innovation Fair in Geneva from 4 to 7 July 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation participated in the following United Nations meetings: UNHCR Executive Committee meetings, Geneva, 2009-2012; Economic and Social Council Development Cooperation Forum, 2010; and UNHCR High Commissioner dialogue, Geneva, 2009-2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Projects with UNHCR: project for Burundian students exiled in 1972, Burundi, 2009-2011; peace education within camps, Burundi, 2011-2012; UNHCR-Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative scholarships in Burundi in 2011 and

2012 and in Chad in 2012; educational policies in the Putumayo Department, Colombia, 2009.

Project with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): education projects in the communes of Rumonge (Bururi), Mabanda, Kibago and Lake Nyanza (Makamba), Burundi, 2012.

Projects with UNICEF: programme for youth at high risk, Colombia, 2008-2009; empowerment of departmental secretaries of education in Narino and Putumayo, Colombia, 2009-2010; programme for children and youth at risk of violence in the municipalities of Mocoa, Puerto Asis and San Miguel in the Department of Putumayo, Colombia, 2009-2010; education for adolescents displaced by the earthquake, Haiti, 2011; UNICEF programme supporting the Government of Panama, Panama, 2011-2013; disaster risk reduction with a focus on childhood and youth, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Venezuela, 2012-2013.

Projects with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat: support for an educational and protective response for children affected by floods in Florence, Department of Caquetá, Colombia, 2010-2011; educational response, child protection and psychosocial support with regard to the disaster created by the floods in Campo de la Cruz, Manatí, Department of Atlántico, Colombia, 2011; contribution to the social reintegration of adolescents and youth displaced by the earthquake, Haiti, 2011-2012.

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

The Foundation actively supports the Millennium Development Goals (specifically Goal 2) through its work in the field described above. It also participates in the creation of knowledge and project methodologies which advance the Goals.

2. Friends of Africa International

Special, 2009

Introduction

Friends of Africa International promotes human rights, social justice, democracy and good governance in Africa by providing research-oriented policy advice, advocacy, training and resources to regional and international institutions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to: bridge the gap between State institutions and civil society by promoting the implementation of economic, social and cultural rights; support the development of credible and efficient electoral processes through its civic education programmes; and mobilize youth through its annual Pan-African Youth Leadership Forum. The Forum gives young people an opportunity to engage in discussions with leaders and policymakers in order to present their recommendations on addressing Africa's challenges. It also encourages young people's engagement and participation in development initiatives. The organization

engages in fact-finding missions and projects geared towards assisting countries that are rebuilding after conflict. Through these, the organization is able to make recommendations based on discussions with government and other officials and community members. Its projects enable civil society groups to fully understand and utilize human rights platforms to effectively engage in the major problems facing their communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the work of the United Nations through its advocacy trainings and workshops in post-conflict areas. For example, in 2009 the organization organized training on civic education on electoral responsiveness and non-violent ways in the electoral process in the Sudan. It observed the 2010 Sudan elections. It followed the implementation of self-determination in South Sudan and has been following the situation in Abyei and Southern Kordofan and the Blue Nile States.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women by organizing side events with other civil society organizations and registering civil society organizations without consultative status to enable them to attend and participate. It submitted a statement entitled “Keeping our promises to future generations: achieving gender equality in the midst of a global economic crisis” to the Economic and Social Council annual ministerial review on the theme “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women”, held in New York from 28 June to 1 July 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization offers training on gender and political awareness geared towards the full and equal representation of women in Government, in fulfilment of Goal 3 of the Millennium Development Goals. It is engaged in research on HIV/AIDS and related policy issues, as well as the challenges to effective programmes, such as weak infrastructure and the lack of political will towards achieving Goal 6.

3. Fundación de Ayuda y Promoción de las Culturas Indígenas Rosa Collelldevall

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Fundación de Ayuda y Promoción de las Culturas Indígenas Rosa Collelldevall promotes, develops, protects and encourages studies and research on the sociocultural activities and traditions of indigenous peoples, as well as the dissemination of these studies through publications and other means. It provides assistance to indigenous peoples in order to create relationships between cultures, promote their development and improve their quality of life.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In addition to supporting research on indigenous cultures, the organization also undertakes the following: organizes seminars, exhibitions, concerts, symposiums, conferences, etc.; sponsors and patronizes cultural, social and scientific events in conjunction with indigenous peoples; and collaborates with third parties, institutions and organizations to disseminate information about indigenous cultures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In October 2011, the organization organized “Cosmovisión 2011”, a public meeting in Geneva in collaboration with the Non-Governmental Organizations Liaison Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with consultative status, to discuss and propose new ways of action concerning the indigenous populations. The organization participated in the seventh meeting of the World Council of the José Martí Project for International Solidarity, held in Quito in June 2012. The Project, endorsed by UNESCO, aims to promote and disseminate the study and the international recognition of Latin American and Caribbean political thought as an alternative for the roots of current revolutionary and progressive processes of Latin America. In 2012, it submitted a written contribution to the universal periodic review of Cuba in the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated at the twenty-first session of the Human Rights Council, held in 2012 in Geneva. At the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council in New York, it submitted a written statement on the social management of water and the environment as a mechanism for poverty eradication in Peru.

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

In 2009, the organization started developing a programme consisting of different activities concerning the Millennium Development Goals and human rights, mainly for indigenous peoples. The programme is designed to promote indigenous culture and traditions and help the people to have a voice in society. The organization also contributed to the Goals in Cuba and Peru by providing humanitarian help to 4,000 people in those countries, including the distribution of shoes, educational material, such as books, toys, clothes and surgical material for women's health needs.

4. Fundación Intervida**Special, 2001****Introduction**

Founded in 1994, Fundación Intervida is an international development NGO which acts locally with communities to promote sustainable social change. It does so by improving the living conditions of vulnerable populations, especially children and adolescents, by acting on the causes of poverty and inequality and supporting local partners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's focus is on two main areas: education and health. The organization also promotes awareness and social responsibility by explaining the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality among children and other vulnerable groups to civil society. Protecting children from all forms of violence is the guiding principle underlying the organization's intervention.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's by-laws were modified and adapted on 19 October 2012. On 14 November, the Generalitat of Catalonia Department of Law and Legal Entities approved these by-laws, which were deposited in the Register of Foundations of the Generalitat. At the same time, a new Board of Trustees was named, to which two members were added on 24 December. During the reporting period, the organization drafted its 2010-2014 strategic plan. It has served as affiliate member of the International Non-Governmental Organizations Accountability Charter since December 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's 2010-2014 strategic plan adopts the approach and priorities established by the United Nations development agenda. It participated at the substantive session of 2011 of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education". The organization participated in the Global Progress Survey on Violence against Children, a global initiative conducted under the auspices of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, in Bangladesh and El Salvador in 2012. It also co-organized, with the Global

Movement for Children, the International Conference on Protecting and Supporting Children on the Move, held in Barcelona, Spain, in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in two sessions of the Human Rights Council and submitted written statements in 2012 in Geneva. It also participated in the Economic and Social Council High-Level Segment in 2011 in Geneva; the regional follow-up meeting of the United Nations Study on Violence against Children in Santo Domingo in December 2011; civil society meetings organized by the Millennium Campaign in Spain in September and October 2012; and the NGO meeting on the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals process organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva in December 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization signed collaboration agreements for the implementation of development projects with the following United Nations agencies: UNESCO, Bolivia; World Food Programme, El Salvador; UNHCR, Ecuador; World Health Organization (WHO), India; International Labour Organization, Senegal; UNICEF, Nicaragua and Pakistan; United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Palestine; Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Ségou province, Mali.

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

Target 1.A: 63 economic development projects to train 151,491 young people and adults and 208 community groups and producer cooperatives in income generation; target 1.C: 64 food security, nutritional support and crop diversification projects for 207,123 children and families; Goal 2: 124 projects to reinforce education systems, access to primary school and educational quality, with a gender approach, for 1,836,038 children, 40,564 teachers, 234,048 parents and 7,548 schools; 1,203 secondary education grants for girls (in 2012); Goal 3: 76 projects to promote the socioeconomic development of 86,069 women and 112 women's cooperatives; Goal 4: 44 projects to reduce mortality among 389,335 children under the age of 5; Goal 5: 36 projects in mother-infant health care for the benefit of 596,203 mothers and newborns and 296 health committees; Goal 7: 44 environmental management programmes and 3,884 local environmental management, water treatment and school and community sanitation systems for the benefit of 137,952 children, young people and adults and 768 community and school groups. Overall, during the reporting period, the organization directly assisted 2,670,056 people — 2,188,772 children and young people and 481,284 adults in 15 countries. The organization assisted an additional 119,256 people through its work with partners in seven other countries.

5. General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists

Special, 1985

Introduction

The General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists is the world governing body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a Christian organization that promotes a better life, both spiritually and physically, for individuals and communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Operating in 201 countries, the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists has the integral development of its membership and the associated development of society as its primary goal. Available statistics in 2012 put the organization's global membership at 17,592,397; when children and non-baptized attendees are included, the faith community is some 30 million. The organization owns and operates 7,883 educational institutions (schools, colleges, universities) and 764 health-care institutions (hospitals, clinics, orphanages and other health-care facilities) around the world. The values and principles of the organization find expression in a wide variety of activities that parallel United Nations goals, including health, education, humanitarian aid, youth training, women's issues, child development, religious freedom and human rights promotion.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists organizes joint projects with the International Religious Liberty Association in order to promote religious freedom as part of its portfolio. The General Conference representative at the United Nations is responsible for the programme of the annual meeting of experts on religious liberty, held each year at a secular university in a major metropolis in every continent. The General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists organizes "advisories" in its 13 regional divisions in order to educate its members and society to develop a culture of human rights in which the dignity and rights of all people are affirmed and protected.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists participated in the following major conferences and United Nations meetings: sessions of the Human Rights Council; sessions of the Human Rights Committee held in Geneva and New York from 2009 to 2012; meetings of the Third Committee; sessions of the General Assembly; and annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York from 2010 to 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The office of the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists disseminates materials from the United Nations through the communication channels at the United Nations Liaison Office. Because of its strong interest in matters of religious

freedom and human rights, the General Conference cooperates in particular with the mechanisms for protecting and defending religious freedom. To that end, it provides information on items of concern and research documentation to the United Nations, in particular to the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief. The General Conference also works closely with the Special Rapporteur. A contribution of the Special Rapporteur was recently published in the journal *Fides et Libertas*.

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

The General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists actively affirms, develops and educates on the principles of religious liberty and freedom of conscience enshrined in the United Nations documents dealing with religious freedom. These include but are not limited to article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. It has a global campaign entitled “End it now”, to raise awareness of and advocate for the end of violence against women and girls around the world.

6. Gherush92: Committee for Human Rights

Special, 2009

Introduction

Gherush92: Committee for Human Rights is a scientific, non-profit, independent research organization which was established by a team of researchers and professionals to produce research, studies, publications and projects as far as the promotion of cultural diversity and the fight against racism and poverty are concerned.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The formative activity of the Committee is focused on solutions to racism and discrimination. It is also studying the cultural aspects of conflicts to produce programmes and solutions and is developing projects to eradicate contemporary forms of racism, such as anti-Semitism or Islamophobia, to contribute to the implementation of the informative base of e-governance and capacity-building projects for people without access to digital technology and those with disabilities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Committee has focused its activities on issues related to: fighting against racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Romanism and Islamophobia; conflict resolution; promoting the rights of indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge; ensuring environmental sustainability; fighting against poverty; promoting the rights of animals; promoting bioeconomy; and preventing desertification.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Committee participated in the following events: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (including preparatory events), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, where it co-organized a side event with Cooperativa Tecnico Scientifica di Base on the theme “Bioeconomy and development: beyond the crisis, a new world” on 19 June 2012; the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva in 2011; the thirty-second and thirty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Bonn, Germany, from 31 May to 9 June 2010 and from 6 to 17 June 2011, respectively; and the Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations by participating in the sessions of the Human Rights Council, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Climate Change Conference and World Food Day. In this context, the Committee carried out meetings with personalities from the cultural, diplomatic and institutional framework of other NGOs, United Nations agencies and countries.

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

The above-mentioned activities are in support of Millennium Development Goals 1, 4, 7 and 8. In addition, the following initiatives also support the Goals: an international project on the theme “Judaism and Islam: rules for a new golden age” in May 2012; and an international campaign to stop laws that ban the slaughter of animals according to Jewish and Islamic rules in July 2011.

Additional information

In June 2012, the Committee launched an international campaign to have The Divine Comedy removed from school curriculums because Dante’s epic is a discriminatory text and includes offensive sections against Jews, Muslims and homosexuals, which need to be fully explained.

7. Girls Learn International**Special, 2009****Introduction**

Girls Learn International has 110 chapters in middle and high schools in the United States of America and works with 57 partner schools in 10 countries. Partner schools are located in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s chapters are service-learning clubs in both public and private middle schools and high schools in the United States. Students learn and

raise awareness about the relationship between girls' access to education and poverty, early marriage, trafficking, violence and discriminatory practices. Internationally, the organization supports girls' access to quality education and facilitates communication between students in the United States and students in its partner schools. Chapters raise funds to support girls' education at partner schools, including covering tuition and purchasing school supplies. Partner schools are either government schools or run by an NGO. The organization's aims have remained consistent since acquiring status with the Economic and Social Council.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has become a major programme of the Feminist Majority Foundation, a not-for-profit organization in the United States with offices in Arlington, Virginia, and Los Angeles, California. The organization was absorbed by Feminist Majority Foundation in July 2011. Since that time, the number of chapters has expanded from 55 to 110, and its activities and impact have dramatically expanded.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provides human rights education in accordance with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights Education and Training, adopted by the Human Rights Council in 2011, and educates students on the work of the United Nations, particularly its programmes and activities on the rights of women and girls, and works closely with key NGO coalitions, such as the Working Group on Girls and the Coalition for Adolescent Girls.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization provided girls and adults the opportunity to represent it at the following meetings of the Economic and Social Council: the fifty-fourth to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2010-2012; and informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, New York, 2010. The organization submitted written statements to the fifty-fourth to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission. At the fifty-fifth session, in 2011, a student leader made an oral statement on behalf of the Working Group on Girls.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Within the Working Group on Girls, the organization led the effort to host a teen orientation for students attending the fifty-fourth to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters in New York. For the most recent orientation, the organization worked with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). At the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, the organization co-led the Working Group on Girls "Girls Tribunal", which featured girls from seven countries who gave testimonies on activism and advocacy to prevent violence against girls. The organization worked with the Deputy Director of Programmes of UN-Women to ensure that the Girls Tribunal was a success.

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

The organization has a special focus on Goals 2 and 3. The main aim of the organization's programme is to educate students about the gender gap in education and to support students as they raise funds for girls' education in partner schools. Since 2003, the organization has directed more than \$250,000 to girls' education. These funds provide scholarships and school supplies for girls, enable them to hire more teachers, build bathroom facilities and pay for girls' transportation to school. The organization worked with other NGOs to designate 11 October as the International Day of the Girl Child. In 2012 the first International Day of the Girl Child was celebrated with a virtual summit at www.dayofthegirl.com, co-sponsored by the organization.

8. Girls' Power Initiative**Special, 2001****Introduction**

Girls' Power Initiative Nigeria is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, youth development organization. Since its inception in 1993, the organization has supported in- and out-of-school girls in Nigeria aged 10 to 18 years to obtain access to information and education on human sexuality, leadership and other gender-sensitive life management skills. It promotes and protects their health and rights, including sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mandate is to assist young people, especially adolescent girls, in living healthy lives, achieving their full potential and becoming visible in tomorrow's society, as well as to help them overcome the risks of early and forced sexual activity, teenage pregnancy, unsafe abortion, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and harmful cultural practices.

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 organization promoted a television programme called *The Girl Child*, which enlightens the public on health and rights issues and gender, social and topical issues of concern with regard to human sexuality in Cross River State, Nigeria. In 2010, the organization conducted and published research on the prevalence of sexual abuse in the south senatorial district of Cross River State, and in October 2009 the organization's Benin office organized the inaugural meeting of the South-South activities in the zone in connection with the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings: the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2009; the fifty-fourth session, held in New York in 2010, during which it organized a panel discussion on comprehensive sexuality education as a tool for gender equality; the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, held in New York in 2011, during which it organized the screening of a video on human trafficking and participated in a panel presentation on the organization as a best practice; the fifty-sixth session of the Commission, held in New York in 2012; and the eighth African Regional Conference on Women, held in Banjul in November 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in and contributed to the outcome of the second National Family Planning Conference, organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and held in Abuja in November 2012.

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

The organization trained 24 law enforcement officers and officers from the State Ministry of Justice on the need to protect girls and women against sexual abuse and other related offences in Cross River State, Nigeria, in 2010; organized the Gender Development Institute awareness workshop to sensitize stakeholders on gender issues and the need to mainstream gender issues into HIV programmes in Cross River State in December 2011; provided training to 30 health service providers on youth-friendly health services to enhance the effective delivery of health services to young people, especially girls, in April 2012; and organized competitions to mark the International Day of Action for Women's Health and National Children's Day in May 2012.

9. Global Environmental Action

Special, 2001

Introduction

Global Environmental Action is an NGO sponsored mainly by private industrial enterprises in Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to highlight the state of the global environment and the crisis that it is facing by organizing conferences and meetings at all levels and side events during United Nations-related conferences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization organizes various international environmental meetings and drafts viable measures and policy proposals in the area of global environment and sustainable development. The main activities organized by the organization during the reporting period are as follows: (a) meeting of non-profit organizations and NGOs on the theme “Asian economic growth and global warming mitigation: use of innovative environmental technologies and regional collaborations that suit regional circumstances in Asia”, held in October 2009 in Tokyo and attended by organizations from India, Nepal, the Philippines and Sri Lanka; (b) international conference on the theme “Promoting technologies and policies towards a low-carbon society”, held in October 2009 in Tokyo to conduct high-level policy dialogue among related parties in order to promote the furtherance of technological innovation and new policies to build a low-carbon society; (c) symposium on conservation and the sustainable use of biodiversity, held in September 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, with the participation of experts from Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines and Thailand; and (d) international conference on building sustainable societies through reconstruction and working with the international community to rebuild Japan, held in October 2011 in Tokyo.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the “Low-carbon Asia, visions and actions” side event of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen in December 2009, and participated in the side event of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development on collaboration and dialogue on ethics, sustainability and the Earth Charter, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization’s international conference on promoting technologies and policies towards a low-carbon society was organized in close collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU), UNDP and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Tokyo in October 2009. At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in June 2012, the organization established the Japan Pavilion in close collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre, UNDP, the UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace and the International Tropical Timber Organization.

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

The organization supports the Millennium Development Goals, especially in ensuring environmental sustainability. On various occasions during the international conferences listed above, it actively drafted and disseminated policy proposals and countermeasures to tackle global environmental issues.

10. Global Helping to Advance Women and Children

Special, 2009

Introduction

Global Helping to Advance Women and Children works at the United Nations and in countries around the world to improve the lives of women, children and families. The organization has an education and humanitarian outreach mission. It has an interest in all areas of work of the Economic and Social Council because all of them affect women, children and families.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to: (a) inform United Nations Member States, NGOs, public policymakers and civil society about the goals and initiatives of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies and organize projects and programmes that support the Millennium Development Goals; (b) advise policymakers at the international, national and local levels to help them develop policies and programmes that empower women, children and families in sustainable ways and that will enable them to have healthy and productive lives; (c) inform the public and civil society on emerging issues that affect women, children and families and mobilize individuals, groups and communities to defend the rights of children; and (d) work with government officials, policymakers and civil society at all levels in structuring public policy that will help women, children and families to flourish.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Over the past four years the organization has worked at the United Nations and in countries around the world to improve the lives of women, children and families through education and humanitarian outreach missions. For example, it has partnered with Acenda, a non-profit organization successfully placing orphans with substitute families in Mozambique, and worked with Care for Life to promote and support the Family Preservation Programme, an integrated approach to community development focusing on family empowerment through education, instruction and behavioural change. To break the cycle of poverty, the programme teaches families how to improve their lives in the areas of education, health, hygiene, food security, nutrition, sanitation, income generation, home improvement, psychosocial well-being and community participation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others: the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2009, during which the organization held a side event on the theme “Mothers for orphans”, exploring sustainable models for orphan care by women and featuring AIDS orphans from Mozambique; the fifty-fourth session, held in 2010, during which it co-sponsored a parallel event with the Governments of Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nigeria, Qatar, Saint Lucia and the Syrian Arab Republic on

recognizing the critical role of mothers in society; the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions, held in 2011 and 2012, respectively; the forty-second to forty-fifth sessions of the Commission on Population and Development, held in New York; and the forty-eighth to fiftieth sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York in 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. In 2011, it attended the high-level meeting on the comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, held in New York, and the high-level meeting on youth, also held in New York.

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.

11. Global Rights**Special, 1989****Introduction**

Founded in 1978, Global Rights is an international human rights capacity-building organization that works side by side with local activists in Africa, Asia and Latin America to promote and protect the rights of marginalized populations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through broad-based technical assistance and training, the organization strengthens partners with a view to documenting and exposing human rights abuses, conducts community outreach and mobilization, advocates for legal and policy reform and provides legal and paralegal services. It administered programmes aimed at building partners' capacity to promote and protect human rights through its country offices in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria and Sierra Leone and its programmes and initiatives based in Washington, D.C., and operating in the Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Mongolia, the United States and Latin America.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Global Rights worked in the following areas: increased access to justice for poor and marginalized people and promoted women's rights by building the capacity of local partners to understand human rights law and use legal mechanisms to protect human rights and promote the rule of law in Afghanistan; increased access to justice for victims of land conflict, gross violations of human rights, including sexual and gender-based violence, in Burundi; focused on advancing racial and

ethnic equality for persons of African descent and indigenous peoples in Latin America; strengthened local partners' capacities to conduct awareness-raising on women's rights and facilitate networking and collaboration among NGOs in the Maghreb; introduced paralegal training and a court accompaniment programme for women and trained activists to report human rights violations against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual and intersex individuals in Nigeria and implemented a pilot project for communities affected by natural resources extraction in Zamfara, Nigeria; strengthened partners' ability to promote the human rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual and intersex community in Sierra Leone; and worked with local organizations to develop paralegal services programmes to increase human rights awareness in Uganda and convened a pan-African meeting of paralegals from 20 countries to share best practices, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others: the Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009; the third and fifth sessions of the Forum on Minority Issues, held in Geneva in December 2010 and November 2012, respectively; the review of Morocco by the Human Rights Council under the universal periodic review, Geneva, May 2012; the forty-seventh session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva from 31 October to 25 November 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Global Rights submitted, in collaboration with Congolese partners, a civil society report on human rights violations occurring in oil producing communities at the fifth session of the universal periodic review, held in Geneva from 4 to 15 May 2009.

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

Target 3.A: increasing access to education for young women in law and sharia faculties through enrichment coursework and legal fellowships, and expanding curriculums to address women's rights in Afghanistan; target 7.A: training in the Congo on addressing human rights injustices derived from the extraction of natural resources (2009), training in Guinea on emerging standards relating to natural resource development by assisting Congolese partners in documenting the impact of oil production on host communities (2011), organization of multi-stakeholder meetings in Zamfara, Nigeria, to identify communities' problems caused by artisanal mining (2011).

12. Global Volunteer Network Foundation

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Global Volunteer Network Foundation is a registered non-profit organization in the United States and the fundraising arm of a large volunteer service organization, the Global Volunteer Network, based in New Zealand.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation supports the charitable and educational work of local community organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The current focus is on supporting organizations that assist women and children.

Significant changes in the organization

The Foundation was formerly registered in the State of Colorado. On 20 December 2011, the organization was incorporated in Ohio.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In terms of funding, during the reporting period the Foundation granted more than \$800,000 to grass-roots organizations working towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in 16 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. In terms of advocacy, the Foundation worked directly with 514 volunteer dinner hosts through the global “Eat so they can” campaign, which takes place during the weekend following World Food Day. Through this campaign, thousands of people around the world were made aware of the importance of working towards eradicating poverty and hunger. During the reporting period, the Foundation also trained more than 40 interns regarding the importance of working towards the Goals. All interns are now assigned to a specific project and are provided with details of how this project is working towards the Goals. During the past four years, the Foundation also worked very closely with the Global Volunteer Network in the recruitment, preparation and placement of more than 5,000 international volunteers in community projects in 20 countries around the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended the launch of UN-Women in July 2010 and the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly in New York in September 2010. It attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation provided opportunities for UNICEF and UNESCO representatives in New Zealand to speak at its “Be the change” conferences in 2010, 2011 and 2012. The Foundation also actively sought statistics and information from a range of United Nations bodies to inform and educate their donors and volunteers. It recently formed a partnership with the Global Poverty Project in the United States alongside United Nations agencies, including UNICEF.

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

During the reporting period, the Foundation's work focused on contributing towards Millennium Development Goals 1 to 4:

- Goal 1: the Foundation provided grants to local community organizations in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nepal, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Uganda to support feeding programmes, farming projects and community income-generating projects.
- Goal 2: the organization provided grants to local community organizations in Kenya, Peru and Uganda to support lunch programmes at primary schools which are increasing school attendance.
- Goal 3: the organization granted funds to support partner organizations' gender equality programmes in Nepal and Peru, as well as create income-generating opportunities for women in Kenya, Peru and Uganda.
- Goal 4: the Foundation provided grants to support child health and hygiene in Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, Peru, South Africa and Viet Nam.

13. Global Youth Action Network

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Global Youth Action Network is a not-for-profit organization launched in 1996 and registered in the State of New York. The organization's mission is to facilitate youth participation and intergenerational partnership in global decision-making; support collaboration among diverse youth organizations; and provide tools, resources and recognition for positive youth action.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to raise awareness of global issues among young people and youth organizations and to share information and resources that help to build their capacity to be leaders in their communities and in their countries. It distributes information about United Nations activities to its members and network through weblogs, newsletters, publications and printed material.

Significant changes in the organization

Part of the Network's mandate has been the operation of the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS. In 2012, however, the fiscal hosting of the Coalition was transferred to the Public Health Institute, although the organization still provides technical and promotional support.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As a champion of the youth voice, the organization provides accreditation and logistical support to young people attending United Nations events and meetings.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings: the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012; the Youth 21: Building for Change stakeholders' meeting and the Global Youth Leadership Forum on Inclusive Democratic Governance, co-organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and UNDP and held in March 2012 in Nairobi; the sixty-fourth Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information/for Non-Governmental Organizations, on the theme "Sustainable societies, responsive citizens", held from 3 to 5 September 2011 in Bonn, Germany, where the organization served as a youth rapporteur for UNFPA; the high-level meeting on youth, held on 25 and 26 July 2011 in New York; sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Commission on Population and Development, the United Nations Climate Change Conference and the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization attended meetings of the United Nations Joint Framework Initiative on Children, Youth and Climate Change and contributed content to *Growing Together in a Changing Climate*, a publication released in 2009. It engaged with UNFPA through the Global Youth Advisory Panel in New York in May 2011, served as a youth rapporteur at the Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations held in Bonn, Germany, in September 2011 and acted as a Steering Committee member for the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 Global Youth Forum, held in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2012. It also serves on the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 Youth Leadership Working Group to ensure that the Bali Global Youth Forum Declaration is moved forward.

The organization is collaborating with UN-Habitat to share and promote information about their youth projects through the YouthMovements website. In addition, the organization is implementing a project in Mexico to help families reduce their fuel consumption, improve health conditions and avoid the deforestation of their communities.

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

The organization, in collaboration with TakingITGlobal, developed a youth guide to action on the Millennium Development Goals, which has been made available in English, French, Spanish, German and Dutch. The Initiatives web page of the TakingITGlobal website (www.tigweb.org/action-tools/initiatives) was developed as an online project infrastructure to allow young people to create free online spaces for their Goal-oriented projects. Its Sprout e-course (<http://sprout.tigweb.org>) provides young leaders worldwide access to training in essential skills, including team building, project management, communications and leveraging technology, as they imagine, plan and develop social innovation projects. It works through YouthMovements, a collaborative programme to map youth-led and youth-supported projects from civil society organizations categorized by Goal.

14. Greek Council for Refugees

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Greek Council for Refugees is a Greek NGO established in 1989 with the purpose of supporting asylum seekers and refugees in Greece. Its headquarters are in Athens, and it has a branch office in Thessaloniki.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's purpose is to promote the rights of refugees as defined in the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and in the Protocol thereto, as well as persons in need of international protection in accordance with international, European Union and national legislation. The organization also focuses on other categories of persons from third countries, emphasizing vulnerable groups, such as unaccompanied minors, victims of human trafficking and victims of torture. Its activities include: (a) through its Social Services Unit, it provides social counselling and guidance for asylum seekers, refugees and other vulnerable persons; (b) its Legal Unit provides free legal aid to asylum seekers or persons expressing a wish to apply for asylum, representing asylum seekers before national and international courts and before the Asylum Committee; (c) its multicultural centre offers educational and cultural activities to asylum seekers and refugees; and (d) it promotes refugee rights by participating in legal committees and advocacy work to influence and improve the current legal framework and asylum procedures, foster cooperation with national and international stakeholders, organize seminars for police, local administration, prosecutors and judges, and raise awareness in schools and educational institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

In March 2011 the organization's General Assembly decided to enlarge the scope of the organization by including in its target group persons coming from third countries belonging to one of the following groups: unaccompanied minors, victims of human trafficking and victims of torture.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's purpose is to ensure assistance to persons in need of international protection. As a consequence, it is working on the implementation of the social and human rights aspect of the agenda of the Economic and Social Council, emphasizing assistance to vulnerable groups, such as unaccompanied minors, victims of human trafficking and racist violence, and single parents.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has a long-standing partnership with UNHCR in Greece. In addition to exchanging information on the situation of refugees in Greece during the reporting period, the organization worked in cooperation with UNHCR on the

“Legal assistance and representation to asylum seekers within the asylum reform project/Greece” project and the “Local integration of refugees and asylum seekers in Greece” project.

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

No activities were specified.

15. Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America

General, 1985

Introduction

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America is an international organization with members and affiliated members in Canada, the United States and Central and South America. A humanitarian and family-oriented body whose budget is based on family membership, the organization has about 325,000 family members. It is dedicated to supporting programmes in developing countries, such as Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, the Republic of Korea, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, and in other parts of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is concerned with the United Nations principles of maintaining peace and security in the world, working together with the nations of the world to promote better welfare, education and health conditions, encouraging respect for individual rights and freedoms, enhancing the status of women, protecting the environment, eliminating poverty, condemning racism and racial discrimination in the world and achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2025.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As a member of the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee for Social Development, the organization helped organize the annual civil society forums that preceded the forty-seventh to fiftieth sessions of the Commission for Social Development at United Nations Headquarters. With the President of the General Assembly, the organization participated in organizing World Interfaith Harmony Week in 2011 and 2012. In 2009 and 2010, it organized and co-hosted the annual prayer services for the United Nations community preceding the opening of the session of the Assembly at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York. It was also a Board member of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and a member of the Commission on the Status of Women NGOs, the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on the Family and the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated at the following meetings: the forty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York in February 2009; the forty-eighth session, held in February 2010, at which it made oral statements on the priority theme of social integration; and the forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions, held in February 2011 and February 2012, respectively, at which the organization made oral statements on the eradication of poverty and the family; the fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively; the thematic dialogue of the General Assembly on human trafficking, held in New York on 13 May 2009; the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, held in New York from 24 to 26 June 2009; and the forty-fourth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in New York from 20 July to 7 August 2009. The organization also participated at the sixty-fourth Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, held in Bonn, Germany, in September 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization established medical clinics, schools and community centres in Albania, Guatemala, Kenya, Madagascar, the Republic of Korea, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States (Alaska), in cooperation with WHO, UNESCO and UNICEF. The organization also contributed through the following: provided \$102,682 to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund; shipped cholera and dysentery kits to Pakistan in 2010; in partnership with the International Orthodox Christian Charities, sent wheelchairs to Georgia and Zimbabwe for disabled children; delivered food and bedding to displaced Syrian families; provided microloans to Bosnian entrepreneurs to create jobs; and contributed \$1.3 million in medical aid to Greece and medical equipment and medicines to Zimbabwe. The organization, in partnership with the International Orthodox Christian Charities, conducted a pilot programme in Ethiopia to treat and educate people about podoconiosis, a disease of the lymph vessels of the lower extremities caused by chronic exposure to irritant soils.

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

The organization launched the United States Agency for International Development-funded HIV/AIDS programme, working in partnership with International Orthodox Christian Charities and the Ethiopian Church in Ethiopia, where 7 million people received training in HIV/AIDS prevention, and empowered people to work their way out of poverty. In partnership with the International Orthodox Christian Charities and the University of Maryland, the organization has been providing technical assistance to rural farmers to increase their incomes and access to food for families in Albania, Montenegro and Kosovo.