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1. 5th Pillar

Special, 2011

Introduction

5th Pillar is a non-profit, civil society organization aimed at empowering citizens with information to tackle corruption and bribery in dealing with their basic rights. It was established as a coalition of like-minded citizens who want to see a less corrupt society and improved governance system supported by transparency and accountability.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The 5th Pillar's mission statement is to "encourage, enable and empower every citizen to eliminate corruption at all levels of society". It therefore focuses on helping citizens to obtain their basic rights and services from the Government.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization played active role in furthering the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) by building public and media pressure through the "Freedom from Corruption" summit in New Delhi in April 2011. It is actively involved in working with the global coalition of UNCAC NGOs that are striving for effective implementation of the UNCAC in their respective countries.

5th Pillar was elected as a Coordination Committee member from 2011 to 2013, representing South Asia in the UNCAC Coalition Coordination Committee which met in Vienna to deliberate on role of NGOs in the implementation and review of the UNCAC.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated as a panellist at the Fourth Conference of State Parties (CoSP4) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Marrakesh, Morocco, 24 to 28 October, 2011 and made a presentation on the topic of "Using Right To Information (RTI Act) for fighting Corruption".
- It addressed the Implementation Review Group (IRG) meeting of UNODC during its civil society session in Vienna, Austria, on 30 May 2013.
- It participated in UNODC's CoSP5 where it engaged with states parties in urging effective implementation of UNCAC in India, Panama, 25-29 November 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- It participated in UNODC's "Transparency in Ethical Business for Profitability" meeting in Chennai, India, 20 December 2011.

- It participated in UNODC’s national consultation on transparency and anti-corruption measures in procurement in India, New Delhi, India, 18-19 April, 2012.
- It attended the 12th Meeting of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Working Group on the 10th Principle against Corruption, New Delhi, India, 9 April 2013.

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

All of 5th Pillar’s outreach campaigns and civic resistance programmes to raise awareness of and address corruption covered many areas of the MDGs, including the goals covering health, education, women’s, children’s, and poverty issues.

2. AARP

General, 1995

Introduction

AARP is a non-profit, nonpartisan, social welfare organization with a membership of nearly 38 million in the United States that fights for issues such as health care, employment and income security and protection from financial abuse. It has offices in all 50 states, and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AARP works to: strengthen social security and promote other retirement savings efforts to help everyone achieve lifetime financial security; promote adequate, affordable health care, including prescription drugs and long-term care; and foster communities with affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community features and driver safety and mobility options. AARP’s international initiatives foster exchanges of ideas and seek innovative ways to address the opportunities and challenges of ageing.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AARP serves as a leading organization with international NGOs and United Nations agencies on ageing issues. It provides speakers from the United States Government and experts on ageing to contribute to expert group meetings hosted by the United Nations and co-sponsors side events with Member States and partners on ageing.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- AARP co-sponsors the annual Briefing Series of the United Nations with the Focal Point on Ageing in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs

(DESA) during every session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) since 2007.

- It has attended all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) at the United Nations in New York.
- Since 2012 AARP has been active in all the Post-2015 negotiations at the United Nations Headquarters, attending high level meetings, including the Open Working Groups and NGO and inter-governmental negotiations. It is chair of the Post-2015 subcommittee for the NGO Committee on Ageing and an active member in the stakeholder group on ageing.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to the information above under “Participation,” AARP also works closely with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS), the Department of Public Information (DPI), United Nations Volunteers, UN Habitat, UN Women, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Global compact, and the Business Council for the United Nations (BCUN).

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

AARP’s commitment to eradicate hunger through the AARP Foundation is in line with MDG 1. The Foundation initiated a multi-year nationwide campaign in 2011 to raise awareness and funds to address the problem of hunger among people over 50, and develop both short-term and long-term solutions to the problem of hunger, such as meal packing and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application assistance, and reward individuals and communities for taking action to alleviate hunger.

3. Abibimman Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

Abibimman Foundation was founded by a group of youth in 2000 to focus efforts mainly on women, children and young people by promoting awareness and addressing development challenges. It promotes sustainable livelihoods, peace and development through facilitated collaboration among various partners in their communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Abibimman Foundation promotes cultural, formal and non-formal education as well as technical and vocational skill development to enhance employment and job opportunities for a better standard of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Abibiman Foundation raises public awareness on the linkages between poverty and climate change through research, advocacy and media work among people living in poverty, including women. It undertakes environmental conservation campaigns and raises awareness of social problems in communities through press releases. It also promotes the rights and responsibilities of slum dwellers to address poverty reduction.

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.

4. Academy for Future Science

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Academy for Future Science is a non-profit organization with principal offices in Johannesburg and Hekpoort, South Africa. It works throughout South Africa and Lesotho, as well as internationally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its mission is to advance the understanding of science and human experience while helping individuals and communities. In South Africa it supports a number of charitable activities to achieve solutions to such major problems as hunger, water pollution and lack of sanitation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Academy's global outreach focused on implementing environmental and educational programmes and sponsoring participants for conferences and forums in various countries including in Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Togo, El Salvador and Switzerland, in collaboration with engineers, environmentalists and educators.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- It organized a side event at the United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012.

- It attended the 2nd United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) Preparatory Committee (Prepcom2) meeting in March 2011 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- Every year, it participates in the International Day of Peace events at the United Nations and helps to sponsor participants to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization attended a conference on “Climate Change and the Environment”, hosted by the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) to commemorate the World Environment Day, in Johannesburg, South Africa, 4 June 2012.

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

The organization works on MDG1, poverty eradication and hunger by working with the Zulu people to produce food through small-scale agriculture through an agricultural backyard food growing programme. It continued its outreach programme in Brazil, in support of MDG2 to promote an educational programme for the Xavante Indians of Mato Grosso, Brazil from 2003 to 2014. The programme provided young Xavante Indians of Mato Grosso with dental exams and a machine for manioc (yuca) preparation. As part of its conservation efforts, the organization co-sponsored work in El Salvador to teach the youth not to eat turtle eggs by providing live chickens to provide them with eggs.

5. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Special, 1983

Introduction

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. ACJS promotes criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for both educators and practitioners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the ACJS are to promote criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Organization disseminated information on the first ever United Nations World Day against Trafficking in Persons on 30 July 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACJS attended the following events:

- The sessions of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna, from 11-15 April 2011, from 22-26 April 2013, and from 12-16 May 2014;
- The United Nations Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on “Gender Related Killing of Women and Girls,” sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Government of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, 11-13 November 2014.
- The International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council meetings of the CCPCJ in Courmayeur, Mont Blanc, Italy, from 2-5 December 2011, 14-16 December 2012, and 13-15 December 2013.
- From 2011 to 2014, ACJS chaired the Working Party on Violence Against Women for the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of CCPCJ. It was also elected to the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of CCPCJ in Milan, Italy, in 2011 and 2013 for two-year terms.
- It attended the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, from 4 to 15 March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization’s activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

6. Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l’information et de la communication

Special, 2011

Introduction

The goal of Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l’information et de la communication (ASNTIC) is to educate and update Congolese society about new technologies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of ASNTIC are: to build capacity among youth and women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the area of information and communication technology; to promote and raise awareness in the Congo of new technologies; to provide voluntary computer literacy sessions in different schools,

neighbourhoods, universities, associations, institutions and companies; and to train children in the use of new technologies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in:

- The 2011 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Geneva in May 2011.
- The preparatory meeting for the 2013 World Summit on the Information Society, held at ITU headquarters in Geneva in November 2012.
- The entrepreneurship training session organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) during the African Francophonie Forum on Entrepreneurship, held in Geneva in June 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated in a meeting of ITU Study Group 13, held in Geneva in January 2011, to discuss the development of next-generation networks.
- ASNTIC participated in a seminar on satellite communications in Dakar organized by ITU in January 2012.
- In May 2014, with a grant from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), ASNTIC attended the seventeenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 4 to 29 November 2013, ASNTIC conducted a training programme in Kinshasa on “software copyright”, following the establishment of an international software management right for authors, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

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

In July 2012, at the first French Language World Forum, the organization advocated for the inclusion of la Francophonie to be involved in the development of information technology standards done by the ITU Standardization Office.

7. Africa Development Interchange Network

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN) specializes in poverty alleviation, advocating for people’s rights and environmental protection.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ADIN works on Financing for Development (FfD) and MDGs evaluation in Africa, and engages in enhancing the participation of people at the grassroots level in the area of democracy and governance processes. It undertakes capacity building at the grassroots level to enable assisted communities find solutions to their development problems in their own environment, using their existing potential before looking for additional outside assistance, as capital assets.

Significant changes in the organization

Individual and institutional membership is now around 6,000, with 64 regional partner networks.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Contribution to the work of the United Nations includes:

- Facilitation of African civil society participation in United Nations processes, such as the sustainable development goals and FfD negotiations;
- Coordination of sub-national and national consultations on the Post 2015 Development agenda in Cameroon in 2013 and 2014;
- Member of the Steering Committee of Non-State Actors of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (ICESDF), 2013-2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- ADIN was a panellist at the Sixth High Level Dialogue on Financing for Development during the 68th United Nations General Assembly in September 2013;
- It participated in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013 and 10 to 21 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- ADIN was the Executing Partner for the United Nations Children's Fund's (UNICEF) Post-2015 consultations in Cameroon in 2013;
- It was the Executing Partner for the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) Post-2015 consultations in Cameroon in 2013;
- It was the Executing Partner for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa's (UNECA) Consultation on the localization of the post-2015 development agenda in Cameroon;
- ADIN prepared a background report on women and the tourism sector in Cameroon.

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

ADIN conducted an evaluation of the MDGs in Cameroon in collaboration with the Commonwealth Foundation and the UN Millennium Campaign for the “Breaking Point Project” in 2012.

8. African Action on AIDS

Special, 2003

Introduction

African Action on AIDS (AAA) supports youth and local communities affected by AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purpose of AAA include: helping youth infected and affected by AIDS to become agents of their own change and use their knowledge to change their communities; educate youth and local communities to prevent diseases and teach them to practice what they know and share it with others; create health awareness through AAA Preventive Health Plans; focus on the prevention of HIV transmission from Mother to Child; and provide scholarships to secondary school and university level girl orphans to promote financial autonomy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2011-2014 AAA built toilets and a water well in a rural school, distributed mosquito bed nets in orphanages, and drinking water stations and hand washing stations in rural health centres and homes. In 2014 it led a Family Planning Campaign in schools and communities that reached 2,500 people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AAA attended the following meetings of the United Nations, among others:

- annual sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) in Vienna, Austria;
- annual sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna, Austria;
- the Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference in Bonn, Germany in 2011;
- Sixth meeting of the States parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria, in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

AAA contributed to: MDGs 2 and 3 by mobilizing the community to promote education and by promoting women's and girls' education to ensure greater financial autonomy and guard against sexual abuse and HIV infection; MDG6 through systematic HIV testing and reducing mother-to-child transmission, preventing malaria, water borne diseases and improving home hygiene; and MDG5 by providing family planning to avoid unwanted pregnancies, keep girls in school, curb abortion, and lead to an improvement in maternal and infant mortality rates.

9. African Association of Education for Development

Special, 1983

Introduction

The African Association of Education for Development (AFASED) was created at the beginning of 1960 to address development and modernization issues in that part of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AFASED works in all African States to promote access to education for all and the right to development. It takes concrete actions to support sustainable development, the fight against dependence on and submission to external assistance, and the empowerment of the African people. It also aims to promote public health, particularly in relation to hygiene, nutrition and the control of epidemics; facilitate the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, especially those of women and children; and to promote education for peace and the peaceful settlement of conflicts.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AFASED has been very active. The organization conducts campaigns on the issues of deforestation and the extinction of elephants, rhinoceros and hippopotamuses. It also promotes women's rights and in particular works to put an end to harmful traditional practices in Africa. AFASED also promotes the concepts of the right to development and education for all in Africa.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In 2012, AFASED participated in the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, which covered Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, South Africa, Gabon, Ghana, Benin and Zambia.

- In 2013, the organization participated in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review which covered Mali, Botswana, Burundi, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Cameroon, Senegal, Nigeria, Mauritius, the Central African Republic, Chad and the Congo.
- Lastly, in 2014, AFASED attended the seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, which covered Comoros, Eritrea, the Dominican Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Angola, Madagascar and Egypt.

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 1, to eradicate extreme poverty, and Goal 2, to achieve education for all, AFASED built a school for impoverished children in Rwanda in partnership with Association REFUGE pour les Enfants des Grands Lacs Africains [Association Refuge for the Children of the African Great Lakes].

In support of Goal 3, to promote gender equality and empower women, the organization advocated for children's access to schooling regardless of their gender or social status.

In support of Goal 6, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, AFASED promoted the use of condoms and took part in the campaign to distribute mosquito nets to the poor.

10. African Youth for Transparency

Special, 2007

Introduction

African Youth for Transparency International (AYFT), has its global head office in Canada, and operates in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of AYFT is to empower youth for positive development by strengthening cooperation with youth groups, individuals, organizations and initiatives.

Significant changes in the organization

AYFT has moved its head office from Nigeria to Canada and recently obtained non-profit status in the United States. The organization has changed its name to Youth for transparency International. It is currently making significant changes in

its mode of operation to use a business approach to development, seeking partnerships in private and public sectors on sustainable projects.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization reactivated its youth bank project which helps to promote financial security among street children and youth by developing savings skills and entrepreneurial and management skills in order to invest in income-generating enterprises.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- AYFT attended the following meetings at the United Nations, among others:
- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014;
- Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York, 6-15 February 2013, 11-21 February 2014;
- High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, New York, 25 September 2013;
- Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), New York, 20 September 2013; United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, 20-22 June 2012;
- 64th Annual Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference on Sustainable Societies, Bonn, Germany, 3-5 September 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In June 2014, the organization collaborated with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) on a school outreach programme to educate students about the work of the United Nations in Abuja, Nigeria in June, 2013.

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

The organization encouraged the Youth to be actively involved in promoting good governance and leadership from an early stage. AYFT, in partnership with civil society organizations and government agencies, raised awareness and educated the public on safe health practices to prevent infectious diseases.

11. Africans Unite against Child Abuse

Special, 2011

Introduction

Africans Unite against Child Abuse (AFRUCA) focused its work in the United Kingdom and selected African countries to help children and young people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization continued to promote the rights and welfare of children in partnership with other NGOs in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, with government agencies and with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). In Nigeria it developed working partnerships with local NGOs, to promote the welfare of children in the country.

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

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- AFRUCA worked with UNICEF and NGOs in the United Kingdom in 2014 to develop and suggest amendments to the United Kingdom's Modern Slavery Bill which subsequently became an Act.
- The Organization submitted a paper to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights special meeting on "The Rights of All children in the Context of International Migration" in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 September 2012.
- In 2012 the organization participated in a 3-Day Capacity Building Workshop for NGOs in Abeokuta Ogun State, organized by UNICEF Nigeria, from 1 to 4 August.

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

AFRUCA organised a major conference on "Safeguarding Children in Nigeria" in Lagos, Nigeria, in partnership with local organizations, the Government of Nigeria and with support from UNICEF Nigeria on 11 May, 2014. Between 2013 and 2014, it financially supported a local NGO in Nigeria known as HAPSTA, to support the educational and welfare needs of children in its shelter. These children had no other means of support, having been rejected by families as a result of accusations of witchcraft.

12. Afromedianet**Special, 2011****Introduction**

Afromedianet is a network of leading journalists and independent experts specialising in human rights, development issues and humanitarian affairs in Africa. It aims to foster exchange of information and the sharing of knowledge among its professional members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It places its members' knowledge and experience to practical use to ensure that African issues that are at the top of the International Agenda are well-researched, investigated and impartially assessed.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Afromedianet works with immigration and asylum tribunals to ensure that the Geneva Convention, the European Convention for Human rights and other international legal instruments are utilized to protect immigrants from discrimination. It contributes to the success of the decision-making process by preparing expert witness reports for Asylum claimants from Africa. The Network has prepared more than 50 expert reports in the last four years and its members have been quoted in many country case laws.

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.

13. Agewell Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

Agewell Foundation works for the welfare and empowerment of older persons in India. It has a network of over 7,500 primary and 80,000 secondary volunteers across 640 districts in India and works with over 25,000 older persons on a daily basis through its volunteer network.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Agewell's aim is to promote better interaction between the generations by: bringing about a change in perceptions about old age; take steps to promote a senior citizen-friendly environment; strengthen a sense of moral and social responsibility towards senior citizens; advocate for the needs and rights of senior citizens; and extend a helping hand to senior citizens wherever required.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has implemented activities that fulfil the development goals of the United Nations such as strengthening the human rights of older persons and empowering the elderly, particularly elderly women, among others. It submitted reports on issues concerning old age to the United Nations which have been used as background documents by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended the following meetings, among others:

- The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA), Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York.
- Working Sessions of the Open-ended Working Group on strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons, New York in April 2011 where it submitted a report on the Human Rights of Older Persons in India, in August 2011, in August 2012, in August 2013 and in August 2014.
- It participated in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, in March 2014.
- At the ECOSOC High Level Segment in July 2012, Agewell Foundation made oral and written submissions on “Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the MDGs”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to the above, the Foundation attended several conferences organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Thailand.

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

During the past 4 years, Agewell Foundation conducted studies on various issues concerning old age. The Foundation has also implemented several older persons-friendly initiatives for destitute elderly across India.

14. Aide internationale pour l'enfance

Special, 2011

Introduction

The principal mission of Aide internationale pour l'enfance (AIPE) is to fight child exploitation around the world. In that regard, AIPE supports the education of child labourers in India and Thailand. In addition, it raises public awareness in Quebec about issues related to child exploitation and their solutions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIPE emphasizes long-term education as a means to achieve its objectives. In addition to helping children, AIPE also promotes the empowerment of women in both developing countries and Canada. AIPE also raises awareness among the people of Quebec (approximately 5,000 persons per year) of issues relating to child labour and gender equality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its projects in India and Thailand, AIPE has contributed to the implementation of the United Nations agenda in the areas of gender equality, poverty eradication and the promotion of primary education for all, regardless of religion, race or gender. The mission to educate and empower child labourers and young women fits broadly within the United Nations agenda in terms of both the direct and clear impacts (improved access to primary education) and the indirect impacts (promotion of gender equality, empowerment of women, reduction of maternal mortality) resulting from the more effective development of local communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In 2012, AIPE participated in the fifty-second session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which marked the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
- In 2015, AIPE participated in the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which reviewed the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 20 years after its adoption. AIPE issued two statements on that occasion.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Through its various projects in India and Thailand and its efforts to raise public awareness in Quebec, AIPE has directly contributed to advancing the Millennium Development Goals.

First, the education of child labourers who have been freed from debt bondage, young women freed from sexual slavery and undocumented children, without discrimination on the basis of gender or origin, directly meets Goal 2, to ensure primary education for all. Second, the education provided by AIPE fosters the empowerment of young women and the acceptance by boys of women's equality. These actions support Goal 3.

Lastly, the microcredit programme for marginalized women in India, coupled with the education they receive, enables them to obtain professional qualifications, which contributes to the achievement of Goal 1.

15. Children of the World — Regional Public Charitable Fund of Assistance to Cultural and Sports Development of Children and Young People

Special, 2007

Introduction

“Children of the World” was established to create and promote a worldwide movement of people for a healthy lifestyle.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to: engage people in a global peace movement; create an Internet portal for participants of the global peace movement; train youth and adults on healthy living; and promote public diplomacy to build bridges between nations and peoples.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promoted the concept of “World Unity Week, Health and Sports” at the United Nations. It submitted 6,000 signatures of participants at the Olympic games to the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to appeal to heads of state to support the “Global Week of Unity, Health and Sports”.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in July 2014, in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

“Children of the World” met with the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace to solicit his support for a global peace movement. By agreement with the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace, the organization is developing an Internet portal for participants of the global peace movement.

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

The organization is working on the creation of a global peace movement on the theme of “World Unity Week, Health and Sports”.