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1. Fondation Congo Assistance

Special consultative status: 2007

Introduction

Fondation Congo Assistance was created in 1984 in Brazzaville, Congo, to act in the domains of education and vocational training, health, poverty reduction, consolidation of peace, and gender dynamics.

Objectives

The Foundation works to improve the condition of women, school enrolment by underprivileged children; mother-child health and nutritional coverage; support for the elderly; advocacy in favour of persons living with chronic diseases such as HIV/AIDS and drepanocytosis; and the fight to reduce maternal and child mortality.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, the Foundation created several sector departments. A new General Secretariat consisting of eight departments was also put in place.

Contribution to United Nations activities

Fondation Congo Assistance has forged partnerships with the specialized agencies based in the Congo, such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012, 2013 and 2014 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Fondation Congo Assistance has set up a framework partnership with UNDP Congo under the programme to support persons living with HIV/AIDS. In this framework, it financed the construction and equipping of four daughter-and-mother centres. With UNAIDS Congo, it set up a partnership aiming to strengthen the operational capacities of the national response against HIV. It also worked with the WHO Congo Office, to launch the campaign to immunize young girls from two departments of the Congo against cervical cancer.

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

The Foundation has undertaken the following activities in support of the Millennium Development Goals:

- Donation of agricultural equipment and seeds to agricultural cooperatives to increase their yield, in partnership with the World Bank's Cost Sharing Support Fund;

- Construction of the National Referral Centre against Drepanocytosis, with government support;
- Construction of a primary school under direct management; and
- Construction of a modern maternity clinic with the aim of reducing maternal and infant mortality.

2. Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale

Special, 2011

Introduction

Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS (FMSI) is an international Italian organization connected to the network of the Marist Brothers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of FMSI is to promote innovative thinking and practical initiatives for the benefit of children and young people, so they can grow in safe and healthy environments, free from violence and fear, and where their future is bright and rich with opportunity.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2013, the FMSI opened a representative office in Bangkok, Thailand, which is now being relocated in the Philippines; and a representative office in Santiago de Chile, Chile.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FMSI contributed to the work of the United Nations by focusing on the theme of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, especially on the rights to education and participation, and on the topics of child abuse and children living in the streets. This was achieved through advocacy and lobbying, and workshops to teachers and social workers, focused on protecting and educating children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FMSI participated in the following meetings:

- all sessions of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 2011-2014;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;
- 4th World Congress on Children and Adolescents, Mexico, 12-14 November 2014; 21st Pan American Congress on Children and Adolescents, Brasilia, Brazil, 9-12 December 2014.

During these meetings, FMSI subscribed to joint oral statements by other NGOs on themes related to the rights of the child.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FMSI cooperated with the United Nations through the Universal Periodic Review, submitting reports on 21 countries on children's rights. For the Committee on the Rights of the Child, FMSI collaborated in the Day of General Discussion by submitting the following documents, among others: "Situation of children with parents in prison", 2011; "The voices of children in Migration" and "Migrant children in Spain", 2012; and "Media, social networks and children rights", 2014.

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

FMSI contributed to the MDGs in many countries by providing vocational training and job orientation courses for young people (26 projects); providing structures and equipment, didactic materials, schooling programmes for primary education children (18 projects); promoting access to primary and secondary education for boys and girls (1 project); promoting awareness on prevention of HIV and Ebola virus (2 projects); providing improved sources of water (2 projects); and providing internet connection to a university campus (1 project).

3. Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine**Special consultative status: 2011****Introduction**

Forum Azzahrae pour la Femme Marocaine is a national organization encompassing 104 associations that advocates for women's rights and development.

Objectives

The organization works to contribute to the eradication of all discriminatory practices with regard to women; to clarify changing approaches in the legal and social spheres relating to women and family affairs; to train a network of women's associations in the service of women and family; to stand up for women's rights and legitimate grievances and to raise their level of education and culture.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The Forum has organized numerous seminars, round tables, memoranda, study workshops and other meetings on subjects related to women and the family in Morocco. Some examples are mentioned below:

- Study workshop on the lifting of Morocco's reservations on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 22 September 2011;
- Round table on the legal and social status of early marriage, 19 July 2012;
- Study seminar on the status of women and the family in the new constitution, 29 March 2011;

- Four regional meetings and a national conference on the Family Code, 17 May 2014; and
- Training on the international human rights conventions and mechanisms, 18 May 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), submitting written statements and making a verbal statement. It participated in the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council, and in the discussion of Morocco's Second Report in the framework of the Universal Periodic Review Second Cycle, May 2012, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization met with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking on 17 June 2013 and the High Commissioner for Human Rights on 8 May 2014.

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

In support of Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 1, the organization has financed projects for women living in precarious situations. In respect of MDG 2, it has developed basic literacy and non-regulatory education programmes. In support of MDG 3, it has contributed to the socioeconomic integration of 1,000 girls and women in precarious situations, and created a shelter centre for girls living in precarious situations and 30 counselling centres for women who are victims of violence. In respect of MDG 5, it has organized study seminars on maternal health. For MDG 6, it has organized information campaigns on the dangers of AIDS and other sexually transmissible diseases, and against drug use.

4. Foundation for the development of knowledge Suma Veritas

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Foundation for the development of knowledge Suma Veritas (Suma Veritas) is a network and global business, dedicated to the overall growth of women. It provides training and challenges them to be the best both personally and professionally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the foundation is to promote communication, participation, and empowerment. Its goals are to strengthen women's networks, improve the capabilities of women's institutions, develop women-led initiatives, and support the MDGs.

Significant changes in the organization

The scope of operations has grown from national to international, through international agreements in Italy, Poland, and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The foundation co-sponsored activities with the Legislature of Buenos Aires City on gender equality, with a focus on Equal Pay. Suma Veritas participated actively in the creation of programmes to promote education and training on environmental protection. It also led various trainings for women entrepreneurs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The foundation attended the 56th and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York. It attended a meeting for the creation of an advisory panel in Latin America, organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in 2012, New York. Finally, it participated actively the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Suma Veritas was present in panels and round tables on gender equality during the 2012 World NGO Forum for Women, New York. It also worked in the Argentinian Chapter on the Principles of empowerment of women of Global Compact Argentina in 2012.

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

Suma Veritas led the Right to Education Argentina Campaign in Buenos Aires in 2013, toward MDG 2. It also signed the Charter Principles for a quality education with the Ministry of Education. On MDG 3, the foundation advocated for equal pay in Argentina. In 2012, it introduced a bill to establish a day of pay equity, which was signed into law. Toward MDG 7, Suma Veritas participated in World Water Day in 2013. It shared a local experience, where rain was collected for irrigation purposes.

5. Foundation Projekta for Women and Development Services

Special, 1999

Introduction

Stichting Projekta/Foundation for Women and Development Services (Projekta) is based in Paramaribo, Suriname.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Projekta's mission is to enhance the capacity and capabilities of women, youth and other vulnerable groups to fully participate in the human development process. The organization does this through programmes that inform and educate about policymaking, implementation and monitoring; and strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Activities that Projekta has undertaken during the reporting period include, among others:

- Organization of the Democracy Month in November, and the March of Women in March of every year;
- Awareness activities during World Aids Day, Anti-Corruption Day, and Human Rights Day every year;
- Lobbying for more inclusive and participatory processes of policy formulation, and implementation by local United Nations organizations;
- Lobbying and awareness activities about anticorruption and establishment of a National Ombuds Institute; and
- Strengthening of civil society through dialogue with and training of NGOs and government.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Projekta participated in the following meetings, among others:

- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Strategic Planning Meeting and Field Capacity Assessment, 26-27 January 2011;
- Rio+20 Major Groups Meeting, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 18 January 2013;
- 12th Regional Conference on women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 15-18 October 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Projekta established a partnership with the Global Environment Facility's (GEF) Small Grants Programme for more transparent and accessible funding mechanisms between 2012 and 2014. It consulted for the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support processes of participatory policy creation and monitoring of national integrated adolescent policy, 2013-2014. Finally, it created radio, theatre, and TV productions for awareness on HIV/AIDS for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), among others, 2011-2013.

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

Projekta led ongoing lobby, advocacy and research activities for gender equality in political participation, toward MDG 3. In support of MDG 6, it produced TV and radio spots for the National Aids Programme. For MDG 7, it organized public discussions on Climate Change Governance in November 2011, January 2012, and November 2014.

6. Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control (FCA) has a membership of nearly 500 NGOs from over 100 countries. FCA works on the development, ratification, implementation, and monitoring of the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and inclusion of tobacco control in the SDGs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Following the 2011 landmark United Nations High-level Meeting on Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs), FCA's new mission is to help strengthen the FCTC and support its full and accelerated implementation worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FCA participated extensively in the discussions and negotiations on the Post-2015 development agenda. It submitted comments to the Report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and contributed to the Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) discussions of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task force on NCDs. FCA also published a report: "Tobacco: A Barrier to Sustainable Development". In addition, FCA participated in all negotiations related to FCTC processes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FCA's NGO representatives participated in national and international meetings, including:

- The United Nations High-level Meeting on NCDs, 19-20 September 2011, New York. FCA advocated for the important role of tobacco control in development and submitted advocacy materials on key issues;
- United Nations General Assembly, 22-27 September 2013, New York. FCA highlighted the role that tobacco control could play in achieving the SDGs; and
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly to undertake the comprehensive review and assessment of the 2011 Political Declaration on NCDs, 10-11 July 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FCA promoted inclusion of the FCTC within national development strategies, including United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs). FCA regularly coordinates with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),

particularly on tobacco control within UNDAFs and the establishment of national coordination mechanisms for tobacco control.

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

FCA advocated for the inclusion of tobacco control in the proposed draft of the SDGs.

7. Fund of Aid for Youth

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Fund of Aid for Youth was created as a voluntary social community based in Azerbaijan, with the purpose of meeting the moral needs of the youth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Fund of Aid for Youth gives material support to the youth, elderly, handicapped, vulnerable, refugees, internally displaced persons, and all those in great need. Some of the support includes programmes for those who suffered from the war; training of the youth in computer, language, and accounting skills; and development of moral values of the youth and the elderly.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Fund organized several events for the Seyyid Yahya Bakuvi Year, as declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Fund is in constant contact with the United Nations head office, which holds some of its events in the organization's conference hall.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Fund provided technical assistance to the implementation of programmes of United Nations and some other specialized agencies.

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

The fund worked mainly in Azerbaijan and Somalia. Toward MDG 1, it delivered food on a regular basis to children, the elderly, the disabled and most vulnerable. The fund also worked to ensure that all boys and girls complete a full course of a primary schooling toward MDG 2, by paying for school fees and providing stipends and food.

8. Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Antonio Núñez Jiménez Foundation for Nature and Humanity (FANJ) is a Cuban cultural and scientific NGO focused on research and implementation of projects for environmental protection, and its relationship with culture and society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to implement projects and participatory processes to enhance the conservation of the biodiversity in fragile ecosystems; contribute to sustainable development of human settlements through Permaculture training and the development of demonstration sites; and raise awareness on sustainable consumption and foster the environmental responsibility of the new emerging private enterprises.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization led scientific workshops on the consumers' protection and the economy in Cuba and in Latin America and the relationship of the consumers with natural resources. FANJ also created an advertising campaign through national TV commercial spots to encourage Cuban citizens to have a better conduct toward the environment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations International Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Santiago de Chile, 7-9 September 2011;
- 19th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), New York, May 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and
- Regional Meeting of United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Consulting Programme, Trinidad and Tobago, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FANJ participated in workshops organized by GEF and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Cuba. It presented to GEF 6 a project proposal to set up local pilot actions and coordination mechanisms to strengthen the resilience and the sustainability of the biodiversity conservation in the coastal zones and small areas of sub archipelago of central Cuba to face negative effects of the human activity and the climate change.

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

FANJ contributed to the realisation of an environmental culture, favouring the conservation of biodiversity and fragile ecosystems. As a member of the Desertification and Drought Convention, FANJ has led numerous activities contributing to the recovery of degraded natural resources and the protection of those that have been preserved. It organized and carried out the 11th International Convergence of Permaculture and the 2nd and 3rd National Convergences of Permaculture. FANJ also conducted a detailed study about the impact of climate change and the socio economic transformation in the protected natural ecosystem of “Alejandro de Humboldt” National Park to compile enough information to prepare recommendations to conserve the Toa watershed and its biodiversity.

9. Fundación Atenea Grupo

Special, 2011

Introduction

Fundación Atenea works in Spain and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its purposes are to guarantee the rights of people and improve their quality of life, paying particular attention to the people at risk of severe exclusion and the phenomenon of the feminization of poverty; prevent the risks of exclusion and the factors producing it; and promote social and economic transformation.

Significant changes in the organization

The NGO has redefined its mission, vision, and values. In 2013, it modified its By Laws.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has developed, among others, the following actions:

- Social intervention programmes to prevent and reduce drug abuse among young people;
- Management of social risks of minors and young people;
- Psychosocial intervention in prostitution;
- Migrant people participation programmes; and
- Supporting programmes for vulnerable women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Fundación Atenea is member of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs from 2012 and attended meetings of the Committee, 4 June 2012. Its representatives followed remotely the 56th and 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs held at Vienna, Austria, 11-15 March 2013 and 13-21 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Foundation worked to meet the basic needs of people severely excluded and participated in awareness activities, as part of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in 2014, toward MDG 1. For MDG 3, it included a gender perspective in all the organization's work and programmes and in particular developed programmes to reduce the prostitution and trafficking in women. Toward MDG 6, it organized HIV Prevention Workshops and offered rapid test of VIH and expert advice. Toward MDG 7, it assisted programmes to promote responsible consumption of water and energy, the reusing of materials, and recycling.

10. Fundación Diagrama: Intervención Psicosocial

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Fundación Diagrama — Intervención Psicosocial (Fundación Diagrama) was established in Spain in 1991. It has offices in the autonomous communities in Spain and develops development cooperation projects in Latin America and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation's work is to assist the most vulnerable; educate, train, and help them reintegrate into society; and raise awareness about social issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Fundación Diagrama's website provides information on the work of the United Nations. The Foundation's participation in development cooperation projects has increased. It has carried out projects in Senegal, such as the establishment of a multipurpose training centre for women in the agricultural and health sectors. Additionally, trainings for youth have been carried out in Mali and El Salvador. In Paraguay, children at high social risk have been provided with legal and psychosocial attention.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation participated in the 19th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, March 2012; and the 21st Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), and its related side events, Vienna, Austria, April 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Fundación Diagrama has led the following activities toward the realisation of MDGs:

- MDG 1: training in the agricultural school of the multipurpose centre for training, Senegal;
- MDG 3: training of rural women in Senegal and comprehensive care to women in conflict with the law, Paraguay;
- MDG 4: prevention, health education, and public health project in the rural community of Sandiara, Senegal; and improvement of the basic conditions in sanitation and hygiene in five local primary schools in Senegal;
- MDG 5: creation of a health school in Senegal; and
- MDG 7: drilling of a water well for the multipurpose training centre in Senegal.

11. Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun**Special consultative status: 2011****Introduction**

G.I.C. Technologies Nouvelles au Cameroun works to develop new information and communication technologies (NICTs) in Africa, and more particularly in Cameroon.

Objectives

The organization's objectives are to promote digital literacy in the new technologies among young people in underprivileged population groups; the fight against poverty and development in Africa through new technologies; the recovery and recycling of electronic, information technology, office and telecommunications materials, as well as any NICT material, and the training of unemployed youth in the areas of maintenance and use of such materials.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted a written statement in the high-level debate of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 2012.

Participation in meetings organized by the United Nations

No information supplied.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has participated on line with United Nations Volunteers.

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

The organization is working to achieve Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 2 by installing school software in several primary schools in Cameroon, which form part of a computerization programme for high schools and colleges across the country. This is a digital literacy program strengthening the capacity of different school organizations in Cameroon with a view to improving students' daily tasks through appropriate use of free information technology tools.

12. Girl Scouts of the United States of America**Special, 2003****Introduction**

Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) was founded in Georgia, United States of America, in 1912. The organization has 3.2 million members. Girls participate in 112 local councils located throughout the United States and in over 92 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GSUSA's goal is to build girls' character and skills through an accepting and nurturing environment. In partnership with adult volunteers, girls develop qualities, such as leadership, strong values, social conscience, and self-worth.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GSUSA is a member of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNAUSA), the Working Group on Girls (WGG), the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development subgroup on Youth Participation in Peacebuilding, and the Coalition for Adolescent Girls, convened by the United Nations Foundation (UNF) and the Nike Foundation. It also joined the World We Want Policy Strategy Group in 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated to the following meetings, among others:

- 56th, 57th, and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March, 2013, and 10-21 March, 2014; and sponsored/co-sponsored parallel events, among others: "Voices of Rural Girls: Empowerment through Leadership and Entrepreneurship", 29 February 2012; "Girls Tribunal on Violence: Bearing Witness", 5 March 2013; and "Girls Talk about the MDGs", 12 March 2014;

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 13-22 June 2012; and
- Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) Forum on Youth, New York, 2-3 June 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GSUSA joined the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) to organize a Global Workshop on Youth and Peacebuilding Guidance on 4 June 2014, New York. GSUSA partnered with the United States Fund for UNICEF to support delivery of global education programmes. GSUSA co-led the organization of the International Day of the Girls with the Permanent Missions of Canada, Peru, and Turkey in 2013 and 2014.

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

Every year, Girl Guides and Scouts celebrate the World Thinking Day, which has focused on the MDGs during the reporting period. In 2013, Girl Scouts' released "It's Your Planet Love It!", a programme to teach girls about issues associated with MDG 7. In 2012 GSUSA, hosted the Girls World Forum to take action on MDGs 1, 3 and 7.

13. Global Action against Poverty

Special, 1995

Introduction

Global Action Against Poverty (GAAP) is an organization of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity. GAAP runs charity work in the fields of mental health care, care for people with disabilities, and education, mainly in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GAAP aims to support the services of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity, by focusing on capacity-building, coaching, exchange of knowledge and expertise, international fundraising, and influencing policymakers.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization changed its name to "Fracarita International" during the reporting period. It has been notified to the United Nations but has not yet been officially recognised. It signed Memorandums of Understanding with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India, and the Leuven University, Belgium, to establish a University training programme for Social Workers and Clinic Psychology in India.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to international development cooperation by supporting projects in the low- or middle-income countries. It strengthened the peace process in the Great Lakes region in Africa thanks to Ahadi Institute's peace

building programme and other learning programmes this institute offers to refugees and the local population in the Kigoma Region in Tanzania.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization endorsed the following statements during the reporting period:

- a joint statement to the United Nations NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York, and the NGO Forum for Health in Geneva, in support of the inclusion of language to reframe and integrate mental health into Goal 3 (Health) of the SDGs, 9 December 2014;
- the statement for the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, September 2011; and
- a joint Statement for the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly to Review the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, 10-11 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to organize the Ahadi training programmes in the Nyarugusu refugee camp in Kigoma Region, Tanzania.

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

The organization contributed to MDG 7 in Rwanda and India by installing solar panels plants. It supported the other MDGs through advocacy, outreach, and trainings.

14. Global Exchange

Special, 1999

Introduction

Global Exchange is an international human rights organization headquartered in California, dedicated to promoting political, social, and environmental justice globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Global Exchange's goals are to educate the American public about critical global issues; build understanding between the people of the United States of America and those of other countries; promote respect for the rights outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and encourage the American government and private institutions to support policies that promote democratic and sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Global Exchange has carried out a number of campaigns to provide direct support to embattled grassroots movements for human rights in the focus countries and educate and engage Americans and others in these struggles. Every year, Global Exchange gives out three awards to nominees that are advancing the goals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Global Exchange's human rights work also includes a focus on social and economic rights and the Rights of Nature.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Global Exchange participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings in South Africa in 2011, and Peru in 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Global Exchange works to support the advancement of MDG 1 by advancing a vision that values the rights of workers and the health of the planet; prioritizes international collaboration as central to ensuring peace; and aims to create a local, green economy. During the reporting period, Global Exchange has provided travel opportunities for over 5,000 Americans traveling to over 25 countries worldwide to build binding ties between individuals and organizations in the two countries as a way to promote peaceful and just international relations.

15. Global Justice Center**Special, 2011****Introduction**

The Global Justice Center (GJC) is a legal human rights organization focused on gender equality through the rule of law.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Global Justice Center aims to enforce international human rights and humanitarian law to advance gender equality. It seeks to make equality guarantees foundational to the implementation of all human rights law.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GJC has provided legal expertise to a range of stakeholders, such as United Nations Member States, United Nations entities, and grassroots organizations. GJC has actively contributed to the work of the United Nations by promoting the implementation of international humanitarian and human rights law with a gender perspective and

United Nations Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security. Also, GJC has launched the “Geneva Initiative”, a multi-year plan using strategic enforcement of international law to challenge embedded political and legal structures that hinder the changes necessary for building a global, equality-based rule of law.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GJC has participated in open debates of the United Nations Security Council on the protection of civilians; women, peace, and security; and children and armed conflict, New York, 2011-2014; and the Group of Friends of Security Council Resolution 1325, chaired by Canada. GJC also helped to select the civil society speaker for United Nations Security Council open debates on conflict-related sexual violence and women, peace and security and assisted with drafting their statements, New York. GJC co-sponsored a side event with the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and Amnesty International on conflict-related sexual violence, April 2014. GJC participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GJC cooperates with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations office of the Special Representative on sexual violence in conflict, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Committee, and NGO Working Groups on the United Nations. GJC has submitted written submissions to the Human Rights Council, the CEDAW committee and the United Nations Committee against Torture.

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

GJC’s work furthers MDGs 3 and 5 through its advocacy on women’s meaningful participation in peace negotiations and the implementation of Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security. One of GJC’s current projects also advocates for the need to access safe abortion services for girls and women.
