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1. Fondation Afrique développement international

Special, 2018

Introduction

Fondation Afrique développement international was established on 28 November 2013, although it has been carrying out its activities to support human development since 2012. Pursuant to Order No. 0155/MATDCL-CAB of 10 September 2014, the Foundation is under the supervision of the Ministry of Local Administration, Decentralization and Local Authorities. It has held special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2018.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the Foundation is to improve the living conditions of populations at the grassroots level by promoting their development and well-being through protection of the ecological, socio-cultural, educational and health environment. Its overall objective is to promote the concept of human security in Africa in all its health, environmental and social dimensions.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2018, the Foundation embarked on a self-evaluation process. After four years in the field, it was time for the Foundation to review its activities and understand its strengths and weaknesses so that it could consolidate its achievements and prepare a new outlook. On the basis of that exercise, a four-year action plan for 2018–2021 was developed.

The evaluation was beneficial in many ways; it served to clarify the organization's missions as well as its aims and issues. The evaluation also revealed the shortfalls in human, material and financial resources, which make it impossible to take effective action throughout the territory.

Emphasis has therefore been placed on technical capacity-building. Activities and measures are carried out to increase capacity in the areas of analysis, planning and monitoring/evaluation. Ad hoc technical support is provided in addition to targeted training to increase skills. It has been recognized that the well-being and inclusion of vulnerable groups must be improved, and it will be necessary to develop effectively a community sanitation and rainwater drainage network and promote reforestation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

At the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2019, Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, said that “the 2030 Agenda is a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring human rights – and hope – to millions of people who today are left behind”. In 2021, through a sustainable and resilient post-pandemic recovery that promises the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, the forum addressed the integrated, indivisible and interdependent nature of development goals relating to the organization of communities that share a common geographic space.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Since 2019, the sessions of the high-level political forum for development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council have been held virtually. The exceptional context of the health crisis caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact on the work of the United Nations inspired the theme

“Confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action”. As a result, United Nations entities have responded to the call for an integrated approach to mitigating the negative impact on communities. In this context, the Council adopted a resolution on ensuring livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The impact of the pandemic and the measures taken to mitigate it have had consequences that have exacerbated the vulnerability of communities. The Foundation has undertaken specific activities, taking into consideration local conditions and knowledge, to boost progress towards certain targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. In support of the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme and the Government of Togo to promote peace, the Foundation has incorporated a celebration of World Peace Day into its programme. This action responds to Sustainable Development Goal 16, which calls on States to promote peaceful and inclusive societies.

Similarly, the Association des Techniciens Radiodiffusion du Togo, in collaboration with the Foundation, has expanded its online presence beyond social media and has set up a website, www.atrt-togo.com.

2. ACSA

Special, 2018

Introduction

The Association camerounaise pour la santé des adolescents (ACSA) is a non-profit Cameroonian civil society organization established in March 1995 in Ngaoundere, a city in the northern part of Cameroon. It works in the field of public health in Cameroon. ACSA has implemented several health projects with technical support from the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To make adolescents aware of the importance of health and to encourage them to take responsibility for their own health and that of their community through their effective participation in tackling problems related to their general and long-term well-being
- To raise public awareness nationally regarding the specific nature of adolescent health problems
- To create an active network of members (health and non-health professionals) in order to promote the health of adolescents and encourage their effective participation in activities that will improve their quality of life
- To improve members’ health-related behaviours and knowledge through information, education and communication
- To foster a new type of partnership between adolescents and various professions and organizations committed to improving the well-being of young people
- To encourage research in the field of adolescent health and the preservation and improvement of the environment in relation to good health

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the period 2018–2021, with technical support from the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon, ACSA implemented three major health projects that are consistent with Sustainable Development Goal 3, which relates to health and well-being:

- Project to support nutritional health and education for 693 orphans and vulnerable children in the context of HIV/AIDS in the department of Mayo Rey (North Cameroon)
- “Scaling UP malaria control for impact” project in the northern part of Cameroon
- “Performance-based financing” project to strengthen the Cameroonian health system

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACSA has not yet had the opportunity to participate in meetings of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ACSA has held special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2018.

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

During the period 2018–2021, with technical support from the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon, ACSA implemented three major health projects aimed at furthering progress towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 3, which relates to health and well-being:

- Project to support nutritional health and education for 693 orphans and vulnerable children in the context of HIV/AIDS in the department of Mayo Rey (North Cameroon)
- “Scaling UP malaria control for impact” project in the northern part of Cameroon
- “Performance-based financing” project to strengthen the Cameroonian health system

3. Action aides aux familles démunies

Special, 2002

Introduction

It is our inescapable duty as civil society actors to protect the vulnerable against contempt for humanitarian rights and to place human values at the heart of socioeconomic development policy. As supporters of and believers in solidarity and humanitarian aid, we decided to join forces and form an association called Action aides aux familles démunies (AAFD).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main aim is to promote training activities in the field of development for the poorest groups, that is, awareness-raising, education and assistance for poor families to combat all forms of violence against women and girls including sexual slavery, female genital mutilation and domestic violence. It also aims to promote empowerment, by creating income-generating activities for women and girls, and to promote reproductive health.

Significant changes in the organization

In practical terms, there have been changes due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, since the organization participated in an awareness-raising campaign on the COVID-19 virus in rural and urban areas. It has also participated in the peace support programme, organizing forums in collaboration with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Despite limited resources, AAFD has organized sessions to raise awareness of the COVID-19 virus. From 2019 until now, the meetings were held virtually because the participants could not travel in person, so only video conferences and webinars were possible.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AAFD participates every year in all the meetings at United Nations Headquarters in New York, including the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Social Development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AAFD is in good standing with all United Nations agencies.

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

Within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, the organization has led training events for young people and has supervised the training of women and girls in all areas in order to empower them.

4. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Special, 1998

Introduction

Founded in 1992, Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme is a French non-governmental organization based in Lyon that has been working for more than 30 years to defend fundamental rights and freedoms around the world. Its action covers three areas:

1. Providing financial and technical support to small organizations working to defend human rights in countries where they are violated.
2. Providing emergency protection for human rights defenders whose safety is under threat.
3. Conducting advocacy with public authorities and international organizations. Our function is to join forces with civil society actors engaged in their

fields to combat human rights violations. Our actions contribute to strengthening their capacities and supporting their emergence.

Aims and purposes of the organization

We foster the growth and development of organizations around the world that are working to protect and promote civil and political rights as well as economic, social and cultural rights. Our partnership with local organizations is part of an institutional relationship that is based on equality, trust, exchange, respect and reciprocity. Each stakeholder is independent and has agreed to pool its efforts in order to achieve a common goal.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2018, Philippe Morié became the new Executive Director. In 2020, the Board of Directors voted to change the organization's name from "Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme" to "Agir ensemble pour les droits humains (Agir ensemble)". This linguistic change was born of a genuine desire to actively support greater inclusiveness within the non-governmental organization and its activities. The name change was accompanied by a new visual identity.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization serves as a relay between the United Nations and local associations, which are often small and isolated. The year 2020 and the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic greatly disrupted our working practices and we quickly developed expertise in online advocacy. Nevertheless, this affected our participation in the Geneva sessions and the submission of reports since it became very difficult to collect information on the ground with our partners.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Together with Trésor Nzila Kendet, Director of the Congolese Observatory for Human Rights, we participated in the pre-session of the universal periodic review for the Congo held in Geneva in October 2018. The Observatory called on the international community to address the persistent use of arbitrary detention, torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment in the Congo. Recommendations were then made to the Government of the Congo. On the margins of that meeting, contact was made with Jean-Claude Pongault Elongo, Director of Coeur Arc-en-Ciel, an association that defends the rights of sexual and gender minorities in the Congo.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have collaborated with human rights offices in Central Africa and the Sahel, where we are implementing projects, and with Michel Forst and subsequently Mary Lawlor, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, facilitating online meetings with human rights defenders in the Congo and the Niger in 2021. As part of its support for the development of Tournons La Page, the organization has worked extensively with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with the special rapporteurs Michel Forst and Mary Lawlor, Clément Voule and Irene Khan. The Agir ensemble-Tournons La Page project manager helped organize a virtual meeting between Mary Lawlor and human rights defenders of the Niger in June 2021 as well as the visit conducted to the Niger in December 2021 by Clément Voule, Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. The latter greatly assisted in securing the release of the project manager, who was arrested during his visit.

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

Sustainable Development Goal 5 is supported through projects that uphold women's rights (Buenaventura, DEFI 3 and Citoyennes engagées) and the rights of sexual and gender minorities (DEFI 3). Sustainable Development Goal 10 is supported through the implementation of projects that relate to access to rights for Indigenous Peoples (PEUPLE) and women (Citoyennes engagées). Sustainable Development Goal 16 is promoted by combating impunity for human rights violations or violence against human rights defenders. Lastly, Sustainable Development Goal 17 is at the heart of our relationships with partner organizations, since we work horizontally with them.

5. Alliance Vita

Special, 2018

Introduction

Alliance Vita was founded in late 1993 to undertake general and assistance activities in the field of bioethics that promote respect for the life and dignity of all human beings at all stages of life, especially the most vulnerable.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of Alliance Vita is to promote solidarity with vulnerable people in France, Europe and the world. Its services comprise listening to and helping people facing life's trials; raising political and social awareness of measures to support the most vulnerable people; and providing training on bioethical issues at the national and international level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Alliance Vita is developing expertise in supporting society and individuals by providing counselling services at the beginning and end of life and by raising public awareness of the issues of equality and development at all stages of life ("Change your perspective" campaign in 2022). Since 2020, the organization has been especially spurred to action by the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic: it has developed an platform providing information on measures to combat loneliness and economic insecurity; young people from the organization have developed an original initiative to forge intergenerational links with older persons every summer; it has disseminated information on maternity benefits; and it has collaborated with a French-speaking platform that provides grief support. The organization works actively to defend human rights by producing discussion papers concerning scientific choices in the areas of gene editing and human-animal chimerism.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

A representative attended the fifth-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development, which was held from 11 to 21 February 2019. He made a statement on balancing family and professional life at a meeting on the theme "The value of unpaid care and domestic work. Is target 5.4 a utopia?", which was jointly organized by the Permanent Missions of Qatar and Hungary, the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the United Nations and the International Federation for Family

Development. The organization also submitted a report in June 2020 in the context of monitoring the implementation by France of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The organization submitted a written contribution in August 2021 in response to the call for comments and proposals from civil society on the draft convention on the right to development (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)). A representative attended the twenty-second session of the Working Group on the Right to Development, held from 22 to 26 November 2021 in Geneva under the auspices of OHCHR.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No direct cooperation.

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

Alliance Vita has contributed in particular to Goals 1, 3, 5 and 16. Concerning Goal 3, which relates to good health and well-being, Alliance Vita has raised awareness in France and internationally through the 2019 campaign “Vulnerable generations” concerning maternity, which is also aimed at persons with disabilities and older or dependent persons. Assisting and supporting women and couples involved in pregnancy and motherhood, especially women facing financial poverty (link with Goal 1); providing support and raising public awareness, in France and internationally, and fostering intergenerational solidarity to combat loneliness and abandonment of older persons, and promoting support at the end of life; training and raising awareness among young people regarding the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Concerning Goals 5 and 16, which relate to gender equality and the promotion of peace and justice, respectively, Alliance Vita has undertaken activities focused on protecting women and children from new forms of exploitation, on reproductive health education, and on raising awareness of other forms of violence, particularly sexual violence, or aimed at older persons. It has also conducted awareness-raising activities, in France and internationally, with the aim of combating trafficking in relation to pregnancy and children, in particular the practice of surrogacy. It has also run annual training programmes in France and in around 20 foreign countries on respect for human rights and equality between men and women in bioethical matters (procreation, end of life and disability).

6. Amis d’Afrique francophone Bénin

Special, 2018

Introduction

Amis d’Afrique francophone Bénin is a development organization whose mission is to help address the socioeconomic and environmental problems faced by Beninese nationals in general and the most vulnerable in particular. Through awareness-raising and education, the organization aims to encourage the public to adopt a social and environmental value system that boosts sustainability in the country. That includes empowering communities, in this case women, increasing local sovereignty and promoting sustainable family farming to ensure food and nutritional security, recovering the lost environmental balance and improving living conditions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was established in response to the United Nations International Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and the

Social Development Summit held in New York in 2000. It was created to promote appropriate ways of recognizing the social and economic rights of disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, and to promote environmental protection and improved living conditions. Its primary function is to find ways and means for people to participate in environmental protection and the sustainable management of natural resources, in particular forests, wetland ecosystems and biodiversity, and in the well-being of the communities dependent on those resources.

For the past four years, the organization has worked primarily to promote sustainable economic and social development in Benin. Its actions are principally focused on the environment, climate, energy, agriculture/apiculture and gender equality, in particular promoting the social and economic rights of women and youth, which includes young girls in rural areas.

By working closely with Beninese communities under stress, the organization has developed expertise in the agricultural, economic, social and environmental issues they face on a daily basis. Working with the Government of Benin, through the Ministry of Living Environment and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Agriculture, on the redesign of a new strategy for boosting climate action and family farming, the organization has implemented and been involved in the implementation of several climate and agricultural projects in Benin.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Owing to financial constraints and the restrictions imposed by the United Nations in connection with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, our organization has not been able to contribute to the work of the United Nations for the past four years, since most of the work has taken place at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and other reasons, our organization has experienced difficulties in mobilizing resources to participate in United Nations meetings and in their work for the past four years.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme) in Benin to support and promote the conservation of sacred forests and other traditionally conserved sites and the maintenance of the livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, within the framework of the Global Support Initiative programme (Global Support Initiative for Indigenous Peoples and Community-Conserved Territories and Areas).

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

Our organization has contributed to progress towards the achievement of Goal 4 in Benin by launching a project that supports the national education system by strengthening the capacities of primary school teachers. The project provides qualified training for nursery school and primary school teachers and thus improves the quality of education in Benin. The organization has also contributed to progress towards Goals

2, 8, 13 and 15 in Benin by launching a project to strengthen farmers' associations for development of the apiculture value chain in the commune of Bassila from 2018 to 2019. Thanks to the project, 120 beekeepers in the commune of Bassila have been trained in the best beekeeping techniques and in the organizational management of beekeeping. In addition, a large area of forest that had been degraded by melliferous plant species was restored. Other activities are focused on supporting the broader development agenda through awareness-raising, education, mobilization and advocacy.

7. Architectes de l'urgence

Special, 2006

Introduction

The humanitarian organization Architectes de l'urgence was founded in 2001 and has been recognized as an entity operating in the public interest since 2007. It operates in the field on all continents and works to assist populations struggling in the aftermath of natural disasters or technological or human catastrophes. Since 2001, the organization has carried out more than 125 assistance and/or reconstruction and development projects in 41 countries, with architects and engineers taking part in its field activities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To use the expertise of architects to help affected populations by providing appropriate support at each stage of a crisis: during damage assessment (ensuring safety), and the initial emergency phase.
- To help rebuild decent, sustainable housing and critical infrastructure (schools, hospitals and roads) for a return to normalcy.
- To help restart economic life by giving priority to the use of local materials, in line with sustainable development.
- To preserve and promote the world's architectural, historical and cultural heritage and respect the environment by combating the widespread use of wood.
- To support and foster humanitarian engagement among architects in France and elsewhere in the world, and thus contribute to the furtherance of architecture and encourage the training of local actors, from masons to architects.

The main challenge is to combine the urgency of disaster situations with the durability of sustainable, decent and quality constructions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During its missions, the organization's priority is respect for its values and for the development objectives set by the Economic and Social Council. The emphasis is on economic and social integration, with a view to revitalizing a struggling local economy. This translates into the use of local materials and know-how, the employment of properly paid workers and the contracting of local small and medium-sized enterprises. The organization also provides training for local populations and authorities in earthquake- and/or hurricane-resistant construction techniques as needed. Once missions have ended, the tools and technologies used are transferred to the populations. At the same time, since the development of the youngest children is

a priority, the organization has invested in the construction and refurbishment of nearly 30 schools, nurseries and day-care facilities. The organization supports and implements projects in the health-care sector by providing technical assistance to other non-governmental organizations for building or renovating hospital infrastructure, as in Haiti, for example. It emphasizes social equity among the various beneficiary populations and ensures gender equality. Revitalizing local economies is also a way to combat poverty and stem the exodus from rural areas. By offering jobs and housing, the organization aims to reduce overall poverty. The projects implemented were designed with sustainable development in mind: local materials were used, including certified wood to limit deforestation, available energy sources were optimized and buildings were constructed to resist natural disasters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization conducted a field analysis project in Pakistan with the United Nations Satellite Centre. It subsequently collaborated with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on a large scale in Haiti and created a methodology for assessing land and buildings in a disaster context. It also participated in the programme of the United Nations Office for Project Services following the earthquake in Haiti.

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

2018: Reconstruction of four schools in Dominica. Reconstruction of two schools in Haiti. Reconstruction of two schools and training of 600 people in Nepal. Assessment missions to Mayotte, Guyana, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

2019: Production of a technical document of recommendations in Mayotte. Renovation of a school in Haiti. Renovation of a school in Madagascar. Emergency assistance following Cyclone Idai in Mozambique.

2020: Distribution of equipment during the health crisis in Amiens, France. Expert and training missions to Montreuil and Alpes-Maritimes in France. Assistance in the renovation of schools in Madagascar. Emergency assistance and renovation of housing for victims of the Beirut explosions in Lebanon.

2021: Conducting expert missions, ensuring safety, shipping equipment and implementing school reconstruction projects after the earthquake in Haiti in August. Shipping equipment to support reconstruction in the conflict area in Armenia. Continuation of reconstruction activity in Lebanon. Expert missions for buildings affected by floods Belgium.

8. Association apprentissage sans frontières

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Association apprentissage sans frontières was founded in 2005 and is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that has held consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2010. The organization is active in promoting human rights and attaches particular importance to the right to education and lifelong learning, in keeping with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of the organization is to promote human rights by fostering the right to education through apprenticeship. The organization contributes to the implementation of projects and to the organization of conferences and symposiums, in addition to carrying out public and private mandates in the area of education and human rights. Its purpose is to publicize the apprenticeship system as a means of combating youth unemployment by combining theory and practice in the workplace in developing countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participates in and organizes various activities at the United Nations Office at Geneva in collaboration with Permanent Missions and international, bilateral and multilateral institutions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has delivered several oral statements during annual sessions of the Human Rights Council:

- Oral statement on the importance of the involvement of NGOs in the implementation of the right to education, forty-first session, Geneva, 24 June–12 July 2019
- Oral statement on the topic “The impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on gender inequalities in access to education”, forty-fourth session, Geneva, 30 June–17 July 2020
- Oral statement on the topic “COVID-19, an opportunity to reduce the digital divide between the North and the South in the context of the right to education”, forty-fifth session, Geneva, 14 September–6 October 2020
- Oral statement on the topic “COVID-19, an opportunity to strengthen cultural rights in Africa”, forty-seventh session, Geneva, 21 June–14 July 2021
- Oral statement on the topic “Human rights training that is accessible to minorities and vulnerable persons without discrimination”, forty-eighth session, Geneva, 13 September–11 October 2021

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with United Nations bodies by participating in the following activities:

- Informal post-high-level political forum meeting at the United Nations, to present the ambitions of the Sustainable Development Goal Lab, Geneva, 1–2 March 2018.
- Special session on “Technology and innovation powering connectivity for inclusive and sustainable industrial development” organized by the International Telecommunication Union and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Geneva, 1 October 2018.
- Meeting with the Special Rapporteur on the right to education concerning Sustainable Development Goal 4 on ensuring quality education worldwide, Geneva, 7 December 2018.

- Conference organized by the International Labour Office and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation on the topic “Future of work for African youth”, Geneva, 6 February 2019.
- Conference entitled “Sustainable Infrastructure for the Sustainable Development Goals”, organized by the United Nations Environment Management Group, Geneva, 26 February 2019.
- Presentation of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, forty-first session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, 24 June–22 July 2019.
- Side-event organized by the NGO Platform for the Right to Education and the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Geneva, 30 January 2020.
- Virtual meeting of the Climate Technology Centre and Network on the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator, 18 March 2020.
- Accreditation to the United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva, 23 September 2020.
- General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna, 29 November–3 December 2021.
- United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi, 22–28 February 2022.

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

“Senior Dual programme” in Senegal and Guinea, an intergenerational and intercultural partnership programme between developed and least developed countries, in partnership with the Ministries of Employment and Training.

A programme on multifunctional apprenticeship centres for sustainable development in West African countries.

SolarNet Africa, a programme to address the digital divide between developed and least developed countries; the aim is to collect computers and send them to Africa in order to equip computer rooms in schools and then recycle computers at the end of their life and repurpose them as resources.

9. Association congolaise pour le développement agricole

Special, 2014

Introduction

As a human endeavour, the Association congolaise pour le développement agricole has experienced both strengths and weaknesses in its operations. In terms of its strengths, it has coped well thanks to the expertise of its members and development partners. It should be recalled that it was difficult to fulfil the organization’s objectives during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as many activities had to be carried out virtually because physical contact was almost impossible.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to effectively improve the living conditions of local, vulnerable, poor and Indigenous populations through community development activities linked to the Sustainable Development Goals, with a view to reducing poverty.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has a new headquarters address: 175 rue Soweto, Baongo, Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo. Some additional representatives have changed in New York, Geneva and Vienna as well as in the economic and social commissions at the regional level. The organization has also set up representative offices at the international level, including in France, Switzerland, Austria and soon in New York and elsewhere.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2018 to the present day, the organization has continued to collaborate with the agencies of the United Nations system to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. It has worked with the following organizations: United Nations Population Fund, World Health Organization, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Information Centre, United Nations Environment Programme, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, United Nations Development Fund for Women, International Atomic Energy Agency, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, International Labour Organization, United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations Office at Vienna and the regional commissions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2018 to the present day, the organization has taken part in several United Nations activities in the Congo and at the international level, such as sessions of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), as well as conferences on climate change, on the Sustainable Development Goals, on combating desertification, on the REDD-plus process, on the sustainable management of oceans and seas, and on sustainable and innovative agriculture in relation to REDD-plus. It has also encountered shortcomings: invitation letters frequently arrive on the eve of meetings; some countries, such as Switzerland, do not have an embassy in the Congo; embassies require the United Nations to send invitation or accreditation letters to the embassies with the official notifications; financial constraints; United Nations agencies do not support non-governmental agencies accredited to the Council (we had participated in person and virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic that ravaged the world for more than two years).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 2018 to the present day, the organization has been committed to the United Nations vision and has promoted the Sustainable Development Goals in its activities. It promotes agricultural activities and rural entrepreneurship for Indigenous Peoples and local communities to enable them to develop their skills and support themselves. It continues to combat poverty, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, to promote human rights, democracy and good governance, to promote a culture of peace and non-violence in the departments affected by armed conflicts caused by dictatorial regimes, to participate in the holding of free, transparent and peaceful elections, and to address racism and racial discrimination.

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

From 2018 to the present day, it has carried out awareness-raising and capacity-building activities for young people and rural women and girls in keeping with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in order to relay information to the wider public as well as to other stakeholders. From 2018 to the present day, the organization has raised awareness and provided an overview of the activities, programmes and conferences of the United Nations in the Congo in the various departments in order to engage the greatest number of civil society actors in the vision of the United Nations and the commitments it has made to the well-being of the international community. The organization has trained local and Indigenous communities by distributing documents on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and many other newsletters about the United Nations to encourage communities to get involved in realizing the vision of the United Nations. It has undertaken awareness-raising and capacity-building among women in relation to the conferences of UN-Women. He has used its own funds to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals in all the departments. The organization continues to conduct awareness-raising campaigns on the Goals, despite the hiatus in its activities during the pandemic.

10. Association de lutte contre la dépendance

Special, 2018

Introduction

The Association de lutte contre la dépendance was established in 1999 and contributes to improving living conditions among the most vulnerable sectors of the population, which includes:

1. Promoting women's rights and preventing gender-based violence
2. Combating the worst forms of child labour. The organization has held consultative status with the United Nations since 2018. It also manages the Rihab Reception and Counselling Centre for women victims of gender-based violence and for the protection and promotion of children's rights, which it established in 2003.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- Combat all forms of violence against women
- Promote outreach regarding human rights (laws and national and international conventions relating to the promotion of women's rights and the protection of children)
- Promote gender equality
- Promote outreach regarding the Personal Status Code and all the laws that guarantee equality, the effective protection of women and the protection and promotion of children's rights
- Prevent all forms of gender-based discrimination and the recruitment of children into the worst forms of labour
- Progressively eliminate child labour in Mauritania, with the worst forms of child labour being the highest priority

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed actively to the achievement of the United Nations goal of improving the status of women to give them more control over their future. Its contribution may be summarized as follows:

- Promotion of human rights in general
- Survival and development of women and children
- Elimination of forced labour and abolition of child labour
- Gender equality
- Combating all forms of violence against women
- Empowerment of women
- Involvement of women in decision-making

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from February 27 to 9 March 2012 at United Nations Headquarters in New York
- Participation in the discussion of the report on implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in July 2014 in Geneva
- Workshop for civil society actors from Arab countries to review the Beijing report on 12 and 13 August 2014 in Beirut
- Participation in the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 9 to 20 March 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York
- Participation in the regional human rights conference held in May 2015 in Banjul
- Participation in the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, held in 2015 in New York
- Participation in the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 9 to 20 March 2016 at United Nations Headquarters in New York
- Participation in the workshop organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the theme “Preventing torture by monitoring places of detention: practice and reflection workshop”, held from 12 to 15 November 2016 in New York
- Participation in the fourth Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour, held in 2017 in Buenos Aires
- Participation in the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in March 2018 in New York
- Participation in the seventy-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in September 2018 in New York
- Participation in a training course on violence delivered by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization from 12 to 13 December 2018 at the headquarters of the European Union in Brussels

- Participation in the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 11 to 22 March 2019 at United Nations Headquarters in New York
- Participation in the high-level political forum on sustainable development, held from 9 to 26 August 2019 in New York
- Participation in the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, whose theme was “Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion”, held from 24 to 30 September 2019 in New York
- Participation as a gender expert in the high-level civil society policy forum, held from 15 to 18 October 2019 at the headquarters of the World Bank-International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our organization collaborates with United Nations bodies or specialized agencies in the field, through operational projects and financial assistance. Projects are implemented to combat female genital mutilation, prevent gender-based violence and involve women in decision-making. Within the framework of this cooperation and with the support of United Nations Development Programme, our organization carries out activities to consolidate peace and democratic governance in the Sahel and to strengthen vulnerable communities through income-generating activities. Thanks to financial support from the United Nations Population Fund, our organization is involved in informational, awareness-raising and training activities to foster knowledge and exercise of women’s rights, including the right to participate in public life; it also conducts gender advocacy and lobbying campaigns with a focus on raising awareness among political party leaders, community leaders, governmental decision-makers and new legislative and municipal authorities at the national and regional level. The challenge is to ensure that political parties develop internal mechanisms to support women candidates for appointed and elected positions. Invest in initiatives to strengthen women’s leadership at the grassroots level through personal capacity-building.

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

- Reception, counselling and care of women victims of gender-based violence
- Training of those involved in handling cases of violence against women (judicial officers, administrative authorities, opinion leaders, etc.)
- Income-generating activities to promote women’s empowerment
- Advocacy, support and counselling for indigent women victims of domestic violence in the courts
- Training of paralegals in rural areas
- Care, training and integration of children who are victims of the worst forms of child labour
- Raising awareness of and mobilizing public opinion against the worst forms of child labour
- Rehabilitation and integration of abducted children into the school system

11. Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc is a national, feminist and independent non-governmental organization (NGO). It was established in 1985 to make proposals regarding and advocate the reform of laws and public policies and a change of mindset in order to achieve gender equality and empower Moroccan women. The organization has played a central role in movements that have resulted in significant gains for Moroccan women (inter alia, the reform of the Family and Nationality Codes, constitutional reform, social debate on equality in inheritance law and the recognition of Soualiate women as holders of rights to collective lands).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to:

- Defend and promote women’s universally recognized rights and strategic interests
- Promote gender equality de jure and de facto for an egalitarian society
- Advocate a reform of discriminatory laws

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As coordinator of #HarmonizationNow, a national coalition of NGOs, the organization ensured the registration in United Nations events of members of NGOs that do not hold consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and coordinated the drafting of the following:

- Report of Moroccan NGOs on the implementation in 2020 of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of 1995
- Shadow report of Moroccan NGOs on implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in 2022
- Report of the NGOs defending women’s rights in Morocco for the fourth cycle of the universal periodic review in 2022
- Written statement for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Oral statement for the pre-session of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The organization also contributed as follows:

- In May 2020, to the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences
- In May 2020, to the study on good practices in the context of the universal periodic review, conducted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- In June 2020, to the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences concerning the increase in gender-

based violence against women and domestic violence in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Participation in the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 11 to 22 March 2019 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc organized a side event during the NGO CSW Forum, entitled “Gender equality in the Moroccan social security system”. The side event took place on 13 March 2019 at 12.30 p.m., at 4 W 43rd Street Room: Gallery.
- Participation in the informal meeting of the pre-sessional working group of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on 9 November 2020.
- Participation in the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women through a side event held on 23 March 2021, entitled “Women’s rights in Morocco 25+1 years after Beijing”.
- Participation in the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, through a side event on 18 March 2022 of #HarmonizationNow that had the slogan: “Five years after the adoption of the conclusions of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women: where is economic empowerment for women in Morocco?”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: Implementation of the project “Promotion and dissemination of a culture of equality” (October 2018–September 2019)
- UN-Women: Advocacy in the framework of the project “Monitoring, follow-up and evaluation of the national and international commitments of Morocco relating to gender equality” (September 2018–September 2021)
- United Nations Population Fund: Advocacy to prevent gender-based violence within the framework of the Anaruz network, of which the organization is a member (2017–2022)

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

In accordance with its mission, all of the organization’s activities are consistent with Sustainable Development Goal 5. The shadow reports produced also monitor fulfilment by Morocco of its commitments in respect of the Goals.

12. Association Humanity First Cameroon

Special, 2018

Introduction

Humanity First Cameroon is a community-based association working in the field of HIV and promoting and protecting the rights of marginalized and vulnerable populations. Its aims are to contribute to the reduction of HIV and sexually transmitted infections in marginalized and vulnerable groups, to contribute to the reduction of violence, abuse and violations of the human rights of LGBTIQ persons,

to promote gender and sexual equality, to encourage women's leadership, and to defend and protect the rights of gender and sexual minorities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of Humanity First Cameroon is to build an egalitarian society in which all human rights are enshrined, recognized and applied to individuals regardless of their identity. Its aims are to prevent HIV and promote sexual health, defend human rights, advocate for an inclusive social environment and promote gender and female leadership.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We participated in the High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS held in New York in June 2012. We participated in a panel discussion on the theme "People at the centre: the critical role of community leadership in the response to HIV". This discussion provided an opportunity to identify the challenges that are hindering the achievement of the global objectives set out in the global strategy to combat HIV and ways in which laws and policies could be adapted for better outcomes during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. We also participated in the forty-sixth meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, held from 23 to 25 June 2020. We participated as observers in the various meeting activities. The meeting primarily concerned approval of the report of the Executive Director of UNAIDS and the report of the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We participated in the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 9 to 20 March 2020, whose theme was "Beijing 2020: Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls". We also participated in the renewal of the mandate of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. We co-signed written statements from ILGA World as part of the call for this mandate to be renewed, which took place on 12 July 2019 in the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have visited the offices of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights and undergone training in the mechanisms, which resulted in the development of a guide on those mechanisms.

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

Protecting human rights and defending marginalized and vulnerable people is a primary objective of Humanity First Cameroon. Drafting annual reports on violence and human rights violations has provided the organization with an opportunity to give an account of the human rights situation of LGBTIQ persons and to remind the State of its sovereign duty to guarantee and protect the human rights of all citizens. The report also provides an opportunity to set out the slow progress made by the Cameroonian State towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially in the areas of health, education and gender equality. In addition, the report

serves as an international advocacy tool in the various United Nations advocacy mechanisms in which we have participated.

Celebration of special days dedicated to LGBTI persons in Cameroon. It has been important for us to celebrate the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia every 17 May, International Women's Day on 8 March and International Day against Transphobia every 31 March. We also commemorate World AIDS Day every year on 1 December, by organizing a candlelight vigil in memory of the those who have died from AIDS.

13. Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya

Special, 2014

Introduction

Established in 2005 in Paris, the Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya operates in the social, cultural and spiritual spheres. It works to promote living together in peace on all continents. The organization leads and coordinates eight national associations based in Europe, Africa and the Americas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to work for universal reconciliation of the human family across cultures, religions, philosophies, races and political systems and to advocate for international social and economic affairs to be guided by a spirituality that is open to progress.

Activities:

- To promote peacefully the role of Sufism, a humanist and Muslim spirituality.
- To contribute through spiritual and ethical issues to the promotion of coexistence among civilizations and religions.
- To promote the values and principles of gender equality, non-discrimination and the social and cultural advancement of humanity.
- To encourage and form a culture of peace among individuals, communities, peoples and especially young people.
- To promote activities that combat poverty. The organization's working methods include teaching through awareness-raising circles, and education, training and advocacy by means of symposiums, training workshops, interreligious dialogues, exhibits, technical cooperation, seminars and publications.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Promotion and organization of activities on the International Day of Living Together in Peace every year from 2018 to 2021.

Establishment of the Emir Abd el-Kader Prize on the promotion of living together and peaceful coexistence in 2018 by the Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya, the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Foundation and the MED 21 network, to promote living together and peaceful coexistence in the Mediterranean and in the world.

Co-organization of the seventieth symposium of the International Commission for the Study and Improvement of Mathematics Teaching, which had the theme “Mathematics and living together: social process and didactic principle“, held in Mostaganem, Algeria from 15 to 18 July 2018.

Participation in the international workshops on education for the culture of peace, which had the theme “Religion and education for peace“, held in Germany from 25 to 28 November 2018. Workshop initiated by the German Federal Foreign Office and the Berghof Foundation.

Development of a handbook on peace education, in collaboration with the Berghof Foundation, from 24 to 27 September 2019 in Tübingen, Germany.

Participation on 17 December 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland in the Sustainable Development Goal Lab, a multi-stakeholder initiative for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in the presence of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the President of Costa Rica.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation in the world conference “Religions, creeds and value systems: joining forces to enhance equal citizenship rights,” United Nations Office at Geneva, 25 June 2018.

Participation in the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, United Nations Office at Geneva, 18 and 19 November 2019.

Participation in the virtual dialogue with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the President of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO), 8 April 2021.

Participation in the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, United Nations Office at Geneva, on 29 November 2021.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Social Forum of the Human Rights Council, 1–2 October 2019.
- Second international conference of African non-governmental organizations members of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme “Public-private civil society partnership for youth entrepreneurship and employability, innovation and inclusive and sustainable industrialization”.
- Conference for International Day of Living Together in Peace, entitled “For peaceful communication”, held at the headquarters of the Algerian National Commission for Education, Science and Culture, Algiers. Symposium, “The culture of peace and living together in a Muslim humanist of the nineteenth century, Emir Abd el-Kader Djazairi”, organized by the UNESCO Chair Emir Abd el-Kader of University of Algiers 1 and the organization.
- Official opening of the International Day of Living Together in Peace on 16 May 2018 at UNESCO House, Paris, in the presence of the Director General of UNESCO and the representative of the President of the Algerian Republic.
- Celebration of the International Day of Living Together in Peace at the United Nations Office at Geneva, with the round table “The International Day of Living Together in Peace, event or advent?”

- Participation in the XVI Multaqa, the international Mediterranean conference organized by the Valencia-Mediterranean Centre of UNESCO, on the theme of the values of hospitality in the cultures of the Silk Road. November 2020.

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

Meeting-debate on “Promoting a social and sustainable economy” (Netherlands). Organization of a meeting with Sheikh Bentounès and Gunter Pauli on the theme of social and sustainable economy, 30 November 2018.

14. Association nationale pour promouvoir la société civile et la citoyenneté

Special, 2018

Introduction

The Association nationale pour promouvoir la société civile et la citoyenneté is an Algerian organization working in the social, economic, cultural and environmental domains to combat climate change and environmental degradation, drugs and violence, and to raise awareness of the principles of citizenship and good governance with a view to achieving sustainable development. It operates throughout Algeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To achieve the above-mentioned objectives, it organizes conferences, activities and events for citizens, in particular young people, in coordination with the following sectors: youth, health, culture, forests, social integration services and universities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the period 2018–2022, the organization contributed to the work of the United Nations by submitting the following written statements:

1. A statement on giving people the means to take action, to guarantee inclusion and equality, for the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2019.
2. A statement on accelerated action and transformative pathways for realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, for the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2020.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in and attended the following events:

1. From 19 to 21 November 2018, representatives participated in the second international conference of African non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in Algiers, on the theme “Engaging Africa in addressing the migration crisis: civil society-public-private partnership for entrepreneurship and youth employability, innovation and inclusive and sustainable industrialization”.

2. On 21 July 2020, representatives attended a virtual multi-stakeholder hearing in preparation for the General Assembly on the theme “Accelerating the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”.

3. On 4 December 2020, representatives attended the virtual meeting on “The United Nations and civic space: strengthening participation, protection and promotion”.

4. From 24 to 25 April 2022, representatives attended on a virtual basis the first intersessional consultation of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our organization’s activities were not focused on cooperation with United Nations bodies during this four-year period but on supporting development in a broader sense through awareness-raising, mobilization and advocacy activities.

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

The initiatives taken by the organization to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals are national and therefore take place in Algeria. They involve signing coordination and partnership agreements with:

- Mohamed Cherif Messaadia University
- The service for the social reintegration of prisoners
- The Ministry of Youth and Sports

15. Association solidarité internationale pour l’Afrique (SIA)

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association solidarité internationale pour l’Afrique (SIA) is an association under Malian law (Act No. 204), whose members are all natural or legal persons that are interested in its field of action. It is organized around its general assembly, which brings together all its members, its board of directors, which ensures the smooth running of the organization, and its secretariat, which implements its activities. It is a national non-governmental organization for the relief and development of rural and urban poor communities that is apolitical, secular and non-profit and is accredited to United Nations entities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s mission is to promote the active and responsible participation of rural communities in their own development process.

Its aim is to contribute in a participatory way to the economic, social and cultural development of rural populations in all regions of Mali.

Significant changes in the organization

Yes. As of today, Mariyathas Mohanraj, Kulandaisamy Arokiyasamy no longer represents SIA at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2020, the human rights conference was disrupted by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis and all nations were called upon to unite in the fight against this pandemic. SIA contributed to this fight through conference debates.

On 18 October 2021, SIA participated on a virtual basis in the symposium: “Human rights in the digital sphere”.

Every year, we organize Human Rights Week, during which women’s rights are defended. We have also contributed to various sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Given that SIA is present in seven regions of Mali, where 45 villages have renounced violence against women and girls, where early or forced marriage has been renounced in all villages and where women are beginning to join decision-making bodies in the communes, we can say that we are contributing to the achievement of the objectives set by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council since March 2015. All sessions were attended by Mariyathas Mohanraj, who will no longer represent our organization as of today. SIA has participated regularly in meetings on the human rights to peace, to education on the right to peace and to education on the culture of peace.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No, we have not had any financial cooperation with the United Nations.

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

1. Primary health care: promote reproductive health and child survival, and combat HIV/AIDS, female genital mutilation and diarrheal disease.
2. Drinking water: contribute to the installation of drinking water stations in villages, where needed, and promote sanitation and public hygiene.
3. Promotion of children and youth: reintegration of children in difficult situations, combat child labour and trafficking, and promote schooling for children in rural areas.
4. Promotion of women in rural areas: improve the socioeconomic and cultural living conditions of women; promote the participation of rural women in the economy, through the development of micro-enterprises; civic education (democratization and decentralization); support all women’s initiatives in rural areas; promote women’s literacy; safeguard women’s rights.
5. Protection and safeguarding of the environment: protect and safeguard natural resources; promote reforestation in rural areas; promote sanitation and public hygiene; and protect and construct water infrastructure.
6. Promotion of centres for educational development: build school infrastructure, literacy centres and centres for educational development; encourage the enrolment of girls in school; train school management committees; provide schools and centres for educational development with teaching manuals; and upgrade school infrastructure.