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1. Kimse Yok Mu

Special, 2010

Introduction

Kimse Yok Mu is a humanitarian aid and development non-governmental organization (NGO) working in 110 countries. It focuses on the areas of disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, post-disaster and post-conflict development assistance, education, health, orphans and vulnerable children, capacity-building and the environment (clean water).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to fight poverty and attempt to eliminate social inequalities. It helps people in disaster and conflict areas, opposes inequalities, provides aid to victims of natural disasters, offers health services to those who need them and provides education for children and youth who do not have access to proper schooling for economic or other reasons.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's search and rescue team expanded to become a disaster team consisting of search and rescue, medical and psychological support and emergency management teams.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The activities of Kimse Yok Mu contribute to the work of the United Nations mainly in the fields of empowerment of women and youth; education of disadvantaged boys, girls and young professionals; access to clean water and sanitation; fighting poverty through humanitarian aid and capacity-building/microcredit; redevelopment of post-disaster and post-conflict areas; and improvement of health-care systems through hospitals, medical screenings and training of medical personnel.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in a workshop held on 18 and 19 October 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on humanitarian aid and cooperation and in the Office's cluster meetings in the Philippines in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked with the following United Nations bodies:

- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on assistance to Syrian refugees
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs search and rescue and rehabilitation activities in Haiti and the Philippines after natural disasters

- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on the distribution of humanitarian aid to refugees from Mali in the Mberra refugee camp in Mauritania in 2013

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

- Goal 1: provided vocational training to African youth and young professionals, ran soup kitchens for women and distributed annual food packages to undernourished populations around the world
- Goal 3: brought girls and boys from Africa to Turkey for high school education
- Goal 5: designed hospitals with gynaecology clinics in Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Uganda and Haiti and implemented clean water programmes

2. Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women was established in 1990 in Kitakyushu city, Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Forum aims to promote gender equality for women in Asia. Its activities originated from an anti-pollution movement led by local women's groups in Kitakyushu city, which once comprised one of the four major industrial zones of Japan. Since its founding, the Forum has focused its activities on areas related to gender and development, human rights as well as environmental preservation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The Forum participated in discussions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prepare the national action plan of Japan for implementing Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).
- The Forum participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. To promote gender mainstreaming in sustainable development policies and programmes, the Forum participated in side events and lobbied jointly with other leading NGOs from around the world.
- On 21 and 22 October 2013, the Forum participated in the sixth Asia-Pacific Regional Centre of Expertise Meeting held in Kitakyushu city, organized jointly by the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies and the Regional Centre of Expertise.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The Forum attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2010) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It organized a parallel event entitled “Empowerment of women: best practices and new challenges in Japan and the Republic of Korea” with the Chungcheongnam-do Women’s Policy Development Institute from the Republic of Korea.
- The Forum attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2011) at United Nations Headquarters in New York and organized a parallel event on the theme “Empowerment of women in rural Japan”.
- The Forum attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2012) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It also organized a parallel event on the empowerment of rural Japanese women in the context of the globalizing economy and the disaster of 11 March 2011.
- The Forum attended the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2013) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Together with other civil society organizations, it organized a parallel event on the Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women and the prevention of date/domestic violence.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Forum supported the Kitakyushu Subcommittee of the Japan National Committee for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) through fundraising and volunteer activities. The Subcommittee organized annual charity bazaars and movie showings, donating the proceeds to UN-Women.

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

On Goal 3, the Forum provided training seminars for governmental officials in developing countries all over the world. The aim of the seminars was to develop/build the capacity of officials to effectively plan and implement gender mainstreaming in all policies and programmes, thereby integrating a gender perspective into all policy planning, implementation and evaluation in both national and local Governments.

On Goal 7, the Forum was involved in activities to support the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. The organization played a leading role in drafting a civil society proposal on gender equality and social justice and participated in meetings/panels organized by the Promotion Committee of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development World Festival Forum.

3. Korea Freedom Federation

Special, 2002

Introduction

Korea Freedom Federation started as an anti-communist union in 1954. It engages in research and development, public relations and national campaigns for the promotion and development of freedom and democracy. The mission of the NGO is to raise awareness of national security along with education for and cultivation of democratic citizenship. It participates actively in a humanitarian aid programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation practises social integration to promote the protection of human rights for fringe groups, foreign workers and refugees from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in addition to helping elderly people. The organization engages in activities for the implementation of liberal democracy in daily lives, for the mutual benefit of the Korean Peninsula and for spreading freedom worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No activities were specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

4. Korea International Volunteer Organization

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Korea International Volunteer Organization works to achieve human development goals throughout the world as well as in the Republic of Korea. It has 48,000 members and offices in Australia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cambodia, Canada, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Peru, the Russian Federation, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Viet Nam.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's specific activities are providing underdeveloped countries with emergency relief, education, social welfare and medical services. The long-term goal of these activities is to establish local recipients' capacity for sustainable development. The organization is working to promote true volunteerism to promote international development.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's membership has grown from 30,000 to 48,000 members. It has offices in 20 countries, including new offices in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana and Viet Nam.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's sustainable development programmes in developing countries have greatly contributed to the overall development agenda of the United Nations in terms of eradicating hunger and poverty, establishing universal primary education, women's empowerment, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases and ensuring environmental sustainability. It has also participated regularly in seminars, conferences and workshops hosted by the United Nations Global Compact Korea Network.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities on the theme "The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond", held on 23 September 2013, and the meeting entitled "Advancing regional recommendations on post-2015: a dialogue between civil society, Governments and United Nations representatives", held in New York on 22 September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, the organization launched and conducted the "Clean table" campaign, which focused mainly on the reduction of food waste. The campaign was sponsored by various companies, Governments and organizations, including the United Nations Global Compact Korea Network and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) National Committee for the Republic of Korea.

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

The organization implemented the following new projects to address Goals 1-7: Technical Vocational Education Training Centre in Ethiopia; Solar Lantern Project in Ethiopia; Rainbow Library Project in Ghana; Malaria Medical Centre in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Training Centre Project in Viet Nam.

5. Korean National Council of Women

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Korean National Council of Women is a consultative body of women's organizations founded by women leaders of the Republic of Korea in 1959. It is located in Seoul and it functions as an active representative of women's NGOs, with 49 member organizations and 16 nationwide affiliate organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purposes of the Council are to realize gender equality through women's development by encouraging women to actively participate in achieving women's development and a welfare society and ensuring that the opinions of women's organizations are reflected in the Government and society. To achieve these goals, it makes recommendations to the Government on women's development, reinforces international networking as a member of the International Council of Women, carries out various international activities, carries out various projects to realize gender equality and supports projects to eliminate discriminatory systems in various industries and to expand women's political participation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- On 6 December 2010, the Council organized a forum entitled "Development of ageing-friendly cities", focusing on urban environments that are conducive to active and healthy participation by elderly citizens.
- On 26 August 2011, the Council organized a debate entitled "A clean society and the role of women", sponsored by the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission.
- From 17 to 22 October 2012, the organization hosted the thirty-third General Assembly of the International Council of Women in Seoul. The title of the meeting was "Progress for women, progress for all", and it was attended by 1,200 participants representing women's organizations around the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Council participated in the fifty-fourth (2010), fifty-fifth (2011), fifty-sixth (2012) and fifty-seventh (2013) sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The organization held a parallel event on climate change and the role of women on 2 March 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Council contributed to Goal 3 by organizing a debate on women 15 years after the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, and the forty-sixth National Women's Convention, the theme of which was "Advanced gender equality, advanced Republic of Korea." It launched the Korean National Council of Women Global Women's Leadership Academy. It also organized the forty-seventh National Women's Convention, on the theme "A new Republic of Korea with women's participation".

For Goal 7, the Council organized a campaign entitled "One ton less carbon per family" and organized a conference to practise Green Life, led by women, to focus women's desire to practise energy-saving in their daily lives.

6. Leonard Cheshire Disability**Special, 2006****Introduction**

Leonard Cheshire Disability works with partners in 54 countries across Africa and Asia to deliver programmes in the fields of inclusive education and sustainable livelihoods and campaigns for disability-inclusive development. An evidence base for its policy and programmes is provided by the Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, which is run jointly with University College London and specializes in undertaking world-class qualitative and quantitative research in the field of disability and international development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to enable disabled people to improve their quality of life and to campaign for the removal of the barriers that hinder them. In its programmes and in its advocacy it promotes and defends the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other international instruments that seek to promote and protect the rights of disabled people. Whether campaigning and mobilizing others or supporting innovation and standards in service delivery, it seeks to change attitudes and responses to disability in order to have a positive impact on policy globally, regionally and nationally.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The NGO organized key events and side events related to the Conference of States Parties to the Convention, high-level meetings on disability and development and the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at United Nations Headquarters.
- The NGO produced policy briefs for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the setting-up and functioning of the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities.

- The organization's "Young voices" campaigns have led to:
 - Ratification of the Convention in Swaziland in September 2012 and in Zimbabwe in September 2013;
 - Establishment of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the United Republic of Tanzania;
 - Publication of a "Young voices" report in November 2013 that features assessments by youth about how well Governments are implementing the Convention as well as their recommendations for what needs to change.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The NGO organized a side event entitled "The right to earn a living: young women with disabilities call for action" at the fifth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 14 September 2012.
- It attended the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development on 23 September 2013 and spoke at the side events on international youth and post-2015 and on human rights and post-2015.
- The NGO spoke at the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2013 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization worked with UNICEF on a number of research projects concerning issues regarding children with disabilities and drafted a series of background papers.
- The organization co-hosted the Conference on Disability-Inclusive Millennium Development Goals and Aid Effectiveness with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in March 2012 and took part in a consultation co-hosted by UNICEF and UN-Women on what the post-2015 development agenda should look like.

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

In support of the Millennium Development Goals, the organization:

- Submitted a report on disability and the Millennium Development Goals to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in February 2013 that had been commissioned by the United Nations in 2011
- Provided a response to the report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, "A new global partnership: eradicate poverty and transform economies through sustainable development", in June 2013
- Contributed to the report of the Secretary-General, "The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond" (A/68/95)
- Provided a policy briefing on including disability in the post-2015 development agenda, entitled "Leave no one behind: from rhetoric to reality"

- Submitted a paper and presented oral evidence at the inquiry into disability and development of the International Development Select Committee of the Government of the United Kingdom, urging the inclusion of disability in the sustainable development goals.

7. Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons

Special, 2010

Introduction

Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental organization established in Liberia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization exposes and collects hidden and illicit weapons and small arms in Liberia and the West African region through sensitization and awareness campaigns and seeks to curtail their proliferation and misuse. It sensitizes and educates the public about the dangers and effects of weapons and small arms and it collaborates and liaises with relevant national and international organizations and individuals to address the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons and other related issues. The organization promotes the work of the United Nations, especially in the areas of peace, security and sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has changed its name to Liberians United for Peacebuilding, Arms Control and Development, with a new office in Monrovia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations through the implementation of the following activities: observed the Global Week of Action on the Arms Trade Treaty; conducted a campaign to inform the public about the Millennium Development Goals and the roles and responsibilities of Government and civil society in ensuring that the goals are achieved by 2015; and conducted a media campaign to keep the Goals in the national limelight and at the centre of the development agenda at the national and community levels.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Millennium Campaign and UNHCR.

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

No activities were specified.

8. Maasai Aid Association (MAA)

Special, 2010

Introduction

Maasai Aid Association was created in 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland to help the Maasai population in Kenya in the areas of education, health, and protection of children and women. The association is managed by a committee of six to nine women volunteers, in Switzerland. In Kenya, the association employs remunerated staff of Maasai origin.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association has the following aims:

- Assistance aimed at promoting the education of disadvantaged children. The association provides approximately 250 school grants to Maasai boys and girls. Currently, it also funds three university scholarships. Moreover, the association contributes to the school infrastructure of Kenya by building classrooms in remote Maasai villages, school dormitories and sanitation facilities;
- Defence of human rights and children's rights. In particular, the association works on the eradication of excision, female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced early marriages). It helps poor disabled children, unable to meet health care costs, to be operated. It also ensures emergency transportation of young pregnant women, about to give birth alone in the bush, to the closest maternity facility (Narok hospital);
- Support for sustainable development projects. The association has held literacy classes for 400 fully illiterate women in 10 Kenyan villages. It has also organized a campaign of afforestation by an elementary school in the Maasai region of Narok;
- Conduct of health-related educational activities. The association regularly organizes information seminars on women's reproductive health, the damaging effects of excision and the importance of education for women.

Significant changes in the organization

No information has been provided.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association contributes to the:

- Education of disadvantaged children, mainly girls, in Kenya;
- Strengthening of school infrastructure (construction of classrooms, boarding school facilities, and sanitation facilities);
- Promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, through information seminars on their rights and on health issues, and through the organization of literacy classes for adult women;
- Protection of children from harmful traditions (early marriage and genital mutilation);

- Perinatal protection of mothers and infants through the transportation of pregnant women to a maternity facility to give birth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information has been provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- In 2013, in cooperation with an Egyptian NGO, the association submitted a statement regarding the rights of Copt women to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW);
- In 2011, the association participated in the activities organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva on 4 February in connection with the International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation and delivered an oral communication on the subject;
- Since 2010, the association has been accredited to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and follows with interest the definition of intellectual property in relation to the consolidation of traditional knowledge.

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

- MDG 2: The association contributes by allocating 250 school enrolment grants to poor children;
- MDG 3: The association contributes to the empowerment of rural Maasai women by providing with information regarding their rights and their health and through literacy campaigns;
- MDG 4: For more than four years, the association has been participating in assistance operations for young pregnant women encountering difficulties in giving birth. The association's campaign against excision clearly contributes to the prevention of infant mortality since the effects of genital mutilation are childbirth hazards;
- MDG 5: Through the same action (emergency transport of pregnant women nearing delivery to a hospital), the association also protects the health of the mother;
- MDG 7: The association has conducted an afforestation campaign involving the school children of a Maasai village; and has planned the creation of "school gardens" in two other Maasai villages to familiarize the young generation with, inter alia, agriculture, plants and the required seasonal work.

9. Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Special, 1998

Introduction

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers is the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, with headquarters in Ossining, New York. It was founded in 1911 and is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. In 2013 it had a membership of 377 persons serving in the United States of America, Africa, Asia and Latin America. The work of the organization is done in collaboration with Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll Lay Missioners and other NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers is a part of the Roman Catholic Church and attempts to give witness to Christian values. They stand in solidarity with marginalized and excluded members of society. The organization supports interreligious dialogue with persons of other faiths. From 2010 to 2013 the areas of emphasis in their global ministry were environment/integrity of creation; food security/hunger; economic justice: debt, trade and labour; health rights; human rights; peace/demilitarization/arms control; and small Christian communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The work of the organization from 2010 to 2013 includes blindness prevention and rehabilitation in South Sudan; outreach to abused children in Mombasa, Kenya; establishment of a hostel for students from rural areas in the Metekel zone, Ethiopia; the Maryknoll Deaf Development Programme in Cambodia; refugee relief and education in Wat Prok Mon temple, Thailand; the Xiaming Care Centre for the Elderly in China; the Migrants Project in Bade, Taoyuan, Taiwan Province of China; the human rights and care of creation centre in Puno, Peru; and the youth leadership/gangs intervention project in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings at United Nations Headquarters in New York:

- Ninth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2010)
- 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- Eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (2010)
- Twentieth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (2012)
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2012)

- Eleventh session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2012)
- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2013)
- Twelfth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2013)
- Sixteenth (Cancun, Mexico), seventeenth (Durban, South Africa), eighteenth (Doha) and nineteenth (Warsaw) Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012) and presented at a side event on the ethical implications of sustainability. It participated in the programmes of the Committee on World Food Security and in the working groups on voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forestry in the context of national food security; principles for responsible investment in agriculture and food systems; and the agenda for action for addressing food insecurity in protracted crises.

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

The organization contributed to Goals 1 and 2 through the following projects:

- Skills training programme for disabled youth in Hanoi
- AIDS orphan project in Musoma, United Republic of Tanzania
- Youth education project in Rundu, Namibia
- Educational and nutrition support programme for boarding schools in Myanmar
- Trade school assistance programme in Mymensingh, Bangladesh

The organization contributed to Goals 5 and 6 through the following projects:

- Rural medical centre in Kowak, United Republic of Tanzania
- Beoug Tum Pun Health Centre in Cambodia
- AIDS relief programme in Mombasa, Kenya
- AIDS palliative care programme in Namibia
- Seedlings of Hope programme for families with AIDS in Cambodia
- Medical humanitarian aid to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

10. Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic

Special, 1998

Introduction

Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic are Catholic religious women who serve in 22 countries around the world. The organization was founded in 1912 and is headquartered in Ossining, New York. It is incorporated under the laws of New York State. Maryknoll Sisters are trained as nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, catechists, theologians, agronomists, artists, journalists, environmentalists and community development specialists, among other professions. The 460 members come from different cultures and are themselves sensitive to local cultures and situations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Maryknoll Sisters are committed to crossing boundaries, whether cultural, social, religious, geographic or economic, to promote justice, peace, human security, respect for the earth and sustainable development for the well-being of peoples.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Maryknoll Sisters' mission contributes to world peace by actively promoting social justice, the integrity of creation and the well-being of all peoples. Maryknoll Sisters joined Christian peacemaker teams and publicly witnessed to non-violence in defending and protecting human rights in the Middle East. In Cambodia and other countries, members collaborated with other NGOs in combating human trafficking, provided counselling for victims and lobbied for laws that protect victims and sanction perpetrators. In Asia, Africa and Central and South America, Maryknoll Sisters provided AIDS prevention education and treatment and hospice care for the critically ill. In countries such as Cambodia and Timor-Leste, sisters provided basic and higher education to disadvantaged students. In Peru, members working with local groups monitored the effects of large-scale mining on people's health and that of the environment. The organization's Environmental Office facilitated the coming into effect of the Maryknoll Sisters land conservation easement with the Westchester Land Trust, which is recorded in the registry of voluntary commitments and partnerships for sustainable development. Maryknoll Sisters chaired the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations from 2010 to 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Maryknoll Sisters attended the following meetings at United Nations Headquarters in New York:

- Fifty-fourth (2010) fifty-fifth (2011), fifty-sixth (2012) and fifty-seventh (2013) sessions of the Committee on the Status of Women

- Eighteenth (2010) and nineteenth (2011) sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, where it organized side events, and twentieth session (2013)
- Seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2011)
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2012)
- Economic and Social Council substantive session of 2013, where it submitted a statement related to the importance of peace and security to the advancement of science, technology and innovation for sustainable development

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- In Timor-Leste, Maryknoll implemented a programme for reforestation and restoration of spring water infrastructure with funding from UNDP
- With Christian Peace Teams, Maryknoll members cooperated with UNICEF to record children's school attendance
- With the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Maryknoll monitored situations of oppression in Hebron

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

In support of the Millennium Development Goals, Maryknoll implemented the following:

- A self-help educational project in Zimbabwe, providing HIV/AIDS orphans with agricultural, home economics and academic study skills
- A project to help women become self-employed in Panama by promoting natural herb gardens
- A holistic health centre in Brazil to attend to sick people
- Trauma healing sessions to help earthquake victims in Haiti and Japan
- Through its website, Maryknoll helped people worldwide to participate in a 24-hour vigil on World AIDS Day and distributed flyers and prayer cards in churches in North Carolina

11. Mennonite Central Committee

Special, 1998

Introduction

Mennonite Central Committee is the relief, peace and development agency whose constituents are Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches in the United States of America and Canada. The organization was founded in 1920 and currently has an annual operating budget of over \$90 million, a staff of more than 1,000 and programmes in about 60 countries worldwide. It collaborates with other Mennonites, Christian, faith-based and secular NGOs and governmental organizations in

70 countries to overcome poverty, conflict, oppression and natural disasters, in partnership with local NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization carries out disaster relief, education, sustainable community development and justice and peacebuilding work, especially in regions torn by war or armed conflict. It also seeks to build bridges to connect people and ideas across cultural, gender, religious, political and economic divides. To meet basic needs around the globe, it supports local NGOs, communities and churches by sending food or material goods and funding projects in regions recovering from war and disasters. It works to seek long-term solutions to poverty, hunger and poor health. This includes projects to ensure access to sufficient food, clean water and quality education and to respond to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization consult regularly with the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, UNDP, UNICEF and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Such consultations allow the organization to seek and offer information in keeping with its purposes and those of the United Nations. It has participated in meetings of the Friends of Haiti group and the Arria Formula meetings of the Security Council. The organization participates in the regular briefings offered by the Department of Public Information and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. It also organizes a seminar for college and university students from the United States and Canada on themes related to the United Nations agenda and to the work of the Committee. It has also been active in a number of NGO committees, including the NGO Working Group on the Security Council; the Ecumenical Working Group and the Ecumenical Women Group, which share information and coordinates efforts of Christian NGOs; the NGO Working Group on Food and Hunger; the Central Africa Policy Forum, which brings together representatives of permanent missions, United Nations agencies and departments and academics to explore policy options for peace in the Great Lakes and neighbouring States in Central Africa; the Committee of Religious Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations and the NGO Working Group on Israel/Palestine.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

All relief, development, HIV/AIDS and educational work undertaken by the Committee strongly support the Millennium Development Goals.

12. Miracle Corners of the World

Special, 2010

Introduction

Established in the United States in 1999, Miracle Corners of the World is a non-profit organization with affiliates in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia. It empowers youth to become positive agents of change, to improve their lives and to contribute to their communities through leadership education, community development, oral health care and partner initiative programmes. It works with a broad range of partners from the public, private and non-profit sectors to achieve “Local change through global exchange”.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization pursues programmes on global youth development, community development and oral health care, as well as partner initiatives such as genocide prevention and HIV/AIDS prevention. Under the umbrella of its Global Youth Development programme, Miracle Corners of the World trains youth in leadership, social entrepreneurship and cultural competency and helps them to build the skills, confidence and networks needed to achieve their personal goals. Under its Community Development programme, the organization develops sustainable, youth-led community centres as spaces for education, mentoring and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Africa. Under its Oral Health Care programme, it builds strategic partnerships between businesses, educational institutions and individuals in the United States and abroad and their counterparts in the United Republic of Tanzania to strengthen the oral health care system in that country. Under its Partner Initiative programme, the organization works with a global network of friends, volunteers and supporters from the public, private and non-profit sectors to leverage collective resources to benefit youth.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Miracle Corners of the World participated in the following meetings, among others:

- In 2010, it spoke about youth empowerment at the International Day of Peace (21 September) event at United Nations Headquarters.

- In 2011, it attended the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on youth (25-26 July) and moderated an International Day of Peace panel at United Nations Headquarters, New York (15 September).
- In 2013, it attended the United Nations Global Compact Leaders Summit and participated in a meeting entitled “Empowering women to lead the way to a low-emission and high-resilient future” at United Nations Headquarters in New York (19-20 September).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In cooperation with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and with support from the World Health Organization (WHO), the organization co-sponsored, with the Governments of Australia and Sweden, an event on non-communicable diseases at New York University on 11 September 2011. The UNDP Administrator delivered remarks.

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

Miracle Corners of the World contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia through a community development programme that supports youth-focused community centres for learning and social services in underserved communities. In the United Republic of Tanzania and Kenya, it sponsored professional health teams to attend the annual Paediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa conference in Africa. Also in the United Republic, it improved dental facility infrastructure and dental professionals’ capacities in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, bringing the global private and Tanzanian public sectors together to provide new equipment, technologies and skills transference and to establish two new clinics and a dental laboratory.

13. Movimento Italiano Casalinghe

Special, 1998

Introduction

Movimento Italiano Casalinghe works to support families and draw attention to housewives and the recognition of family work. It organizes cultural meetings, recreational and educational/skills-building activities, encourages and facilitates solidarity initiatives among members and promotes studies related to improving our “planet” of housewives. It also lobbies for legislation aimed at achieving new and/or better conditions for housewives. The organization also participates in the Unione Intercontinentale Casalinghe and the Fédération européenne des femmes actives en famille. It is one of the most influential and active women’s organizations in Italy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is co-founder of the Fédération européenne des femmes actives en famille, which aims at establishing effective collaboration among the 20 national associations and works on current issues and common strategies and lines of action in seeking acknowledgement of the value of family work.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No activities were specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

- In line with Goal 3, the organization works for equal opportunity and participates in the Commission for Equal Opportunity for Women of the Government of Italy and undertakes different activities in cooperation with local groups.
- In line with Goal 6, the NGO fights HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. It has 17 associations in Africa that fight these diseases.

14. National Federation of International Immigrant Women Associations

Special, 1998

Introduction

The National Federation of Immigrant Women Associations was established in 1974 and has local branches in different parts of Sweden. It is not affiliated with any religion or political party and addresses itself to all women irrespective of their faith or nationality.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation strives to improve the situation of migrant women in Sweden by contributing to a favourable introduction and integration in the country. The organization encourages women to demand equality at home, at work and in society. It works to increase understanding and strengthen contacts between immigrants and the Swedish population and among immigrant groups. It works for peace, both at the national and international level, and combats violence against women and children.

Significant changes in the organization

The Federation took part in the process of launching the European Network of Migrant Women on 18 June 2010 in Brussels and is a member. The Network, which emerged from a seminar organized in 2007 by the European Women's Lobby, works to empower migrant women and make their voices heard on current issues.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation participated in a hearing organized by political parties from 4 to 10 June 2010 in Gotland, Sweden, on how the impact of the two-year rule in the Aliens Act on the lives of migrant women. The Federation translated the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women into Swedish for the event.

The Federation is a member of the United Nations Association of Sweden and participates in regular meetings and activities as part of a network of some 60 national organizations that work on human rights. The network compiles alternative reports to send to the Human Rights Council, organizes seminars and makes statements about various current human rights issues. It works through advocacy and education to increase awareness about the international implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation attended several side events and activities at the fifty-fourth (2010), fifty-fifth (2011), fifty-sixth (2012) and fifty-seventh (2013) sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. At the fifty-fifth session, it attended a side event on women's and girls' access to and participation in education, training, science and technology, including women's equal access to full employment and decent work; at the fifty-sixth session, it organized a side event on rural women in the Gambia; at the fifty-seventh session, it organized a side event on the work of the Federation's support group for immigrant women exposed to violence.

The Federation also collaborated with several representatives of the Swedish women's movement to develop a policy calling for increased government commitment to the elimination of all forms of male violence against women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Federation's annual conference, held in November, focuses on different aspects of HIV/AIDS, including prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

On 30 October 2013, in Stockholm, the Federation attended the launch by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) of the *State of World Population 2013* report, which focused on adolescent pregnancy.

The Federation supports the Stand Up for African Mothers campaign to increase awareness and combat maternal mortality. In collaboration with its local chapter, Maisha, the Federation held a gala on 25 May 2012 in Stockholm.

The Federation is a member of the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood and took part in a conference on feminist alternatives for women in the twenty-first century held in Cairo from 16 to 18 December 2010.

15. National Rehabilitation and Development Centre

Special, 2002

Introduction

The National Rehabilitation and Development Centre was established in 1986 to cover essential needs for persons with disabilities, mainly in Mount Lebanon where there was no facility in the region to meet their needs. The Centre was developed and expanded considerably to cover all regions in Lebanon and obtained a presidential decree in 1995 declaring it a public benefit organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre established relations with many regional and international colleagues and parties, activists, experts and stakeholders to gain more knowledge and experience and to make use of best practices in different fields.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Owing to unstable political, security, social and economic conditions, Lebanon has suffered huge casualties that require essential services. It hosts more than 1.3 million refugees from the Syrian Arab Republic, the largest refugee population in the region. At the operational level, in collaboration with NGOs such as the Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture, Handicap International and the World Rehabilitation Fund, and with support from the international community, the Centre is addressing some of the needs of persons with disabilities. These NGOs have formed a platform to better coordinate relief efforts and advocate for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the overall humanitarian response. The result was the Disability and Older Age Working Group, which aims to promote the interests of the most vulnerable groups, specifically persons with disabilities and older persons, and ensure that have access to their basic rights. It supports the implementation of activities and partnerships between international and national stakeholders to ensure and respect these rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The NGO attended the following meetings:

- Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011)
- Fourth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 7-9 September 2011)
- Conference organized by the United Nations Information Centre-Beirut and the Modern University for Business and Science on the vision of social and volunteer activities (Beirut, 13 March 2013)
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, (23 September 2013).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period the organization:

- Participated in a ceremony to launch the *Human Development Report 2011: Sustainability and Equity: A Better Future for All*, organized by UNDP in Beirut on 3 December 2011
- Launched a study on challenges and opportunities in strengthening the child protection system in Lebanon, organized by UNICEF, the Lebanese Association for Social Training and the Ministry of Social Affairs (Beirut, 13 December 2012)
- Participated in a workshop on the United Nations workplan post-2015, organized by UNDP and the Ministry of Social Affairs (Beirut, 2013)

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

During the reporting period, the organization:

- Participated in the first technical committee meeting for the launching of the Millennium Development Goals, organized by UNDP (Beirut, 13 April 2010)
 - Participated in the launching of a report on social monitoring and assessing the Millennium Development Goals process in the Arab Region, organized by the Arab Non-governmental Network for Development (Beirut, 2010)
 - Participated in the technical committee session on goal 8 for *The Millennium Development Goals Report 2010*, organized by UNDP (Beirut, 23 April 2010)
 - Participated in the launch of the Arab Millennium Development Goals Report 2011, “An inclusive approach to development in a time of transition” (E/ESCWA/EDGD/2011/7), organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (Beirut, 21 February 2012)
 - Organized the Arab regional conference entitled “Together for a better world for all: including persons with disabilities in development” (Doha, 24-27 September 2012)
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