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## **1. Global Volunteers**

**Special, 1999**

### **Introduction**

Global Volunteers is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian international development organization founded in 1984 that focuses on improving children's lives. It partners with more than 200 international, national, and local organizations worldwide.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization's mission is to wage peace and promote justice through mutual international understanding. It engages short-term volunteers on long-term projects to create, nurture, and sustain the well-being of the world's children so they can realize the full promise of their human potential. Since its creation, Global Volunteers has sent 31,000 volunteers to 34 countries worldwide.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Global Volunteers developed the Reaching Children's Potential Programme in 2014, which has significantly increased the impact of its services. Reaching Children's Potential encompasses a spectrum of services in nutrition, health, and cognitive development for pregnant women, mothers, and children of all ages. The model is being demonstrated in St. Lucia and will soon be replicated in Peru and Tanzania. The organization has also implemented the United Nation's "Essential Package" through provision of 12 Essential Services.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Global Volunteers attended the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, New York, 27-29 August 2014, and made a presentation entitled "Grooming Global Citizens through Participation, Advocacy and Partnership". The organization has participated in the Post-2015 Volunteering Working Group facilitated by the International Forum for Volunteering in Development, New York, since September 2014.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Representatives participated in monthly teleconferences conducted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Liaison Office for North America regarding the World Food Day, 2011-2014.

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

Global Volunteers contributed to the MDGs in Central, South and North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific, with the following projects, among others:

- MDG 1: 1,266 children fed or given nutritional care; and 71 mothers given nutritional training;
- MDG 2: 51 classrooms built or renovated; 40,373 students taught conversational English; and 2,345 students taught math and science;
- MDG 4: 482 well-baby check-ups provided; 44 children immunized; and medical equipment supplied;
- MDG 5: 17 expectant mothers given prenatal care; and
- MDG 6: public health education provided in 7,720 villages; and 834 community members provided with general medical care.

## **2. Globe International**

### **Special, 1999**

#### **Introduction**

Founded in 1989, GLOBE International (GLOBE) brings together prominent serving politicians and lawmakers across party lines to exert their authority and powers of law-making, legislative, and budgetary oversight to advance practical action on sustainable development.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

GLOBE supports legislators through national chapters to develop, advance, and oversee the implementation of policies and laws in pursuit of sustainable development with an emphasis on climate change, environmental economic accounting and governance, and forests. GLOBE legislators also act at the multilateral level to unblock political logjams.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, GLOBE International has continued to facilitate the regular exchange of best legislative practices on climate change and environmental governance; develop regular international comparative legislation studies on climate and forest law; and implement national capacity-building programmes. At the 2nd World Summit of Legislators hosted by the Congress of Mexico in June 2014, over 200 legislators from 80 countries adopted a Resolution recognising that legislators and parliaments can contribute significantly to achieving sustainable development. The legislators committed to, inter alia, undertake a comprehensive assessment of existing national legislative responses to address and

prepare for the impacts of climate change; identify appropriate legislative responses in support of the implementation of the future SDGs; examine what tools parliaments require to effectively oversee implementation of the SDGs; and transpose sustainable development commitments agreed upon in international fora into legislative frameworks that maximise the likelihood of implementation.

**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.

**3. Globetree**

**Special, 1999**

**Introduction**

Globetree uses creativity as a tool to mobilize and support children and their leaders/teachers in their efforts to improve life and the living environment. Since 1982, Globetree has been working on local, national, and global projects and programmes, ranging from theatre to science.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aim of the organization is to work toward a sustainable future based on the Convention of the Rights of the Child, Agenda 21, the MDGs, and the post 2015 Development Agenda.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Globetree follows partnership programmes between ten cities/municipalities in Sweden and Uganda and Kenya.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In 2011, the Mother Tree was celebrated in Nairobi for the 10th Anniversary of the Children's Meeting Place. At the National Museums of Kenya, children and youth came together in workshops to share their concerns for the future. Children, the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations

Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Swedish Embassy, H.W. Mayor of Nairobi and Astronaut Loren Acton all spoke at the official opening of the Celebration of the Great Day at the Mother Tree. Representatives of 6 nations were represented: Kenya, Malaysia, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, and the United States of America. In a special ceremony, children united water and soil from places they care for to honour The Mother Tree.

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

Globetree raised awareness about poverty and development issues, toward MDG 1. In total, more than 250 performances took place in Sweden during the reporting period. The audiences were mainly students aged 7 to 18 years old. The performing children and youth came from Kenya. In the plays, they shared their own experiences from slum areas like Dandora and Kibera of Nairobi, addressing issues of poverty, lack of food, dirty water, prostitution, HIV/Aids, corruption, air pollution, and drugs.

### **4. Good People International**

#### **Special, 2007**

##### **Introduction**

Good People International was established to provide systematic and professional help that exceeds national borders so that the work of each person can be a sign of hope and the reality of global village neighbours, exposed to poverty, diseases, and disasters, be known to others.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Good People International undertakes projects that include emergency relief, prevention and treatment of diseases, education, child protection, eradication of poverty, and development of isolated regions with minorities, which are marginalized from civilization and governmental organizations.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

The organization has expanded its Child Sponsorship Programme to 24 local offices in 17 countries.

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The projects undertaken by the organization include, among others:

- Supporting education, health care, and household for 6,700 children in 17 countries overseas;
- Completion of Good People Le Burg Hope School in Haiti, 2012;
- Cholera eradication project in Haiti, 2012;
- Longxane Middle and High School establishment support in Laos, 2012;

- Dahka medical centre in Bangladesh, 2012;
- Thanh An Commune water supply and hygiene promotion project in Viet Nam, 2014;
- Prevention of malaria and typhoid fever through First mobile medical services in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 2012-2014;
- Emergency relief in the area affected by typhoons in the Philippines, 2012-2013;
- Homeless Self-Support Project, Republic of Korea; and
- Settlement project for refugees from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

#### **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**

The organization contributed to MDGs 1 and 2 in 17 countries, providing nutritional care and education to 6,700 sponsored children and communities. It contributed to MDG 6 in 6 areas of the DRC by establishing a Malaria and Typhoid Fever Centre and providing the first mobile medical service to 12,000 people. Finally, it contributed to MDG 5 by providing sexual education to prevent early marriage and promote girls' education.

## **5. Grand Triangle**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

Created in souvenir of the triangular slaves' trade, the Grand Triangle was established in 2000 in the State of New York, United States of America. It counts over 30 branches worldwide.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Grand Triangle works on a comprehensive programme that includes actions to honour the memory of deported people from Africa to the New World, while developing socio-economic programmes to achieve the MDGs.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

Grand Triangle has grown significantly during the reporting period. It has increased its presence in the following countries: Benin, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria,

Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra-Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Chad, Togo, Tunisia, United States of America, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Zambia.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization organized a conference lunch in 2012 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on illegal migration toward western countries; a round table on sustainable development in Africa in 2013 in Douala, Cameroon; and a Youth's symposium in Cotonou, Benin, in April 2014, on peace and democracy in Africa.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization has participated in the Global Launch of the International Year of Cooperatives on 31 October 2011; and the 2nd Intercessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, New York, 15-16 December 2011.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Grand Triangle has a strong cooperation with the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

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

Grand Triangle is implementing the "Memorial for Africa" campaign to support the MDGs and the Urban SDGs. This event will be a meeting place for academia, historians, psychologists, sociologists, business investors, and civil society organizations to advocate against poverty, and analyse and exchange on critical subjects concerning humankind's well-being, in particular in Africa.

## **6. Grupo de Informacion en Reproducción Elegida**

### **Special, 2007**

#### **Introduction**

The Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE) is a Mexican NGO, established in 1992.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

GIRE's mission is to promote and defend women's reproductive rights within a human rights framework. GIRE targets decision makers and public officials from the three branches of government, as well as opinion leaders, and the media.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

GIRE's mission is closely tied to human rights protection. It works with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to improve domestic protection of human rights, specifically those related to maternal mortality and obstetric violence. GIRE's advocacy resulted in the first-ever NHRC recommendation on obstetric violence, along with the first-ever public apologies for obstetric violence and maternal mortality by the Mexican government. In addition, based on GIRE's argument, the federal court resolved that the NHRC is responsible for ensuring that its recommendations are carried out by the State, which is an important decision toward improving the NHRC and ensuring that recommendations adequately and opportune repair damages.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

GIRE coordinated a shadow report for the Convention on the Elimination of all Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Committee in 2012. GIRE participated in the 45th Session of the Commission for Population and Development (CPD), which focused on adolescents and youth in 2012, New York. GIRE participated in the regional review processes for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) +20, held in Mexico, 30 September-2 October 2013. GIRE also participated in the ICPD Beyond 2014 Expert Meeting on Women's Health in Mexico City, Mexico in 2013.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

GIRE collaborated with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including by coordinating a report on reproductive rights and helping develop future strategies in 2011. GIRE was commissioned by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 2012 to write "Reproductive Rights in the Post-2015 Development Framework: A critical element to making progress in addressing inequalities and eliminating poverty". In 2014, GIRE presented a shadow report to the United Nations Human Rights Committee for its review of Mexico's compliance.

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

GIRE has worked intensively to position obstetric violence and maternal mortality as priority issues on a national level, toward MDG 5.

**7. Gulf Research Center Foundation****Special, 2011****Introduction**

The Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF) is an Arab Gulf think tank that provides non-partisan and in depth research and knowledge about the region, on the following areas: Energy, Politics, International Relations, Defence and Security, and Technology.



### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

To realize its vision, the GRCF conducts objective and scholarly research on political, economic, security, environment and science, and technology issues, as they relate to the region of the Gulf. It seeks to expand the horizon of students from the Gulf region and beyond. It prepares studies and offers expert consultation to governmental and non-governmental organizations in different fields associated with the Centre's primary areas of focus.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The activities of the organization that contribute to the work of the United Nations include the facilitation of relations between Gulf countries and other parts of the world; spreading knowledge on Gulf countries; undertaking research that contributes to the security and cooperation in the Gulf region; and engaging with United Nations officials.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

GRCF attended and submitted a written statement entitled "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Issue of Human Rights" to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during the 25th Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland, 2014. It also organized a roundtable entitled "Human Rights in Saudi Arabia: Perspectives and Development". Further, GRFC attended the conference from the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) entitled "Potential and Limits of Social and Solidarity Economy", Geneva, Switzerland, 2014. Finally, it participated as a panellist during the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) Policy Dialogue on "Redefining the Role of the Government in Tomorrow's International Trade", in 2012.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization collaborated mainly with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNCTAD, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Labour Organization (ILO). United Nations officials have been consulted on a variety of activities that GRCF conducts or has planned.

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

While the MDGs are not a central part of GRCF's work, they have featured throughout many activities promoted by GRCF, including through its events, its interactions with the media, and engagements with United Nations stakeholders.

## **8. Habitat for Humanity International**

### **Special, 1995**

#### **Introduction**

Habitat for Humanity International (Habitat) works in the United States of America and over 70 countries, holding the vision of a world where everyone has a decent, safe, and affordable place to live.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Since 1976, Habitat has helped over 5 million people through home construction, rehabilitation, and repairs. Habitat advocates for improved access to decent shelter and offers a variety of shelter-related products and services.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Habitat actively supports the goals of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) through participation in coalitions, networks, and clusters to address poverty, disaster response and preparedness, lack of access to water, sanitation and basic services, slums, housing finance, gender equality, and access to land and security of tenure, among others. Habitat is actively participating in the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and preparatory events.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Habitat representatives have attended numerous United Nations fora, including ECOSOC Integration Segment on Sustainable Urbanization, and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, 27-29 May 2014 and 2 July 2014.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and Habitat signed a memorandum of understanding on 22 September 2014 to promote housing solutions worldwide. Habitat co-organizes regional housing fora with United Nations organizations, such as UN-Habitat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the regional Commissions, and public/private sector partners. Habitat is a Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Global Shelter Cluster and has played a leadership role in numerous disasters. Habitat also collaborates with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, Switzerland.

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

Habitat has worked to meet MDG 7 through its slum upgrading programmes, improving the lives of 100 million slum dwellers. Habitat has been extensively

engaged in the creation of the new SGD, including the goal on cities and human settlements and the specific target on adequate and affordable housing.

## **9. Handicap International**

### **Special, 1999**

#### **Introduction**

Founded in 1982, Handicap International expanded in 2009 and became a federation with international bodies and operating mechanisms.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Handicap International is an independent and impartial international solidarity organization, working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster to help persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Handicap International encourages States to implement the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It helped implement the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects by organizing special training courses on managing light weapons and ammunition for armed forces personnel in West African countries.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Handicap International has taken part in all the Conferences of the States Parties to the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It participated in the Second United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, in New York, in August 2012.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Handicap International teams worked in the field with the following organizations:

- The World Health Organization (WHO): Handicap International helped draw up and disseminate the Disability Action Plan and took part in the World Health Assembly.
- The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): the organization helped review the implementation framework for UNHCR operational partnerships.
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): Handicap International worked on consideration of disabled children in emergency situations and took

part in health and education working groups in the framework of the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities.

- The United Nations Mine Action Assistance Programme: the organization worked with the mine action programme.

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

Handicap International has helped ensure that disabilities are taken into account by developing projects for economic insertion of persons in a situation of disability with a view to achieving MDG 1 and by developing inclusive education and access to health care for MDGs 2 and 6. Handicap International has continued its work of making sure that the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework encompasses people with disabilities.

## **10. Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development**

### **Special, 2003**

#### **Introduction**

The Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development (HFSHD) is a Lebanese NGO established in 1979. It implements projects locally and internationally, in line with the MDGs, partnering with over 90 local, regional, and international partners.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

HFSHD's intent is to build human capacities, reinforce partnerships between the state and civil society, protect Lebanon's cultural and architectural heritage, and preserve its natural environment.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization works across five fields of intervention:

- Women Empowerment by developing strategies and studies for policy makers and lobbying activities;
- Agriculture and Environment by improving farmers' socioeconomic conditions; and building their environmental awareness;
- Education by providing capacity building for educators, students and parents; designing educational curricula; rehabilitating schools; and providing scholarships;
- Civic Engagement and Good Governance by developing civic networks voicing community needs; and designing capacity building activities with tools to achieve good governance; and

- Culture and Heritage by undertaking research, cultural activities and rehabilitation of historic sites.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives attended the following meetings:

- United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Goodwill Ambassadors' Annual Meetings: Paris, France, 12 September 2011, 16 October 2012 and 30 June 2014;
- The “Spring Forward for Women” International Conference organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, 5-6 November 2014;
- 9th Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations, New York, 3-5 August 2011.

It also attended several United Nations meetings and conferences at the local level.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization has cooperated with the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCAW) and Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on “The Observatory for Arab Women” since 2012, which aims to address gender discrimination through research, data collection, and in-depth wide-ranging analysis. It collaborated with UNESCO through a framework agreement (2011-2016) to organize cultural events and activities in the Arab World.

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

HFSHD contributed to:

- MDG 1 by setting an urban sustainable development strategy (2011-2014) for Saida city, focusing on alleviating poverty.
- MDG 2 by rehabilitating public schools.
- MDG 3 by establishing the Observatory for Arab Women.
- MDG 4 and 5 by providing financial and medical relief services to more than 30,000 individuals.
- MDG 7 by promoting environmental achievements such as removal of the waste dump in Saida.
- MDG 8 by developing a training manual on “Local Development in the Framework of the MDGs”.

## **11. Helios Life Association**

**Special, 2011**

### **Introduction**

Helios Life Association (Helios Life) is a non-profit organization established in Switzerland.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Helios Life's goals revolve around supporting and fostering education, development, awareness, and unity in diversity, through the following activities: issuing public statements and writing articles; holding free life empowerment seminars; helping underprivileged children and youth by supporting their educational formation; and drafting projects to raise the quality of education 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**

Helios Life collaborated in drafting the project for the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development in Sri Lanka, launched by the Minister of Education of Sri Lanka, and the United Nations Educational, Cultural, and Scientific Organization (UNESCO), in June 2014.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, Helios Life participated in all the sessions of the Human Rights Council, delivered oral statements and held side events, Geneva, Switzerland. It also participated actively at the 105th Session of the Human Rights Committee, 9 July-27 2012, Geneva, Switzerland.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

Helios Life's work contributed to MDG 2. There have been many interactions and exchanges between the Ministry of Education in Sri Lanka and Helios Life between 2012 and 2014 on the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development. The Centre improved primary enrolment rate and satisfaction levels of parents and students in Sri Lanka.

## **12. HelpAge International**

### **General, 1995**

#### **Introduction**

HelpAge International (HelpAge) works in over 65 low and middle income countries worldwide. It is established in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with supporting affiliates in the United States of America, Spain, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

HelpAge has a vision of a world in which elderly people fulfil their potential to lead dignified, healthy, and secure lives.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

HelpAge's number of affiliates increased from 90 to 111 during the reporting period. Its regional Latin America office moved from La Paz, Bolivia, to Santiago, Chile.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In 2014, HelpAge it submitted a report to the Human Rights Council on older people's rights for the Stakeholders' Report for the Universal Periodic Review of Kyrgyzstan. In May 2012, the organization submitted a report on older people's rights to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) for the pre-sessional working group list of issues for Jamaica.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

HelpAge participated in the following meetings:

- First substantive meeting of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing, and submitted a briefing paper on older people's rights and made series of oral interventions, New York, 18-21 April 2011;
- 50th Session of the Commission on Social Development (CSocD), where it organized a side event, co-organized a side event and delivered an oral statement; and
- 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), where it submitted a joint NGO written submission and co-sponsored a NGO side event, New York, 4-15 March 2013.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In 2013 and 2014, HelpAge worked with the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Refugees (UNHCR) on a project entitled: "Improving the lives and wellbeing of older people in West Darfur: Sudan". HelpAge remained the focal point on age for the United Nations Cluster system with UNHCR and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). In 2012, to mark the 10-year anniversary of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, it co-authored with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) a report entitled "Ageing in the 21st Century".

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

HelpAge participated in the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda. In that regard, it authored a discussion paper in 2013, on post-2015 age-inclusive development.

## **13. Heritage Foundation**

### **Special, 2003**

#### **Introduction**

Founded in 1973, The Heritage Foundation is a research and educational institution whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defence.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Its vision is to build a United States of America where freedom, opportunity, prosperity, and civil society flourish. Heritage pursues this mission by performing research on key policy issues and marketing these findings to members of Congress, congressional staff members, policymakers, the news media, and the academic and policy communities.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In addition to media interviews, opinion pieces, and blogs, The Heritage Foundation publishes papers and hosts events on or related to the United Nations and its specialized agencies, funds and programmes, such as: “A Call to Review Evaluation Methods in the Trafficking in Persons Report”. The organization has published a total of 157 reports and documents during the reporting period.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization took part in the following meetings:

- 49th session of the Committee on the Elimination of All Discrimination Against Women, New York, 11-29 July 2011;
- United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, New York, 2-27 July 2012, 18-28 March 2013;
- 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014;
- 47th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), New York, 7-11 April 2014; and
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the 25th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 2014.



### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The Heritage Foundation met with United Nations representatives from various bodies on several occasions during the reporting period, including the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Department of Field Support. It submitted a statement to the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States 2014 on the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons 16-20 June 2014.

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

It held 30 public events and published 21 publications on the MDGs during the reporting period.

## **14. High Atlas Foundation**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

High Atlas Foundation (HAF) began its operations in Morocco in 2003.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

It establishes sustainable development projects, identified and managed by local communities, in partnership with the public, private and civil sectors.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

HAF's community projects include:

- Building 18 drinking water systems in villages;
- Establishing and providing capacity-building for 16 agricultural, artisanal and educational coops, including 5 women coops;
- Building 3 schools and 1 teacher's housing; facilitating drinking water and bathrooms at 8 schools, planting and distributing trees at 68 schools; and environmental education; and
- Training 2,100 farmers in organic farming.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

HAF was invited by the United Nations Secretary General's Envoy on Youth to meet the new generation of youth leaders at the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) Headquarters, 13 June 2014.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

HAF received a grant from the United Nations Development Programme Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF) for a two-year organic fruit tree nursery project. Moreover, it has submitted 13 reports to the NGO Major Group.

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

HAF submitted the following reports in support of MDG 1 and 7:

- “Development Visions of the Impoverished”;
- “Organic Agriculture: Will the ‘Meek’ Inherit the Earth?”;
- “Engaging Young People on Democracy”;
- “Morocco’s Future in Farming Cooperatives”; and
- “World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought”.

**15. NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child****Special, 2011****Introduction**

Child Rights Connect, formerly ‘Le Groupe des ONG pour la convention relative aux droits de l’enfant’, is an independent and non-profit international network, with no religious or political affiliations, composed of 84 national, regional and international organizations and coalitions committed to ensuring that all children fully enjoy their rights, as defined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocols. It is based in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization’s mission is to advocate for the children’s enjoyment of their rights and to enable civil society actors, including children, to engage effectively with the international human rights system. It seeks to empower and build the capacity of civil society actors to effectively engage with the Committee on the Rights of the Child (the Committee) and other international human rights mechanisms and processes; and actively participate in drafting international instruments related to children’s rights.

**Significant changes in the organization**

In March 2013, the organization’s General Assembly formally approved the change in the organization’s name from “Le Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l’enfant” to “Child Rights Connect”.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, the organization worked to:

- Enhance the effective engagement of NGOs and other relevant partners in the Convention on the Rights of the Child's (CRC) reporting process and other activities of the Committee;
- Mainstream children's rights in relevant activities of other United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures;
- Promote the realisation of children's rights at national level through the effective implementation of the recommendations and other outputs of the Committee and other relevant international human rights mechanisms; and
- Pursue and support international advocacy on priority children's rights issues through coordinated action with members and partners.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization attended sessions 16th to 27th of the Human Rights Council (HRC), in Geneva, Switzerland, and delivered oral and written statements. The organization also co-organised four side events, parallel to the 22nd, 25th and 27th HRC sessions. It delivered oral statements under each item discussed during the second session of the HRC Open-ended Working Group on an Optional Protocol to the CRC, 10-16 February 2011. Representatives attended sessions 56th to 67th of the Committee of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, Switzerland.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization supported the organization of three days of general discussion of the Committee during the reporting period. It submitted contributions during the drafting of nine general comments of the Committee and supported the coordination of the Committee's virtual event in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the CRC.

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

The organization supported the achievement of MDGs 2 and 4, notably by:

- assisting civil society actors to report to the Committee on the situation of children's rights at the national level, including on primary education and child mortality;
- contributing to the Annual Day on the rights of the child of the HRC on "The right of the child to the highest attainable standard of health" in 2013; and
- advocating during the negotiations of the related HRC resolution.