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1. Actions et interventions pour le développement et l'encadrement social

Special, 2014

Introduction

Actions et interventions pour le développement et l'encadrement social (AIDES) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that has been working in emergency operations for the past four years, bolstering the resilience of displaced persons, returnees and the local population in several provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (including the former Katanga province and the greater Kasai region). AIDES is funded by United Nations agencies, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIDES is a Congolese NGO whose mandate is to help improve the living conditions of victims of humanitarian crises and other disasters, as well as to contribute to the socioeconomic development of the populations in its area of activity. AIDES was established for an indefinite period and operates in all regions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. However, it can operate outside the country if necessary.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AIDES has participated in United Nations activities through its efforts to:

- Enrol local, displaced and returnee children in schools in the provinces of Tanganyika (Nyunzu, Moba, Kalemie and Manono), Haut-Katanga (Pweto, Kipushi, Sakania and Kambove) and Kasai (Tshikapa) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- Provide displaced persons and returnees with medical care, by launching a measles and polio vaccination campaign in Haut-Katanga, Haut-Lomami and Tanganyika;
- Prevent the spread of cholera and treat cholera patients in Kalemie, Nyunzu, Ankoro and Manono (Tanganyika), Pweto (Haut-Katanga) and Malemba, Mulongo and Mukanga (Haut-Lomami);
- Support the empowerment of displaced households by revitalizing agricultural production in the former Katanga province.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIDES regularly participates in humanitarian coordination meetings in Kinshasa, Tshikapa, Lubumbashi and Kalemie. AIDES facilitated humanitarian coordination in Pweto territory. We are also a member of the provincial inter-agency committee and the provincial inter-organizational committee of Kalemie and Lubumbashi.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIDES carries out all these activities in partnership with UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO, WFP, IOM, FAO and the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund.

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

Education:

- Some 120,000 internally displaced, returnee, refugee and repatriated children were enrolled in over 500 schools in several provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- Some 11,040 vulnerable children were re-enrolled in 368 schools in Tanganyika (Moba, Kalemie and Nyunzu) and Haut-Katanga (Kipushi, Kambove, Sakania and Pweto);
- Thirty blocks of four-door ventilated improved pit latrines with hand-washing facilities were built in schools.

Health:

- Medical care was provided to over 200,000 internally displaced persons and returnees from different provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Food-security cluster:

- Support was provided to 2,200 households in Manono and Ankoro in Tanganyika province and Malemba and Nkulu in Haut-Lomami province, as well as to 1,760 households in Nyunzu.

Distribution of non-food items/essential household items and logistical support for training:

- Non-food items were distributed to over 5,000 households (in partnership with UNHCR);
- Over 2,000 shelters for internally displaced persons were built, and non-food items were distributed to over 5,000 households (in partnership with UNHCR).

Water, sanitation and hygiene:

- One thousand latrines and 500 emergency showers were built in sites hosting internally displaced persons;
- Over 100 water wells were drilled and another 180 were renovated in the former Katanga province;
- Thirteen schools and 60 latrine blocks were built.

2. Association pour les droits de l'homme et l'univers carcéral

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association pour les droits de l'homme et l'univers carcéral (ADHUC) was founded on 4 August 1995 in Brazzaville. The Association is an NGO dedicated to the promotion, defence and protection of human rights, including the administration of justice. It focuses on the conditions of detention in particular, whether addressing arbitrary detention or the use of torture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To conduct its programmes, ADHUC

- Hosts seminars, symposiums, conferences, workshops and panel discussions;
- Monitors human rights violations and lobbying activities;
- Publishes a newsletter on the promotion and protection of human rights;
- Issues urgent appeals, press releases, etc.

Significant changes in the organization

ADHUC has increased the number of its partnerships and expanded its activities. It has been active in the region, working with the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and raising awareness of United Nations activities in the Republic of the Congo.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On 26 June 2017, to mark the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, ADHUC published a report on torture in the Congo to raise awareness among the authorities and the public. In 2015, ADHUC focused on assessing the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment following the submission by the Congo of its initial report to the Committee against Torture.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- On 21 June 2016, representatives of ADHUC met with Mr. Mutoy Mubiala (Human Rights Officer, Africa II Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva) and Ms. Taiyou T. Njende (Human Rights Programme Assistant, Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Yaoundé) to assess the human rights situation in the Republic of the Congo. Held at ADHUC headquarters, the meeting focused on conditions of arrest and detention in the Republic of the Congo.
- In October 2017, ADHUC trained investigators in how to gather information on progress made by the Government in implementing the recommendations of the country's 2013 universal periodic review to prepare them to draft the report for the 2018 universal periodic review.
- On 8 December 2017, ADHUC held a press conference on Rwandan refugees at the United Nations information centre in Brazzaville.

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

ADHUC organized activities to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions). In observance of the International Day of Human Rights, a panel discussion was held on 10 December 2016 under the patronage of the Minister of Justice, Human Rights and the Advancement of Indigenous Peoples.

3. Association internationale des droits de l'homme

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association internationale des droits de l'homme (AIDH) is a non-profit organization founded in France in 1998. AIDH has been registered with the sub-prefecture of Saint-Germain-en-Laye since 2009 under number W743000320-France. Chaired by its founder, Françoise Guena Traverso, a human-rights lawyer, AIDH is composed of an executive board, honorary members, patrons, ambassadors, members, partners, correspondents and supporters from around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The various activities carried out by AIDH on the ground help inform and educate the public about human rights, particularly the rights of women and children. To that end, the organization hosts conferences, seminars, symposiums and round-table discussions on human problems. The ultimate goal is to improve the living conditions of vulnerable people, especially women and children. The aims of the Association are, inter alia, to:

- Attain equal rights for women and men in all areas of life
- Combat violence against women
- Train and provide support to women victims of violence
- Promote women's entrepreneurship

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Despite certain financial difficulties, the Association participated in various United Nations activities:

- It submitted a written statement on the rights of refugees and asylum seekers at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development in November 2015.
- It delivered an oral statement and submitted a written statement on the rights of women with disabilities at the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 9 to 20 March 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The Association attended the United Nations Department of Public Information/NGO Conference on education for global citizenship, held in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, from 30 May to 1 June 2016.
- The Association also attended the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 14 to 24 March 2016.
- In addition, the Association participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 3 to 12 February 2016.
- On 25 February 2016, the Association participated in a meeting with NGOs convened at the United Nations Office at Geneva and chaired by the

Director-General of the Office. At the meeting, participants discussed the priorities of the United Nations for 2016 and ways of increasing the involvement of NGOs.

- The Association attended the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Unfortunately, the organization has collaborated minimally, if at all, with United Nations bodies because of the difficulties it has faced in the field.

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

The Association took various initiatives to promote women's rights and combat violence against women. For many years, its activities were based on Millennium Development Goal 3. These activities ranged from awareness-raising campaigns to combat violence against women to conferences and symposiums on women's rights issues in all areas of life:

- A dinner-debate on the role of women in our societies was held on 8 March 2017.
- An awareness-raising campaign on children and mothers was held in Paris from 1 to 30 June 2015.
- The Association participated in the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Orange the world campaign in November 2015.
- The Association also held symposiums on the migration crisis in Paris on 6 November 2015.
- A symposium on the humanitarian crisis in the Central African Republic was held at Paris-Dauphine University on 6 April 2014.

4. Association nationale pour l'évaluation environnementale

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association nationale pour l'évaluation environnementale (ANEE) is a non-profit, non-political national NGO. It is accredited pursuant to Departmental Order No. 0332/CAB/MIN/J/2007 of 17 November 2007, granting legal personality to the Association nationale pour l'évaluation environnementale of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, published in the Official Gazette of the Presidency of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. ANEE is a member of the following international environmental assessment organizations, among others:

- The Secrétariat International Francophone à l'Évaluation Environnementale (International Francophone Secretariat for Environmental Assessment), based in Montreal, Canada;
- The Canadian Association d'Évaluation Environnementale et Biodiversité (Association for Environmental Assessment and Biodiversity);
- The thematic family on environmental assessment of the Agence Internationale pour le Développement de l'Information Environnementale (International Agency for the Development of Environmental Information), based in Gabon;

- The Canada-based Association québécoise pour l'Évaluation d'Impacts (Quebec Association for Impact Assessment), since 2011;
- Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2014;
- Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (observer status), since 2017;
- Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (observer status), since 2017;
- The Congo Basin Forest Partnership since 2017, when the Partnership was facilitated by the European Union.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Our aims are to:

- Adopt a holistic approach to environmental protection and management;
- Conduct impact assessments;
- Contribute to strengthening environmental assessment capacity as a means of enhancing the decision-making process and promoting good governance;
- Prepare studies and terms of reference on environmental and other matters;
- Educate the Government, the private sector and civil society on the relevance and importance of environmental assessment and other environmental and social issues;
- Help equip civil society to participate effectively in public hearings related to environmental assessments;
- Contribute to informing and training professionals and stakeholders on a continuing basis;
- Promote exchanges between professionals in order to ensure that best practices are followed and that the principles of scientific rigour, professional conduct and ethics are observed when environmental assessments are carried out;
- Launch the study of bioenergy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in Kikwit, Kinshasa and Matadi;
- Hold national and international seminars, debates and symposiums in the country on topics related to environmental assessment;
- Conduct environmental studies, prepare environmental management plans, perform environmental monitoring and use an environmental scorecard;
- Work to promote subregional and international cooperation on environmental assessment;
- Contribute to providing ongoing information and training in methods and tools for the sustainable management of natural resources;
- Ensure consultation regarding and the rational use of natural resources through the participation of the population, etc.

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

- From 10 to 12 June 2014, ANEE participated in the seventh Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in New York.
- From 21 to 30 June 2014, ANEE participated in the regular session of the Committee on NGOs. However, we missed several training sessions due to lack of funding.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 21 July 2016, we have been accredited as an observer of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. We are also accredited as an observer of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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

We installed atmospheric water generators powered by photovoltaic energy in health centres in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We also established a system of shared resource management, applying FAO sustainability criteria and, most importantly, ensuring transparent governance of the use of bioenergy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

5. Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement (CEFEPROD) is a non-political, non-profit Cameroonian support and monitoring institution. It was founded in 1993 and legally established in 1999. CEFEPROD maintains relations not only with all other civil society-related networks (NGOs, associations, local collectivities, the private sector, etc.), but also with Governments, bilateral and multilateral partners, regional and subregional organizations, international organizations and foreign financial partners in order to improve the living conditions of the target population of women, men and young people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CEFEPROD aims to promote the threefold social, economic and cultural development of women and young people facing inclusion and reintegration challenges, by organizing training and information sessions, conducting research and providing counselling and support aimed at fostering endogenous development. Moreover, the main objective of CEFEPROD is to assist certain development actors, NGOs, associations and decentralized territorial collectivities (communes) as part of a holistic development process that entails conducting a variety of socioeconomic studies; launching social and economic projects; seeking funding and partners; and providing institutional and organizational support.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2014 to 2017, CEFEPROD continued its activities.

- On 26 and 27 July 2016, it hosted a forum on empowering women by developing the digital economy, in partnership with UN-Women and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- CEFEPROD participated in the sixth Convention on Digital Transformation in Africa, held in Bercy, France.
- It also participated in the conference for Central African countries organized by the ITU Regional Office for Africa on the theme “The Digital Economy in Central Africa, State of Play and Challenges in a Globalized World”.
- CEFEPROD joined the Femmes Leaders Mondiales network.
- CEFEPROD hosted the “Save the Hearts of Women” charity gala as part of the effort to prevent cardiovascular diseases.
- On 30 September 2014, CEFEPROD hosted a workshop on the national review and evaluation of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on the theme “Beijing: 20 years later”, with the support of UN-Women.
- CEFEPROD was a finalist in the fourteenth annual Gender Equality and Mainstreaming Technology (GEM-TECH) Awards. The global prize is awarded by ITU and UN-Women to promote gender equality in the technology sector.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CEFEPROD attended the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as the Central Africa Internet Governance Forum and a meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CEFEPROD has cooperated with ITU, UNESCO and UN-Women.

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

No activities were specified.

6. Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement supports local development actors in the South, to address the root causes of hunger, inequality and poverty, by working directly to improve the living conditions of the poorest and sustainably changing social structures. The organization finances 753 projects in 63 countries of the South and the East.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As the first French association in the area of development, the organization is engaged in a long-term struggle to address all the local and global causes of hunger through three main tools: support for partners, development education and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the period 2014–2017, the organization supported partners including:

- The Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, a Mexican organization which works to strengthen social processes in Chiapas state for the defence and exercise of human rights, particularly indigenous people's rights.
- Servicios y Asesoría para la Paz (SERAPAZ), a Mexican organization which has developed a method for positively transforming conflicts to build the capacity of communities to respond to local challenges.
- The Plateforme Interconfessionnelle de la Jeunesse Centrafricaine (PIJCA) in the Central African Republic, an organization which brings together many Catholic, Protestant and Muslim youth associations that support a diverse society in which the cultural and religious identities of all are respected.
- The Mouvement pour une Alliance Paysanne au Togo (MAPTO), a Togolese organization of farming cooperatives which supports its 230 members in their use of highly environmentally friendly farming and ecological practices, and promotes the diversification of their activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

In 2014:

- The forty-first session of the Committee on World Food Security, from 13 to 18 October 2014, at which it attended a round table on losses and waste in the context of sustainable food systems.
- The twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from 1 to 12 December 2014, in Lima. The organization committed to monitoring food-security-related challenges with a view to the future Paris Agreement.
- The Bonn Climate Change Conference, from 4 to 15 June 2014. The organization followed inter-State negotiations and participated in exchange meetings with other accredited civil society organizations, as well as various meetings with decision makers.

In 2015:

- The preparatory consultations, from 13 to 17 April 2015 in New York, for the third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa.
- The intersessional negotiations on climate change in Bonn from 1 to 11 June 2015, including the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice in the area of agriculture.

- The third International Conference for Financing for Development, from 13 to 16 July 2015 in Addis Ababa.
- The forty-second session of the Committee on World Food Security, from 12 to 15 October 2015, in particular the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring.
- The negotiations concerning the adoption of the Paris Agreement that were held at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in December 2015.

In 2016:

- The Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring at the forty-third session of the Committee on World Food Security, from 17 to 21 October 2016.
- The twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 7 to 18 November 2016.
- The second session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights from 24 to 28 October 2016 in Geneva, including the negotiations on elaborating an international legally binding instrument on such corporations and enterprises with respect to human rights.

In 2017:

- The intersessional negotiations on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from 8 to 12 May 2017.
- The forty-fourth session of the Committee on World Food Security, from 9 to 13 October 2017 in Rome. (The organization was closely involved in the evaluation of the Committee; it took the role of host and moderator of the meeting between the evaluators and the French civil society organizations.)
- The twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Bonn from 6 to 17 November 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During this period, the organization did not carry out any activities with United Nations agencies.

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

Eradication of extreme poverty and hunger:

- The organization supports the work of the Groupement pour le Développement Agro-Pastoral in the Central African Republic to revive small-scale food production and facilitate the reintroduction of livestock.

Ensuring full employment and opportunities for all, including women and young people, to find decent and productive work:

- The organization supports the Youth Resource Development Programme in its work to facilitate the economic inclusion of urban youth in Cambodia. For more than twenty years, the Programme has been working to provide vocational training to high school and university students in social analysis and entrepreneurship in order to facilitate their economic inclusion, while empowering young people to become active citizens.

Promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women:

- The organization supports Actoras de Cambio, which seeks to break the silence and combat impunity for sexual crimes committed against women during the armed conflict in Guatemala.

Establishment of a global partnership for development:

- The organization influenced the contribution of the French authorities to the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Sustainable Development Goal 2, in 2014 and 2015. As part of the Interministerial Group for Food Security, the organization also contributed to French discussions of the evaluation of progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 2, in 2017.

7. Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America is an international non-profit organization. It has corporate form and is governed by articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and observer status with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Its headquarters is located in Geneva.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Centre are:

- Participation in cooperation and commercial exchange projects and programmes, in collaboration with public and private institutions in Latin American countries;
- Provision of support, guidance and advice, in Switzerland and abroad, for individual or collective initiatives in all areas of cooperation and international trade;
- Representation of Latin American institutions in dealings with European institutions and international organizations;
- Promotion of all useful studies and research in the area of cooperation and trade on its own initiative or at the request of an institution;
- Promotion, support, establishment and management of national or international projects of public and private institutions;
- Maintenance of a permanent information service concerning activities related to Latin American and European countries;
- Organization of training programmes and refresher training courses in conjunction with other concerned institutions; and
- Pursuit of all other goals not expressly indicated above but which are likely to promote the realization of activities related to countries' institutional relations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2014 and 2017, the Centre participated in the 103rd, 104th, 105th and 106th sessions of the International Labour Conference, in Geneva. At these sessions, representatives of the Centre participated in the technical committees and coordinated actions with other civil society organizations. At a plenary meeting, the President of the Centre gave a speech (lasting five minutes, in accordance with the time allowance) on the report of the Director-General, which was included in the final record of proceedings published by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre participated in the various conferences and technical committees of Geneva-based international organizations (UNCTAD, WIPO and the World Trade Organization (WTO)).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Centre participated in the various international UNCTAD, WIPO and WTO conferences held in Geneva.

These events included the WTO 2016 Public Forum, in September 2016, and the fifty-sixth series of meetings of the Assemblies of the States members of WIPO, in October 2016 in Geneva.

The Centre participates, on a permanent basis, in all the official meetings scheduled by the international organizations based in Geneva. Through its publications it seeks to contribute to the development of the activities of Latin American actors.

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

The Centre promotes economic development to reduce gaps between rich and poor countries and within countries. As part of its activities, it has created two websites (www.geotradeshop.net and www.attorney-network.net/) to facilitate the provision of the services offered by different actors (such as associations, small and medium-sized enterprises and research centres) linked to the financial and economic relations of Latin American countries with Europe.

The organization promotes and defends fundamental rights in collaboration with public agencies and diplomatic missions.

Under the auspices of the Consulate-General of Peru in Geneva, it has organized a series of talks for Latin American nationals residing in Switzerland:

- “Divorce in Switzerland and France and its recognition in Latin America”, 9 March 2016
- “Setting up companies in Switzerland, Spain and Peru”, 19 May 2016

The Centre has organized courses and seminars, and has created a platform for research and academic exchanges among its members.

- “Practical course on Swiss law for the resolution of day-to-day problems”, a training programme covering family, business and international law, 2016, Geneva
- “Accounting, finance and law training programme”, June–December 2018

The Centre contributes to the training and professional development of university graduates through internships. It offers one internship per year in such areas as multilateral diplomacy and meetings of international organisations, to help graduates make the most of Geneva as an international city.

The Centre gives lectures at events held by organizations based in Switzerland:

- “Accounting, finance and law training programme”, June–December 2018
- “Opportunities for investment in and trade with Peru”, 9 December 2016, Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with the Trade Office of Peru in Switzerland and the Peruvian Embassy in Switzerland
- “Peace mechanisms in Latin America and Spain”, 10 November 2016, as part of the Geneva Peace Week programme, organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva (<http://www.genevapeaceweek.ch>)

8. Groupe pivot: droit et citoyenneté des femmes

Special, 2006

Introduction

Groupe pivot: Droit et Citoyenneté des femmes (GP/DCF) is a coalition of eight associations and NGOs in support of the Mali-wide project “Women’s Rights and Citizenship in French-speaking Africa”. Our work involves advocacy and lobbying, training, disseminating information, awareness-raising, citizenship education and mainstreaming women’s rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of GP/DCF is to increase respect for the rights of women and their participation in public life, through three pillars: female-male and girl-boy equality within the family; combating violence against women; and women’s citizenship and participation in power.

Its aims are to:

- Promote, protect and defend the rights of women and girls in particular, and human rights in general;
- Strengthen the institutional and intervention capacity of GP/DCF and its members to promote and protect women’s rights;
- Support women in asserting their rights and fully exercising their citizenship, with a view to increasing their participation in the management of public affairs; and
- Establish and strengthen national and subregional cooperation, exchanges and strategic partnerships with cooperatives and networks in order to promote, protect and defend the rights and citizenship of women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Awareness-raising project in advance of the communal, regional and Bamako district elections, carried out in the *cercles* (administrative areas) of Dioila, Kalaban Koro, Banamba, Sanankoroba, Sibi and Baguinéda, in collaboration

with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project to support the electoral process in Mali, in 2015.

- Justice, prevention and reconciliation project for women, minors and others affected by the crisis in Mali (JUPREC), 2015–2017.
- Women’s oversight platform for fair, violence-free elections in Mali, UN-Women.
- Mobilizing for sexual and reproductive rights and health: an alliance for women and adolescent girls in West Africa, Équilibres et Populations (EQUIPOP), 2016–2017.
- Project to build the capacity of women and youth for their involvement in transitional justice, 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, with the priority theme of “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls”, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 10–21 March 2014.
- UNDP thematic workshop on the role of electoral stakeholders and electoral administrations in boosting the credibility and acceptance of electoral processes, Amman, 7–11 April 2014.
- Forty-seventh ordinary session of the Conference of the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), at which the Supplementary Act relating to Equality of Rights between Women and Men for Sustainable Development in the ECOWAS Region ([A/SA.02/05/15](#)) was adopted, Accra, 19 May 2015.
- Fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, at which progress on implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was evaluated, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 9–20 March 2015.
- Sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, with the priority theme of “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development”, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 14–24 March 2016.
- Periodic meeting of experts and ministers responsible for issues of gender and women, with a focus on the priorities of ECOWAS member States in the implementation of the Supplementary Act relating to Equality of Rights between Women and Men for Sustainable Development in the ECOWAS Region in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 of the African Union, ECOWAS Gender and Social Affairs Commission, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, 7–10 February 2017 – participation through the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation.
- Sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, with the priority theme of “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 13–24 March 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Awareness-raising regarding the importance of the civil status census project in Kati *cercle* and Commune III, Bamako, through the UNDP project to support the electoral process in Mali, 2014.

- Panel discussion with women on taking ownership of the Algiers Agreement throughout Mali, 2016, United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

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

- Participation in the preparation of draft legislation on gender-based violence for adoption.
- Participation in the work of the group of stakeholders to identify the typologies for and conduct comparative analysis of the ways in which gender-based violence is taken into account in the Malian Criminal Code.
- Participation in the round table of key stakeholders on the draft agreement emanating from the Algiers process.
- Dissemination of the Supplementary Act relating to Equality of Rights between Women and Men for Sustainable Development in the ECOWAS Region, and of Security Council resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#).
- Participation in the workshop at which the UN-Women programme on women, peace and security was presented.

9. International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance

Special, 2010

Introduction

Rainwater is a high-quality, free resource and a sustainable means of ensuring access to and the availability of water of sufficient quality and quantity, and of adapting to climate change. Rain, often considered a nuisance and a threat, can in fact enhance resilience and contribute significantly to development, particularly in countries that are facing extreme climate events.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance (IRHA) is an NGO which has been based at the International Environment House in Geneva since 2002. IRHA carries out development projects in the South to improve the health, living conditions and resilience of communities and ecosystems in the face of climate change.

The mandate of IRHA is based on putting in place pragmatic solutions on the ground, awareness-raising and training on the management of rainwater, and promoting, at a high level, the importance of integrated rainwater management; these objectives support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13 and 17.

Significant changes in the organization

In the period 2014–2017, our organization underwent major changes. In 2016, our General Assembly appointed Mr. Sylvestre as Director, following the departure of Ms. Monta. Since 2017, a new team has been responsible for the development of the organization. In order to properly manage its work, IRHA has developed a strategy for the period 2018–2020 and has defined its financing needs more precisely. In 2017, the management of the organization changed and its activities resumed.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IRHA participated in a number of United Nations events related to its work. Our organization works closely with the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Department of WHO.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IRHA participated in various meetings related to the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- 2014–2017: Informal collaboration with the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Department of WHO to establish quality standards.
- 2017: Close collaboration with the Sustainable Development Goals Lab.

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

Our work revolves around establishing rainwater management projects in developing countries where access to safe drinking water and vulnerability to climate change are day-to-day problems that directly and adversely affect the lives of thousands of women and children. Our response is based on a four-pronged strategy: (1) water, sanitation and hygiene; (2) adaptation to climate change and food security; (3) gender and youth; and (4) awareness-raising.

Our actions fall into three categories: (1) project implementation; (2) capacity-building; and (3) support for the development of integrated natural resource management policies.

- 2013–2014: water, sanitation and hygiene project in two schools in Senegal
- 2013–2015: water, sanitation and hygiene project in two schools in Nepal
- 2014–2015: water, sanitation and hygiene projects in four schools in Nepal and five schools in Mexico
- 2015–2016: project to support earthquake victims in Nepal
- 2016: water, sanitation and hygiene project in one school in Nepal
- 2017: water, sanitation and hygiene, project in two schools in Nepal; project to support earthquake victims in six camps for internally displaced persons and two schools in Nepal

10. Observatoire international pour la non violence – Communes des nations pour la paix

Special, 2014

Introduction

We are calling for the establishment of an international assembly of mayors, which, along with our organization, will participate annually in the work of the United Nations to present the concerns of mayors and their work to stem the flow of migrants, since our organization works both with and for migrants. We have met with mayors from England, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Reunion, the Niger, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Taiwan Province of China and the United States of America, all of whom have expressed concern about migration.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To develop and promote legal and social data in order to help prevent crime, facilitate access to citizenship and combat discrimination, violence, terrorism, drugs and sexual harassment, and to promote a culture of peace, tolerance and solidarity. The organization has no political, trade union, religious, sectarian, ethnic, tribal, community or racial affiliation.

Significant changes in the organization

No changes were specified.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy initiative of the International Chamber of Commerce and special projects of the Group of 20 in October 2016.

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/Sustainable Development Goals

On 15 January 2016, we signed the charter of the Communes des nations pour la paix, aimed at promoting the common development of municipalities, with Gerald Martinez, mayor of Saint Léger les Mélèze, a ski resort in the southern Alps where drugs are a serious problem. On 6 July 2014, we donated X-ray equipment to the Government of Madagascar.

11. Rassemblement des frères unis pour le développement socio-culturel Special, 2014

Introduction

Rassemblement des frères unis pour le développement socio-culturel (RAFUDESC-Benin) is a non-governmental organization under Beninese law, established pursuant to the law of 1901 and specializing in the promotion and protection of human rights, peacebuilding, economic and social development and the promotion of culture. It was founded in June 2004 and was registered with the Ministry of Public Security and Local Communities under reference number 2006/0441/DEP-ATL-LITT/SG/SAG-ASSOC of 20 October 2006.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Founded in the town of Godomey, in the municipality of Abomey-Calavi, RAFUDESC-Benin is guided by the vision that, by 2030, the people of this part of southern Benin in particular, and of the southern Sahel subregion as a whole, will be able to live a decent life in an environment conducive to inclusive sustainable development. To achieve this vision, RAFUDESC-Benin coordinates its activities around the following four themes:

- Promoting and protecting human rights

- Promoting and building social peace
- Establishing, introducing and laying the foundation for inclusive and sustainable economic development for the benefit of the population
- Promoting and enhancing culture in its areas of activity

Significant changes in the organization

From its original base in the municipality of Godomey, RAFUDESC-Benin has quickly expanded beyond its original sphere of action in Benin and has established branch offices in the countries of the subregion, with a view to replicating its work. As a result, the RAFUDESC-Benin branch office in Togo was established by administrative order under reference number 0645/MATDCL-CAB. Steps are also being taken to obtain authorization for the creation of a branch office in Burkina Faso.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On 7 February 2014, RAFUDESC-Benin organized a training session for 32 of its members on combating corruption, which was supported by Fondation Akpepedje pour les systèmes électoraux et administratifs. On 14 December 2015, RAFUDESC-Benin was asked to lead awareness-raising sessions for the population of Abomey-Calavi.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- From 4 to 13 February 2015, participation in the fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development in New York
- From 25 January to 3 February 2016, participation in the regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- From 1 to 10 February 2016, participation in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development
- From 14 to 16 June 2016, participation in the ninth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- On 26 and 27 November 2016, participation in the Global Conference on Sustainable Transport

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

On 25 March 2015, RAFUDESC-Benin supported the non-governmental organization AFUDA with regard to new approaches for developing the agriculture and livestock sectors.

On 20 June 2015, RAFUDESC-Benin, in partnership with the non-governmental organization Action G8 Afrique, held a training session for signing deaf persons, using an image box.

On 16 June 2016, RAFUDESC-Benin celebrated the Day of the African Child at its training centre for arts and crafts.

A fundamental lesson can be drawn from the present report: in spite of its limited resources, RAFUDESC-Benin has grown and is working to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. At the same time, RAFUDESC-Benin is positioning itself as a key partner for communities.