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1. Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals is the largest Greek non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) to specialize in drug addiction treatment, prevention, research and education. It comprises a nationwide network of more than 90 units throughout Greece that provide their services free of charge to more than 9,000 people annually, including drug users and their families.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The recession in Greece has had a negative impact on existing drug-related problems that has worsened physical health, increased self-destructive behaviour and heightened the marginalization of drug users. HIV infection among drug users is reaching epidemic proportions, and there is also evidence of an epidemic of infectious diseases such as Hepatitis C. In addition, the crisis has affected the organization through budget cuts, staff reduction, salary cuts and the reduction of support systems. Besides primary objectives that involve harm reduction, recovery and rehabilitation, the present strategy of the Center also involves: (a) support to the most deprived sub-populations of drug addicts living on the street (e.g., the homeless, prostitutes and migrants who face immediate danger of being infected with HIV and other infectious diseases) and (b) support for the integration of former drug addicts into the labour market.

Significant changes in the organization

As a result of new drug legislation in Greece (law 4139/2013), the Center acquired an institutional role in the development and monitoring of the Greek national policy against drugs. The law widens the availability of and access to drug treatment and rehabilitation programmes and adopts the principle of proportionality for sentences for drug-related crimes. Several of the provisions in the new law are proposals submitted in the past by the organization to the Ministry of Justice. The organization expanded its service network and provides services to 15,000 drug users and family members each year and has more than 100 units throughout Greece.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Each year, the Center runs a campaign at the national level to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking. The campaign includes the distribution of leaflets; advertising on television, at cinemas and on screens at mass transportation platforms; the distribution of leaflets at places of youth activity; and events that are open to the public. Especially for the period 2009-2012, the campaigns aimed at educating the public and policymakers about the consequences of the recession for drug abuse and social exclusion. Each year, on the occasion of World AIDS Day, the Center organizes activities aiming to increase the awareness of the public. The organization also has provided professional training for the development of prevention and therapeutic programmes in the Balkan countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Center participated in the fifty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna from 8 to 12 March 2010, where it distributed a written statement on Internet programmes for the prevention of substance use, along with informational material. The organization also attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna from 21 to 25 March 2011. In March 2010, the organization became a member of the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Narcotic Drugs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Center, in collaboration with the International Narcotics Control Board, has undertaken the launching of the Board's annual report to the Greek media and general public. The Board's bilingual press kits for the years from 2009 to 2012 were disseminated to targeted audiences, including all members of the Greek parliament, treatment and prevention agents, and the media.

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

In support of Goal 5 for the improvement of maternal health, the organization distributed two booklets to women drug users containing detailed information about the dangers of transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, as well as information regarding the reduction of additional drug-related risk factors during pregnancy. In addition, the organization has signed a cooperation protocol with the Centre for the Protection of the Child, one of the main bodies for the protection of children in Greece. The cooperation aims to provide effective support to pregnant drug users, women drug users with children and their children. In support of Goal 6, the Center intensified its actions to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS by operating a medical and diagnostic centre, organizing informative seminars for drug users, collaborating with hospitals and other organizations, organizing information seminars in prisons, intensifying street work programmes, distributing condoms and promoting a syringe exchange programme.

2. Triglav Circle

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Triglav Circle was created in preparation for the United Nations World Summit for Social Development, convened in Copenhagen in March 1995.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Circle strives for more humane progress while preserving the noble and diversified heritage of humanity and the integrity of the natural environment. It seeks to define and promote the common good of humankind through reflection, research and dialogue. It shares these goals with the United Nations. It carries out its work through seminars, research and collaboration with national and international institutions. Its members are from different parts of the world and different walks of life.

Significant changes in the organization

Triglav Circle Europe, a branch of the Triglav Circle incorporated in the United States of America, is now established in Chougny, France.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Please see below.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Triglav Circle participated regularly in the annual meetings of the Commission for Social Development in New York. On 2 February 2012, at the fiftieth session of the Commission, the Circle made a statement on the theme of eradication of poverty, emphasizing the critical need to examine wealth and ethics in the world economy. On 2 February 2011, at the forty-ninth session of the Commission, the Circle made a statement on the indivisibility of humanity, of community, of the person and of human rights for a good society. On 5 February 2010, at the forty-eighth session of the Commission, the Circle made a statement on policies for social integration and declared that love as conceived by Locke should be fundamental for regulating human society. On 5 February 2009, at the forty-seventh session of the Commission, the Circle made a statement on experiences in social integration, a notion of harmony synonymous with wisdom and happiness in integrated societies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Triglav Circle participated in the work of the Secretariat on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. In October 2011, a Triglav Circle meeting entitled “Man, nature and global policy” included the participation of the Secretariat and focused on issues of harmony with nature. In November 2011, it submitted a document on harmony with nature to the United Nations for the zero draft of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. In April 2012, the Circle submitted a statement on “nature deficit disorder” to the interactive dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature.

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

No activities were specified.

3. UNANIMA International

Special, 2005

Introduction

UNANIMA International was created in 2002 as an NGO coalition of communities of religious women throughout the world who work in solidarity with others to bring economic and social advancement to women and children living in situations of poverty, immigrants and refugees in particular, and to promote the

welfare of the planet. The organization has increased the number in its coalition from 17 to 18 congregations, with more than 18,000 people in some 70 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNANIMA International uses the expertise of its members in areas such as the eradication of poverty, human trafficking and the empowerment of women, migrants and refugees as the basis for its participation at the United Nations. The 18 communities of religious women that are its members are working as educators, social workers, health-care workers, development workers and community organizers in 70 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Australia and the Pacific region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNANIMA International works on issues of social development (especially women and children who are in poverty or are trafficked), migration and immigrants and the environment (especially water and climate change). The organization belongs to the NGO Committees on Social Development, Migration, the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People and Sustainable Development; the NGO Sub-committee for the Eradication of Poverty; the NGO Working Group on Girls; and the NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons. It participated in a signature campaign to support the concept of the social protection floor in 2011 and 2012 and in the publication of two booklets on grassroots participation in 2009 and 2011. The organization sent staff to Kenya to train youth in an anti-trafficking programme in 2011 and 2012; held a training programme on working against human trafficking for international youth in 2010; and published a packet of educational materials entitled "Stop the demand" in 2009 which is now in distribution all over the world. Each year the organization presents a "Woman of Courage" award to international women who work in its areas of interest.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNANIMA International participated in the eighth, tenth and eleventh sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2009, 2011 and 2012); the forty-seventh to fiftieth sessions of the Commission for Social Development (2009-2012); the fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (2009-2012); the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (2011); and the seventeenth to twentieth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (2009-2012), including the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. It attended the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen (2009), in Cancun, Mexico (2010), and in Bonn, Germany (2010 and 2011). It also organized the side event entitled "Ending demand for sex trafficking" at the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women; the side event entitled "Land yes, dams no — building cycles of mobilization" at the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development; the side event entitled "Gasland: is mining sustainable?" at the

nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development; and the side event entitled “Models of empowerment of rural women” at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010 and 2011, UNANIMA International presented the Civil Society Declaration at the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Commission for Social Development. At the forty-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (28 January 2009), it submitted an alternative NGO report entitled “The situation of discrimination against women relative to article 10 of the CEDAW Convention in Cameroon”. At the sixty-third annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference (August 2010), it organized a workshop in Melbourne, Australia, entitled “Migration: a response to violence”. The organization facilitated discussions among its constituency for several United Nations dialogues, including a survey on decision-making by people living in poverty (for Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights Magdalena Sepúlveda). The organization also regularly attends NGO briefings, orientations and special events held by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat.

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

Many of the organization’s global member constituencies work directly with people in poverty in education, women’s health and social services. At the United Nations, the organization’s work for people living in poverty (such as its support of social protection floor initiatives) contributes to Goal 1. A major emphasis of UNANIMA International is the empowerment of women, as exemplified by the side events it organizes and the awards it gives. Its work against human trafficking supports women’s empowerment and health. For its educational campaign on clean water, the organization published a brochure in May 2010, sponsored a side event in 2011 on the subject of “fracking” (hydraulic fracturing) and hosted a guest speaker, among other activities. UNANIMA International often provides member communities with study and prayer services on global water issues. The organization is also participating in “Water with blessings”, a project enlisting women in small villages or rural areas as instructors in the use of an inexpensive but effective water filter.

4. Union of Arab Jurists

Special, 1977

Introduction

The Union of Arab Jurists was established in January 1975 and obtained consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 1977. The Union is a regional organization representing jurists in 16 countries and works with Arab and international organizations on peace, justice, human rights and development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Union of Arab Jurists works towards the development of Arab laws and the unification of their terms. It provides experience and legal support to promote the respect of human rights and the protection of fundamental liberties. It insists on the necessity of the separation of power between legislative and judicial bodies and on the importance of the independence of the judiciary. The Union also aims to establish closer links between Arab jurists and similar organizations around the world, as well as with United Nations bodies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Union increased its engagement with the United Nations in the fields of human rights and humanitarian law. It participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council. The Union contributed to the work of the Human Rights Council through written and oral statements. The Union also initiated a programme related to the implications of international humanitarian law with the cooperation of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Jordanian Association of Jurists. It is cooperating closely with other organizations and continues to monitor the situation in Arab countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Union participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva held in March 2009, June 2009, September 2009 (where it delivered a statement in the general debate on the human rights situation in Palestine), March 2010, September and October 2010, February and March 2011, May and June 2011, September 2011 (where it participated in special sessions on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the situation in Libya), March 2012 and June 2012. In many of these sessions, it made oral statements, submitted written statements and co-organized side events.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the Union cooperated with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It also followed conferences and the activities of the United Nations, particularly those related to development, environment and human settlements.

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

Through its activities, the Union worked to raise awareness and give priority to the condition of children and women victims of conflict, war and injustice who lost access to schools, health and incomes.

5. Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey is the highest-level representative of the Turkish private sector. It focuses on the following areas: ensuring unity and solidarity between chambers and commodity exchanges; enhancing development of the professions in conformity with the general interests of the profession; facilitating and developing the professional activities of members; promoting honesty and confidence in relations with the members of chambers and commodity exchanges and with the general public; and preserving professional discipline and ethics.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Union, with 1.5 million member firms, is the sole representative of the entire Turkish private sector. The Union has 365 local chambers and commodity exchanges operating in 81 provinces and 160 sub-provinces. In order to foster better industrial policymaking, it has set up 59 sectoral assemblies for leading sectors.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012, the Union joined the Board of Affiliate Members of the World Tourism Organization as Vice-President. The Union was one of two local partners of the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries Conference, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 9 to 13 May 2011. It sponsored a high-level meeting on investment and partnerships and organized three side events at the conference. The Union implemented the Localizing Millennium Development Goals Project in Turkey, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), contributing a grant to the project for \$50,000.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Union leaders attended several United Nations activities, including the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries Conference, held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May 2011; the forty-ninth session of the Commission on Social Development, held in New York from 9 to 18 February 2011; the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011; the forty-fifth session of the Commission for Population and Development, held in New York from 23 to 27 April 2012; the fiftieth session of the Commission on Social Development, held in New York from 1 to 10 February 2012; and the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 27 February to 9 March 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Some of the projects in which the Union cooperated with the United Nations include donations to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); participation in

the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries Conference, held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May 2011, where it organized three business side events; and cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the “1 Billion Hungry People” campaign in 2010.

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

The Union contributed the following to the Millennium Development Goals:

Goal 1: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: AIDS campaign in Africa (2011-2012), Van, Turkey (2011), Pakistan (2010) and Somalia (2011); “1 Billion Hungry People” campaign with FAO (2010); in-kind contribution to the Makassed Islamic Charitable Hospital in Jerusalem (2007); and donations for three new operating rooms at the Sarajevo Faculty of Medicine, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Goal 2: achieve universal primary education: donation of school uniforms for 101,000 students between the ages of 6 and 11 ages in Gaza (2010), and construction of 48 primary schools in Turkey.

Goal 3: promote gender equality and empower women: established 6,500 women members and 7,000 Young Member Entrepreneurs Boards; organized the first meeting of the Association of Balkan Chambers Women Entrepreneurs Council in Istanbul (2011); participated in activities of the Women Entrepreneurs Council of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Economic Cooperation Organization; organized the Turkish-Arab Businesswomen’s Business Joint Council (2012); and implemented the Gender-Focused Investment Climate Assessment Project with the World Bank.

Goal 8: global partnership for development: organized a number of international training and experience-sharing programmes; developed the Ankara Forum cooperation mechanism with Turkish, Israeli and Palestinian chamber networks; established the Istanbul Forum cooperation mechanism with Turkish, Afghani and Pakistani chamber networks; organized the Turkish-speaking Entrepreneurs Programmes for more than 600 participants from 25 countries; and implemented the European Union Global Business Bridges Initiative, bringing together European Union and Turkish companies in order to invest in Egypt, Tunisia and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

6. Union of Ibero American Capitals

Special, 1989

Introduction

The Union of Ibero American Capitals was constituted on 12 October 1982 in a meeting of Latin American mayors in Madrid. It is defined as an international, municipal, non-profit organization representing 29 capitals and important cities in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Iberian Peninsula, including Andorra, Portugal and Spain.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to encourage links and relationships between capitals and cities that are members of the Union in order to consider all matters concerning life, activities and problems of affiliated local governments; to promote neighbourhood rights, especially the right to a peaceful coexistence, and citizen participation in public affairs and in intermunicipal relationships; and to promote a balanced and harmonious development of the capital cities of Ibero America and strive for cooperation and solidarity among them. The Union also organizes meetings and other activities to promote the exchange of best practices between member cities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Union organized activities in the following areas: political action (involving mayors and executives of the Ibero-American capitals); meetings of the 16 Union Sectoral Committees on gender, security, tourism, environment, youth, urban development and housing; and municipal training courses.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

To commemorate “Refugees Day”, in conjunction with UNHCR, the Union supported a photographic exhibition entitled “Elderly and refugees, fragility and wisdom” in Madrid from 11 to 23 June 2010. At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, the Union’s executive mayors of the South Cone of America participated in the Meeting of Climate Cities Leadership Group. With the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) office in Madrid and other organizations (including the Ibero-American General Secretariat, the Federation of Latin American Cities, Municipalities and Associations and the city of Madrid), the Union organized the Ibero-American Local Governments Forum, which was held in Madrid on 18 and 19 October 2012.

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

The Union has supported several Millennium Development Goals through its activities, which include the Municipal Training Course on International Cooperation, held in Madrid from 22 June to 3 July 2009; the ninth Sectoral Committee meeting on social policies, held in Bogota from 25 to 27 February 2010; the eleventh Sectoral Committee meeting on environment, held in San Jose from 30 September to 2 October 2010; the seventh Sectoral Committee meeting on equal opportunities (gender), held in La Paz from 28 to 30 August 2012; the Andean Region Meeting on ecological mobility and sustainable multi-modal transport, held in Quito on 21 September 2012; a seminar entitled “Ibero-American women” that

launched the conference entitled “Ibero-American Cities Network against trafficking for sexual exploitation”, which was held in Madrid from 21 to 23 November 2012; and the Summit of Cities and Climate Change, held in Bogota on 19 and 20 November 2012.

7. Unitarian Universalist Association

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Unitarian Universalist Association contributes to the development aims of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations through the work of its associate organization, the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s aim is to foster sustainable development as a means to achieve peace, security and human rights. Our programme focus is to educate, advocate and work towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is a faith-based NGO. Its office at the United Nations acts both as a voice for the religious denomination of Unitarian Universalists in the United Nations and as a venue for education, advocacy and outreach on United Nations-related issues. Our mission is to promote the goal of a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all, as reflected in the Charter of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization is active in the Executive Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations Associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information, including its youth committee.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association has partnered with NGOs to support United Nations peacekeeping operations in Darfur and around the world. It has lobbied the diplomatic missions of countries on the Security Council to ensure that the peacekeeping operation to end genocide in Darfur is adequately mandated and equipped. It has partnered with OHCHR to promote human rights, playing an outstanding role in promoting equal rights regardless of gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. In 2010, at the Church Center for the United Nations, the organization hosted conferences for faith and ethical leaders to discuss the global decriminalization of sexual orientation and gender identity, which was endorsed by the Secretary-General in December 2010. In 2011, it hosted a meeting at Union Theological Seminary for diplomatic representatives, NGO and faith leaders and

United Nations community members to endorse the calls of the Secretary-General and OHCHR to decriminalize sexual orientation and gender identity and to end violence and discrimination.

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

The organization is implementing the “Every Child Is Our Child” programme in support of the Millennium Development Goals. In consultation with UNDP and in partnership with the Queen Mothers Association, a programme in Ghana offers 1,400 children the opportunity to receive primary school education.

8. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee advances human rights and social justice around the world, in partnership with those who confront unjust power structures, and mobilizes to challenge oppressive policies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the organization uses a combination of advocacy, partnership and education to promote the right to work in dignity for a living wage; to protect the right to clean, affordable and sufficient water; to defend civil liberties; and to preserve the rights of marginalized and oppressed people during humanitarian crises.

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

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization’s memorandum of understanding with UNDP in southern Darfur finances a project by a Darfurian non-governmental group that supports women leaders and imams in Nyala in their against gender-based violence.

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

Goal 1: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: the organization worked with partners in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya and Nicaragua for economic justice, and with partners in Haiti, Uganda and Darfur for post-disaster recovery

work to protect the most vulnerable. In post-earthquake Haiti, the organization partnered with NGOs to develop eco-villages and tire gardens, which are solutions to both food security and income generation. The organization also worked with NGOs in El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Nicaragua and the United States of America to advocate for living wages and to protect the labour rights of the most vulnerable and marginalized workers.

Goal 2: achieve universal primary education: the organization worked with NGOs in Haiti to end child slavery and in Kenya to stop child labour and return children to school.

Goal 3: promote gender equality and empower women: the organization worked with NGO partners in Afghanistan, Kenya and Pakistan to raise community awareness regarding the importance of girls' education and the expansion of their livelihoods and business ownership.

Goal 7: ensure environmental sustainability: the organization supported partners in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States and the Asia-Pacific region in adopting local laws for access to safe, affordable and sufficient water. It also partnered with NGOs to help enact Assembly Bill 685 into law in California, creating the first state policy on the right to water in the United States. It supported NGO partners in bringing successful national and international litigation challenging violations of the human right to water in Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico and South Africa. It also provided input to the CEO Water Mandate project on the right to water.

9. United Nations Association of Mauritius

Special, 2001

Introduction

The United Nations Association of Mauritius was launched on 24 October 1976. It is the Mauritius branch of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to educate its members and others about the United Nations and its specialized agencies; fully support the purposes and principles of the United Nations and its specialized agencies; promote the aims, objectives and principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; inculcate among its members the idea that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; promote and organize social, voluntary, cultural, educational and sports activities; strive for the recognition of and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and promote tolerance, understanding, solidarity and cooperation without distinction to race, sex, language, religion or political orientation, among others.

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 to disseminate information about the work of the United Nations and its specialized agencies through forums, talks, debates, conferences and social media.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with UNDP in Mauritius, the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Department of Public Information, the World Health Organization (WHO) and FAO by exchanging printed material, literature and information.

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

As at 2012, the organization is implementing the “Climate Change and Global Environmental Challenges” project and promoting the “Maurice Ile Durable” project. It is also conducting a campaign to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals.

10. United States Federation for Middle East Peace

Special, 2005

Introduction

The United States Federation for Middle East Peace is a non-profit organization that promotes the United Nations commitment to international peace, security and justice through educational programmes, public relations and community outreach initiatives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to mobilize ordinary members of society, particularly women and youth, in contributing to peace in the Middle East. The Federation connects groups from various countries so they can participate in educational programmes, workshops, round table discussions and seminars. Its primary purpose is to expand diverse cultural, traditional and religious acceptance while promoting unity and international peace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation has advanced the achievement of the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations as a whole by (a) organizing a workshop in Australia on key gender issues and exploring tools and

instruments that NGOs can use to facilitate gender analysis using the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and Security Council resolution 1325 (2000); (b) organizing a conference in Sweden to empower immigrant women and increase their role and presence in peacebuilding efforts; and (c) inviting 30 imams and rabbis from 13 European countries for an interfaith dialogue on conflict prevention and the protection of human rights and dignity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation has participated in intergovernmental forums and the work of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations. In 2010, it attended the sixty-third annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, from 20 August to 1 September, and the third session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York in September. In 2011, the Federation attended sessions of the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In 2012, the Federation attended sessions of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation participated in the fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

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

The Foundation has undertaken initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals. In Sweden, it organized a discussion panel on the empowerment of immigrant women and hosted an event entitled “Implementing MDG 1: reconciliation through empowerment of rural women”. The Foundation hosted an event related to the Arab Spring revolutions, striving to reshape the role of women in Middle Eastern society and attain equal women’s rights. It also hosted a side event entitled “The role of the family in building social and economic security for humanity” that highlighted the importance of family values in the prevention of the AIDS epidemic and the need for psychological support for AIDS victims.

11. Vida y Familia de Guadalajara

Special, 2009

Introduction

Vida y Familia de Guadalajara is a private welfare organization, legally constituted as a non-profit institution since 1996. It is a pioneer institution, providing hope to women enduring pregnancy under stressful circumstances by helping them to enjoy life with dignity and achieve their full potential. It is part of the network of Vida y Familia Nacional A.C., which has 24 shelter homes and 11 liaison and attention offices in 24 states and Mexico, D.F.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of Vida y Familia de Guadalajara is to protect life by supporting pregnant women in stressful circumstances as well as the children entrusted to its institution. This has been achieved through free and integrated care for women who need to be accommodated in foster homes and who receive shelter, food, medical and psychological care, job training, human training, workshops and courses for the care and education of their children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is working on the development of a post-Millennium Development Goal agenda, specifically on constructing a declaration of children and youth for the post-2015 development agenda. At the international level, it is organizing the first and second international congresses of adoptions in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Vida y Familia de Guadalajara participated in the following meetings in New York: the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 1 to 12 March 2010; the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, held on 14 and 15 June 2010; the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 22 February to 4 March 2011; the High-level Meeting on Youth, held on 25 and 26 July 2011; the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 27 February to 9 March 2012; and the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development, held from 23 to 27 April 2012.

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.

12. Viet Nam Peace and Development Foundation

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Viet Nam Peace and Development Foundation cooperates with organizations and individuals inside and outside Viet Nam to promote peace, national independence, democracy and social progress for equitable and sustainable development. It operates on the principles of “not for profit”, voluntariness, self-management and accountability for its performance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to contribute to issues related to peace and development in Viet Nam, particularly for the realization of economic growth, social development and environmental protection. It contributes to the promotion and enhancement of person-to-person cooperation between Viet Nam and other countries for peace and development. It carries out its aims through research, advocacy and the implementation of projects, and by mobilizing contributions from local and foreign organizations and individuals to support activities for peace and development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2009, the Foundation carried out a project promoting exchanges between NGOs in Japan and Viet Nam at the local level, with the aim of sharing the experience of Japan in promoting organic farming in the central province of Quang Nam, Viet Nam. It also conducted a study in 2010 and organized a workshop in Hanoi in June 2011 on the relationship between genetically modified organisms and the sustainable development of agriculture, food security, food sovereignty, health, environmental protection and the protection of biological diversity, and submitted useful recommendations to relevant authorities and policymaking bodies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, the Foundation attended the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council held in Geneva on 27 July. In the same year, it attended the fifth session of the Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review Working Group (which included Viet Nam), held in Geneva from 4 to 15 May. In 2012, the organization submitted written statements to OHCHR to contribute to the universal periodic reviews of China and Cuba.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

In addition to participating in the work of the United Nations, the Foundation has focused on activities in support of the implementation of various Millennium Development Goals in Viet Nam. It organized various workshops in 2009 with the participation of international and Vietnamese experts to discuss globalization and its impact, opportunities and challenges for the integration of Viet Nam into the World Trade Organization, and the impact of the global financial and economic crisis on Viet Nam. The Foundation also conducted two studies, entitled “Proposing appropriate policies to develop the educational system in support of Viet Nam’s industrialization and modernization in the context of Viet Nam’s full international integration” and on “Making recommendations to reforming the training of secondary school teachers”.

13. Virtue Foundation

Special, 2005

Introduction

Virtue Foundation is a non-profit organization in special consultative status to the United Nations. Its mission is to increase awareness, inspire action and render assistance through health-care, education and empowerment initiatives. Mainly composed of volunteers, Virtue Foundation is guided by the principle that true global change must begin within each of us, one person at a time, one act at a time.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Virtue Foundation seeks to provide both effective short-term and sustainable long-term development solutions to communities across the globe. Its goals are to remedy pressing, immediate community concerns while establishing lasting partnerships to create and implement initiatives for development and advancement in the areas of health, education and empowerment. Virtue Foundation's innovative model of sustainable development includes five guiding principles: invest in local women leaders as agents of change to sponsor development projects; create collaborative models among local and international organizations to maximize efficiency and impact; collaborate with local leaders, NGOs, and other global partners to map specific evidence-based interventions through interdisciplinary research and analysis; build capacity and train local professionals in and through evidence-based, high-impact service delivery; and facilitate public-private partnerships to create and implement appropriate and sustainable solutions for development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Virtue Foundation has undertaken activities that advance the achievement of the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations through its initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals. In October 2009, Virtue Foundation sponsored a conference entitled "Peace through reconstruction". Panellists included Dr. Jeffrey D. Sachs, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In November 2010, Virtue Foundation organized a meeting at the United Nations with United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who visited with students and education leaders to discuss the importance of civic engagement in the twenty-first century.

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

In support of Goals 4, 5, 6 and 7, the Virtue Foundation initiatives include the following: medical missions to El Salvador; surgical and teaching missions to Ghana; surgical and teaching missions to Mongolia; the donation of medical supplies to Ghana; the Ghana Surgical, Teaching and Non-Invasive Ventilation Programme for children at risk; the launch of a medical clinic and donation of medical equipment to El Salvador; an obstetrics and gynaecology medical mission to Tumu, Ghana; and a dental mission to El Salvador. In support of Goal 3 to promote gender equality and empower women, the Virtue Foundation sponsored the following initiatives: the Lawyers Without Borders Kenya Trial Advocacy Training and Ghana Judicial Trial Advocacy Programme, which focused on domestic violence; a conference on the role of the judiciary in protecting human rights; senior round tables on the topic of women and the judiciary, which brought together women judges from around the world to address gender and access to justice issues; the Ghana Jurist in Residence Programme, which supports women judges and magistrates; Ghana Supreme Court clerkship grants for women; and the Women and Justice Conference on Gender-Based Violence and Justice in South Asia.

Additional information

The organization also undertook activities in support of global principles. It sponsored a report on combating acid violence in Bangladesh, Cambodia and India; provided relief supplies to Japanese earthquake survivors; sponsored community assessment and health trainings in El Salvador; and sponsored data mapping for sustainable development, among other things. Since 2010, the Virtue Foundation has been working to develop a smart web-based technology that will map the world from a development perspective, laying out need and available resources. The goal is to provide pivotal information in an easily accessible, visually friendly format that allows for data-driven decisions to yield interventions with the highest impact and thereby accelerate sustainable development.

14. Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo

Special, 2009

Introduction

Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo (International Volunteers for Development) is a non-profit Italian NGO working in the field of international cooperation to promote the human development and human rights of vulnerable groups, targeting children, adolescents, young people and women at risk of social exclusion through comprehensive action on education, vocational training, social reintegration and the training of trainers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Strictly committed to its mission, the organization operates using a double-pronged approach that involves working both within developing countries (through international cooperation and human development programmes) and with the

organization's network of local committees in Italy and Europe (on awareness raising, training, advocacy and lobbying programmes).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated at the session of the Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review Working Group held in Geneva in September 2009; submitted information to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in June 2011; submitted oral and written statements to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in March 2012; organized an informal meeting between OHCHR and NGOs in Rome in March 2010; co-organized, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, OHCHR and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, a high-level international conference on the centrality of the human being and the protection of fundamental rights in the contemporary world, in Rome in December 2012; and submitted a written statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated at the session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination held in Geneva from 19 September to 7 October 2011, at which it submitted oral and written statements. It also participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, as part of the Italian NGO delegation. On 27 September 2012, the organization participated in a ministerial level side event of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly with Italian and Jordanian foreign ministers and civil society on promoting interreligious dialogue and global citizenship through education to and for human rights on 27 September 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the following United Nations agencies: UNHCR in Angola, strengthening asylum seekers/refugees services for social integration in the country (2012-2013); UNICEF in Luena and Moxico, Angola, strengthening the capacity of the most vulnerable families in rural areas through a participatory approach (2011-2012); UNDP in Buterere, Burundi, developing micro-enterprises for previously trained youth and enterprise start-ups (2008-2010); UNICEF in Burundi, on a national policy for children in the streets (2010-2011); the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the World Food Programme in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, providing humanitarian assistance to help manage the spontaneous refugee camp in the Centre des Jeunes Don Bosco Ngangi (November-December 2012).

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

In Khartoum, the organization has collaborated with UNICEF and private donors since 2010 to provide basic education, water and sanitation and health and

hygiene awareness programmes for out-of-school children in the internally displaced persons camp of Mayo, Mandela. From 2010 to 2013, in Luanda, Angola, it implemented programmes on basic education, water and sanitation and health and hygiene awareness for street children and vulnerable children in the poorest neighbourhoods. From 2009 to 2013, in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, it provided educational and social services to 3,135 vulnerable children and youth; health-care services to 3,600 people and 75 malnourished children; microcredit support to 350 families; psychosocial support to 33 girls, who were victims of sexual violence, and their 19 babies; food, accommodation and educational services for 215 street children, 78 orphans and 60 children in situations of extreme vulnerability. From 2009 to 2011, in Mahajanga, Madagascar, the organization provided vocational training and training of trainers in qualitative teaching and learning to 540 youth. In Bujumbura, the organization supported 500 informal micro-entrepreneurs in the poorest neighbourhoods from 2011 to the present. In Ecuador and Peru, since 2009, it has provided training and technical assistance for sustainable agriculture and forestry production to improve income-generating capacities and income to indigenous Amazonian communities. In the WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) Sectors in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia and the Gambella Region of Somalia, the organization has been providing hand-dug wells, boreholes, irrigation systems and sanitation and hygiene courses for local communities since 2009.

15. WaterAid

Special, 2005

Introduction

WaterAid is an international NGO focused exclusively on improving poor people's access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in developing countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WaterAid works in partnership with a wide range of organizations to deliver practical, sustainable programmes of work and to influence policy and practice to enable more people to gain access to these basic needs. WaterAid's partners include civil society, governments, private-sector groups, international organizations, academic institutions 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

WaterAid supports the work of the United Nations by improving access to safe water and improving hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities. Between April 2008 and March 2012, WaterAid provided water to more than 3.5 million people and sanitation to more than 4.8 million people. WaterAid supported the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, and helped ensure that General Assembly resolution [64/292](#) was passed

and included sanitation. It is also a key partner in the Governance and Transparency Fund of the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which is intended to improve accountability for equitable and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services for the poorest and most marginalized people. During 2012, WaterAid supported preparations for the Call to Action on Sanitation, launched by the Deputy Secretary-General, with contributions to key messages and strategy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WaterAid participated in several meetings, including the sixty-third annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, from 30 August to 1 September 2010; the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York from 20 to 22 September 2010; and the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 9 to 13 May 2011. Representatives participated in side events as speakers, panel members and moderators.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WaterAid worked with UN-Habitat to support African Governments in coordinating the work of water and urban development ministers. WaterAid also organized an event on city-wide sanitation planning at the World Urban Forum, held in Naples, Italy, in 2012.

In 2011, at the fourth South Asian Conference on Sanitation, held in Colombo, WaterAid jointly hosted, with UNICEF, a session on strengthening monitoring and accountability and produced a briefing note on the sanitation crisis in South Asia, also with UNICEF.

WaterAid worked with WHO through participation in World Health Assembly meetings and the Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation.

With several Member States, WaterAid ensured that access to water, sanitation and hygiene services was contained in the resolution on nutrition tabled at the World Health Assembly in 2010 and co-hosted a side event addressing equity in access to health care services. In 2011, WaterAid contributed to drafting World Health Assembly resolution 64.24 on drinking water, sanitation and health. In 2012, WaterAid advocated for water, sanitation and hygiene services with regard to the control of neglected tropical diseases, oral vaccines against diarrhoea and nutrition.

In 2012, WaterAid worked with the Integrated Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Pneumonia and Diarrhoea to ensure the recognition of the role of water, sanitation and hygiene services in disease prevention. WaterAid also advocated for the integration of water, sanitation and hygiene services into health programmes, including at the sixteenth meeting of the Alliance for the Global Elimination of Blinding Trachoma, held in Washington, D.C. WaterAid representatives in Nigeria ensured that water, sanitation and hygiene services were included in the Joint Action Plan for Women and Children's Health.

Representatives attended CEO Water Mandate meetings. In 2011, WaterAid ran a joint workshop with the Caring for Climate initiative at the annual meeting of the Global Compact Initiative, held in Copenhagen.

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

WaterAid's work supports the Millennium Development Goals, and WaterAid worked closely with the Group of Millennium Development Goals Advocates. It is actively engaged in post-Millennium Development Goals discussions and, in particular, the Working Group on Water and Sanitation. With funding from UNICEF, WaterAid chairs the Water Working Group of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation and coordinates the Group's activities. WaterAid presented the Group's outputs to the Second Consultation on Post-2015 Monitoring of Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, held at The Hague in December 2012.

WaterAid is a major partner in the Sanitation and Water for All partnership, and advocates for more and better spending on sanitation to support the aims of the partnership and the Millennium Development Goals. Representatives attended high-level meetings of the partnership in Washington, D.C., in 2010 and 2012. In 2012, WaterAid tabled proposals on integrated approaches to development and better coordination and targeting of resources.

WaterAid actively participates in the Sanitation and Water for All Country Processes Task Team and supported the Joint Mission for Improved Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services in Liberia in 2011 and the evaluation of the Liberia compact on water, sanitation and hygiene in 2012. WaterAid plays a key role in monitoring commitments to the Millennium Development Goals through the Joint Monitoring Programme, and seconded staff to UNICEF and WHO in 2009. In 2011, WaterAid supported a conference on national sector monitoring in Malawi for members of the Joint Monitoring Programme, and co-chaired a session at the fourth South Asian Conference on Sanitation in Colombo on sector performance monitoring. In 2012, WaterAid supported a data reconciliation workshop for the Joint Monitoring Programme in the United Republic of Tanzania. WaterAid is a member of the technical advisory group to the Global Annual Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water and contributes to compiling its annual reports. WaterAid also developed WASHwatch.org, a website allowing contributors to monitor their government's progress and to contribute data on water and sanitation policy and institutional reform.
