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1. Foundation for Responsible Media

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Foundation for Responsible Media (Formedia), a not-for-profit foundation, registered at New Delhi, India, was set up in 2000 in public interest, towards the cause of high-quality creative content in the media and NGO sector. Formedia envisions an enabling environment for increased use of media tools for social debate/change and religious-cultural plurality and diversity in media content.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary intention of Formedia is to encourage, promote and support the capacity-building of professional media cadre and the development of media literacy in civil society. This is aimed at covering the gap between achieving the Millennium Development Goals (now the Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs) and commensurate creative content for broadcast and non-broadcast outreach. It is also targeted for collaborating to increase cultural diversity in media content.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Community Cultural Centre, Utsah Toli, is focussed on bridging the rural-urban divide and providing deprived rural children an inclusive environment with access to information and digital literacy and tools for creative expression in an area where no such facilities exist. The film festival of international documentaries, Lakeside Doc Festival, promotes global cultural diversity and international cross-cultural exchange. The training in Media and Information Literacy create an enabling environment for citizens to fruitfully participate in the Information Age.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation contributed written statements for the following:

1. Positioning of the United Nations development system in post-2015 development agenda (2015) - The Economic and Social Council, resolution 2014/14 of 14 July 2014
2. “Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals: what it will take” for the 2015 High-Level Segment (HLS) 2015 session, of the Economic and Social Council that was received by the Secretary-General (2015)
3. ECOSOC Dialogue on longer-term positioning of UN development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Interlinkages in the UN development system - ECOSOC DIALOGUE – JUNE 16, 2016
4. Call for Contributions from ECOSOC accredited NGOs: Original Articles for UNSDN.org / UNSDN = United Nations Social Development Network Deadline Aug 1, 2016
5. "Making eradication of poverty an integral objective of all policies: what will it take?" - 2017 ECOSOC Integration Segment - May 8 to 10 2017 at United Nations Headquarters

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Formedia participated extensively in online deliberations initiated by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the Global Alliance in Partnerships for Media & Information Literacy (GAPMIL) Framework and Action Plan. Subsequently, Formedia opened a dialogue that culminated in establishing a university network and a UNESCO-led National Consultation on GAPMIL in India plus Media & Information Literacy trainings. This led to trainings of religious leaders and youth practitioners of religion in India under a co-operation between UNESCO and the inter-governmental organisation, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID).

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

The work of the Cultural Community Centre, Utsah Toli, addresses the following SDGs:

Goal 4: 57 school-going children have access to study support for daily home-work and are provided several opportunities for life-long learning including developing a collective spirit based on consensus, respect for social values and constitutional rights & obligations, building

self-confidence through storytelling and public speaking and engagement through debate-like discussions. Goal 5: 43% of the members in this backward area are girls. Goal 11: Creating an inclusive process where children in this remote area participate in all decision-making processes for all activities and actions.

2. Freann Financial Services Limited

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

In response to the Ghana Government's overall strategy to develop the country's financial markets, Freann Financial Services Limited (FFSL) was established in 2008 as a financing company. Its objective was to facilitate the growing need for equipment and other capital goods necessitated by sustained growth in the economy. That notwithstanding, individual needs were realized in that human capital development was and continue to be key in socio-economic development.

The company has an SME division created as a module to facilitate SME growth and or development in the form of Agri-business development as a tool for job creation and an empowerment module for individuals especially in the rural sect of the country by providing funds to augment working capital for farmers, fishermen, petty traders and market women. This was an empowerment tool to facilitate job creation among the local folks of the country whilst the supposed elite or high class so to speak benefit from the main stream and or core business lines of the company. FFSL has offices in all 10 regions in Ghana.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FFSL's activities under the period of review for the Quadrennial report 2013-2016 was guided by the core principles and or activities of the organization. Chief of these aims and or objectives included: 1. To provide loans for farmers, fishermen, market women petty traders and the likes; 2. To provide lease or hire purchase financing to the private sector; 3. To collaborate with other financial institutions both local and international to underwrite larger financing type transactions; 4. To provide short, medium or long-term loan financing to its clients; 5. To provide management advisory and consultancy services for its clients and other potential customers.

Under these objects and or activities of the company priority was given to provision of finance to support human capital development. Key of our major funding went to providing funding for setting up small businesses by individuals who have apprenticeship skills to start their businesses as a means for poverty eradication. Farmers and fishermen alike were granted

incentives in the form of micro-loans to support their businesses, through purchase of seedlings, ploughing lands, supply of fertilizers and most importantly training these farmers through the services of agricultural extension officers, paid by our good office as a motivational tool for these farmers, same was done for the fisher-folks but on a different tangent.

Significant changes in the organization

There hasn't been any significant change except the addition of more funds to facilitate our activities. Our customer base has increased tremendously and we have injected more capital.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FFSL participated in the Commission for Social Development Fifty-second session on 11-21 February 2014 Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, with a written submission priority theme: promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FFSL continue to cooperate with various UN bodies prime of our cooperation has been with the UN Global Compact and has submitted or COP since joining. FFSL also has supported the UN Women's activities.

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

The organization has made, investment in human development, (e.g., support basic education and health); increased productivity at small farms, investment in basic infrastructure; industrial development policies that focus on small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurship.

3. Friends of ISTAR

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The scope of the Friends of the Institute for Strategic Threat Analysis and Response (Friends of ISTAR--FOI) is on international and domestic events that threaten and impact our nation and democracies around the world. Broadly-based multidisciplinary teams at the Institute generate and evaluate hypotheses, applications and policies for the detection, prevention and remediation of these threats.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FOI pursues its strategic mission to create a safer world through research, education, and policy recommendations for the recognition, remediation and mitigation of risks to our collective health and security.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FOI's project, Energize the Chain (EtC) extends the vaccination cold chain systems in developing countries, especially in rural areas with limited access to reliable electricity. EtC's insight is to take advantage of the ubiquity of cell phone towers in remote areas of the world to provide a reliable source of power for vaccine refrigeration systems. This simple measure permits the storage of vaccines longer and in safer conditions, and will help to improve vaccine integrity and reduce costs in the cold chain. This addresses an immediate and unmet need to help millions children who die or get sick each year from vaccine preventable diseases. EtC has immense local appeal that can be implemented quickly, is sustainable, scalable and locally owned. These criteria are especially important in countries with highly developed telecommunications markets but limited public health infrastructure. This year we were honored to be one of seven organizations to be selected as one of GAVI's Infuse innovation partners.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1. FOI organized a UN symposium held in the ECOSOC Chamber in New York, 8 April 2014. The symposium focused on “An Integrated Future: Multisectoral partnerships and perspectives in global health” at which member states, private sector and other public sector participated.

2. Dr. Rubin, founder of FOI participated in the UN sponsored event in the New York Headquarters: “Protecting Humanity from Future Health Crises: Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises, 25 January 2016”.

3. On June 12, 2013, UNICEF hosted a Forum on Energy & Connectivity for Health to explore options for meeting the needs of ‘off-grid’ communities. Commenting on EtC's model, UNICEF states in its report: "The EtC model is easily scalable and sustainable because it builds on the ever increasing penetration of the mobile phone industry into even remote regions of the world. In addition, because the EtC model is a public private partnership between existing organizations, it is almost immediately implementable, not requiring extensive new infrastructures."

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The work of Friends of ISTAR described above impacts at least three Sustainable Development Goals: Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being Goal 4: Quality Education Goal 5: Gender Equality.

4. Fundacion de Ayuda y Promocion de las Culturas Indigenas Rosa Collelldevall

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

Fundacion de Ayuda y Promocion de las Culturas Indigenas Rosa Collelldevall (F.A.P.C.I.). The ECOSOC status has given us the opportunity to attend / participate in events / meetings to which we had not been able to participate without the Status. That has allowed our NGO to have presence and contribute to discussions that interest us and, in turn, inform our members and close friends to our NGO, on the work of UN and its role in promoting peace, culture, multiculturalism, indigenous peoples, etc.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- Promotion, development, protection, encouragement of studies and research on the socio-cultural themes and activities of indigenous peoples and their traditions, and the dissemination of such studies through publications or other means.
- Aid to indigenous peoples and creation of relations between cultures to promote their development and the improvement of the quality of life.
- Preservation and revitalization of the cultural and historical heritage of the Indian populations of the Andes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We have participated in different meetings, both in defense of human rights and in the protection and cultural promotion of indigenous peoples, supporting with our recommendations in the UPR of some countries. We have also participated and actively collaborated in the Project José Martí de Solidaridad Internacional, in its editions from 2013 to 2016, Project ratified by UNESCO, whose objective is to promote and disseminate the study and international recognition of Latin American and Caribbean political thought.

2013: Convention Center of La Habana, Cuba. Participation of FAPCI, as part of the organizing committee, in addition to ECOSOC, of which the José Martí Foundation itself is also a member, at the III International Conference for the Equilibrium of the World. Co-sponsored with the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture and other international institutions; In which the purpose was to bring together men and women from the most diverse currents of thought, disciplines, institutions and countries, together with scholars and interested in the life and work of José Martí.

2014: Vila Real de Santo António, Portugal. Participation of FAPCI in the 9th Meeting of the World Council José Martí Project for International Solidarity, sponsored by UNESCO and OEI, with the main objectives being the study, safeguarding and global promotion of the Martian ideology.

2014: Barcelona, Spain. At the Palau Moja, FAPCI organized the First Meeting "José Martí, a light on the way", as an approach to the European society of the figure of José Martí. It counted on the participation of the Cuban high authorities as the Ambassador of Cuba in Spain, the Vice Minister of Culture of Cuba and the deputy director general of the Office of the Martian Program of Cuba, as well as representatives of the Generalitat de Catalunya and the Ajuntament de Barcelona.

2015: Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participation as an organizing member at the X Meeting of the World Council of the José Martí Project of International Solidarity, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO.

2015: Caixa Forum - Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Presentation of the activities of the foundation and participatory forum focused on indigenous spirituality.

2016: Casa del Mar - Barcelona, Spain. International Women's Day. Organization and realization of the event "Arab-Catalan Women", to establish strong links between European culture and the Arab world in order to create bridges of communication that allow a plural society. The debate and dissemination of scientific, social and cultural production was encouraged with the aim of promoting the professional, academic and social development of people of European-Arab origin in Catalonia and Spain, in order to create a common space for participation of individuals in global society.

2016: CaixaForum – Barcelona, Spain. 1st International Congress "When water is everything: function, interaction of water with health, the environment and human rights". In these

conferences, the problems of water in our planet and the derivated risks. Participants included doctors and environmental researchers and UN human rights experts.

2016: Convention Center of Havana, Cuba. Participation of FAPCI, as a collaborating member, at the II International Conference with All and for the Good of All, sponsored by UNESCO within the José Martí Project of International Solidarity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2013: Geneva, Switzerland. Participation in the Session on Human Rights, held in September.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2013: Paris, France, meeting with UNESCO to study collaboration with its development programs in South America

2016: Geneva, meetings held with WHO to study their participation in future congresses.

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

According to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals: Achieving Universal Primary Education, Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Famine and fostering a World Development Partnership, FAPCI has supported different communities, such as sending a container to the Provincial Municipality of Chucuito -Juli (Peru), with clothes for children and adults, shoes, blankets and toys. Among other things, thanks to the help of partners and the organization of concerts such as the one offered by the "Orchestra Barcino" at the "L'esglesia de Santa Maria del Pi", Barcelona, in 2015. The concert of "The Rumbera Republic, also in 2015 in the" Espai Jove La Fontana "in Barcelona, or the" Concert Benèfic of Basque Traditional Music" in the Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, Barcelona, in 2014, in charge of the San Antonio de Iralabarri Choir.

We are developing since 2009 the cultural program, the university in the new millennium. It consists of different activities in general on the MDGs and other human rights, especially those of indigenous peoples, in order to promote the defense of their culture and traditions and to help them to have a voice in our society, as an ancestor remember our origins and respect for life and live. It has actively collaborated through the processing of study permissions for the Schengen Area of members of different indigenous communities for the

completion of their studies, masters, and professional consolidation.

In 2016, FAPCI initiated contacts in Bambilor, Dakar, in order to create a headquarters of the foundation itself in order to promote the rescue and diffusion of the African ancestral culture. In addition to supporting the support of their identity by promoting their ways of life, and to awaken among us the interest in their knowledge and practices on health, sustainability and the identification of man with nature, in order to rescue habits And customs that in indigenous cultures are related to health.

For that we deepen in an analysis of the different ancestral methodologies of diagnosis, cure and treatment of diseases. In order to promote and disseminate the ancestral knowledge of indigenous peoples and to emphasize the importance of the Natural Active Principle and highlight their traditional and scientific production and use.

5. Fundacion Intervida

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

Fundación Privada Intervida, now Fundación Educación y Cooperación (EDUCO), is a global development NGO with over 25 years' experience acting in defense of children and their rights, and especially the right to an equitable and quality education.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organisation develops social projects in Spain, Africa, America and Asia with the aim of promoting just and equitable societies that guarantee children's rights and wellbeing.

Significant changes in the organization

In September 2013, Intervida merged with the NGO Educación sin Fronteras, and consequently modified its By-Laws to reflect the change of name from Fundación Privada Intervida to Fundación Educación y Cooperación (Educo). We will officially inform ECOSOC of this name change. On November 12, 2014, Educo joined ChildFund Alliance.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Educo's work is intrinsically linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDGs 3, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 16 are of particular relevance to Educo's Strategic Plan objectives.

Educo participates in ChildFund Alliance's Child-Friendly Accountability Initiative, promoting accountability for progress towards SDG 16.2.

Educo is member of the UN Global Compact and the Spanish Global Compact network.

Educo participates in several working groups on the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, such as the Spanish Coordinator for NGO (CONGDE) Development Policy and Agenda 2030 working groups.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Educo Mali: participation in meeting of Sub-Cluster Child Protection, coordinated by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the State Department for Promotion of the Child and

the Family (Bamako, Mali, 30 August 2016).

Educo Philippines: participation in United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) (Bangkok, Thailand, 24-28 November 2014).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organisation has signed collaboration agreements for the implementation of development projects with the following United Nations' agencies: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Bolivia; World Food Program (WTO), El Salvador; World Trade Organisation (WTO), El Salvador; United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), El Salvador.

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

Number of projects in Africa, America, Asia and Spain

2013, 2014, 2015 MDG 1: 40 MDG 2: 72 MDG 3: 20

MDG 4: 4 MDG 5: 2 MDG 6: 21 MDG 7: 7 MDG 8: 6

2016 SDG 2: 6 SDG 3: 9 SDG 4: 57 SDG 5: 5 SDG 6: 3 SDG 8: 4 SDG 16: 30

6. Fundación Familias Monoparentales Isadora Duncan

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Fundación Familias Monoparentales Isadora Duncan (Isadora Duncan) was founded in the year 1984, in the city of León, Spain, by a group of single mothers with the main aim of vindicating and defending the rights that they, as women and families, have been given by Spanish laws, fighting against obvious or hidden discrimination, suffered by their condition.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Isadora Duncan continues with all the same aims and purposes. Now the NGO has a new line of programmes which extend its activities in the Single Parent field to achieve more Social Development Goals (SDG's). The NGO is focusing on more Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), with the SDG numbers 6, 7, 11 and 12, creating a programme within the field of financial education and energy poverty, having the rights to access basic supplies at the core of the effort. A fight against energy poverty and a real empowerment for families in the financial education field. The foundation also aims for SDG numbers 8, 10 and 17 in partnership with Peruvian organisations. The regional scope is to improve access to funds, good practices and to be a dissemination platform in Spain, Europe and South America.

Significant changes in the organization

Isadora Duncan has expanded its geographical coverage to Perú, Colombia, Panamá and Argentina.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2015. Isadora Duncan supports. Millennia2025 Women and Innovation Foundation, Public Utility Foundation. The Destree Institute and Millennia2015 International conference, with the patronage of the UNESCO 2015. Isadora Duncan supports Global Alliance on Media and Gender (GAMAG).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2015. Isadora Duncan sent a written statement to GAMAG meeting in Geneva, Switzerland; 9-10 December. "Gender and the human side on the Media". 2016: Three Representatives attended the following meeting in Amsterdam, The Netherlands; 19-20 April, 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Gender Equality: the role of family policies and exchange of good practices'.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2015. Isadora Duncan did for the GAMAG a little translation in Spanish about: Geneva Framework on Gender and Media International Development Cooperation that resonates with the contemporary agenda SDG's 5, 16 and 17. 2016. Our NGO translated and disseminated a French study: Welcome to the Women's planet! by Mazars and the French National Committee for UN Women.

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

2013. Isadora Duncan disseminated a UN Women by Memac Ogilvy & Mather Dubai campaign against sexism on the internet. As part of fulfilling the third Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), promoted gender equality and empower women. 2015. Melissa Mazza from the Buenos Aires University, Argentina, sent Isadora Duncan a statement to be disseminated in "Los lunes sin sol", a rally against gender-based violence in León, 10th of August. In order to achieve the SDG 5. 2016. The organization commemorated the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, 11th of February. And designed a STEAM children camp for summer. Focusing on SDG 4, 5, 10 and 12.

7. Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo

(General; 2013)

Introduction

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting collaboration between organizations in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to study, research, enhance public understanding, design public policies, devise strategies, offer capacity building, and foster exchange in the crucial areas for the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic, Caribbean and Latin America.

Significant changes in the organization

May 2013: Opening of a new FUNGLODE office in Paris, France, with the auspices of UNESCO. The aim of the office is to work closely on topics related to culture and education.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

One of our major initiatives is DR 2044, a development and infrastructure plan within the 32 provinces of the country that analyses the main infrastructural needs of big cities and remote towns alike, in order to be aligned with the 2030 Agenda and 15 years beyond.

Funglode cohosts two mayor model UN together with the UN Association of the Dominican Republic yearly. One has taken place every April, in New York, United States, (NYDRMUN) and the other takes place every October in Punta Cana, The Dominican Republic (Conferencia Internacional de las Américas).

The organization has organized and hosted the following activities, among others: Panel "The Role of Women in Television", in November 2016.

Conference: "Excellency Hospitals" as a key strategy to reduce maternal mortality rates (July, 2013).

Release of Integral Plan for Citizen Security (May, 2013).

Seminar on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (March 2013).

Presentation of report "Empowering Women in Developing Countries' Democracies", April 2013.

Panel: Peace in the Middle East during Obama's administration, May 2013.

Round table on "Technology and Networks for Social Inclusion: The Case of Visually Impaired People", July 2013.

Seminar of Experts on the Protection of Social and Cultural Rights of Vulnerable Groups in Iberoamerica, (April 2013).

Round table and launch of book on Development of local capacities: the keys to benefiting from globalization and reducing unemployment in the Dominican Republic, October 2013.

Conference: STEMWorld 2014: Towards Higher Quality Education, January 2014.

Conference: Competitiveness, economic growth and higher education: An international comparative analysis", April 2014.

Conference on "Ebola: The Epidemic: Impact and prevention, August 2014.

Conference on "Coaching for people with special needs", May 2014.

Conference on "Sexual violence prevention in zones in conflict", June 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

July 2013, ECOSOC High Level Segment meeting - presentation of The Dominican Republic: science, technology and innovation and the potential of culture to promote sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals.

Our representatives participated actively at the Intergovernmental Negotiations for the Post 2015 Agenda, between September 2014 and July 2015 (ECOSOC). The organization submitted two statements throughout that process.

The representatives participated in the High Level Political Forum in July 2016, in New York City.

The representatives participated in the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, in New York, in September 2015.

Our representative participated in UNCTAD's Global Commodities Forum in July 2015, as well as in April 2014, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our organization has worked closely with UNESCO, and has hosted the UNESCO Chairs on Water, Gender and governance since 2011.

Participation in the meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and TICS of the Economic Council for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC),

Launch of UNCTAD's report on Trade and Development 2014 and the World Investment report, with the participation of UNCTAD's secretary general, Mukhisa Kituyi, November 2014

Funglode joined in 2016 the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) an initiative of the former Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon that seeks to promote the finding of efficient solutions for the implementation of the 2030 agenda and specializes on the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

Innovative Schools Forum 2016, aimed at including innovative tools in the classrooms, supporting SDG 4.

Forum on Higher Education and Innovation (2013,2014, 2015 and 2016), the last two years have been focused on the use of technologies and means of implementation of SDG 4.

Participation in IV Forum on Latin American Democracy with the topic "Poverty and representation crisis, towards more or less social cohesion in 2020?", October 2013.

Environmental Film Festivals (2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016).

Organization of conference: "It's our time to lead: the importance of youth involvement on climate change and sustainable development issues", April 2015.

Organization of conference: "New Legal Framework for International Development and the 2030 Agenda", June 2015.

Panel: Dominican Republic: The Climate Reality Project and COP21: Challenges and Opportunities.

Side Event during the intergovernmental negotiations on the 2030 Agenda, July 2015.

Organization of panel: Perspective of MOOCS towards an inclusive higher education, July 2015.

8. General Arab Women Federation

(Special; 1985)

Introduction

The General Arab Women Federation (GAWF) was founded in 1944 and obtained ECOSOC special consultative status in 1985. GAWF is a regional women's organization, has its secretariat in Egypt, with national feminist unions and NGOs members from 20 Arab countries. GAWF coordinates the work of its members, defends the human rights of Arab Women, addresses their issues and supports the implementation of the United Nations programs and resolutions. It cooperates and networks with Arab and other organizations working for the same cause, and has a special status with the League of Arab States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GAWF works through its secretariat and members to improve the situation of Arab Women and to empower them to exercise their basic indivisible human rights. It advocates, lobbies and pressures Arab decision makers to implement United Nation resolutions. It also assists its members in providing programs to implement these resolutions. GAWF carries research and studies of important issues related to women development and raise awareness around these issues.

Significant changes in the organization

The secretariat of GWAF was transferred according to its bylaws to Cairo, Egypt. GWAF reestablished its status with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Culture Organization (UNESCO).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GWAF contributed to the work of the United Nations during this period through the activities of its secretariat and through the activities of the NGOs who are members of its general assembly. Examples of these activities include:

- members of GWAF Implemented projects for training poor women for employment and for starting small enterprises;

- established a rehabilitation centre for the victims of violence in Yemen in 2015;
- celebrated the international women day in March every year during the reporting period;
- formulated a Jordanian national plan to implement United Nations Resolution 1325;
- established a fund to support women candidates for the 2014 parliament election.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Attended the conference "Legal Protection of Girls Under 18 Years" organized in collaboration of United Nations Fund for Children, Yemen April 2013.
- Attended the 21 Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 2013 - representatives attended the yearly meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York during 2013-2016
- Participated in the conference " Discussing the Strategy for Eliminating Illegal Emigration 2016-2026 " Cairo, 17 October 2016.
- Participated as a speaker in the panel "Empowerment of women in the organization of Islamic countries, OSC" parallel event during CSW session 2016 in New York.
- Organized a regional meeting for NGOs "Twenty Years After Beijing" as a preparation for the CSW meeting 2015, Cairo, Egypt 21-22 February 2015.
- Participated as a speaker in the panel "Regional organizations and the promotion of Gender Equality" organized by institute for development and electoral assistance IDEA a parallel event during CSW session 2016 in New York, United States.
- GAWF members participated in the Arab caucus meetings and lobbying to include issues that are not written in CSW draft conclusions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Selected by United Nations Women Organization (UN WOMEN) to prepare the Arab region Shadow Report " Beijing Plus Twenty " 2015 -organized a regional meeting in cooperation with UNWOMEN on "Arab Women and Agenda for Sustainable Development 2015-2030 " Cairo /Alexandria, Egypt 24-28 February.

Carried a study on " Arab Women Immigrants in Yemen " for the office of United Nations Office for Refugees (UNCHR) 2014.

Organized the conference " Mainstreaming Gender Issues in the Curriculum of Basic

Education " in cooperation with The World Bank, Yemen ,6 March 2013 -attended the United Nations General Assembly meeting 4-15 March 2013.

Attended the meeting " 70 Years for UNICEF " Cairo, Egypt organized by UNICEF office, Cairo 2016.

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

No activities were specified.

9. Geopolitikai Tanács Közhasznú Alapítvány

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The Council on Geopolitics was formed in 2001 as a civil analysis center. In 2003, the Council took the form of a foundation, and at the same time it gained the classification 'Public Benefit' from the Court of Justice of Budapest.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main goal of the Council of Geopolitics is to promote the idea of international cooperation, foreign and security policy research, with particular emphasis on the geopolitical research and the Euro-Atlantic integration of Budapest III. District/Buda-Békásmegyer. The Council of Geopolitics Foundation (CoG) promotes national and multilateral policies, safeguards, and agreements aimed at curtailing the cross-border flow of illegal money. In putting forward solutions, facilitating strategic partnerships, and conducting groundbreaking research, CoG is leading the way in efforts to curtail illicit financial flows and enhance global development and security in Central Europe. CoG promotes development of democracy throughout Hungary and abroad, in particular the rule of law, human rights, and the efficient use of public funds.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Council on Geopolitics Foundation has strong research skills in the fields of transparency, international security and democracy.

From 2013 to 2015 we focused on the Anti-corruption Convention of the State Parties, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime - Vienna, Austria.

Now we are focusing on the cyber and social media themes, including: “How could the international community facilitate knowledge sharing and access to new technologies and innovation to all social groups, including youth, older persons, persons with disabilities,

indigenous peoples, as well as vulnerable groups such as people living in rural and remote areas and people living in poverty?” and security issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Our representatives attended the following conferences and meetings:

- Briefing for NGOs, Vienna, 30 May 2013, organized by the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
- UNCAC: IRG - Briefing for NGOs, Vienna, 05 Jun 2014 - 05 Jun 2014;
- The 14th session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, 20-24 April 2015, at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York, United States;
- ITU Telecom World Exhibition 2015, Budapest, Hungary, 12-15 October 2015;
- Joint ISO/IEC/ITU Workshop on Internet of Things, 13 May 2016, Berlin, Germany.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our representative met with UNDP Global Thematic Programme on Anti-Corruption For Development Effectiveness (PACIDE) in March 2013, after that we sent an apply for grant including brief description of the planned project, activities and the estimated budget;

We participated the Implementation Review Group- IRG meeting related to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 5 June 2013, Budapest;

Cooperation with the Human Rights Committee related to the 35th Meeting of States parties took place in New York (CB -4 (145)) on 23 June 2016 at 10 am.

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

International Anti-corruption Day was observed each year on 9 December by our organization. The organization also commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development and the adoption of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action.

10. Gherush92 - Committee for Human Rights

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

Gherush92- Committee for Human Rights is a scientific no profit independent research organization which was constituted by a team of researchers and professionals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to produce research, studies, publications and projects as far as the promotion of the cultural diversity and the fight against racism and poverty are concerned.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Gherush92 Committee for Human Rights, expanding research, analysis and projects carried out in previous years, has focused the activity on issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals (mainly goals 1,2,11,12,13,15,16):

- Environmental and urban sustainability;
- Bioeconomy, responsible consumption and production;
- The fight against poverty and hunger;
- The rights of indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge, agroecology and life on land;
- Climate change and its impacts on desertification and cities; - The access to justice for all and the fight against racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Romanism, Islamophobia;
- Peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and conflicts resolution.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Gherush92 Representatives attended the following meetings:

- 7-18 NOVEMBER 2016, UNFCCC
- COP22, MARRAKECH CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, MOROCCO.
- 11 November, Co-Applicant of the side Event “Future Cities for Climate Change Targets

(CCTs), Agroecology and Local Biocultural Assessments”, (Lead Applicant: COBASE, Cooperativa Tecnico Cientifica di Base; Co-Applicant: ANDES, Asociacion para la Naturaleza y Desarrollo Sostenible).

- Co-applicant of the exhibit “Creating Carbon Negative and Climate Resilient Ecovillages & Communities in Africa and around the World. Creating electrical cities and agroecological parks. Defining Principles. Guidelines and indicators for future relationship between cities, urban agroecology, bioeconomy and climate change” (Lead Applicant: COBASE; Co-Applicant: GEN, Global Ecovillage Network).

- Lead applicant of the side Event “Urban Agroecology and Traditional Knowledge”, Indigenous Pavillon (Co-Applicant: COBASE).

16-26 MAY 2016, UNFCCC BONN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE SB44, GERMANY.

- 17 May 2016, Co-Applicant of the side Event “Discussion Electrical Urban Areas. Principles, Guidelines, Indicators to combat CC. Project Elements”, (Lead Applicant: COBASE).

30 NOV.-11 DEC. 2015, UNFCCC - COP21, PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, FRANCE.

- 02 December, Co-Applicant of the side Event “Electrical Cities, Common Goods (energy, water, sanitation), Agroecological Parks against CC”, (Lead Applicant: COBASE; Co-applicant: SAFE, South Asian Forum for Environment).

1-11 JUNE 2015, UNFCCC, BONN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE SB42, GERMANY.

UNFCCC, CLIMATE ACTION FAIR VIRTUAL EXPO 2015.

- 03 June, Co-Applicant of the side Event “Electrical Cities and Eco-productive and Agro-ecological Parks against CC with bio-circular Economy”, (Lead Applicant: COBASE).

1-14 DECEMBER 2014, UNFCCC COP20, LIMA CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, PERU.

- 01 December, Co-Applicant of the side Event “Electrical Cities Agroecological and Eco-productive Parks to combat CC. A Bioeconomical Approach”, (Lead Applicant: COBASE).

4-15 JUNE 2014, BONN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE SB40, GERMANY.

- 08 June, Co-Applicant of the side Event “Bioeconomy, Electrical Cities and Agroecological

Parks to combat Climate Change” (Lead Applicant: COBASE).

05 MAY 2014, CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, ROME.

- Participation to the presentation of the peer review OCSE-DAC about the Italian International Cooperation.

12 MARCH 2014, SENATE OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, ROME.

- Hearing at the Commission of Foreign Affairs about the law process of the General Discipline of International Cooperation and Development.

NOVEMBER 2013, UNFCCC COP19, WARSAW CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, POLAND.

- Full participation at the COP19.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Gherush92 has contributed to the work of the UN participating in the meetings of the Human Rights Council, the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio +20, the UN Climate Change Conference, the World Food Day, FAO. In this context the Committee carried out meetings with personalities from the cultural, diplomatic and institutional framework of other NGOs, UN agencies and countries.

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

The above-mentioned activities are in support to the MDGs (mainly goals 1,4,7,8). In addition, the following initiatives are mentioned:

- August 2016, Gherush92 Campaign against the celebration of the 500 years of life of the Venice Ghetto, Italy, celebrating the first day of segregation of the Jews.

- 27 January 2015, Gherush92 and Academia of Brera, organization of the Conference “The Teaching of Memory History, Art, Racism, Human Rights”, International Working Document for the Restoration and the Preservation in situ of the Italian Memorial at Auschwitz.

- November 2014-December 2015, “Appeal for the Italian Memorial at Auschwitz” by Gherush92 and the Academia of Brera.

- 2014-2015 Pilot Project Proposal “Agro-ecological Parks and Electrical Cities” (partner: COBASE).

- 2013-2015 Pilot project Proposal “Agro-ecological Parks to feed Cities” (partner: COBASE).

- 2013-2016, Gherush92 Publications “Red Triumph over the Expert”.
- 2013-2016, Gherush92 Campaign “Stop Intensive Animal farming” with publication of many articles and the book “The Pig is our Teacher. Animals and Jews a severed relationship”.

11. Global Environmental Action (GEA)

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

Global Environmental Action (GEA) is a Non-Governmental Organization, which mainly is sponsored by private industrial enterprises in Japan. Members of GEA consists of the Japanese Eminent Persons such as Diet members (legislators) and other persons of influence from government, industry, and academia. GEA holds international conferences every two years with the support and cooperation from various International Organizations and government ministries of Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GEA aims to highlight the state of the global environment and the crisis it is facing by organizing conferences and meetings on all levels. The outcome of these conferences is presented and reported at the side events during United Nations related conferences such as Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Instead of focusing on specific initiatives, GEA exerts a certain influence on international opinion by making policy proposals and recommendations through international conferences and seminars listed below:

1. GEA International Conference 2013 “Advancing from Rio + 20 toward a Sustainable Future: Economic Revitalization and Contribution to the International Society through Green Economy” was held on October 18-19, 2013 at the Capitol Hotel Tokyu, Tokyo Japan.
2. GEA International Conference 2015: “Policies and Measures to Cope with Climate Change and towards a Sustainable Society” was held on October 15-16, 2015 at the Capitol Hotel Tokyu, Tokyo Japan.

3. At the 19th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Warsaw Poland on 11-23 November in 2013.

4. On the sideline of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development held in Aichi-Nagoya Japan on 10-12 in 2014, GEA held a seminar entitled “The role of the Earth Charter in the framework of Education for Sustainable Development, accomplishments and challenges” which took place on 11 November as well as held an exhibition on 8-9 November.

5. As a part of official side event at the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Paris/ France from 30 November to 12 December 2015, GEA presented and distributed a report from the GEA International Conference 2015 at the Japan Pavilion.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

At the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, which took place from November 10-12 2014 in Nagoya, Japan, representatives of GEA participated in the Workshop Cluster I-No.5 session: Ethics-based educational innovation for the great transition on the 10th of November.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GEA International Conference 2013 “Advancing from Rio + 20 toward a Sustainable Future: Economic Revitalization and Contribution to the International Society through Green Economy” was held on October 18-19, 2013, Tokyo Japan. This conference was co-organized by the United Nations University and Japanese government ministries including Ministry of the Environment.

GEA International Conference 2015: “Policies and Measures to Cope with Climate Change and towards a Sustainable Society” was held on October 15-16, 2015, Tokyo Japan. This conference was co-organized by the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability and Japanese government ministries including Ministry of the Environment. Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme gave a keynote speech on “the Power of Policy and Technology”.

GEA also supported a forum entitled, “International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific” held on July 12-13 2016 in Yokohama, Japan. This forum was organized by Institute for Global Environmental Strategies and United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study for Sustainability and collaborated with United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and others.

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

At the GEA international conference 2015 which was held after the adoption of Post 2015 Development Agenda/ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, GEA had a session focused on SDGs: “Actions for Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals chaired by Mr. Macharia Kamau, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary and Permanent Representative, Kenya Mission to the United Nations, New York, United States. They discussed on the topics of historical significance of SDGs, new approaches taken in SDGs negotiation process and further implementation, indicators for measuring progress and data management, concrete paths, actions and cooperation being emerged and further deployment of stakeholders’ efforts for implementation.

12. Global Foundation for Democracy and Development, Inc.

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is a private, non-profit, non-governmental organization created in the year 2002 by Dr. Leonel Fernandez to complement and advance the work of Fundacion Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), headquartered in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of GFDD is to contribute to the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic and the Americas. The foundation promotes collaboration and exchange to disseminate knowledge; encourage better informed public opinion; achieve sounder public policies; and train greater number of qualified human resources.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since its 2013 accreditation, the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) has been a strong advocate for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) via the workshops it has given to local communities in the Dominican Republic. Its grassroots programs ReCreate gave 180 recycling workshops in over 10 different cities, an average of 2,000 people each year since 2013. EcoHuertos has created more than 90 sustainable vegetables gardens in education and community centers across the country since 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Since 2013, GFDD has participated and delivered statements in the following UN conferences in New York City, United States: the Sixth High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development, Commission on Social Development (53rd, 54th and 55th session), Negotiation

Sessions of the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (9th to 13th session), Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, Commission on the Status of Women (59th, 60th and 61st session), 65th Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization Conference, UN Climate Summit, Briefing Session on the Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, First Substantive Information Session of the Preparatory Process for the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development, High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (2015 and 2016).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2014: The foundation partnered with the UN Environmental Programme in April 2014 for a screening of a documentary film titled *On the Edge, Antarctica* about the impact of climate change, in commemoration Earth Day.

2015: GFDD partnered with the UN Development Programme for a panel discussion on tax reform as a trigger for development during the special April meeting of ECOSOC on international tax cooperation. This marked the official launch of the in-house publication entitled “The 2012 Dominican Tax Reform in Historical and Regional Context” by Dr. James Mahon, GFDD Fellow.

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

GFDD hosted the annual Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival focused around environmental education, the promotion of MDG7 and the implementation of the SDGs. The audience numbers have grown extensively from screenings to 6,500 audience members in 7 cities in 2013 to over 12,000 in 11 Dominican cities in 2016.

June 2015: GFDD film screening of *Lago Enriquillo: A Prelude to Climate Change* and panel discussion on sea level rise and the implementation of SDG 13, at UN Headquarters in New York, following the UN General Assembly’s High-Level Event on Climate Change.

13. Global Health And Awareness Research Foundation (GAF)

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Global Health and Awareness Research Foundation (GAF) is a non-governmental, non-political and humanitarian organization established in 1996 with office in Enugu, Enugu State, South East Nigeria. It is a legal entity registered with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja with registration No 9197. It is also registered with Enugu State Ministry of Gender Affairs and Social Development as well as Federal Ministry of Gender Affairs and Social Development, Abuja. GAF envisions a society where women and adolescents are free from sexuality and reproductive health problems and their rights recognized. GAF's activities are carried out in the following thematic areas:

- Peer education
- Gender and Rights
- Integrated Reproductive Health and Economic Empowerment Programme
- HIV and AIDS: Prevention, care and support of Vulnerable children, persons living and affected by AIDS;
- Research, Documentation and Dissemination
- Communicable Disease Prevention and Control.

GAF operates effectively in the South East geopolitical zone comprising. Abia, Ebonyi, Anambra, Enugu and Imo States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To improve information dissemination on sexuality and reproductive health issues including HIV and AIDS and other communicable diseases eg. Malaria through use of trained peer educators in information dissemination in schools, media programmes, fact sheets etc.
- To empower adolescents and women economically through income generation activities eg computer training for in-school adolescent; cosmetology, confectionaries, bead making, barbing, sewing and hair dressing and offer them interest free loans.
- To build the capacity of women and adolescents to advocate, lobby for participation in leadership including decision-making and enforcement of laws on harmful traditional

practices in various communities through advocacy visits to policy makers in various communities.

- To conduct research, documentation and communication of findings through publication in fact sheets, magazines newsletters and media programmes. Also carry out monitoring and evaluation of programmes through annual review interactive workshop and meetings with beneficiaries.

- To work and build coalition and partnerships with public and private sector, international and local NGOs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The following activities executed by GHARF are in support of the development agenda of ECOSOC.

(a) 2012: Economic Empowerment for caregivers:

Three (3) months vocational skills training for fifty (50) vulnerable children's caregivers in Ekulu Pottery, Enugu North Local Government Area of Enugu State. The caregivers were taught cosmetology (soap, detergent, pomade, Izal etc) confectionary (buns, cake, chin-chin, meat-pie) and bead stringing. The purpose of the training is to make beneficiaries economically self-sufficient and self-reliant. The skills would help them take better care of vulnerable children in their custody. They were encouraged to form co-operative societies to enable them source for funds/assistance from local governments and donor agencies. This project was funded by Presidents Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR).

(b) 2014: Voices for Change Programme (V4C) – Voices for Change is a programme funded by Department for International Development (DFID) working to strengthen the enabling environment for gender equality in Nigeria. V4C's mission is to inspire a generation of new voices to “speak up and speak out” to enable young women achieve their full potential. The primary target audience for this life style brand are males and females aged 16-25 years in post-secondary institutions. The programme seeks to: - empower young women by increasing their self-esteem and thereby reduce violence against women and girls.

- To increase women's participation in leadership
- To involve women in decision making. GHARF has been executing this programme in two tertiary institutions in Enugu State since 2014 namely: The University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Institute of Management and Technology.

(c) 2015: Passage of Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) (VAPP BILL) into Law The Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Bill 2014 was initiated by Legislative Advocacy Coalition on Violence Against Women (LACVAW). LACVAW is a coalition of right-based NGOs in Nigeria; GHARF is both a financial and active member of this coalition. The bill seeks to eliminate violence in private and public life, prohibit all forms of violence including harmful traditional practices, discrimination against persons and provide all round protection and effective remedies for victims as well as punishment for offenders. GHARF participated in the series of legislative advocacies in the National Assembly for the passage of the bill. Thus in May 2015, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, passed the Bill into Law.

(d) National Coalition on Affirmative Action (NCAA) : NCAA came into being in 2003. It is a legal entity registered with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja. It is an umbrella organization of non-governmental organisations interested in promoting affirmative action for increased participation of women in public life in Nigeria. It has a branch in each state. It is also committed to the domestication of the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW) and the map into protocol. Presently, NCAA Enugu State of which GHARF is a financial member is sensitizing women in the three senatorial zones of the state (East, West and North) on the passage of Equal Opportunities Bill into law in Enugu State and Nigeria at large.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GHARF attends the Commission on Status of Women Conference (CSW) which holds in New York, United States, March, every year in the past 9 years and have made contribution in various meetings at the UN and Church Center Building, including attendance at morning briefing and African caucus meetings.

For example in 2011, GHARF was one of the speakers at a CSW side event in New York at the 55th session of the Commission on the Status of Women on – Sexual Harassment, Abuse and Exploitation in schools: Promoting Greater Accountability to education of the Girl Child.

This event took place on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, Church Center UN Building, 777 United Nations Plaza Boss Room, 8th Floor.

Others Activities Include Side Events in 2014 at the Nigeria House, March 18th, 2014 CSW 58th Session on The voices of Nigerian Women and Girls in the Post – 2015 Development held in the Nigeria House during which the Journey so far on the MDGs in Nigeria was reviewed.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- (i) GHARF as a member of Child Protection Network (CPN) Enugu State, with other NGOs in Enugu State, assisted the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and Ministry of Gender and Women Affairs in the passage of Child Rights Act into Law in Enugu State in December 2016. The assistance was in the form of community mobilization and sensitization on the Child Rights Act.
- (ii) GHARF with support from World Bank in 2009 built the capacity of rural out-of-school girls on income generation activities. GHARF through HAF Fund between 2006 and 2007 and HPDP II (both World Bank Projects) on scaling up of HIV/AIDS prevention, HCT and condom procurement in communities; HPDP II was carried out in 15 communities in 5 LGAs from January to December 2015. Target beneficiaries include: Vulnerable children, Female Sex Workers, Road Transport workers. Women of reproductive age especially pregnant mothers and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) and their PABAs.
- (iii) The organization have been observing the World Aids Day each year since inception in Enugu, 1996 In 2016 it was commemorated at Okpara Square with other NGOs, and officials from State Ministry of Health (SMoH) and Enugu State HIV/AIDS Unit (ENSACA). This resulted in creation of awareness among school children and general populace include carrying out HCT and counseling.

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

During the period covered by this report; our organization took the following actions in support of MDGs; (a) Under MDGs 3, six (6) community-based women leaders from Mbu Akpoti and Ikem communities Isi-Uzo LGA were appointed into the Igwe’s cabinet through

our advocacy programme in the communities to policy makers and various gatekeepers.

The Igwe's cabinet is the decision-making body in each community. (b) Under MDGs 5 over four thousand (4000) women in ten communities in Nkanu East LGA of Enugu State were reached with prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) messages in 2015.

The objective is to prevent / reduce HIV infection among unborn children (Zero transmission).

Also, eighteen (18) traditional birth attendants (TBAs) in Nkanu East local government were trained to refer pregnant women for HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT).

Under MDGs 6, a total of one hundred and five (105) caregivers were strengthened economically to embark on income generation activities of their choice to enable them to support the orphans and vulnerable children (VC) under their care. Sixty (60) of the caregivers are from Awgu Local Government, Thirty (30) from Isi-Uzo LGA and fifteen (15) from Nkanu West LGA with support from Centre for Clinical Care and Clinical Research, Nigeria. (CCCRN).

Also, 10 vulnerable pupils from Hill Top Primary School, Ikem, Isi-uzo LGA were supported with tuition fees, and educational materials, school uniforms, school bags and sandals. While over 7000 VC were provided with psychosocial support, nutritional education, health education among others. With support from PEPFAR 50 poor women including widows were assisted with free loan to enable them take care of their families – through GHARF household economic strengthen after training on income generation skills. GHARF in 2017 was made a member of the National Strategic Group on implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in Nigeria to coordinate activities in Enugu State.

14. Global Helping to Advance Women and Children

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

Global Helping to Advance Women and Children (Global HAWC) works at the United Nations and in countries around the world to improve the lives of women, children and families. Global HAWC has an education mission and a humanitarian outreach mission. Global HAWC has an interest in all the areas of the work of ECOSOC because all these areas impact women, children and families.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Global HAWC seeks to inform UN member states, NGOs, public policymakers, and civil society throughout the world regarding the goals and initiatives of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies, and to organize projects and programs that support UN 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

Global Helping to Advance Women and Children activities include:

- March 19, 2014: During the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, United States, the organization took part in a panel presentation during a side event in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Qatar, and Indonesia on the topic of “Mainstreaming a Family Perspective in the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.”
- March 15, 2016: The organization participated at a parallel event during the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women with a presentation on "Engaging Women in Sustainable Development," in support of the important statement by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, “that the stability and cohesiveness of communities and societies largely rest on the strength of the family. (Report of the Secretary-

General on the follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond, A/66/62–E/2011/4)

- May 16, 2016: The organization observed the anniversary of the International Year of the Family by co-sponsoring a High Level Event in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, titled “Uniting Nations for a Family Friendly World.” Global HAWC delivered a Civil Society Joint Statement of Support for the Group of Friends of the Family, the Member States that sponsored the event.
- September 2016: Financially supported the printing and distribution of the publication, “Family Capital and the SDGs – Implementing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.”

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 51st Session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, United States, 06 - 15 February, 2013
- 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, United States, 04 - 15 March, 2013
- 46th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York, United States, 22 - 26 April, 2013
- 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, United States, 11 - 21 February, 2014
- 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, United States, 10 - 21 March, 2014
- 47th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York, United States, 07 - 11 April, 2014
- 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, United States, 09 - 20 March, 2015
- 48th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York, United States, 13 - 17 April, 2015
- 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, United States, 14 - 24 March, 2016

- 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York, United States, 11 - 15 April, 2016

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Prior to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, Global Helping to Advance Women and Children focused primarily on Millennium Development Goals 1 and 5. The organization currently focuses primarily on Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, and 6 by partnering with and providing support to the organizations below who work in country to achieve these goals:

- Working with Agenda, a nonprofit organization that successfully places orphans (including many AIDS orphans) with substitute families in Mozambique.
- Working with Care for Life to promote and support the Family Preservation Program—an integrated approach to community development focusing on family empowerment through education, instruction and behavioral change.
- Promoting the 7 Days of Nothing Program which encourages participants to choose to sacrifice modern conveniences and live as closely as possible to the way many women and children do in impoverished areas for at least seven days and then to donate the money saved to a Families for Orphans project to help orphans and vulnerable children, including refugees.
- Assisting Amandla Base and Relief Center in Kajaansi Region, Uganda, an organization that oversees the placement and care of the children that have been abandoned or displaced.
- Assisting the Service and Research Institute on Family and Children (SERFAC) in Chennai, India following three devastating sequential floods that destroyed virtually everything on their main campus including buildings, their library and housing facilities in order to re-establish their program which aims to eradicate poverty, protect children and the elderly, and work toward promoting mutual understanding and

violence free, peaceful and sustainable societies.

15. Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, The

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

GNP+ is the global network for and by people living with HIV. We work to improve the quality of life of all people living with HIV. This means we advocate for, and support fair and equal access to treatment, care and support services for people living with HIV around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As a rights-based organisation, emancipation and self-determination are our core principles. Over the past decade we have spoken with, interviewed and surveyed tens of thousands living with HIV, getting to know – again and again – the issues of crucial importance to the lives of people living with HIV: our involvement, rights and treatment. It is our vision that people living with HIV will only enjoy a better quality of life if we keep demanding it. We support and nurture a powerful and united worldwide social movement of people living with HIV.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GNP+ recognises the importance of working with United Nations agencies at the global level to ensure that the experiences of PLHIV are incorporated into programmes and policies. GNP+ has provided technical support to United Nations bodies by participating in technical consultations and developing guidance for HIV treatment, prevention and care by teaming up with agencies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

HLM Activities: From April to June 2016, we engaged in a number of advocacy activities related to the UN High Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS. A key population living with HIV (KPLHIV) talking points and HLM roadmap document was created and distributed to our

partners. Additionally, with our Dutch partners we co-organized a well-attended side meeting on young key populations. Additionally, we supported the drafting and editing of the civil society shadow declaration, Civil Society and Communities Declaration to End HIV: Human Rights Must Come First. Finally, GNP+ released a couple of press statements during and after the HLM expressing our disappointment with the negotiation process as it related to the collusion of a number of member states to exclude the needs and rights of key populations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Organiser of Living 2016 in Durban, South Africa; member of the Inter Agency Task Team; Regional consultation in Africa and Asia; NORAD PHDP 4-year project; WHO Values and preferences survey consultation 2015; Participation and delegation to UNAIDS PCB and Executive Board meetings.

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

GNP+'s activities are centred completely on HIV and related issues. GNP+ approaches its work on HIV in a multi-sectoral manner, addressing many of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). GNP+ facilitates the participation of PLHIV in the HIV/AIDS response by addressing MDG6. Through Positive Health Dignity and Prevention GNP+ advocates for a holistic approach that includes reduction of poverty (MDG 1), equality for women living with HIV (MDG3), and safe pregnancies with zero new infected babies (MDG 4 and 5).