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1. Åland Islands Peace Institute, The

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Åland Islands Peace Institute (AIPI) is an independent foundation both religiously and politically, supporting research and practical work within the fields of peace and security, autonomy, and minority issues – always from the perspective of the special status of the Åland Islands, Finland. AIPI was established in 1992.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The core activities of the AIPI are research and dissemination of knowledge through education and publications. The institute is active in imparting knowledge about Åland's status as an autonomous, demilitarised, and neutralised territory. It offers up-to-date research and analysis of debates related to Åland, Finland, including the development of the Ålandic autonomy and minority rights. The institute offers educational courses as well as conflict management. for both a local and international audience.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015 AIPI adopted changes with the aim to refocus on the key areas of expertise of the institute, namely on three core areas: 1) minority protection, 2) security and demilitarisation and 3) territorial autonomies. Director Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark is on leave, leading a research project on demilitarisation since 2015. Professor Kjell-Åke Nordquist is currently acting as the director of the Institute.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AIPI is committed to supporting international peace and friendly relations among nations. Apart from ongoing research, AIPI has also actively contributed to advocacy work and capacity building. In 2015 an international conference "Minority Protection at crossroads" was held in Åland, Finland. The web-based university level course "Territorial Autonomy as a Tool for Diversity Management", introduced in spring 2015, is also a new and important activity of the institute.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The chairperson of the Board of the ÅIPI Ms Barbro Sundback and Jenny Jonstoj, a former Project Manager and method developer with a gender perspective for the ÅIPI, participated in the UN 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, United States of America, in early March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Only informal contacts presently with UN bodies.

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

During the reporting period ÅIPI has undertaken a number of activities to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. Among the now concluded projects are the Girls-and Boys group project and the Fair Sex project (both started in 2011). The NGO co-operation project "Overcoming Gender Disparities as a Tool for Social Change" was also concluded in September 2012. ÅIPI has also contributed to the MDG no.8 i.a. through educating for the SIDA international training programme in "Human Rights, Peace and Security" with participants from Liberia, Sierra Leone, TimorLeste, Colombia and Cambodia in 2012.

2. American Psychological Association

Special, 2000

Introduction

The American Psychological Association (APA), is the world's largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology. APA's membership includes more than 117,500 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students from 160 countries. APA has signed memoranda of understanding (MOU) with 21 national psychology organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through its divisions in 54 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 state, territorial and provincial associations, APA works to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives. APA's staff support the association's mission through activities that communicate the unique benefits psychology provides to health and wellness; advocate for the discipline to become more fully incorporated into health research and delivery systems; position psychology as the science of behavior; and increase public awareness of the benefits psychology brings to daily living.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2012-2015 APA organized, co-sponsored, and presented at Psychology Day at the United Nations held at UN headquarters, New York, United States of America, providing an opportunity for psychology to share with UN Permanent Missions, UN agencies, and other NGOs the role of psychology in addressing concerns of global importance. 19 April 2012: Human Rights for Vulnerable People

23 April 2013: Psychology and Violence in a Global Context: Antecedents, Consequences and Prevention

24 April 2014: Psychology's Contributions to Sustainable Development: Challenges and Solutions for the Global Agenda

30 April 2015: Reducing Health Inequalities Within and Among Countries: Psychology's Contributions to the United Nation's Post-2015 Global Agenda

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

APA co-sponsored parallel events at the 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

APA co-sponsored side events at 52nd and 53rd Sessions of the Commission for Social Development.

APA participated as an observer in 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development.

APA attended 13th Session on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII-13).

APA moderated panel observing 2014 International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

APA moderated panel observing 2015 International Day of Older Persons.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

APA organized and moderated 12 June 2014 DPI briefing, "Global Violence, Psychological Perspectives, Prevention, Intervention and Future Trends."

APA organized and presented 14 May 2015 DPI briefing, "Future Psychologists: Impacting the Sustainable Development Goals and Global Issues."

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

APA supports the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach. The Association's accredited NGO representatives present a symposium at the annual convention focusing on the application of psychological science in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

3. Art of Living Foundation

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Art of Living Foundation (AOL) and its sister organization International Association for Human Values (IAHV) are committed to enhancing the quality of life for all by building a global community, based on the human values shared in common, while celebrating the diversity of cultural and religious identities. The Foundation engages in a wide array of educational and humanitarian programs that uplift individuals, make a difference in local communities, and foster global change. Often working in association with its sister organization, IAHV, Foundation volunteers have brought both physical and trauma relief to a number of regions of conflict and natural disaster around the world, and in many regions have contributed to the cessation of decades-long violence. The Foundation also offers stress management and leadership programs for youth and teens, business, law and government, prison inmates and staff, trauma survivors, those suffering from depression, and programs for people living with cancer, HIV, and other life-threatening diseases. Our service projects, trauma-relief, and stress-reduction and self-development programs have benefited more than 25 million people on six continents, in more than 155 countries around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation is dedicated to serving society by strengthening the individual. We do this by offering a multitude of self-awareness, education and outreach programs that eliminate stress, create a sense of belonging, restore human values including compassion and non-violence, and encourage people from all backgrounds, religions, and cultural traditions to come together in celebration and service. Our work begins with the development of the individual. When given the tools to see clearly, people obtain the vision to contribute something positive in their communities. They also gain the energy to translate their vision into action. Our wide network of projects is backed by a dynamic and dedicated group of volunteers. Through them the Art of Living Foundation takes a two-tiered approach: 1. Education - Human Development Programs aimed at uplifting the individual spirit through

education. 2. Service - Socio-economic Development Projects aimed at sustainable solutions through international service projects in areas such as disaster and trauma relief programs, prison programs and community- driven rural development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2012: Light A Home Bring clean and affordable lighting solutions to villages in India and Nepal. Distributed 30000 solar-lamps

2013-14: Happy Village Project. Protecting dignity of women and right to safe sanitation. Toilet constructed in 5 villages in Coimbatore, India. Over 2500 villagers impacted.

Goal#2

YES! for Schools Youth Empowerment Seminars. Provides youth with a healthy lifestyle, healthy body and a healthy mind. Partnership with IAHV.

Ongoing: Free school Education Program, in India.

Goal#3

Advancing Career Women Project, Iraq

Partnering with IAHV-Jordan and the University of Jordan to enhance the skills of 400 Iraqi women private sector banking, aviation and hospitality in Baghdad and Kurdistan region, Iraq, through accredited academic programming. Projects in Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt.

2010-2013: Women Empowerment in villages in India Trained 78 women entrepreneurs in Bhilai District of Chhattisgarh. Partnership with IAHV and Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) installed 3000 Improved Cook Stoves in 30 Model Steel Villages adopted by BSP under its Corporate Social Responsibility.

2012: Vocational skills development for unemployed youth and women. Over 7000 youth

and 5000 women trained.

Goal#6

2011-2012:HIV Prevention amongst Youth populations in Karnataka. India: Faith in Action in Partnership with Religious functionaries in Bagalkot District:Fight against HIV/AIDS with KSAPS, Govt. of Karnataka.

Goal#7

Several water conservation and river rejuvenation initiatives across India.

Workshops for Farmers Certification

Chemical-free farming project

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2012:World Youth Forum - Ethics in Business

2012 and 2015: International Women's conference. India and Bali, Indonesia.

2013:Washington Convention center. Theme: Peace Begins Within. Townhall meeting with DC based organizations, United States of America.

2014: UN Alliance of Civilization

2015:Special Event Celebrating First International Yoga Day

2015:With UNICEF hosted the Corporate Culture and Spirituality Conference

2015:High-level forum on the Culture of Peace

2015:Media Rise Festival

2015:Meditation Event with Congressional Leaders at Capitol Hill, United States

2015:Discussion on "Intersection of Capitolism and Happiness" at AEI

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2011-2012:Partnership with PRI for Sustained Behavioral Change through Spiritual Action for Preventing Diarrhea and Gastro Enteric Infections andCommunity Mobilization towards Safe Sanitation Practices in Uttar Pradesh, India.

2012: 5yr MOU: UNICEF and VVKI. commitment towards improving the lives and well-being of children/families around India

2013:With UNICEF the Girl Pledge campaign.

2014: With UNICEF conducted the Act Now 2014 campaign.

2015:With UNICEF conducted a Faith in Action Conference in Kochi,Kerala, India.

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

No activities were specified.

4. Asociación para el Desarrollo "Foro Rural Mundial"

Special, 2012

Introduction

The World Rural Forum (WRF) is a plural network that works in favour of family farming and sustainable rural development, composed of family farming federations and organisations such as COPROFAM and AFA, rural development organisations such as INADES, and agriculture cooperatives and research centers such as CIRAD. The WRF Works in 50 countries located in Africa, Asia, Europe, America and Oceania.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The WRF develops and facilitates dialogue and empowerment of farmers' organizations to strengthen inter-cooperation and conducting advocacy processes.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2012, the WRF has been working closer with the UN organizations related to food and agriculture, especially FAO, IFAD and WFP.

The WRF coordinated the Campaign for the Declaration of the International Year of Family Farming-2014 (declared by the United Nations in December 2011). During the last 4 years very important farmers organizations have been join the World Rural Forum as members. For example: SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) India, New Zealand Young Farmers Association, COPROFAM-Confederation of Family Farming Association in MERCOSUR, Latin America, PDRR- Regional Rural Dialogue Program in Central America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF), the WRF coordinated the activities carried out by hundreds of civil society organizations. The aim was to promote better public policies in favour of family farming in order to achieve the objective of ending hunger and malnutrition and caring for the Earth.

During the IYFF, the WRF participated in the International Steering Committee of the International Year of Family Farming. The WRF signed a memorandum of understanding together with FAO to co-organize the Global Forum of Family Farming, Rome, Italy, 30-31 October, 2014.

The WRF also worked with FAO Regional Offices in all the continents, promoting the participation of farmers' organizations in their national and regional processes of building public policies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The WRF has been actively participated in the meetings of the Agriculture specialist agencies of the United Nations (FAO, IFAD and WFP), some of them are listed below:

Farmers Forum, Rome February 2012(IFAD event)

Farmers Forum, Rome February 2014 (IFAD event)

Committee on World Food Security, Rome October 2012, FAO Conference. Rome, June 2013

Committee on World Food Security, Rome, October 2013, Committee on World Food Security, Rome October, 2014, Committee on World Food Security, Rome, October 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The WRF has a very good relationship of collaboration with United Nations organizations based in Rome (FAO, IFAD and WFP. In the case of the UN organization for Food and Agriculture, the WRF has developed a strong collaboration with the OCP Office (Office for Communication, Partnerships and Advocacy). Some concrete examples of this collaboration are: the participation of the WRF in the International Steering Committee of Family Farming (2014), International Steering Committee of the International Year of Soils (2015) and International Steering Committee of the Year of Pulses (2016). All these Steering Committees were settled by FAO to implement the International Years declared by the UN General Assembly.

As a recognition of this collaboration and the work done by the WRF and its members, in 2015 FAO gave the Jaques Diouf Award to the WRF. In the words of FAO "the World Rural Forum (WRF) is recognised for effectively serving as a globe-spanning network of rural organizations and researchers. It is honoured for supporting dialogues between rural communities and for its policy advocacy on behalf of family farmers". The WRF has also strengthened the collaboration with IFAD (International Fund for Agriculture Development). In 2014 IFAD approved a Project proposal (small grant) devoted to Promote Improved Policies in favour of Family Farming in 11 Developing Countries.

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

As explained before, the WRF promoted the International Year of Family Farming aiming to fight against poverty and malnutrition through the development of family farming and promoting of rural development.

The WRF has been involved in the discussions of the Sustainable Development Goals, through the Family Farming National Committees. These Committees, settled on the occasion of the IYFF, are wide platform of farmers organizations, government representatives, international organizations, rural associations, academia, etc to promote public policies in favor of family farming.

Around 50 National Committees are working nowadays trying to improve the situation of small scale farmers, pastoralists, fisheries, and other constituencies that are part of family farming.

5. Bharat Sevashram Sangha

Special, 2008

Introduction

bharat sevashram sangha is a not for profit social/religious organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

provide need for all aspect of the masses including natural disasters, education etc including religious and spiritual guidance.

Significant changes in the organization

we have added more relief centers worldwide.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

we have achieved most of the 17 SDGs and are looking to expand to include all.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

our main UN representative is stationed in New York, United States of America, and have been attending UN Meeting. He is the vice president of the committee of RELIGIOUS NGOs CRNGOs and the committee of spiritual values and global concerns CSVGC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

our UN representative has gone on conflict resolutions to Syria, Lebanon, etc with other UN NGOs. he has gone on spiritual harmony to China, Japan, Malaysia, Italy, Republic of Korea, Australia, Indonesia etc

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

our many centers have been achieving the MDGs and SDGs for the last hundred years

Additional Information

bharat sevashram sangha will continue to serve through our centers in Guyana, Trinidad and

Tobago, Canada, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Fiji.

we realize the need for advocacy and grass roots service. our 50 plus and thousands of selfless works are volunteers the organization has a very low overhead.

6. Cesvi Fondazione

Special, 2004

Introduction

Since 2002 Cesvi has strengthened its partnership with the Alliance 2015: www.alliance2015.org whose main area of operation is the achievement of MDGs together with Humanitarian Aid.

Alliance2015 is a strategic network of seven European non-government organizations engaged in humanitarian and development activities: Cesvi from Italy, Concern Worldwide from Ireland, Welthungerhilfe from Germany, Hivos from the Netherlands, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation from Switzerland, People in Need from the Czech Republic and ACTED from France.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In the values which guide CESVI, the moral principle of human solidarity and the ideal of social justice are transformed into humanitarian aid and development, reinforcing an affirmation of universal human rights. CESVI believes strongly that helping the underprivileged in developing countries, or those in difficulty due to war, natural calamities and environmental disasters, does not help only those who suffer, but contributes also to the well-being of all of us on the planet, our “common home” to be looked after for future generations.

Significant changes in the organization

From April 2016, Daniela Bernacchi is Chief Executive Officer.

The Statute (last version updated in 2016) has been revised in order to:

- support the Institution’s cooperation and aid initiatives for the populations of developing countries, carry out community projects on a national (projects in Italy) and European scale on the basis of experience acquired and methodologies devised during international projects;
- enlarge the founder’s body and improve governance mechanism.

Cesvi also realized a significant reclassification of sectors where it operates in order to be more congruent with the areas of excellence and specialization in our organization as well as the categories indicated by our main international donors.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the last 9 years Cesvi has edited the Italian version of Global Hunger Index (GHI), this has given the opportunity to participate in different meetings and round tables on the subject of the right to food/SDG2, especially with UN Agencies based in Rome, Italy, (FAO, WFP, IFAD) and their representation in some developing countries. The GHI was presented by IFPRI and Alliance 2015 as one of the side events of the ICN2 (Second International Conference on Nutrition) in November 2014 held by FAO/WHO. At Expo Milano 2015 also some representatives of UN agencies were invited to attend the international conference.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Cesvi attended some relevant UN meetings like the ICN2 in Rome in November 2014. In Rome with WFP and FAO: several meeting especially on the issues regarding SDG2 linked to Expo Milano 2015 (theme: Feeding the planet, energy for life), where Cesvi participated and collaborated together with FAO, WFP and IFAD for a joint participation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The collaboration of Cesvi with the UN Agency is very high. Here a simple list of projects implemented in collaboration with the UN bodies in development and humanitarian aid: in 2012 1 project funded by UNOPS, 3 by UNICEF, 1 by OCHA, 1 by UNHCR, 2 by WFP, 1 by UNHABITAT and 1 by FAO. In 2013 2 projects funded by UNICEF, 1 by UNHCR, 2 by WFP and 3 by UNDP. During 2014 1 project funded by UNOPS, 2 by UNICEF, 2 by OCHA, 1 by UNHCR, 1 by WFP, 1 by UNHABITAT and 1 by UNDP. In 2015 2 projects funded by UNOPS, 1 by OCHA, 2 by UNHCR and 4 by WFP. A detailed list of the activities undertaken with the UN organization is available in the Annual Report on: www.cesvi.eu

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

Numerous Cesvi's projects are linked to a direct impact on MDGs/SDGs achievement. The GHI report is clearly linked to SDG2 and some awareness raising and education projects co-funded by EC and Italian MFA, and implemented by Cesvi are related to MDG/SDGs (especially SDG 1, 2, 3, 12, 13). To contribute to the meeting of the SDGs Cesvi takes part in coalitions and networks in Italy and in Europe, where the single experiences are made available for everyone, to promote social and political change, like Concord Italy (as a member of Concord Europe), GCAP Italy (Global Coalition against Poverty) and Generation Nutrition.

7. Climate Institute

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Climate Institute is an international non-governmental organization with its headquarters in Washington DC, United States of America. It was established in 1986 among one of the first few organizations with a primary focus on combating climate change. The Institute over the years through its activities has informed key decision-makers, heighten international awareness of climate change, and identify practical ways of achieving significant emissions reductions. This has been done through several different media including symposia, conferences, roundtables, and special briefings. These have been carried out in as many as 30 developing countries, providing expert advice at ministerial and heads of state briefings and at sessions with business executives and private citizens. The Climate Institute has achieved this by tapping into its vast network of experts and alliances in the US and internationally. In all its efforts, the Institute strives to be a source of objective, reliable information. The Institute has distinguished itself as a world leader in promoting global climate balance with practical and cooperative approaches. A Board of Directors elected annually governs the activities of the Climate Institute. A diverse group, the Institute's Board is made up of academic, business, environmental and scientific leaders from nine nations. An equally diverse network makes up the Institute's Board of Advisers, which plays a critical advisory role in the Institute's deliberations. The Climate Institute receives financial support from membership, private and corporate contributions, grants, and contractual services for government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and publication sales.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Climate Institute's mission is to:

- Catalyze innovative and practical solutions for climate change adaptation, mitigation, and climate stabilization, contribute to scientific research and communicate the results of that research in an accurate and comprehensive manner.
- Create partnerships among policymakers, scientists, the public and environmental institutions at the local, national and international levels to address the climate challenge

more effectively.

- Provide objective and comprehensive information on climate change risks and potential responses.

Significant changes in the organization

There has been no significant changes made in the structure of focus of the organization. However, the Climate Institute initiated and made its major priority in 2016 the Clean and Secure Grid Initiative that explores how a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission overlay might link the three US alternating current based networks- Eastern Interconnection, Western Interconnection and ERCOT (Texas) grid- enabling much greater use of wind and solar generated power and making the grid far more resilient to withstand rogue state or terrorist attack or solar storms.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Climate Institute has regularly organized side events at the Sessions of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development and during the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change. In addition, the activities of the Climate Institute are very much in line with the sustainable development goals and objectives of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Climate Institute and its staff and representatives have regularly participated in United Nations events and sessions. The Institute has regularly sent delegates to attend the Sessions of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UN CSD) and the annual conferences of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Climate Institute since 2005 has been working closely with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on a program called Global Sustainable Energy Islands Initiative (GSEII). Through UNIDO-GSEII the Climate Institute has been identifying and assisting small island states that may be willing to transform their energy

systems from a fossil fuel base to renewables. In addition to UNIDO, the United Nations Development Program is another United Nations body with which Climate Institute has carried out frequent collaborative activities.

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

Climate Institute's activities are very much in line with and contributing to the achievement of United Nation's Millennium Development Goals, such as the environmental sustainability goals of the MDG. By encouraging sustainable development and sustainable energy policies in the developing world, some of the Climate Institute's activities support: provision of universal energy access in the developing world and reduce poverty; improvement of air quality by reducing the greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that improves air quality. Raising awareness about the environmental sustainability and climate change has been one of the key component of the Climate Institute's programs.

Additional Information

There are currently the following active programs of the Institute: 1. Mexico & Latin America Program - focus on climate awareness and science. 2. Global Sustainable Energy Islands Initiative - assisting small island states achieving energy independence. 3. The Clean and Secure Grid Initiative 4. Center for Environmental Leadership Training.

8. Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches

General, 2000

Introduction

World Council of Churches (WCC) has 348 member churches in 110 countries, representing approximately 560 million people.

WCC's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) provides analysis, advice and leadership on a broad range of international issues, and represents WCC in intergovernmental contexts.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CCIA aims to encourage the promotion of peace; disarmament; human rights; the welfare of refugees, migrants and IDPs; economic, social and environmental justice; and the development of international law and effective international institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

CCIA's Bylaws were amended in 2014, bringing the promotion of gender equality, environmental justice, good governance, rule of law, and democracy more explicitly into its mandate. WCC's membership grew to 345 member churches.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WCC continued programmatic engagement with all three UN pillars (peace and security, human rights, and development). For example:

- WCC convened, in liaison with successive UN Special Envoys for the Syrian Arab Republic, a series of inter-communal roundtable meetings among Syrians to promote local inter-communal support networks for alleviating humanitarian suffering, and to formulate elements for a future post-conflict 'narrative for all Syrians'.
- WCC undertook numerous fact-finding and solidarity missions on situations of grave and systemic human rights violations (e.g. Iraq, the State of Palestine, Nigeria, Democratic

Republic of Congo, Malawi, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia and Guatemala), issued statements and organized side events on such situations, and organized several human rights training workshops.

- WCC conducted a range of activities on economic and environmental justice, including an Interfaith Summit on Climate Change (21 September 2014, New York, United States of America), and a public event on “Moral Imperative to End Extreme Poverty and to Advance the Sustainable Development Goals” (24 September 2015, New York).

WCC also organized an ecumenical campaign for a strong and effective Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WCC participated regularly in many UN forums, including:

- Human Rights Council sessions, accrediting representatives, delivering statements and (co-)organizing side events, including:
 - Statements on human rights situations in Argentina (21st session), West Papua (22nd session), Germany (24th session), Iraq (Special Session on Iraq, 1 September 2014), and the State of Palestine (several sessions).
 - Side events on “Human Rights in Pakistan” (21st session), “Freedom of Expression in Papua” (23rd session), “Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Asia” (24th session), “Human Rights and Climate Change” (29th session), and “Democratic Republic of Congo: Rule of Law” (30th session).
- The Conferences of Parties (COPs) to UNFCCC – i.e. COP 18 (2012, Doha, Qatar), COP 19 (2013, Warsaw, Poland), COP 20 (2014, Lima, Peru), and COP 21 (2015, Paris, France) – delivering statements, organizing related events, and bringing international delegations.
- Annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), accrediting international representatives, delivering statements and (co-)organizing side events.

WCC also participated in:

- UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2012.
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Dialogue on Protection Challenges: "Faith and Protection", December 2012, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), April-May 2015, New York, United States.
- UN Financing for Development Conference, July 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- UN Sustainable Development Summit, September 2015, New York, United States.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WCC enjoys close cooperation with several UN system entities. Examples include:

- UNICEF – promoting children’s wellbeing and inclusion, under a global partnership agreement signed in September 2015.
- UNHCR – contributing to “Welcoming the Stranger: Affirmations for Faith Leaders”, 2013.
- UNHCR Statelessness Unit – organizing a conference (February 2013, Washington DC, United States), a consultation (September 2014, Den Dolder, Netherlands), and a regional training workshop (September 2015, Beirut, Lebanon) on church engagement in eliminating statelessness.
- ILO – assisting inter-faith partners in Egypt to promote decent work for youth, including job creation initiatives, social protection and social dialogue.
- WHO – in a consultation on the role of churches and faith-based organizations in helping to stop Ebola (September 2014, Geneva, Switzerland).
- OHCHR in the OPT – through WCC’s Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) – assessing local communities’ protection needs.

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

Ongoing WCC programmes on gender equality (MDG 3), HIV and AIDS (MDG 6) and climate change (MDG 7) sought to contribute to the realization of these goals. A public event on “Moral Imperative to End Extreme Poverty and to Advance the SDGs”, was convened by WCC on 24 September 2015 in New York, United States.

9. Community and Family Services International

Special, 2004

Introduction

Community and Family Services International (CFSI) is a humanitarian organisation committed to peace and social development, with a particular interest in the psychosocial dimension. Established in 1981, the populations of primary concern to CFSI are refugees, internally displaced persons, stateless persons, and others in exceptionally difficult circumstances. Based in the Philippines, CFSI works internationally, primarily in Asia, particularly, but not exclusively, the countries that comprise the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of CFSI is to vigorously protect and promote human security--specifically, the lives, well being, and dignity of people uprooted by persecution, armed conflict, disaster, and other exceptionally difficult circumstances. The purpose of CFSI is rebuilding lives. As such, CFSI empowers and equips uprooted persons to address and prevent social and health problems. To prevent people from becoming uprooted, CFSI promotes peace, respect for human rights, and the equitable distribution of resources.

Significant changes in the organization

Funding for CFSI increased significantly within the reporting period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Throughout the reporting period, CFSI provided assistance for refugees in the Philippines as well as stateless persons and other vulnerable persons in Myanmar; provided assistance for internally displaced persons in the Philippines owing to armed conflict and/or disaster; provided information, training, technical assistance, and other forms of capacity strengthening to governments and NGOs in the Philippines, Vietnam, and Myanmar; participated in global, regional, and national level networks concerned with uprooted persons and other vulnerable disadvantaged persons; played a supportive role in the peace

process in the Philippines; and advocated for peace, human rights, and the equitable distribution of resources globally, regionally, nationally, and locally. With regards to its workforce, CFSI invested heavily in human resources development in general and leadership development in particular. CFSI also ensured its workforce was cognizant of, and compliant with, UN guidelines, such as the Secretary General's Bulletin on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CFSI participated in the "UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs" held in Geneva, Switzerland on 28-30 June 2011, 03-05 July 2012, 11-13 June 2013, 17-19 June 2014, and 01-03 July 2015. In addition, CFSI participated in "Structured Dialogues" organised by the UNHCR and contributed, from 2012 through 2015, to processes organised by UNHCR to enhance implementation through partnerships with UNHCR. CFSI also participated in a variety of gatherings organised by UN agencies and carried out at the regional and/or national levels. This includes the monthly meetings of the Philippines Humanitarian Country Team.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During most or all of the reporting period, CFSI continued its implementation partnerships with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2011-2015), United Nations Children's Fund (2011-2015), World Food Programme (2011-2014), and the World Health Organisation (2015). The context for this work included refugee situations and displacements caused by armed conflict and/or disaster. CFSI continued to collaborate with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2011-2015) and served as an active member of the Philippines Humanitarian Country Team (2011-2015) as well as various clusters in response to displacement caused by armed conflict and/or disaster.

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

CFSI advocated, generally, for progress in Asia on achieving the Millennium Development Goals and carried out a variety of projects that were deemed to have contributed towards

meeting the first six of these goals. These included community-driven socio-economic projects; a variety of food security initiatives; a multi-year effort to make basic education accessible in areas affected by armed conflict; efforts to promote gender equality, empower women, and improve child health at the community-level; and community-level capacity strengthening efforts against HIV/AIDs and trafficking.

Additional Information

Much of the social development work of CFSI was carried out in the Philippines, Vietnam, and/or Myanmar with funding from the World Bank, various governments, and the private sector. CFSI served on the Board of the Geneva-based International Council of Voluntary Agencies throughout the reporting period.

10. Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia

Special, 2012

Introduction

Name of the organization: Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia

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Aims and purposes of the organization

“Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia” –CEJ- is a private non profit association created in 1996 to promote excellence in justice through leadership and promotion of fundamental cultural and institutional change that satisfies our collective desire for timely and thorough justice for all colombians. In addition to this purpose the organization also:

- Rally citizens and organizations in the search for excellence in justice, so that by means of the Corporation, they may have a voice and exercise control, support, and citizen action on justice issues.
- Influence public opinion on justice issues.
- Promote Alternative Conflict Resolution Systems.
- Facilitate the people’s knowledge and access to justice through education and training activities.
- Contribute to effectiveness in the administration of justice.
- Support the legislative branch in the preparation of bills relevant to justice.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, the "Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia" authorities decided to begin an strategic management process to create a new working programme and increase the impact of the organization. As a result, the organization focused on the formal justice system to make a

holistic diagnosis and provide an strategic agenda, which was socialized with different authorities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main contribution of the "Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia" to the work of the United Nations is the technical information and research in one of the sustainable development goals adopted by the UN in 2015, specifically No. 16th called "Peace, justice and strong institutions". This organization has been working on the colombian judicial system for twenty years and has developed different methodologies to measure access to justice and improve the judicial services.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013 "Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia" in association with "Econometría Consultores" were chosen by the UNDP to make a mid-term evaluation of the transitional justice fund and the "strengthening of Justice" programme. The purpose of this service contract was to provide a methodology for the evaluation process, perform field work and present an evaluation document with suggestions.

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

The organization makes researches and policy papers to improve justice administration in Colombia, this is accompanied with actions to promote transparency in the high courts and the election of its members, in a project called "Elección Visible". These activities contributes to "Peace, justice and strong institutions", which is one of the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

11. Corporation of Opportunity and Jointly Action Opcion - OPCION CORPORATION

Special, 2004

Introduction

Opcion works in 9 region of Chile, that aims to promote, protect and support the restitution of the right of child. Opcion works to contribute to the full implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; its Optional Protocols and Human Rights Norms ratified by Chile. In this way, it seek tu ensure child fully exercises their rights in a democratic and supportive society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Develop a social practice that favors the exercise of the rights of child, as well as processes of reparation, restitution and social reintegration. Contribute from the civil society to the development of knowledge, analysis and design of proposals that impact on the construction of a public response that guarantees the exercise of the rights of child. Contribute to the awareness of Chilean society for the realization of the Rights of child, generating spaces for participation and dialogue in the context of citizen's exercise.

Significant changes in the organization

Children of the Children's Opcion Group - a group of children from different parts of Chile who promote children's rights - produced an alternative report on the situation of children in Chile for the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Articulation for Human Rights - a grouping of non-governmental human rights organizations representing women, migrants, children, LGBT people, indigenous people - follow up on International Treaties and prepare alternative reports for examine Chile. In 2014 Civil Society and the Government of Chile agreed on the creation of the follow-up table to the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee, which has been carried out from that date until now.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Option seeks to promote and ensure compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the

Child, its optional protocols. Through campaigns to raise awareness and promote the rights of children, development of studies and proposals for public policies with a legal approach. It follows up on the recommendations made by the different Treaty Bodies which have examined Chile, together with the implementation of alternative reports on the matters examined. Option has worked with UNICEF Chile, developing seminars, materials and research that collaborate with respect and compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Children. In 2015 an International Conference was held, which was attended by Jorge Cardona, a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, who gave an account of the main recommendations made by the Committee to Chile.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Opcion Corporation participated in the Human Rights Committee's session N°111 of 2014, since it submitted an alternative report on Chile. Opcion participated in the Human Rights Council session N°18 of 2014 for the Universal Periodic Review that he reviewed in Chile, because Opcion presented an alternative report from Chile. Opcion participated in the Pre-session N°70 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, giving an account of the alternative report on the situation of children in Chile. Opcion participated in the Committee on the Rights of the Child's session N°70 of 2015, because Opcion submit an alternative report from Chile.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2012, the Children's Option Group produced an alternative report on the situation of children in Chile for the Committee on the Rights of the Child. In 2013 Option with other Organizations made an alternative report on the situation of children in Chile for the Committee on the Rights of the Child. In 2015 Option together with other Organizations gave answers to the list of previous issues of the Committee of Rights of the Child to the State of Chile, giving visions complementary to the one given by the State. In 2015 Option with other Organizations developed an alternative report for the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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

In the fight for the eradication of child labor Option has carried out awareness campaigns with the community, families and children, giving importance to the school and participation. This through the realization of workshops and being part of the Table of Eradication of Child Labor.

With regard to the research and therapies that are carried out the Option programs that aim to repair and restore rights violated to children, with emphasis on the gender perspective, especially regarding child sexual abuse.

12. Daya Pertiwi Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Daya Pertiwi Foundation provides socio-economic development of rural as well as urban areas in Indonesia, conducting development programs and environmental protection, development of small & medium enterprises (SMEs) and humanitarian assistance. Its areas of interest are East Java, Bali, Nusa Penida, NNT, and Papua, Indonesia, and East Timor.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Main aims of Daya Pertiwi organization is to boost the social-economic welfare of the people, improve and protect environmental conditions as well as empower local communities by providing knowledge or creating new job opportunities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Capacity building (increasing knowledge and skills of target group)
- The creation and strengthening of beneficiary organisations
- Training activities
- Drinking water facilities
- Processing of agricultural and forest production -Promotion of livestock production, fruit, and forest tree planting (reforestation)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Besides cooperation with United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (ECOSOC) there is also cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

based on sharing information (no funding).

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

Daya Pertiwi Foundation (DPF) contributed to MDG 1 (especially to target 2) by development of small & medium enterprises (SMEs). Organization provides support, knowledge, training and new job opportunities to target group. Moreover, DPF also actively contributed to MDG 7 by activities focused on reforestation, improving soil quality and providing access to water.

13. Development Promotion Group

Special, 2000

Introduction

Development Promotion Group (DPG) is a secular NGO founded in 1986 by a group of development professionals from varied disciplines, three of whom were related to each other. Its projects cover a broad spectrum of development issues and range from housing, women's empowerment, micro finance, organic farming and livelihood enhancement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

DPGs mission is to work with the disempowered both directly and via partnerships with local NGOs and Community Based Organizations (CBOs). DPGs primary strategy has been to mobilize the community into Micro Level Institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2000, DPG has supported 22 NGOs and through them reached more than 75000 families.

- As a result the following changes were noticed among our target groups. In 2003, the Micro Finance Development Initiatives of India (MFDII) was established to provide financial assistance to the poor. The fund has provided assistance to 268 individuals and NGOs amounting to US\$ 498182.

- Rose Malar Developmental Co-operative Society Limited (RMDCS) was set up in 2008. The Society has 1529 members with a total savings of US\$ 52234. Till date 1216 loans have been given and US\$ 423553 has been distributed to members.

- DPG has Built shelters for 822 families after 2004 Tsunami and rehabilitated the livelihood of 1569 families. It set up 94 SHGs and provided vocational training to 40 women.

- Renovated 68 homes & gave school uniforms and materials to 600 students post cyclone Thane in 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our projects and activities are developed keeping in mind the needs of the community and

under the framework of the 8 Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Paucity of funds for non project related activities have limited our participation in UN forums however we hope to redress that and look forward to taking part in UN conclaves in the coming year.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DPG is accredited as an “NGO with consultative status with the economic and social council of the United Nations” (UNESCAP).

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

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger i)Active partnership with 20 grassroots NGOs. ii)5000 SHGs set up in 16 districts with a total membership of 75000 members. iii)The total savings of SHGs is US\$ 2698950, and US\$ 6307312 was rotated for internal lending to the SHGs members. iv)More than 87% of our SHGs have been linked to external financial institutions for credit support of US\$ 7043189. v)Micro-finance support to the tune of US\$ 31 millions was given to 16 CBOs. vi)630 families have been assisted with US\$ 73659 to set up micro enterprises. Goal 2 – Achieve Universal Primary Education (i)School enrollments have gone up to 100 % in our target area. (ii)312 students received scholarships and 70 of them have secured employment and are earning between US\$ 91 to US\$ 145 per month. Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women (i)47396 families were facilitated to receive equal wages and employment under the NREGP programme. (ii)100% of the target women are taking part in SHG and village Panchayat meetings. (iii)50% target women are engaged in running small enterprises. (iv)23442 families have constructed individual latrines (toilets). Goals 4-6: Reduce child mortality / Improve maternal health / Combat HIV/Aids Health awareness camps and checkups are used to increase awareness among the target families. Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability: •5165 farmers were facilitated to receive farmers ID cards (Uzhavar Attai) issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu, India. •3250 farmers have converted partially to organic methods of farming after receiving training and exposure visits. Goal 8: Develop global partnership for community:

DPG has received development cooperation from the following agencies: Church Development Service (EED), Germany; (b) Self Development of People (SDOP), United States of America; (c) Association of Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU), Bangkok: Thailand; (d) Times Foundation, Delhi, India; (e) Government of Karnataka, India. We are a member of the VANI network and have collaborated with more than 20 NGOs.

14. Femmes Afrique Solidarité

Special, 2000

Introduction

Femmes Afrique Solidarité (FAS) works to strengthen the role of African women in the attainment of human security and durable peace in Africa. FAS emphasizes the critical role and involvement of women in conflict resolution, post- conflict reconstruction and conflict prevention processes, in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325). Moreover, activities contribute significantly to the implementation of regional and international instruments promoting gender equality and women's human rights. FAS is associated with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) and has Observer Status with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF). The organization is a member of the NGO Commission on the Status of Women (NGO/CSW), the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security in New York, United States of America, and the NGO Working Group on Peace in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2013 FAS was elected Co-Chair of the NGOCSW Africa. FAS holds the First Vice Presidency of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the UN (CoNGO) until 2016.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To achieve its aim of engendering peace processes for the purpose of attaining human security and durable peace in Africa, FAS employs two main axes of intervention: empowerment and advocacy. Advocacy builds and supports the work of FAS by raising awareness, engaging partners, networks and key actors. The assessments and recommendations derived from advocacy are integrated into FAS empowerment strategies, whereby projects and initiatives are developed and implemented to address needs on the ground.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

-During 2012-2015 FAS undertook different activities to advance the achievement of the development agenda of ECOSOC and the United Nations at large. FAS did the following:

-Promote Regional implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the African Union Partnering with the African Union (AU) to promote gender, peace and security (2012-2015)

-Promote National Action Plan (NAP) and Regional Action Plan (RAP) on the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR)1325 in the Mano River Region (Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire) and the Great Lakes region (Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Rwanda) (2012-2015)

- Co-organized Regional Conference on Women, Peace, Security and Development, which was held in Bujumbura, Burundi, from 9th to 11th July. H-

Mobilization and Training to Enhance Women in Conflict Resolution in Casamance (2014)

5-Established the "situation room" to monitor fair elections in Africa and Strengthen the capacities of women leaders in their effective participation in the peace processes (2012-2015)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

On a yearly basis from 2012 to 2015, FAS organized events and attended the following :

1- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York

2- Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland

3-The anniversary of 1325 and the Open Debate in New York, United States

4-The General Assembly in New York, United States

-FAS utilized the above UN platforms for International Advocacy in order to transform States policies into practice for gender parity and mainstreaming. For all the above events, FAS Executive and/or staff participated as ECOSOC observer, hosted parallel events on women, peace and security, and flew to New York women from the field to share their experiences and advocate for women's rights.

-Furthermore FAS closely participated to influence the agreed conclusions , made oral statements and advocated for recommendations to be gender sensitive and reflect the

issues of the African Women, in Peace and Security.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

"Project in collaboration with UNDEF Building Democratic Institutions through Gender Equality in Burundi Engendering the Democratization Process, 2012-2014."

FAS annual Partners meeting was successfully organized in May 2012-2015 in Geneva with UNAIDS, IOM, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

FAS Gender is My Agenda Campaign conference organized in collaboration with UN Economic Commission Africa(UNECA) every January 2012 - 2015

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

During 2012-2015: FAS coordinated the Gender is my Agenda Campaign (GIMAC), a network of over 55 organizations. GIMAC is a biannual consultative meetings, held on the margins of the African Union Summit, with the support of UNECA, monitors the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) and the progress of African governments in attaining the MDGs.

Additional Information

FAS annual reports for this quadrennial are available for consultation upon request

15. The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (Ilep)

Special, 2012

Introduction

The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations, ILEP, is a global coalition of 14 non-governmental organisations working to combat leprosy and its associated outcomes. Our Members work in 63 countries where some \$60 million is spent on 700 projects and \$25 million is spent on leprosy research per year. We support a technical commission of world experts on leprosy as well as a Panel of men and women affected by leprosy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Together, ILEP and our Member organisations aim to stop the transmission of leprosy, prevent disability due to leprosy, and fight the stigma of the disease. By coordinating Member organisations, resources can be better used, duplication can be avoided and support can be concentrated where it is most needed. ILEP aims to coordinate financing, sponsor communication between Members working together in specific countries, and foster connections between Members focusing on similar objectives in order to maximize knowledge and means to realize our collective goals.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, we greatly revised our structure, developing new Governance and Advisory Boards. The ILEP Office was moved from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to Geneva, Switzerland, in order to align our Members' work more closely with the wider global health community. This ensures ILEP is learning from bodies focused on other diseases and is well-aligned with those working on Neglected Tropical Diseases and the disability community.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ILEP and its Members work very closely with the WHO Global Leprosy Programme. Importantly, ILEP is working toward preventing disability due to leprosy, especially among children in support of the WHO global strategy goal to achieve 'Zero child cases with

disabilities due to leprosy”. ILEP’s work to preserve the dignity and human rights of people affected by leprosy and fight stigmatization of the disease and associated disability contribute to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council and line up with their guiding human rights principles. As part of the Neglected Tropic Disease NGDO Network, ILEP works closely with the WHO NTD Department and their aims related to leprosy. Especially through research and funding, ILEP remains an important stimulus in developing breakthroughs toward the goals set by the United Nations and the global leprosy community.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2015, ILEP Representatives attended The Symposium on Leprosy and Human Rights, organized by the Nippon Foundation, in response to the United Nations’ Resolution calling for eliminating discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members. At the symposium, plans of actions to be taken by states and other stakeholders in order to implement the principles and guidelines were discussed. The meeting culminated in the Resolution of the Fifth Symposium on Leprosy and Human Rights.

ILEP and its members also attend the World Health Assembly, and notably advocated for the 66th World Health Assembly Resolution for control and elimination of NTDs. ILEP representatives attended the WHO Global Leprosy Programme meetings and contributed to drafting the Global Leprosy Strategy working toward Universal Elimination of Leprosy Towards and zero leprosy related disabilities among children. ILEP representatives also attend regional WHO meetings related to our goals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ILEP has taken steps toward the goals laid out by Global Leprosy Programme, deliberately aligning our strategic aims with the goals of the WHO. In support of the WHO’s Global leprosy strategy we adopted one of its targets, zero disability in children affected by leprosy, as our theme for World Leprosy Day. ILEP Member organisations also pledged to work in a variety of ways to attain the goal set by this United Nations body.

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

ILEP has been engaged with support of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially the focus on disabilities and the goal pertaining to NTDs. Through work on stopping the transmission of the Neglected Tropical Disease leprosy, ILEP is working toward SDG 3.3: To end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, waterborne diseases and other communicable diseases. ILEP's work to stop disability from leprosy and end stigma of people with disabilities as a result of leprosy speaks to the greater focus on disability laid out in the SDGs.