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## **1. Islamic Relief USA**

General, 2012

### **Introduction**

Islamic Relief USA is the United States of America affiliate of Islamic Relief Worldwide. Through IRUSA funds humanitarian and development programs in both the United States and worldwide. IRUSA's advocacy campaigns focuses on both international and domestic issues germane to its humanitarian and anti-poverty mission.

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

Islamic Relief USA provides relief and development in a dignified manner regardless of gender, race, or religion, and works to empower individuals in their communities and give them a voice in the world.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

Islamic Relief USA represents a Muslim faith perspective at UN functions. Through our UN engagement, IRUSA helps expand the dearth of faith organizations and perspectives present at UN events. IRUSA has promoted other Muslim American organizations to take interest in and participation in various UN functions and gatherings open to diverse parties. IRUSA has also used its social media and media engagement to promote UN initiatives and issues to a large audience. Being a US-based Muslim organization with headquarters easily accessible to the UN, IRUSA has consistently made itself available to participate in, by invitation, at various UN functions where diverse faith perspectives would be beneficial.

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

Islamic Relief USA's CEO and Government & Public Affairs Manager have attended the United Nations General Assembly in 2014 and 2015. During UNGA, IRUSA's officials participate in various High-Level and parallel meetings.

Islamic Relief's CEO, Advocacy Counsel, and Government & Public Affairs Manager attended the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals Summit.

Islamic Relief's CEO, Public Affairs Director, and Government & Public Affairs Manager attended the United Nations Commission on the status of Women in 2014 and 2015. During both CSW's IRUSA representatives attended both high-level and parallel events.

By invitation, IRUSA's CEO participated in UNFPA hosted events in 2015.

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

No cooperation was specified.

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

Islamic Relief USA has promoted the MDG's through its funding of international development projects and through advocacy campaigns. IRUSA development partner, Islamic Relief Worldwide, has its development programs aligned with the MDG priorities, with focus on goals 1, 3 and 8.

Islamic Relief USA funded programs implemented by Islamic relief Worldwide that promote food security and sustainable agriculture in various global regions. Also, IRUSA has advocated to US government bodies to promote greater funding and programming that addresses global hunger.

Islamic Relief USA funded programs implemented by Islamic Relief Worldwide that promote womens' empowerment and gender equality. Also, IRUSA has advocated for the US government stronger leadership on promoting womens equality and protection from GBV.

## **2. Islands First, Inc.**

Special, 2012

### **Introduction**

Islands First is a unique 501(c)(3) New York-based nonprofit and non-governmental organization dedicated to building the capacity of the small Island developing states (SIDS) to advance their international environmental and sustainable development agenda. Islands First has been fortunate to working with the Pacific Island Developing States (PSIDS) as well as the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) since its creation in 2007

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

The work of Islands First is guided by two important principles:

(1) The small islands are their own best advocates.

Islands First does not speak for any small island.

(2) The small islands define the priorities, we help them execute.

Islands First does not lobby small islands.

Based just blocks from the United Nations, we are able to work with small island delegates day in, day out on a broad range of related issues and processes. This allows us to better understand their country priorities and ensure that the advocacy strategies that we help them implement are based on positions that are consistent throughout all international fora.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

Islands First's team of lawyers and policy advisers has built the capacity of SIDS international delegations by:

- Developing and helping execute comprehensive political and communications strategies;
- Conducting research and analysis on legal and policy issues;
- Providing materials to support advocacy efforts, including briefing memos, press releases,

speeches, and talking points;

- Connecting the small islands with wider network of scientists, international lawyers, and economists, and
- Developing and coordinating fellowship programs on climate change and oceans.

In particular, Islands First has actively supported the engagement of Small island states of processes related to climate change and oceans:

- For Climate Change: With the support of Islands First, the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) has recently had several notable achievements, including the adoption of amendments to the Kyoto Protocol, the establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism to help vulnerable countries deal with unavoidable loss and damage due to climate change, and the launch of the Workplan on Enhancing Pre-2020 Mitigation Ambition, also known as Workstream 2 (WS2). Islands First has been instrumental in developing this new process and building consensus around it.
- For Oceans in the context of sustainable development: Islands First has supported the efforts of Pacific Islands to protect and build the resilience of their marine ecosystem, most notably in negotiating the final agreement for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro (Rio+20), the SAMOA Pathway, and advancing and securing “SDG 14”, the dedicated sustainable development goal on oceans and seas.
- Islands First has also provided technical support to Pacific Island Developing States (PSIDS) in their preparation for various UNCLOS-related process, in particular the Ad-Hoc Open ended working group on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).

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

- UNFCCC (all related meetings)
- Rio +20 (New York, United States of America, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Third conference on SIDS (New York, United States and Samoa)
- Open working group on sustainable development goals (New York, United States)
- post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (New York, United States)
- financing for development (New York, United States)

- BBNJ (New York, United States)

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Islands First, in partnership with PSIDS, will be coordinating a PSIDS fellowship on oceans and seas starting in January 2016. In that regards, Islands First has worked with the division on oceans and law of the sea (DOALOS) in the elaboration of a curriculum for this PSIDS Fellowship on Oceans and Seas, as well as planning of possible joint training sessions.

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

Islands First's support to the advancement of small islands' development priorities has indirectly contributed tot he support of achieving the MDGs.

### **3. Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten-million Separated Families**

Special, 2012

#### **Introduction**

The Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten-million Separated Families (KARTS) is organized 20th January 1983 with the purpose of pursuing the ultimate reunification of the ten million Korean families who living separated across the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea remains unresolved. The Organization and system to help separated Korean families reunion who living without any communications more than 60 years in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea and to help them achieve not only the reunion of separate both Korean families but also for communication of their news, meeting, exchanges mails and visit each other before unification. The Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten-million Separated Families is Non-Government Organization of those separated Korean families living in the Republic of Korea, dedicated to the mission of working on ways to bring the problems of the separated Korean families to resolution ultimately by means of their reunification.

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

KARTS try to building up an international pressure upon the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to accept the application of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement of 1988, as well as the International Committee of Red Cross by Central Tracing Agency methodology for the resolution of the problems of the separated Korean Families as a Human Right issue not only Humanitarianism. The organization shall advance the following undertakings with a view to achieving its objectives as stated Aim and purposes of Organization and as course of action:

- 1)Undertakings to ease the sufferings of the separated families and to facilitate their ultimate Reunification.
- 2)Researches, investigations and public relations on matter that pertain to separated families.
- 3)Policy recommendations and advocacy for resolution of the issue of separated families.
- 4)Collaboration with international organizations and coordination of oversea activities on

the issue of separated families.

5) Education of the posterior generations of the separated families.

6) Raising of trained leaders for the reconstruction of home towns of the separated families.

7) Other undertakings as determined necessary by the Assembly.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

One of origin Issues in the Republic of Korea and Democratic People's Republic of Korea, The terrible suffering of their families along with hundreds of thousands of other separated families across the two countries remains unresolved. Out of the almost 130,000 people who have actively applied for reunion since the year 2000, a pitifully small number – less than 2,000- have been allowed to meet briefly face-to-face. Tragically, almost half of those who applied – some 65,000—have since died without ever seeing.

The KARTS would like to expect to take the origin Issues of the separated families in the Korean peninsula remains unresolved as mandated or as Special Rapporteur issues in Human Right Council as a follow up to the Commission of Inquiry on human rights in Democratic People's Republic of Korea and United Nations Human Rights Council.

KARTS would like to collaboration with the Human Right Council of United Nations and High Commissioner for Human Right of United Nations For monitoring, reporting and engagement a hub for all interested in promoting human rights for Implement of human Right in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as Humanitarian Activities

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

- 2012 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), scheduled for 30 January to 8 February 2012, in New York, United States of America.
- “Representatives attended the HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, 22ND SESSION,



GENEVA, Switzerland, 25 FEBRUARY-22 MARCH 2013.

- “Representatives attended in the Second Universal Periodic Review Nineteenth session 28 April-9 May 2014. REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW: DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.
- “Representatives attended meeting in Office of the United Nations High commissioner for Human Rights Seoul 25th June 2015. Remarks of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein
- “Representatives attended Parallel Event on Tuesday 15 March 2016, 14:00-16:00, in Room 11, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Citizen's alliance for North Korean Human Rights on the occasion of the 31st Regular Session of the United Nation Human Right Council 29 February though 24 March 2016.
- “Representatives attended in the 66th United Nations DPI/NGO Conference of Education for Global Citizenship Gyeongju City 2016 in the Republic of Korea

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

The Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten-million Separated Families (KARTS) has shown increasing Cooperation on Human Rights on the international stage in recent years, most notably in the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, of which it is currently a NGO member with ECOSOC The KARTS Cooperated with “Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland” for delegation visited Geneva, Switzerland, at a time when UNHRC convened its held a Parallel Event on Tuesday 15 March 2016, 14:00-16:00, in Room 11, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and ”the Citizen's alliance for North Korean Human Rights” on the occasion of the 31st Regular Session of the United Nation Human Right Council 29 February though 24 March 2016.

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

Our organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

### **Additional Information**

The Organization of Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten-million Separated Families (KARTS) like to express deepest thanks and appreciation to the Committee on NGOs accepting as NGO in Special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of United Nations since 2012. For more strong expand our aims and purpose, it required deep and strong cooperation with United Nations NGOs for improve Democratic People's Republic of Korea's Human Rights, The KARTS would like join to co-NGOs program for further goals. The Organization of KARTS try to building up an international cooperation with NGOs for pressure upon the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to accept the application of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement of 1988, as well as the International Committee of Red Cross by Central Tracing Agency methodology for the resolution of the problems of the separated Korean Families as a Human Right issue not only Humanitarianism

#### **4. Local Action Organization**

Special, 2012

##### **Introduction**

Local Action is a Sudanese non-government not for-profit organization, established at Ahafd University for Women, Sudan, on October 2, 2006, to works with communities to bring about sustainable human development. LA is registered with the Humanitarian Aid Commission under registration # 828.

LA vision is a world in which the well-being of human kind is preserved. Local Actions mission is to support communities to empower themselves and meet their basic needs.

Local Action implemented projects with UNHCR, UNDP, UNDDDR, UNFPA, UN Volunteers (the first organization in Sudan to register with UN Volunteering Online), UNGC, UNICEF and UNOCHA in different sectors. Local Action implemented projects with UN work Plans 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and two project in 2014 Work Plan.

Local Action implemented a project funded by UNHCR in Khartoum, Sudan, targeting citizens of South Sudan and the project is categorized under protection sector of UN Sudan Work plan 2013.

Local Action has been granted a special consultative status with the economic and social council of the United Nations in July 2012.

We are a member of the Arab network for environment and development, Arab Network for Civil Society Organization, UN Global Compact (UNGC), Drugs Combating Network, Sudanese Aids Network (SAN) and Peace and Collaborative Development Network.

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

1 - contributes to the prevention of natural disasters and man-made disasters and completes the mission of man in the reconstruction of the earth. 2 - Capacity-building to design

projects that fight against poverty, ignorance, and disease. 3 - Work to reduce technological literacy. 4 - Contribute to rural development. 5 - Linking communities at the local and global levels, to accelerate human development and economic and alternative development. 6 - Work on environmental sanitation and pollution control. 7 - Attention to issues of women and children and those with special needs. 8 - To contribute to the provision of basic human rights. 9 - Combating harmful customs and practices.

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

Local Action Organization expanded in 7 states of Sudan where more vulnerable and most at need people exists. The membership of LA reach 2000 members 70% of them are females.

The local fund raising is increasing due to trust of the Sudanese public which enable us to reach more needy people in different parts of Sudan.LA managed to gain the trust of humanitarian actor, authorities, donors and beneficiaries in a short period.

More professional staff are joining LA which reflected in the quality of proposals, services and great attitude towards the beneficiaries in Sudan

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

Local Action Organization implemented different projects, activities and programs which contributed to the achievements of United Nations through rendering support, services to vulnerable people in different parts of Sudan through funds received from UNFPA, UNDP, UNDDR, UNICEf, UNHCR and other donors in Sudan. We worked in compacting HIV/Aids, Women empowerment, Community Security and child education.

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

Dr. Mariam Haroun participated in the population conference in 2014.But due to restrictions in exiting the country and financial obstacles LA is working hard to be part of the international community.

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

LA was present at all sector coordination meeting for education, health, water and sanitation, and protection.

LA was a member of UN volunteering online (UNVs) and UNGC team in Sudan.

LA received funds from UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF and UNHCR through the Common Humanitarian Funds.

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

Through the programs, projects, activities Local Action was a great advocate of the MDGs. All LA projects submitted for funding is designed in accordance with the MDGs set by United Nations.

LA manage to get funds from UNFP (two projects) UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDDR and other donors in Sudan through which the MDGs goals were achieved.

## **5. Medecins Sans Frontieres (International)**

General, 2000

### **Introduction**

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organization, created in 1971 to provide emergency aid to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect or catastrophe in about 70 countries; primarily due to armed conflicts, epidemics, malnutrition, exclusion from health care or natural disasters. MSF is a worldwide movement composed of 21 sections, 24 associations and various offices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of China, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America. These associative organizations are bound together by MSF International, based in Geneva, Switzerland, which is the guarantor of MSF's principles, ensures the coherence of the movement by providing coordination, information and support.

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

MSF works on the basis of humanitarian principles of impartiality, neutrality, and independence, as well as medical ethics. It is deeply committed to bringing quality medical care to people caught in crisis, regardless of race, religion or political affiliation. MSF maintains independence from any political, economic, military or religious agenda, with more than 90% of its overall funding coming from private sources (more than 3 million individual donors and private funders worldwide). MSF unites direct medical care provision with a commitment to bearing witness and speaking out to bring a forgotten crisis to public attention, to criticize the inadequacies of the international aid system or to challenge the diversion of humanitarian aid for political interests.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

Granted in 2000, MSF's General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council has been instrumental in facilitating the organisation's humanitarian diplomacy towards the United Nations system at large. This diplomacy aims at supporting the implementation of MSF's medical and humanitarian mission in the field, defending its independence, neutrality, impartiality and strictly humanitarian character of its relief operations. MSF has continued to feed and support the work of the United Nations, at field and headquarters level, on peace and security issues, international humanitarian assistance and development, focusing on health thanks to the expertise gained through its medical and humanitarian operations in the field.

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

During the reporting period (2012-2017), MSF has both attended and organized numerous meetings, briefings and conferences both at the field and headquarters levels with UN representatives, departments and programmers. MSF also organizes regular meetings with Member States, in-country, with permanent missions, and in the field, in order to discuss emergency situations in countries inter alia Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, Yemen, Nigeria, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, Afghanistan, Greece and the State of Palestine. MSF continues to attend meetings of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee chaired by OCHA as well as briefings by Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, and representatives of other UN agencies, including the UNHCR, OHCHR, WHO, WFP, UNICEF and OCHA. For instance, MSF has met regularly with UNHCR representatives at different levels, extending from meeting with the High Commissioner Grandi or his Assistant for protection to meeting with Regional and Desks' representatives in order to discuss operational issues. Due to its mandate, MSF especially maintains collaborative relations with the WHO and participates among other things to its Executive Board, as well as its World Health Assembly.

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

MSF has engaged significantly and consistently on humanitarian crisis and global health

issues with the Security Council, the Secretariat (notably with the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Executive Office of the Secretary General), the General Assembly (including a large number of Member States), the Economic and Social Council and the Office of the Peacebuilding Commission. In consideration of MSF's humanitarian and medical mandate and its strong operational footprint, dialogue has also been developed and maintained with several UN agencies, notably including WHO, UNICEF, WFP, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNHCR and OHCHR. This long-term engagement encompasses discussions and briefings at both field and headquarters level.

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

MSF continues to support the Millennium Development Goals through its operations. In 2015, MSF treated 240,100 patients living with HIV with antiretroviral treatments, 6,800 pregnant women received treatment for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS, our doctors and nurses performed 219,300 assisted births, 20,100 patients treated for tuberculosis, 2,299,200 patients treated for malaria, and 11,100 patients received medical treatment following their suffering sexual and gender-based violence.



## **6. Mother Child Education Foundation**

Special, 2008

### **Introduction**

AÇEV works for strong individuals to build a strong society. Ever since it was founded in 1993, AÇEV has been developing and implementing early childhood and adult education programs for children and their families in order to build “a stronger and healthier society for a better future” —a pillar of AÇEV’s mission to ensure equal opportunity in education. AÇEV measures its impact on society through research and impact analysis studies, determining needs, and continuously modifies its program content based on needs.

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

AÇEV’s main educational activities include programs related to early childhood, parenting, literacy, and supporting women. Thanks to its strong vision, AÇEV has always been able to take initiative and meet emerging needs; projects are then realized through the valuable support generated through national and international partnerships.

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

In line with our recently updated work strategy, ACEV began a series of research, advocacy, and campaign activities to engage stakeholders from all parts of society key to transforming fatherhood practices and promoting gender equality, including having fathers increase awareness about their role in child care and development and assume equitable parenting roles. Through a range of local and national advocacy efforts the “involved fatherhood” agenda will be brought to the forefront of public conscious in the coming months.

In recent years, particularly in regards to our increased activities pertaining to gender equality and violence against women, we succeeded in making significant gains. Notable examples that reflect our work include the EU funded “Project for Community Capacity Building to Prevent Violence against Women,” “Fathers for Change Project” funded by the Bernard van Leer Foundation, and “Men for Gender Equality Project” funded by UNWOMEN/UNTF.

Moreover, we are becoming increasingly more proficient in benefiting from opportunities that information technologies provide. We aim to make our programs and activities even more widespread and effective by using the internet and mobile systems.

While ACEV does not expect to change focus in target groups over the next five years it will be deepening its focus in the areas of early childhood and parenting-- working both in the field and at the policy level in promoting child protection, advancing literacy and specifically technology literacy for women, promoting female employment and engaging men in responsible fatherhood.

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

AÇEV will continue to preserve its pioneering role as the reference organization in terms of early childhood education in Turkey and contribute to the realization of the work of UN bodies.

Some examples of our work in/with contribution to the work of the UN include;

--ACEV launched a “16 Days of Activism” Campaign in 2015, as part of the UN’s global campaign to end violence against women.

--“It’s Good to be a Father” campaign was launched thanks to the funds granted by UN Women who had previously funded the expansion of the Father Support Program.

--ACEV together with UNICEF Turkey office worked on the development of Early childhood education quality standards and established an efficient inspection system to ensure that more children will have access to quality services.

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

In addition to closed project meetings held with UNWOMEN & UNICEF in relation to ongoing projects, ACEV representatives attended:

--ECE Conference “Increasing Early Learning Opportunities for Children (Feb2012)

--UN Trust Fund Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Training (Nov2015) --The Early

Childhoods Peace Consortium organized by UNICEF (Sept2013) --Meeting with UNICEF Morocco (Nov2013)

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

UN Women (formerly known as UNIFEM) and UNICEF are among ACEV's current major international donors.

ACEV will continue to be active with UN agencies to promote investments in and to develop official resolutions/commitments regarding early childhood development. ACEV will continue to research the links between and promoting the importance of early childhood in building peaceful communities through the academic partnership forged with Yale University, United States of America, UNICEF and with the involvement of over a hundred international organizations, hosting a large conference in Istanbul, Turkey, in June 2015 to bring relevant policy, program, academic, and practitioner communities.

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

ACEV has been actively participating in the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals process of the UN Secretary General, providing formal inputs to national and global consultation efforts. Quality early childhood education, the role of the family in raising future generations, gender equality, and lifelong learning—all especially emphasized in the United Nations' MDGs and SDGs constitute the starting point of all ACEV activities.

## **7. Mountain Women Development Organization (MWDO)**

Special, 2008

### **Introduction**

MWDO is a non-profit non governmental organization focusing on violence against women in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan. With an approach of working in different sectors of development with commitment inalienable human dignity and equal rights for all fractions of the society regardless of class, faith, sex, racial, ethnic, and political affiliations. The first and the only NGO working to eradicate violence against women through provision of intervention and other services required by women victims and survivors of violence, women's education and economic independence, women reproductive and other health issues. It has successfully completed many projects such as Shonas reproductive Health Center, Darel School, Crises Intervention Centers and Shelter Homes in Gilgit and Islamabad, Pakistan, Mountain Women Hostel in Islamabad, Pakistan, Live with Dignity (Micro Credit Schemes), and Skill for Life (Skill Enhancement Initiative), Drink Safe and Live Healthy (Drinking water Project Gutolti, Pakistan), Health at Door Steps (Dispensary in Village Gutolti, Pakistan), Student Assistance and scholarship programs for poverty crippled students, to eliminate poverty. Held the first conference on violence against women (WAVE), and from Cairo, Egypt, to Karakoram etc.

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

1. To eliminate violence against women 2. To implement on United Nations international Covenants that Pakistan Government is a signatory; Convention to Eliminate all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Child Right Convention (CRC) 3. Poverty Elimination 4. Skill enhancement 5. Quality and technical education 6. Building Linkages with organizations/institutions sharing the same vision 7. Health and Education

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

While not compromising on our vision we changed our strategic plan including men to ensure real change and involving policy makers and policy executors, involving actively the existing customary institutions (Jirga and nambardar etc). The NGO was established to

address women issues but we are in the process of gradually integrating gender based change concept in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan, at various levels.

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

United Nations 4th World Women's Conference in Beijing, China, Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,, Micro Credit Summit, & AWID Conference. Organized conferences on Taboo's Subject, Women Voices against Violence (WAVE,). Implementing United Nations Agenda of Equality, Peace and Development through many projects such as Shonas reproductive Health Center, Crises Intervention Centers and Shelter Homes in Gilgit and Islamabad, Pakistan, Mountain Women Hostel in Islamabad, Pakistan, Live with Dignity (Micro Credit Schemes), and Skill for Life (Skill Enhancement Initiative which include stitching/tailoring/knitting/quilt making, glass painting, fabric painting, detergents & candle making, bokashi fertilizer production, chef training, beautician courses, poultry and live stock keeping, vegetable gardens, operating small business including dry fruit, kiosk, coffee shops & restaurants etc ), Drink Safe and Live Healthy (Drinking Water Project Gutolti, Pakistan), Health at Door Steps (Dispensary in Village Gutolti, Pakistan), improvement in community based secondary schools, Student Assistance and scholarship programs which has covered over one thousand students to eliminate poverty

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

1. United Nations 4th World Women's Conference in Beijing, China
2. NGO Convention
3. Post Beijing Conference in New York, United States of America
4. Micro Credit Pre com Washington DC, United States of America
5. Micro Credit Summit
6. Earth Summit
7. 5+ Beijing
8. Various Session of the Committee of United Nations Economic and Social as observers
9. 49th Session of United Nations Commission on the Human Rights Geneva, Switzerland
10. Worked with Coccus on Domestic Violence and submitted oral statement
11. Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8 every year
12. Regularly celebrate the Violence against Women from 25 November to 10 December
13. Regularly celebrate 10th December as human rights day
14. Celebrate International Children's day on 11 October
15. Celebrate Rural Women's day on 15 October

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

Worked with commission on the status of women 2. Worked with commission on human rights 3. United Nation Women 4. UNESCO and UNICEF

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

MWDO has undertaken a number of steps to support the Millennium Development Goals of UN including Crises Intervention Centers, Shelter Homes & Women Hostel in Gilgit and Islamabad, Pakistan, Micro Credit Schemes for women, and Skill for Life (Skill Enhancement Initiative which include stitching/tailoring/knitting/quilt making, glass & fabric painting, detergents & candle making & chef trainings, beautician courses, poultry and live stock keeping, vegetable gardening, operating small businesses including dry fruit shops, coffee shops & restaurants etc ), Drinking Water Projects in Gutolti & Askoli, Pakistan, Health at Door Steps (Dispensary in Village Gutolti, Pakistan), improvement in community based schools, Student Assistance and scholarship programs which has benefited over one thousand needy students so far.

## **8. National Centre for Sustainable Development**

Special, 2004

### **Introduction**

The National Centre for Sustainable Development (NCSD) was established in 1997 under the aegis of the Romanian Academy, as an agency of the United Nations Development Programme Romania (UNDP).

In 2001, NCSD became an independent non-governmental organization and broadened the scope of its activities. For 10 years, NCSD handled the implementation of the Local Agenda 21 programme and the realization of the Romanian National Sustainable Development Strategy. Starting from 2009, NCSD has been drafting and implementing projects that benefit from financing from the European Union and the Romanian Government.

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

NCSD's goal is to identify the priorities for sustainable development in Romania and to address them through specific projects at national and local levels.

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

A new President of the Board was elected in July 2012, and a new Executive Director in June 2013. The main goal and activities of the Foundation remained unchanged, however its focus changed to the implementation of projects that benefited from financing from the European Union and the Romanian Government.

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

Following the completion of the revision process of the National Sustainable Development Strategy 2013-2020-2030 (NSDS) back in 2008 and the phasing out of the UNDP Romania Country Office (process that was completed in 2012), NCSD no longer acted as implementation agency of UNDP Romania.

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

The NCSD Executive Director, Mr. Calin Georgescu, was appointed Special Rapporteur by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR) in 2010.

In 2012 he made 2 country visits and attended the following meetings:

- Country visit to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (27 - 30 March 2012) and to the United States of America (24 - 27 April 2012);
- 19th Annual Meeting of the Special Procedures (10 - 15 June 2012); - Country visit to Hungary (4 - 11 October 2012);
- 21st Annual Meeting of the Special Procedures (11 - 15 September 2012).

The resignation of the Executive Director, Mr. Calin Georgescu, in 2013, the decrease in the activities of UNDP Romania, and the lack of additional funding except the dedicated projects budgets made attendance at international meetings organized by the United Nations very difficult starting with 2013.

## **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

NCSD was the UNEP National Committee for Romania, and its Executive Director - the UNEP National Committee Representative for Romania. Also, the Director was appointed Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights by the UN OHCHR in August 2010 and continued his activity in this capacity until beginning of 2013. In 2012, the Special Rapporteur undertook a mission to the Republic of Marshall Islands (26-30 March), with a follow-up mission in Washington D.C., United States of America (24-27 April), and in October a mission to Hungary. The resignation of the Executive Director, Mr. Calin Georgescu, in 2013, and the decrease in the activities of UNDP Romania, lessened NCSD's involvement with UN bodies in the last years.

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

NCSD's contribution to major projects of United Nation bodies lessened in past few years



as we focused our activities on the development and implementation of projects financed by the European Union through the Sectoral Operational Programme – Environment (Priority Axis 4: "Implementation of Adequate Management Systems for Nature Protection"; Main Intervention Area: "Development of Infrastructure and Management Plans for the Protection of Biodiversity and Natura 2000 Network") having as main goals the conservation of biodiversity in the Natura 2000 sites in Romania by enhancing the awareness of the central and local authorities and of the general public and by strengthening the required institutional capacity for the implementation of the *acquis communautaire* with regard to nature protection.

### **Additional Information**

Current information - As of February 2017, NCS is no longer UNEP National Committee per a communication from the UNEP Europe Office, as they are in the process of entering a new phase of relationships with NCs. We have indicated that we would be interested in operating as NC in the future, once a new policy is adopted.

## **9. National Space Society**

Special, 1996

### **Introduction**

The National Space Society (NSS) is a non-profit space focused educational advocacy organization with international scope. NSS serves as the big tent space advocacy organization with forty-five chapters in the United States of America and around the world. NSS has over 47,000 full and affiliate members and an even broader reach considering print, electronic, and social media outlets.

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

NSS Vision: People living and working in thriving communities beyond the Earth, and the use of the vast resources of space for the dramatic betterment of humanity.

NSS Mission: To promote social, economic, technological, and political change in order to expand civilization beyond Earth, to settle space and to use the resulting resources to build a hopeful and prosperous future for humanity.

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

While there have been no significant changes in our organization, in the market place of ideas there is a growing consensus that space is integral to providing for a positive future for humanity.

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

NSS has hosted our annual International Space Development Conference (ISDC) in Washington DC, United States of America (2012), San Diego, United States (2013). Los Angeles, United States (2014), and Toronto, Canada (2015).

NSS published sixteen issues of our quarterly magazine Ad Astra in both print and electronic form and over forty-eight issues of our electronic newsletter, Downlink. NSS hosts a web site (<http://www.nss.org>) with the most extensive library of resources on space

development and settlement on the internet, an active blog (<http://blog.nss.org>), and an active social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. NSS also hosts the multi-decade archive of the Moon Miners' Manifesto newsletter and the electronic journal, To The Stars International Quarterly.

NSS participates in multiple annual space focused legislative awareness briefing actions on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, United States, meeting with a large number of congressional offices. NSS published eight position papers and statements on space issues during this period.

NSS in conjunction the NASA Ames Research Center conducts an annual space settlement design contest for 6-12th grade students. The cumulative participation statistics for this report are: 2,622 submissions from 7356 students sponsored by 873 teachers. Entries came from 35 countries. NSS also honors on an annual basis individuals and groups who have made significant contributions consistent with the Society's mission of creating a spacefaring civilization.

NSS seeks to provide a path to engagement for individuals that have a vicarious interest in space, those that wish to become advocates for space development, as well as those that seek to lend their efforts building new space systems. NSS supports multiple projects which serve these ends.

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

Our UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) representative attends by invitation Department of Public Information and/or ECOSOC sponsored or affiliated NGO meetings 2 to 3 days per week in New York, United States.

Our delegation had two participants in the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference “2015 and Beyond” held in New York, United States.

Our UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) representative

attended:

- February 11-15, 2013 COPUOS Scientific & Technical Subcommittee meeting in Vienna, Austria
- COPOUS June 11-14, 2013 meeting in Vienna, Austria
- UN DPI NGO Communications Workshop April 18th, 2013 in New York, United States.
- Meetings of the UN GA Fourth/Special Political Committee in New York, United States. (2013, 2014, 2015)
- October 16th, 2014 United Nations Institute for Training and Research space-related event.
- UN DPI Communications Workshop online on June 11th, 2015.

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

NSS has provided position papers on a range of space issues germane to the UN Millennium Goals, provided technical input for facilitating NGO support of meeting those goals through UN Fora, and met with UN Secretariat senior leaders to discuss opportunities to foster implementation of the same by nation state delegations.

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

The NSS work seeks to foster engagement in the question of “What is the future each individual wants to see come to pass and what role can they have in making it so?”.

NSS efforts include:

- Facilitating Science, Technical, Engineering, and Math education efforts by creating opportunities for engagement.
- Encouraging the commercial development of space to generate new real wealth.
- Fostering the development of scalable, environmentally benign, energy resources such as Space Solar Power.
- Supporting the technology development, demonstration, and deployment of new infrastructure to better harness the vast resources of space for the dramatic betterment of humanity.

## **10. Nature Conservancy, The**

Special, 1996

### **Introduction**

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

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

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

TNC focuses on the environmental pillar for achieving sustainable development. To protect nature for people we focus on mainstreaming conservation into development planning, emphasizing natural capital valuation and ecosystem services recognition as means to achieve poverty eradication. TNC works with local communities and indigenous peoples in the United States of America and around the world, as well as with business partners that have demonstrated commitment to sustainable development. TNC has a well-known track record structuring innovative financing for conservation projects in ways that generate environmental, social and often financial returns for investors, through the establishment of water funds to improve urban water quality, leveraged impact investments to scale up sustainable ranching and agriculture, and restructured sovereign debt that pay for climate change resilience projects.

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

TNC has participated in preparatory meetings of the UN Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14; as well as meetings of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and Equator Price Dialogues and Ceremonies in

New York, United States and Paris, France. TNC is active in UN negotiation processes like UNFCCC, the CBD and UNISDR.

Together with UNDP and GLISPA we organized an event on the margins of the UNGA (2013)-“Leaders Valuing Nature: Nature’s Benefits for Sustainable Development”

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

TNC is a partner of UNDP's Equator Initiative and is very supportive of their work since their beginnings. TNC was granted a number of UNDP projects in cooperation with other international institutions, as follows:

- Pinewood project in Honduras, Indigenous Lands Conservation project in Brazil, a mitigation project in Mongolia for Sustainable Land Management based on TNC’s siting tool Development by Design, Ridges to Reef Conservation and Land Use Planning for West New Britain in PNG- in collaboration with the GEF.
- A project for the protection of carbon pool and sinks within wetlands and protected areas of Panama- in collaboration with ICI.

TNC helped mobilize UNDP/GEF grants for:

- Conservation in the Pacific Ocean in Guatemala.
- Piloting on-farm conservation work with Farmers in two river catchments as well as enhanced Publicity and Awareness in Kenya.
- Rehabilitation of degraded sites, stone quarry rehabilitation and Land Slides prevention in Thika and Sagana watersheds in Kenya.

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

SDG-2.1.1: TNC is focused on advancing sustainable intensification and a global improvement in soil health to help the world food system move toward the 2030 target. Through a multi-scale sustainability approach, our initiatives address landscape level degradation, water quality and use, and improvement in biodiversity to support sustainable food production systems that limit environmental impacts, while making farms and ranches more efficient, productive and resilient to climate change. These efforts support the Climate Smart Agriculture approach and advancement of the UN SDGs through investments in

conservation and sustainable natural resource management that increases productivity, food security, health of the environment, and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and communities. SDG-6: Through support of system scale planning and management of water resources at basin and watersheds scales that support water needs for both nature and people through science driven analyses and multi-stakeholder platforms for water management. Our models apply various conservation approaches to protect and restore water-related ecosystems and work with local communities across basin scales to support the sustainable and equitable management of water resources for drinking water, agriculture, energy, and environmental needs in a changing climate. SDG-7: By improving energy planning and siting to direct new development towards lower-risk areas that avoid or reduce impacts to people and nature, including reducing biodiversity loss and carbon emissions.

SDG-11: By working both directly with cities and with international institutions to promote the use of natural green spaces to make cities more resilient, inclusive and livable places. We are supporting cities by preserving watersheds through the establishment of innovative financial mechanisms that transfer funds from urban centers to peri-urban areas upstream to protect nature while increasing water security; reducing flood risks, and addressing stormwater issues with green infrastructure and ecosystem based adaptation; and increase air quality and reduce urban heat island impacts through increased tree canopy and other green spaces. Addressing climate change at the global level is necessary for sustaining human well-being and achieving TNC's conservation mission. We support SDG-13 at the global level through our engagement at the UNFCCC advocating for a transparency and comprehensive approach to developing the "rule book" needed to implement the Paris Agreement and working at the national level to prepare countries to enhance ambition in their revised NDCs using natural climate solutions.

TNC's experience with innovative finance for mitigation and adaptation efforts around the world informs its policy work, helping leverage lessons learned on the ground to better inform finance discussions in the UNFCCC and GCF— particularly concerning approaches that harness nature to address climate change. SDG-14: As seen in our Coastal Risk Resilience strategy and Blue Growth Agenda, confirmed through TNC's role in the

Seychelles debt-for-nature-swap which conserves The Seychelles' coastal and marine areas; Our strong support to end overfishing, IUU and destructive fishing practices and support to implement science-based management plans to restore fish stocks at a fast rate; Through our work on PSMA; and Our mapping ocean wealth (MOW) work.



## **11. NCCI (NGO Coordination Committee For Iraq)**

Special, 2012

### **Introduction**

NCCI is an independent and neutral NGO forum that was registered in Geneva, Switzerland as a nonprofit association with the goal to support coordination amongst NGOs in Iraq. NCCI is a member-led organization that provides an effective coordination platform for NGO members to deliver quality humanitarian and development assistance in Iraq.

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

The NGO Coordination Committee in Iraq (NCCI) plays an important role as the lead coordination body for NGO representation. NCCI aims to enhance the capacity of the NGO community to deliver humanitarian and development assistance and promote information sharing and coordination between its members (national and international NGOs), government authorities, and international partners such as the UN, and the donor community

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

In 2014, the humanitarian crisis in Iraq deteriorated significantly with the IASC declaring the Iraq an "L3 Emergency" on 14 August 2014. As a result, NCCI scaled up communications and reporting capacity in Amman, Jordan, and opened offices and scaled up services in Erbil, Iraq.

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

NCCI partnered with UNDP, UNHCR and UNICEF to provide capacity building for local organizations in Iraq while providing assistance to populations in need.

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

NCCI holds a representational role in the Humanitarian Country Team and facilitates elections and advocacy of other NGO representatives in this meeting.

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

NCCI co-coordinates the Coordination and Common Services Sector/Cluster in Iraq with the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

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

In an effort to highlight and advocate for the humanitarian and development context in Iraq, NCCI submitted a written statement to be shared during the 2013 ECOSOC High Level Segment which focused on "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals". The statement was approved by the NGO Branch of ECOSOC for distribution and was shared on the NCCI network after the Conference was held.

## **12. Nigeria Model United Nations Society**

Special, 2012

### **Introduction**

Nigeria Model United Nations Society (NigMUNS), a Non-Governmental Organization founded in 2004, started her programs in 2005 with the endorsement of the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and has a Special Consultative Status with United Nations Economic and Social Council, 2012.

Through its annual Model United Nations Conferences and other outreach, NigMUNS brings Nigerian students closer to the United Nations, broadening their horizon on international affairs and world issues.

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

The principal aims and objectives of NigMUNS include: Promoting among the Nigerian youths, knowledge and support for the aims, achievements and activities of the United Nations and its agencies; advance research and the interest of global education among young people.

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

From inception, the organization hosted 2 annual conferences; NISSMUN for secondary and NIGIMUN for tertiary schools students.

Today, the organization hosts 5 annual conferences for – Junior Schools International Model United Nations (JUNSIMUN); South East Regional Secondary Schools Model United Nations (SERSSMUN); Lagos Regional Secondary Schools Model United Nations (LARSSMUN); Nigerian International Secondary Schools Model United Nations (NISSMUN); and Nigerian International Tertiary Institutions Model United Nations (NITIMUN).

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

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations and its agencies through her Conferences by engaging students in discussing some critical global issues like:

1. Culture and Religion in Reproductive Health and Rights
2. Millennium Development Goals: Reminding Our Leaders of the 2015 Deadline
3. Protecting our Natural Resources for Today and Future Generations
4. Engaging Youth in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals

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

A Representative attended the 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference on Sustainable Societies: Responsive Citizens, Bonn, Germany, 3-5 September 2011.

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

The organization has collaborations with United Nations Information Centre to promote aims and objectives of the United Nations through Model United Nations conferences and also with the United Nations Population Fund on reproductive health

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

The organization contributed to MDGs 2 and 6 in Kuje and Oko, Nigeria, by initiating and motivating the Model United Nations Clubs in Capital Science Academy- Kuje and Thomas Adewumi International College-Oko to build a classroom block for a primary school at Kuje and a HIV/AIDS awareness campaign in primary schools in Oko.

Ms. Amina Mohammed, then Nigerian Presidential Adviser on MDGs and current Nigeria's Minister of Environment was Guest Speaker at our 2007 Conference on MDGs. She has been a major supporter of our programmes.

### **13. Noble Institution for Environmental Peace Inc.**

Special, 2012

#### **Introduction**

The Noble Institution for Environmental Peace (NIEP) and its affiliate, Noble International University (NIU) conduct health and education research and teaching for sustainable natural environments and social economies. Our aim is World Environmental Peace related to Land/Territory/Natural Resources and Rights issues. NIEP supports integrative work between Traditional and Modern systems, the conservation/protection of Natural Environments, and development of Educational resources.

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

NIEP and NIU's focus promotes/supports health and education primarily through, but not limited to, ethnobotany, nutraceutical, and environmentally friendly methodologies. NIEP promotes affordable professional e-learning and to conduct research that fosters "Environmental Peace". From the personal to the global and the cosmic spheres NIEP supports various types of technologies with the core purpose of achieving sustainable environments and societies.

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

From its early focus on defining and building the field, NIEP has expanded the capacity for e-learning via NIU in North America and globally with field schools in South America and elsewhere. Exploring affordable and financially accessible "Green" innovation technologies modelled after Indigenous technologies became increasingly important. NIEP began exploring and pursuing our vision of Environmental Peace via the role of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Mother Languages learning as a core direction via ITLC.

NIEP is maturing towards acknowledging Traditional Indigenous Knowledges and Technologies as an important part of the peace equation. For example, after our attendance at an Indigenous Teaching & Learning Circle (ITLC) event at UNPFI in 2013, NIEP maintained contact with ITLC and its Head; 2015 saw negotiations to support and affiliate

more closely with Indigenous American methodologies, including Mother Language as a "technos" in Native American Systems as a potential template for World Indigenous, founded on the work of Provost (Turchetti) in Canada and the United States. In France, NIEP has partnered with Soroya, the work of Gerland, on pre-natal, neonatal and early childhood health and youth/parent education. Building educational capacity through global collaborations, NIEP pursues environmentally supportive learning of emerging professionals and an understanding how women's and men's perspectives can be collaborative.

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

NIEP has attended UN events, made interventions, built collaborative alliances with other NGO's and followed up on these with the education initiatives through NIU. NIEP members have contributed to discussions from our individual and collaborative work in Canada, United States of America, South America, India and elsewhere, supporting environmentally focused and Indigenous environmental initiatives.

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

NIEP has participated in the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development (9.23.2013), the 12th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (May 2013), the 5th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2012), the 63rd Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference (2010) and, in 2007, the 6th Session of the UNPFII.

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

Cooperation with United Nations bodies is supported via the appointment of one of our members to the ECOSOC steering committee.

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

Addressing the special needs of least developed countries, land-locked developing countries and small island developing states, NIEP has continued working on strategies to address land/water rights issues of Indigenous people groups in South America and in India. To

ensure Maternal and Child health NIEP supports the international work of Soroya, based in France.

### **Additional Information**

Prof. Dr. Biswajit (Bob) Ganguly's latest invention, a combination of his previous invention the 'EMIKAT' non-noble metal catalytic exhaust air purifier and his new ' FUELKAT' gas and diesel pre-treatment which combine to reduce emissions below the EURO6 level of Pollution.

This package brings affordable exhaust gas purification to a third world economy which has one of the highest rates of air pollution in Europe.

The regenerative capacity of ecosystems provides a regulatory basis for sustainable economic growth and development. A natural valuation of an ecosystem's sustainable services will arise in a market for developmental rights in the ecosystem using a unit of tradable 'right': E-Scrip unique to each habitat type. The amount of e-scrip needed for a development may be set and administer by Government

There are numerous projects and initiatives that NIEP is currently engaged in all over the world; including the River Water Purification: Ahfad Women University, Khartoum, Sudan, and NIEP/NIU;RUSSIA-CANADA Proposal to Protect Medical Plants and their Habitats; Living filter air purifiers joint Collaboration with Kalyani University, India, NIEP/NIU. For detailed information on the nature and methodology associated with these initiatives, please contact us.

## **14. Non-Governmental Organisations' Coordinating Committee**

Special, 2004

### **Introduction**

The Non-Governmental Organisations' Coordinating Council (NGOCC) continued to facilitate networking nationally and internationally for its members. Capacity building and advocacy was also conducted in collaboration with other like-minded players.

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

NGOCC has a membership of 104 organizations NGOs and CBOs, with presence in all the 10 provinces of Zambia.

The organisation's vision remains that of seeing "A society where women fully participate and benefit from social, economic, political and cultural development"

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

From 2012 to 2015, Zambia witnessed the appointment of the first ever female Vice President. An amended constitution was enacted which outlawed discrimination arising from customary, family and personal law. The country witnessed the enactment of Gender Equity and Equality Act as well as government's commitment to review the NGO Act to allow for self-regulation by civil society. In addition the country ratified the revised regional SADC Protocol on Gender which aims at achieving gender parity at all levels.

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

NGOCC has been participating in the Commission on the Status of Women since 2012 and has been submitting reports and statements to the Commission on specific thematic areas.

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

NGOCC contributed to Zambia's country reports on MDGs, CEDAW, Universal Periodic Review on human rights and Shadow Report on Beijing+20. We participated in various consultations over the SDGs and engaged our members on the implications of the SDGs



agenda.

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

NGOCC has continuously engaged with Zambia's United Nations Country processes through planning platforms. NGOCC is part of the UNDP/Government joint program on ending Gender Based Violence under the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

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

MDG 1: NGOCC provided economic empowerment capacity enhancement to members through grants.

MDG 3: NGOCC continued to advocate that women should be proportionally represented in decision making positions through policy and legal reforms.

MDG 4 and 5: NGOCC undertook Baseline Survey to establish access to maternal health services in selected communities and subsequently plan for targeted interventions. Members were supported with grants for related projects in line with maternal health.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Gender Based Violence**

NGOCC simplified Zambia's Anti-Gender Based Violence Act legislation of 2011 and translated it into major local languages to popularize its content so that women and girls are informed of its provisions and seek justice.

## **15. Painted Children UK Limited**

Special, 2012

### **Introduction**

Painted Children work for Mother and Children in Southeast Asia specially in Bangladesh. Our activities, programs and initiatives are aiming to protect and support underprivileged and vulnerable children and women in Bangladesh. We are working for betterment their lives. We strive to create prevention-based programmes for disabled people and underprivileged women to better their living conditions and welfare.

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

Painted Children, our programmes and initiatives are aimed at protecting and supporting vulnerable children and women. Through our various campaigns, we endeavour to raise funds for these particular groups to improve their quality of life and to ensure a bright and healthy future for them. We hope that our membership continues to grow, through donations and volunteering, as any contribution towards our programmes makes a significant difference.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

We work same agenda in United Nations MDG (Millennium Development Goals) specified for Mother and children

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

No participation was specified.

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

Cooperation in Local (in Bangladesh) WHO office and other bodies

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

Live in Hope Enlighten the Darkness

Published the Various article in Impact of safe motherhood for future generation in Bangladesh, Preventing HIV and AIDS in Bangladesh, Maternal Health in Bangladesh, Neonatal Mortality in Bangladesh, Exclusive Breastfeeding Policy and Practice in Bangladesh. This is an international Journal and Reference book of Masters of Public Health around 40 international University in the world.

Photographic Competition and Exhibition:

- Painted Children arrange 2 Photographic competition & exhibition between 2013 to 2015
- Mother and Child in 2013
- Street Children in 2015

these exhibition is extremely important to raise awareness of Mother and children issues and raise awareness and focus their problems also to ensure the voices of the poor and most vulnerable are heard.

Awareness campaign of Women's and Children right: Painted Children arrange 20 awareness seminar and Symposium in Bangladesh between the year 2012 to 2015. It will create awareness about the right of Children and Women. Local leader, policy makers and people from relevant field contribute their knowledge and expertise to make the policy and strategy in the support of United nations Millennium Development Goals. These will also help government of Bangladesh the enhance their policy and program in women and children.

Safe Motherhood Project:

Safe motherhood Project provide mothers living in the slums and streets of Bangladesh with daily nutrition support during pregnancy, education on family planning, health and hygiene fundamental inoculations for the new born baby until weaning. These measures ensure that mothers are not malnourished and consequently the child will born healthy and strong. To fulfill the United nations Millennium Development Goals it is important to highlight the

problems of women and Children. Our aim is to ensure their safety and good health so that all babies will be born over the weight of 2.5 kg, beginning their lives strong and healthy. Women from the poorest communities tend to neglect their nutritional intake and instead concentrate on feeding their families. We will make sure that they are provided with the correct sustenance, vitamins and minerals through their pregnancy and into motherhood. We will ensure that both mother and child remain strong and healthy, and that neither will suffer from malnutrition or related illnesses. The women are supported through a minimum of four antenatal checkups through their pregnancy, which is the recommended minimum, and vaccinations, such as Tetanus, will also be provided.

Beside this we are also running the following programs/campaigns round the year:

- Vitamin-A Plus Campaign
- Nutrition program
- Campaign to reduce the high neonatal mortality
- Vaccination programme among children and pregnant women
- Advocacy for children
- Awareness program for accident and injury-related deaths
- Birth registration campaign

The care and treatment of disabled children and adults:

We give care to many disabled people and those suffering ill health from the poorest communities. These individuals are often perceived as a burden to their families and the community, and may be ostracised and excluded. They have major difficulties in taking care of themselves as the vast majority of employers will not consider those with disabilities, even for the lowest paid jobs. Furthermore, most of the schools in Bangladesh will not allow disabled children into the system and thus remain uneducated. Hospitals of the area are not interested in giving treatment as these people do not generally have the means to pay for healthcare.