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## **1. Peace Corps of Nigeria**

(Special; 2013)

### **Introduction**

Peace Corps of Nigeria is an Organization which is committed to National Creativity, Peace and Youth Development. The Corps has Membership Strength of above One Hundred and Forty Thousand (140,000) Youths comprising of Regular and Volunteers with network of branches in the Thirty six States of the Federation, including the Federal Capital Territory. Under the Volunteer Scheme of the Peace Corps of Nigeria, the Corps has engaged thousands of youths in Schools and Colleges with primary objective of instilling discipline on the Students, through Character Building and Leadership training. The Corps is also exposing the students to Peace Education, Conflict Resolution and Confidence Building Strategies.

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

Peace Corps of Nigeria has a primary mandate to impact on the Nigerian Youth Right Ethics, Values, High Sense of Discipline and respect for the Rule of Law. Aim at advancing the cause of Patriotism and Selfless Services and Mission to Empower, Develop and Provide Gainful Employment for the Youths and Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Nation Building, Neighbourhood Watch and other related matters.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

The Corps has been observing the Annual United Nations International Day of Peace in collaboration with Major Stakeholders including Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Education, National Orientation Agency, National Emergency Management Agency.

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

First and Second Session of the Preparatory Committee Meeting of the United Nations in

Switzerland. 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- I. Affiliate Member United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)
- II. United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- III. United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- IV. United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Special Consultative Status

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

- I. Organizing Peace Education in Schools and Colleges in Nigeria
- II. Establishment of Peace Clubs in Schools and Colleges in Nigeria
- III. Poverty Alleviation programme through visits and supports to Orphanage homes, Displace People Camps and Peace Awards to deserving personalities who have contributed towards Peace Work and Nation-building in Nigeria

## **2. Peace Worldwide**

(Special; 2005)

### **Introduction**

The Peace Worldwide Organization was founded by Dr. Mehdi Alavi to pursue everlasting world peace and world order. Its mission is to promote freedom and peace for all humanity. United, we CAN create a world free from the scourges of war, oppression, and persecution.

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

Peace Worldwide are to use education to create consciousness of rights and liabilities among individuals; to take action in preventing human rights violations, and to provide aid and assistance including legal aid to victims of human rights abuses; to investigate reported and unreported cases and allegations of human rights; to provide basic necessities of life such as drinking water, medical relief and dowry to poor and helpless girls; to address drainage and other rural development schemes; to help keep the environment free from pollution and to work for sustainable development; to educate and create consciousness among youth and women against drugs, narcotics and HIV-AIDS; to co-operate with national and international organizations, groups and individuals engaged in promoting human rights and to participate in meetings and conferences on human rights at home and in abroad; and to abolish the blasphemy law in Pakistan.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

A Christian woman, who was already married to a Christian man, was falsely accused of marrying a Muslim. This Muslim person misused her National Identification card and claimed and filed a case against her that she is his wife. PWW helped her and gave her legal assistance due to which she was finally able to live with her real husband. The case was going on for seven years and the decision was given on May 16, 2014. Provided educational accessories and supplies to different schools in slums of Islamabad, Pakistan. PWW also organised

teacher training programs in these schools and provided these teachers with modern techniques of teaching.

PWW health awareness programs arranged health camps in Abottabad, Hunza, Swat and Murree, Pakistan, and provided free health care to those who cant afford medical expenses.

Executed a three day project titled “Create Your Craft” using papers, paper glass and paper plates in Kot Lakhpat jail Lahore, Pakistan, among juvenile.

Provided legal assistance to female victims of rape in Lahore, Sheikhpura, Kasur and Bhawalnagar, Pakistan.

Organised a three days seminar in big cities of Pakistan i.e. Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore to help and guide the victims of rape. The seminar titled “Recovering from Rape and Sexual Trauma” provided guidance about how to recover from rape and sexual trauma, the program also helped those who weren’t the victims but could help the affected to overcome such situation.

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

Submitted a written statement titled “Promoting Empowerment of people in poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all” for 52nd session of the commission for social development 2014 and another written statement titled “Science and Technology” for UNCTAD “World Investment Forum 2014” Two representatives of Peace Worldwide represented Peace Worldwide in WSIS +10 General Assembly High Level Meeting at United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States, from December 14-16, 2015. And another representative of Peace Worldwide, represented PWW in Global Sustainable Transport Conference on November 26-27, 2016, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

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

In collaboration with Madawa trust, PWW organised a three-day workshop to raise awareness and understanding on the concept of EDUCATION for Sustainable Development to promote United Nations program UNESCO.

Provided skill trainings to empower Afghan and Iranian refugees to promote United Nations program UNHCR.

Organised four seminars in these four years in collaboration with FAST University in four

cities of Pakistan i.e. Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi and Peshawar on Drugs and Crime in order to endorse United Nations program on Drugs and Crime. Organised HIV/AIDS prevention and care campaign from 01 November 2016 to 01 December 2016 to ratify United Nations program UNAIDS.

Organised seminars, trainings and three and six-month projects every year to provide technical assistance to empower women to support United Nations program on advancement of women, Commission on the Status of Women.

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

Peace Worldwide schools are working in 28 districts across Pakistan. The schools work in mostly remote areas and during these four years, we were able to increase girls' enrollment in our schools which was 40 percent.

Arranged a series of seminars and awareness programs among youth about drugs and HIV/AIDS.

Executed a six-month planting the plants in plastic bottles project in 2014 titled "We Care" in three junior high and two high schools in Lahore. Children were guided about the importance of plants and clean environment. A seminar titled "We Can Beat the Financial Crisis" in collaboration with Mudawa Trust was held on April 23, 2013 at Islamabad hotel in Islamabad. The speakers discussed the factors behind the financial crisis and tools and resources required to overcome this situation.

Arranged 22 skill development and managerial training events each year in different cities and districts of Pakistan. Through these trainings, we were able to provide management skills to 440 individuals each year. Executed a two-year Income generation and livelihood project from April 23, 2013 to April 25, 2015 in district Chakwal, Pakistan, to empower the poor. Our targeted individuals were 650 a year but we were able to achieve more than our goal which was 1,500.

Executed a three-month project titled "Clean House Clean Environment" in Karachi to keep the environment safe from malaria.

### **3. Penal Reform International**

(Special; 1993)

#### **Introduction**

Penal Reform International (PRI) is an international non-governmental organisation founded in 1989 to develop and promote international standards and norms, and within those norms to implement site-specific solutions to penal and criminal justice reform.

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

Reducing the unnecessary use of imprisonment, developing and implementing human rights standards, abolition of the death penalty, torture prevention, sensitive response to women and children in conflict with the law.

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

PRI has opened a programme office in Kampala, Uganda, covering the Sub-Saharan African region. In November 2012, PRI received Observer Status to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), which is mandated to protect the rights of children enshrined in the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

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

Over the past four years, PRI has contributed to the work of the United Nations through the following key activities:

1. PRI remained heavily engaged in the revision process of the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, including by contributions to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group meetings mandated to revise the Rules, and advocacy at the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to ensure adoption of the Rules.
2. Following adoption of the UN Standard Minimum Rules in December 2015, as the Nelson Mandela Rules, PRI has promoted awareness and implementation of the Rules.
3. PRI has implemented a programme of work to promote and assist stakeholders at the national, regional and international level with implementing the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Sanctions for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules).

This has included pre-deployment training of UN staff and peacekeepers.

4. PRI contributed to the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the world drug problem in New York, from 19-21 April 2016. One key contribution was the organisation's membership of the Civil Society Task Force to support the participation of civil society in the UNGASS. PRI was the focal point for criminal justice matters.

5. PRI has continued to support the work of the human rights mechanisms on a range of mandates including: torture prevention, abolition of the death penalty and women and children's rights-related issues.

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

PRI participated in each annual meeting of the General Assembly, Human Rights Council, Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Crime Congress. In addition to these regular Sessions, PRI representatives attended or contributed to a whole range of meetings during 2013-2016, including with UNODC, UNDP, DPKO and human rights mechanisms.

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

PRI has continued to cooperate with a range of UN bodies and mechanisms by, for example: At the UN General Assembly, PRI has organised side-events and attended plenary sessions as relevant to the organisation's mandate.

PRI participated in the three Regular sessions of the UN Human Rights Council each year. The organisation contributed through side-events on key issues and written and oral statements.

PRI participated in the work of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, advocating on the resolutions pertaining to the revision of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. PRI also participated in the 13th UN Crime Congress in Doha, Qatar, from 12-19 April 2015, having been invited to host and take part in a number of panels and to participate in official Workshop A.

Representatives of PRI have attended expert meetings and provided input to several Handbooks and other resources published by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.



During 2014-15, PRI supported the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Group of Friends (GoF) of Corrections in Peace Operations namely through delivering pre-deployment training sessions for corrections offices.

By invitation, PRI co-facilitated several workshops for the torture-prevention bodies mandated under the Human Rights Council. On 16 November 2016, PRI ran a workshop on the Nelson Mandela Rules at a joint session of the UN Committee Against Torture and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. On 19 November 2014, a similar workshop was run on the UN Bangkok Rules in a joint session, which was also joined by the UN Special Rapporteur on torture. PRI has cooperated with staff of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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

PRI has recently published a briefing on the links between the Sustainable Development Goals and criminal justice, which explains and forms the basis of much of the organisation's work.

#### **4. People with Disability Australia, Inc.**

(Special; 2005)

##### **Introduction**

People with Disability Australia Incorporated (PWDA) is an Australian disability rights and advocacy organization, founded in 1980 in the lead up to the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981) to provide people with disability with a voice of our own.

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

We exist within the international human rights framework and provide a number of activities, which include individual, group and systemic advocacy, consumer protection, information, education and training. We have a fundamental commitment to self-help and self-representation for people with disability, by people with disability.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

- Australian Disability and Development Consortium, Executive Committee Members 2012-2015, re-elected for 2015-2018
- Disabled Peoples International, Members
- Pacific Disability Forum, Council Members
- Pacific Disability Forum Pacific Women with Disabilities Committee - administers AusAID funds to disabled peoples organisations across Pacific for capacity building projects, Elected Committee Member (2013-18).
- Pacific Disability Forum Pacific Disabled Peoples Organisations Funds Committee, allocates funds for AusAID capacity-building and human rights convention implementation projects, Elected Committee Member
- Asia Pacific Disabled Peoples Organisations United, formed to work cooperatively across Asia Pacific disability sector on implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and efforts to achieve the millennium development goals, Elected Committee

Member (Vice President).

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

PWDA represents Australians with disability at numerous regional and international forums and actively participates in civil society monitoring and reporting mechanisms:

- September 2013 led delegation of people with disability to present civil society report to UN CRPD Committee in Geneva 2012
- September 2013 participated in UN High Level Meeting on Disability and Development and the General Assembly Special Event on the realisation of the Millennium Development Goals.
- June 2014 led delegation of youth with disability to 7th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD in New York. Delivered side event, “Strengthening Emerging Leader with Disability – Barriers and opportunities”.
- March 2015 participated in the 9th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- November 2014 PWDA led the Australian delegation to Geneva, Switzerland, for the review of Australia by the UN Committee Against Torture, including submission of a shadow report on disability.
- 2015 contributed to Australia Child Rights Task force Progress Report celebrating 25 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Australia
- June 2015 participated in the UN COSP to the CRPD in New York, United States, including participation in the Global Youth with Disabilities Program
- Jointly submitted information to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on restrictive practices in schools.
- Endorsement of International Disability Alliance Report, “No One left Behind” submission to the 2016 High Level Political Forum at UN DESA Division for Sustainable Development.
- 2016 submission to UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants regarding discriminatory health provisions
- 2016 Submission to UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities regarding political participation of people with disability.
- 2016 submissions to UN CRPD committee responding to draft General Comments on Article 6, women, and Article 19 living in the community. - June 2015 Participated in the 8th session of the UN Conference of States Parties to the CRPD focusing on ""mainstreaming the

rights of persons with disabilities in the post-2015 development agenda.

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

November 2015 - Participated in Youth and Disability Expert Group Meeting, Uruguay, on invitation from the UN Population Fund. Convened follow up Youth with Disability Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Australia.

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

Direct input to 'Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability 2010-2015'. Human rights and capacity-building delivered to Indonesian DPO's, October 2013, funded by AusAID Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice. October 2013 funded by Korean Foundation of Disabled Persons to participate in International Forum for the Advocacy of Persons with Disabilities in Asia-Pacific and the first Assembly of Asia-Pacific Disabled Peoples Organisations, Seoul, Republic of Korea. June 2014 and 2015 funded by China-Australia Human Rights Technical Co-operation Program facilitated the International Programs Unit of the Australian Human Right Commission, to speak at conference of the China Disabled Persons Federation, China, on living in the community, accessibility and leadership capacity building of people with disability. October 2014 PWDA supported by Pacific Women's Program of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to participate in the 3rd High Level Pacific Forum Disability Ministers Meeting held in the Federated States of Micronesia. The theme was "Charting New Directions for Disability Inclusive Development in the Pacific beyond 2015." Following this engaged by DFAT to draft a Recommendations Paper on strategies to support and respond to the needs of women with disabilities in the Pacific Participated in the Pacific Disability Forum Conference, February 2015, Fiji, to discuss implementing recommendations in the paper.

## **5. People's Development Initiatives (PDI)**

(Special; 2013)

### **Introduction**

People's Development Initiatives (PDI) has been working for the development of the downtrodden and the 'Marginalized' including- Women. Rural and Urban Grass root, children of poor communities, transgender, PLWHAs, Sexual Minorities, since 1998 in the districts of Tiruchirapalli, Salem, Thanjavur of Tamilnadu, and Karaikal of Puducherry, India. The main goal of the organization is to serve the weaker sections of the society including the women, the poor, and the underprivileged through inter alia, the strategies of self – help, Entrepreneurship development, functional literacy, health care delivery, support services for the physically/mentally challenged and ensuring environmental quality: the common focus would be harnessing the local initiatives and eventually making them self – sustained.

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

As a first step towards development, PDI has committed to initiate activities to overcome gender discrimination thereby to eradicate poverty among the grass root and realize the empowerment of women. Strategies like formation of Self Help Group, vocational trainings, to eliminate gender discrimination has been believed to empower the women, adolescent and youth, children, and sexual minorities through facilitating supplementary educational programme, enhancing their life skills, organizing vocational trainings, sensitizing men to appreciate the importance of gender equality, creation of awareness on health issues for women, conducting health camps.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

Identifying and forming Gender Volunteers in Tiruchirapalli, Karaikal, and Salem, India, to promote gender equality. Referring women victims of gender based violence to the Women Support Centre of PDI. Organizing periodical and regular gender sensitization and capacity

building programmes to women, men, and adolescent youth in villages and urban slums. Formation of youth gender clubs to stop the female infanticide and foeticide. Skill training on different vocational skills for women and credit linkage to start women owned enterprises. HIV prevention initiative is part of regular activities in which 2300 MSM/ Transgenders are at regular contact and referrals. Children and women from marginalized and socially excluded social groups are the target groups where around 400 Self Help Groups are being managed by PDI. The focuses of the activities of PDI are multidimensional to promote the development of women in a holistic manner focusing on ensuring gender equality by keeping women at the Centre of Development Process.

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

No participation was specified.

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

No cooperation was specified.

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

PDI contributed to MDG 1 by providing opportunities to women to become economically empowered through Skill Trainings and Financial assistance to small enterprises primarily focusing on gender equality. The Women received the training under 'Her Voice' programme operated by PDI. MDG 2 could also be covered through the Supplementary Educational Programmes in Slums/Villages and around 350 children, pre-dominantly girls which has prevented the drop out from schools. It contributed to MDG 3 by promoting self-employment programmes for women and offered capacity building to 286 Gender Volunteers and 141 Youth Gender Clubs to promote gender equality in the community. 391 women could get the training in 21 skills where 83 women were able to start their own enterprises which are the highlight of the achievements. Every year, PDI observes World Working Women's Day Programme on 8th March (1937 Participants for four years) and International Day for Violence against Women on 24th November by organizing rallies, mass events, and advocacy activities. It contributed to MDG 4 & 5 through PPTCT Programme and Female Infanticide Prevention Programme. It has close follow up with 5000 pre- and ante-natal

mothers. Regarding MDG 6, PDI works with 2300 MSMs and 1500 Female Sex Workers to prevent HIV and takes care of STI Treatment. It works with PLWHAs for HIV care and referral services. It also implements TB awareness programme and taking care of Treatment through DOTS. PDI observed World AIDS days on 1st December Every year in three districts. It conducts rally, exhibitions, and special events. Regarding SDGs, PDI contributed to SDGs one to Six and Ten through above activities. All the above activities are ongoing and continuing.

## **6. Pitirim Sorokin - Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute**

(Special; 2013)

### **Introduction**

The Pitirim Sorokin - Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute Autonomous Nonprofit Organization was established in 1999 at the International Symposium dedicated to the 110th birth anniversary of Pitirim Sorokin. The Open University of the Dialogue of civilizations operates as a part of the Institute. Institute has permanent links with Southern Federal University, Kazan Federal University, St. Petersburg University, the Organization for Promoting Global Civilization, Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences, China, Germany, Lebanon, Kazakhstan, Belarus, the Eurasian Economic Commission.

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

Interdisciplinary fundamental and applied researches in the field of social sciences, theory of history and the future of civilizations, global and regional integral macro-forecasting. The development of the unified theory of cycles, crises and innovations, organization of civilizational education of the new generation. Maintaining the website, publication of scientific and educational literature on the subject of the Institute's activity.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

2014 - there was prepared a report "Prospects and Strategic Priorities for the Rise of the BRICS" to the BRICS Summit in UFA in July 2015.

2015 - it was published a report "The System of Long-term Goals for Sustainable Development of Civilizations" - the 10th Civilizational Forum at the Lomonosov MSU within the framework of the 4th International Congress "Globalistics - 2017" with the participation of the UN Information Center in Moscow. The Report is focused on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

2015- it was published an e-edition of the textbook "Dialogue and Partnership of



Civilizations" in English, Chinese, and Arabic.

2015 - Munich, Germany - there was arranged jointly with scientists from Germany, Lebanon and other countries an international symposium "In Dialogue We Create the Future."

2015 - it was published the report "The Muslim World in the World of Civilizations of the 21st Century" for the public lecture at the Kazan Federal University.

Since 2012 the international scientific journal "Partnership of Civilizations" is published in Russian and English.

2016 - it was published a report entitled "Formation of the Integral Paradigm of Social Science: Russian Scientific Schools".

2016 - under the auspices of the SKII jointly with the Lomonosov MSU, Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences (China) it was established the Eurasian Center for Global Modeling, Forecasting and Strategic Planning.

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

2016 -The preparation of a report "Strategy for Forming Global Sustainable Development Based on Partnership of Civilizations" for presentation at a roundtable at the UN quarters within the framework of the 7th session of the UN General Assembly together with the proposals to hold the Summit of Civilizations in 2020 and proclamation of the World Decade of Partnership of Civilizations (2021- 2030).

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

Institute cooperates on a permanent basis with the UN Information Center in Moscow (A.S. Gorelik)

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

We offer to declare the World Decade of Partnership of Civilizations (2021 - 2030) by the United Nations.

## **7. Population Media Center, Inc.**

(Special; 2013)

### **Introduction**

Population Media Center, a NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC since 2013, is based in South Burlington, Vermont, United States, and has aired programs in over 50 countries since 1998.

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

Population Media Center works towards a sustainable planet with equal rights for all using entertainment-education to promote social and cultural change by addressing the full rights of women and girls, population, and the environment.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

Since 2013, Population Media Center has aired 27 programs in 9 countries: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, and the United States of America. All the programs in Africa have been carried out in partnership with numerous United Nations agencies.

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

2014: Representatives attended the 47th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, 7-11 April. United Nations, New York, NY, USA.

2015: Population Media Center submitted a written statement for the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 09 - 20 March, urging acceleration of efforts to promote women's and girls' greater equality in all sectors of life and at all levels of decision-making by employing the power of entertainment-education strategies delivered through mass-media. United Nations, New York, NY, USA.

2015: Representatives attended the 48th Session of the Commission on Population and

Development, 13 - 17 April. United Nations, New York, NY, USA.

2016: Population Media Center submitted a written statement for the 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, 11 - 15 April, urging the Commission to strengthen the evidence base related to non-use of contraception by women that have an unmet need for family planning, as defined by the United Nations. United Nations, New York, NY, USA.

2016: Representatives attended the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEA2), 23 - 27 May. Gigiri Complex, Nairobi, Kenya. As part of our presence at UNEA 2, Population Media Center organized Green Room event #26: Working in Synergy with the Natural World: A scientific Roadmap to Sustainable Progress.

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

Financial support from UNFPA to produce entertainment-education programs in: Burundi (two radio serial dramas: 2014 to 2018); Democratic Republic of Congo (three radio serial dramas: 2014 to 2017); Sierra Leone (2012 to 2014); Rwanda (2014 to 2015); Nigeria (two radio serial dramas: 2013 to 2014).

Financial support from the United Nations Development Program to produce entertainment-education programs in Nigeria (two radio serial dramas: 2016 to 2017).

Financial support from UNICEF to produce entertainment-education programs in the following countries: Burundi (two radio serial dramas: 2014 to 2016, and 2016 to 2018); Ethiopia (Youth Media Capacity Building and one radio serial drama 2013 to 2015); Democratic Republic of Congo (three radio serial dramas: 2014 to 2016, 2015 to 2016, and 2016 to 2017).;

Financial support from UNAIDS to produce an entertainment-education program in the Democratic Republic of Congo (2016 to 2017).

Financial support from World Food Programme to produce an entertainment-education program in Burundi (2014 to 2016).

In the last three years, PMC has signed a long-term agreement with UNICEF for the provision of communications services and has become accredited with UNEP.

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

Our work since 2013 has promoted gender equality and women's empowerment; reductions in child mortality; improvements in maternal health; combatting HIV/AIDS and malaria; and promotion of environmental sustainability.

## **8. Project Keshet**

(Special; 2005)

### **Introduction**

Project Keshet provides support to nonprofits in Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine, as well as the Russian-speaking community in Israel that work to empower women through leadership training, replicable programs and the promotion of civil society.

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

Project Keshet USA (PK) is the largest funder of Jewish women's activism in Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine, as well as in the Russian-speaking community in Israel. Through PK's support, Jewish women activists have organized 180 Jewish women's groups and 90 interfaith coalitions reaching tens of thousands through the region directly and millions through social and traditional media. The PK model transforms individuals, families and communities through a supportive global network of activists, innovative leadership training programs, vocational computer centers and social justice programs addressing domestic violence, human trafficking, women's health and tolerance initiatives.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

Project Keshet sends representatives to United Nations meetings and works day in and day out to advance goals prioritized by the UN.

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

In April 2016, Project Keshet Executive Director, Karyn Gershon and Project Keshet Ukraine Coordinator (grantee), Vlada Nedak presented Project Keshet's model against trafficking in women at a CSTIP meeting. Through this process, they sought to educate other groups to use replicable aspects of the model in other regions of the world.

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

Project Keshher-funded entities in Russia and Ukraine work with UN representatives working in their countries to collect information and advance the Millennium Development Goals.

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

Project Keshher-funded NGO's are among the foremost advocates for domestic violence education, legislation and policy enforcement in Belarus, Georgia, Russia and Ukraine. These NGOs conduct more programs in support of 16 Days to End Violence Against Women than any other entities in this region. Building upon the work of Project Keshher-Ukraine (PKU), the Ukrainian government officially promoted 16 Days across the nation. PK-trained activists have conducted transformational, interfaith, DV programming in more than 100 communities. PK has helped women in these regions to become empowered as advocates for peace. Leaders in PKU have been active in developing new Reproductive Health guidelines in Ukraine.

## **9. Qatar Charitable Society**

(Special; 1997)

### **Introduction**

Qatar Charity (QC) based in Doha, Qatar and operates in over 30 countries with field offices in 10 countries.

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

QC's mission is to support the abilities of the neediest groups to fulfill human dignity and social justice in cooperation with local partners.

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

In 2016, Qatar Charity's revenue reached nearly \$250 million. In 2013, QC gained a consultative status with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and became a member of the START Network.

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

December 2015: QC concluded a thorough humanitarian needs assessment in Yemen (covering 13 out of 24 Governorates) and shared it with UNOCHA which reported that the assessment was used in preparing the humanitarian needs overview and response plan for 2017. QC organized "Yemen Humanitarian Crisis Conference" (22-24Feb.2016-Qatar) to enhance coordination of humanitarian response in line with OCHA's mandate. QC and UNOCHA organized seven regional and national "Consultative workshops in preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit." (2014 & 2015: Qatar, Turkey, Morocco, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and State of Palestine).

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

(May 23-24, 2016). Istanbul, Turkey: Participated in the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS); Organized "The role of education in enhancing social cohesion in post-conflict areas" side event, attending more than 20 side events and roundtables, ran a major exhibition and announced a number of commitments during the Summit.

(July 2016). Geneva, Switzerland: Participated in a “Familiarization with the Humanitarian System for Gulf Partners” organized by UNOCHA.

(Sept.21-27, 2016). New York, NY, United States: Participated in the events of the UN General Assembly by attending several events and organizing a side event on “The Role of Education in Promoting Social Cohesion in Post-Conflict areas.”

(December. 14-16,2016). Amman, Jordan: Participated in a preparatory workshop (called for by UNHCR) to establish MENA Civil Society Network for Refugee Issues.

(October 2015). Doha, Qatar: Organized Syrian Humanitarian Crisis donor conference to foster the humanitarian response in the Syrian Arab Republic.

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

2013: Funded UNHCR to deliver humanitarian assistance in Myanmar (\$2,000,000 helped 10,000 families). Also, implemented a project (\$1 million) for UNHCR in Somalia to help IDPs return to their villages of origin. Funded UNRWA (\$1 million) to help procure medicine and supplies for its clinics in the State of Palestine (2013).

2013-2016: Implemented food security projects for FAO in Niger (nearly \$2 million) helping farmers receive seeds, fertilizers, tillage equipment, training; project enhances food security and empowers women.

2013-2016. Pakistan: Partnership with UNICEF for five years on Sanitation services project (\$ 1.8 million).

May.30. 2015. Doha, Qatar: Signed a joint fundraising agreement with WFP to help fight hunger globally. In 2016 QC-Sudan office completed process for becoming UNDP’s implementing partners.

In 2016, QC made significant efforts to integrate its relief efforts with UNOCHA’s Humanitarian Response Plans in Iraq, Yemen and, Syria (Also coordinates with UNHCR on 3RP). QC joined clusters, registered its 2016 and 2017 projects on UNOCHA’s OPS and records its contributions through FTS. Also registered in the CBPF (Yemen, 2016) as has become a member of the Core Health Group lead by WHO.

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

MDGs1-5: During 2013-2015 QC supported Syrian IDPs & Refugees (\$66 million). During



the same time, implemented comprehensive development projects in Tunisia (6 major projects - \$15,000,000), the State of Palestine and Darfur-Sudan (\$10,000,000), same effort continued in 2016 under SDGs 1,2,3,4,6,8&16.

MDG1/Target2 (2013-2015) & SDG2(2016): QC implemented a major food security program for FAO in Niger (2013-2016) and signed a fundraising agreement with WFP to help fight hunger globally.

MDG1/Target1: Committed to an employment generation program in MENA region (\$1,500,000)

MDG2&3: Sponsoring 100,000 orphans, and other vulnerable groups in more than 32 countries. Helping nearly 40,000 girls attend school and economically empowering nearly 30,000 single mothers. Same effort continued in 2016 in addition to building a (\$9,000,000) village for orphans and their families in Sudan includes 1,200 housing units, school, hospital, market, etc. (under SDG 1,2,3,4,5,8,10). Distributed 570,000 textbooks for Syrian Children and supported operation of 133 schools in 2013. Signed a (\$7.4 million) agreement with ISESCO to implement education and cultural projects (MDG2).

MDG4: Vaccinations for Syrian Children (\$2,300,000), fighting Ebola in Sierra Leon through IMC (2014). Also implemented Women's Reproductive health support project in Somalia in 2015 (MDG5).

SDG4: In 2016, during the WHS, QC committed to "helping to develop special and contextualized e-learning solutions for IDP/Refugee children so that they will not miss access to education." Engagement in the Qatari QUEST-Education initiative supporting Syrian IDPs and Refugees (QC will implement projects for \$34 million over three years).

SDG6: QC-UNICEF multi-year partnership in Pakistan on sanitation and implemented four major water projects in Sudan (benefiting nearly 25 villages) and provided nearly 2000 sources of drinking waters in over 20 countries.

## **10. Reach Out to Asia (ROTA)**

(Special; 2009)

### **Introduction**

Reach Out to Asia (ROTA) is a nonprofit organization founded in December 2005 to join the global effort in achieving quality education and youth empowerment in Asia and MENA. ROTA is now a program of Education Above All (EAA), an organization with a vision to bring new life chances and real hope and opportunities to poor and marginalized children, youth and women in the developing world.

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

ROTA envisions a world in which all young people have access to the education and training they need in order to realize their full potential and shape the development of their communities. Its mission is to work together with partners, volunteers, and local communities to ensure that people affected by crisis have continuous access to relevant and high-quality primary and secondary education.

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

ROTA left Qatar Foundation to merge under EAA a bigger organization that aims to build a global movement that contributes to human, social and economic development through the provision of quality education. With a particular focus on those affected by poverty, conflict and disaster, it empowers children, youth and women to become active members of their communities.

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

ROTA hosted WHS-Global Youth Consultation in September 2015. ROTA is also a key stakeholder and founding member of the Global Alliance for Youth in Humanitarian Action with the main purpose of collectively supporting youth engagement in humanitarian action. ROTA is working in collaboration with UN on 'In11' initiative to implement projects in 3 developing countries.

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

ROTA participated in 3 SDG meetings in New York, United States, in relation to MDG, QUEST and Youth as well as NGO consultations on SDG in 2015. In 2015 ROTA also participated in a Geneva, Switzerland, meeting on Education in Emergencies and WHS in Doha. ROTA recently participated meetings at the WHS 2016 in Turkey.

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

ROTA is cooperating with UNICEF to fundraise for projects in Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia (1in11 initiative). ROTA is collaborating with UN bodies to deliver MYCHA a humanitarian action training for youth in MENA. ROTA also coordinated with OCHA in preparation and execution of WHS and WHS-Global Youth Consultation.

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

ROTA works across various developmental contexts, from restoring education in the early recovery phase post-crisis to ongoing community development. ROTA's programs must focus on at least one of ROTA's four key themes: 1-equitable access to quality education, 2-youth empowerment, 3-community development and 4-institutional development. All ROTA projects are geared towards MDG 2, MDG 3 and MDG 8. ROTA managed a total of 53 projects 13 of which are ongoing and 13 to start in 2017 in 13 countries in Asia and MENA. ROTA has 452,116 direct beneficiaries of which are school aged children, youth, teachers and community members. ROTA also contributed indirectly to MDG 7 by incorporating environmental education in its educational projects and by running environment geared events with youth in Qatar. ROTA also advocates for the need to provide equitable access to education and youth empowerment in an effort to raise awareness and educate the local population. ROTA ensures the presence of a sustainability plan in all of its projects in an effort to build local capacity and ensure continuity.

## **11. Reforestamos México, A.C.**

(Special; 2013)

### **Introduction**

Reforestamos México is a non-governmental organization that works to ensure Mexico has the forests it needs for its sustainable development. It is committed to helping forest-dwelling people live with dignity and in harmony with their natural resources while ensuring these resources are managed sustainably.

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

Reforestamos México's purpose is to stop deforestation, foster sustainable forest management, promote comprehensive landscape restoration, and increase tree presence in urban environments. To achieve its goals, the organization aligns efforts of communities, forest enterprises, the youth, governments, private sector, and other NGOs to work together towards the competitive management of forests

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

1. In 2015, the organization published the State-by-State Forest Competitiveness Index in Mexico to advance forest competitiveness across states.
2. In 2013, the organization established the Forest Enterprise Development Agency, and launched in parallel the Young Forest Entrepreneur Program. Both foster entrepreneurship among students and community people. This has improved living conditions of women, youth and marginalized people.
3. Since 2011, the organization has channeled a substantive amount of private investment into forest development, increasing forest coverage (530 hectares) and improving living conditions in forest communities by providing jobs and human development.
4. Since 2015, the organization has been contributing to the implementation of the Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology in Yucatan, Mexico. This will improve restoration

interventions, cartographic mapping of the opportunities, and economic valuation and modeling of the restoration.

5. Work is done with government to reduce illegality in the forestry sector by ensuring environmental policies are transparent and available, public awareness on sustainable production and consumption practices is increased, and facilitating the legal certification process for forest producers.

6. Work is done in youth training and empowerment so they become agents of change.

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

20th Conference of the Parties 2014 (COP 20): UN Climate Change Conference: Representatives attended the COP 20 in Lima, Peru, from 1 to 14 December 2014, organized by the UN Climate Change Conference

11° United Nations Forum on Forests 2015 (UNFF) Representatives attended the 11th session of the UNFF from 4 to 15 May 2015, in New York, United States, established by the UN Economic and Social Council.

21st Conference of the Parties 2015 (COP 21): UN Climate Change Conference: Representatives attended the United Nations Climate Conference held in Paris, France, from 30 November to 12 December 2015. The organization was focal point in the “Climate Change and Biodiversity” panel on December 10th, where the federal government and other NGOs participated.

13th Conference of the Parties 2016 (COP 13): UN Biodiversity Conference: Representatives attended the COP 13 organized by the Convention on Biological Diversity in Cancun, Mexico from 2 to 17 December 2016. The organization was focal point in the side event "Productive Landscape Restoration: Shortening the gap between sustainable rural development and the biodiversity goals at a sub-national level" where investors, the federal government and other NGOs participated. It took part in issuing the "Declaration of the Civil Society Organizations for the 13th COP of the CBD".

22th Conference of the Parties 2016 (COP 22): UN Climate Change Conference: Representatives attended the event that took place in Marrakesh, Morocco from 7 to 18 November 2016. On November 15th, the organization was focal point organizing, alongside the federal government, a presentation called "Mexico: Achieving sustainability through a

comprehensive urban policy & strategic interventions"

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

No cooperation was specified.

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

1) The organization has contributed to SDG 15 by working intensely for many years reforesting degraded lands across the country, and since 2015, by building the landscape restoration strategy for Mexico alongside the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the World Resources Institute, to support Mexico's compromise of restoring 8.5 million hectares by 2020.

2) Since 2016, the organization has worked towards strengthening institutional transparency to increase the effectiveness of public policy instruments that have impact on forest ecosystems and their biodiversity, supporting SDGs 15 and 16.

3) Since 2013, the organization has worked with vulnerable communities in Mexico providing human and entrepreneurial development (SDG 4) to facilitate the creation of forest enterprises (SDG 1 and 8) through sustainable land practices (SDG 15), including sustainable agriculture (SDG 2), thus guaranteeing sustainable consumption and production (SDG 12). This work integrates SDG 5 by empowering women in the forestry sector.

## **12. Refugee Council of Australia**

(Special; 2009)

### **Introduction**

Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) is the national umbrella body for organisations and individuals who support refugees and asylum seekers.

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

Purpose: Work with members in promoting the development of humane, lawful and constructive policies towards refugees and asylum seekers. Aims: \*Promote the empowerment of refugee communities and individuals. \*Monitor, research and present information on issues relating to the needs and circumstances of displaced populations. \*Assist governments and other organisations to formulate relevant policy and improve support and services.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

RCOA continues to promote policies and programs which support the protection of refugees in line with the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, through research, policy development and awareness-raising campaigns and through close cooperation with international networks and the UNHCR.

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

RCOA representatives attended: \*UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs, Geneva, Switzerland: 15-17 June 2016, 1-3 July 2015, 17-19 June 2014, 11-13 June 2013. \*UNHCR Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement, Geneva: 13-15 June 2016, 29 June-1 July 2015, 24-26 June 2014, 1-3 July 2013. \*UNHCR Standing Committee meeting on Protection, Geneva: 21-22 June 2016, 24-26 June 2015. \*UNHCR Executive Committee meeting, Geneva: 5-9 October 2015, 29 September-3 October 2014. \*UNHCR High Commissioner's

Dialogue on Protection Challenges, Geneva: 8-9 December 2016, 16-17 December 2015, 10-11 December 2014.

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

RCOA:

\*helped facilitate the visit to Australia by the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants in November 2016.

\*helped coordinate the Global Refugee Youth Consultations in Australia in preparation for the 2016 UNHCR-NGO consultations.

\*coordinates an annual national program of events for Refugee Week, held in conjunction with World Refugee Day (20 June).

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

RCOA works with community-based and non-government organisations to highlight needs related to the SDGs particularly goals related to poverty, gender equality and inclusive societies through: publication of research; presentations at conferences; awareness-raising activities; and facilitating the involvement of refugee representatives at key meetings with UNHCR and governments.



### **13. Regional Public Charitable Organization "Drug Abuse Prevention Centre"**

(Special; 2013)

#### **Introduction**

Regional public charitable organization “Drug Abuse Prevention Centre” is registered NGO and has been conducting work in the field of drug/alcohol abuse and HIV prevention, support for drug users, people with HIV and youth from risk groups since 1997. Main activities include: alcohol and drug demand reduction, development and implementation of the social re-integration, international cooperation, research. Area of work – Russian Federation and Baltic sea region.

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

Aims of the organisation - support and implementation of programs in the field of disease prevention and promotion of a healthy lifestyle, physical culture and sports; consolidation of efforts aimed at prevention of non-medical drug use. To achieve the aims the following tasks are undertaken by the organization: assistance to public authorities in the preparation of decisions and programs aimed at drug abuse prevention; development and implementation of prevention and support programs.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

The achievement of the development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations at large were advanced by the organization on the Internet. The organization realized some project aimed at international development cooperation in Baltic Sea region and North Europe region and encouraged coordination across diverse actors and activities. Among them: “Social partnership in prevention of HIV/AIDS and TB” (2013 -2014) that included participation of national and regional governments and NGO from Nordic countries and Russia; “Resilient children of addicted parents” (2013) that included local authorities and NGO from Baltic and Nordic countries, Belarus and Russia;

“NGO as essential element of multi-actor partnerships for development of holistic prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among girls and women” that includes local authorities and NGO from Baltic and Nordic countries, and Russian Federation.

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

Our representative attended the 7th session of the conference of the parties to the United Nations convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CRO/COP 7) 6-10 October 2014. The representative took part in plenary meetings and side event “Addressing the links between corruption and organized crime” organized by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Civil Society Unit.

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

Our organisation joined the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC) in 2014. Via VNGOC we took part in activity of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) and United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on preparation of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the World Drug Problem (2016). The organization participated in discussion of set of operational recommendations for the UNGASS and in supporting United Nations drug-control conventions. The organization contributed to preparation of the UNGASS on the World Drug Problem submitted some proposals for CND recommendations.

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

The organization contributed to MDGs 6 and SDGs 3 in Russian Federation with the project “Social partnership in prevention of HIV/AIDS and TB”. 424 representatives of the regional and local administrations, NGOs, bodies of the public health, penitentiary institutions, social services in regional centers of North-West Russia trained in client management technologies and methodologies, life-skills education and motivational interviewing for care providers in both governmental and non-governmental service units. 161 prison personnel educated with the essential knowledge and skills for launching, implementing and supporting prevention and social support programs for current and former prison inmates. ‘Start-up’ programs to assist HIV/AIDS and TB-positive people at all stages of the process, both inside and outside

prisons designed. The organization observed the World AIDS Day each year on 1 December (2013 and 2014) with street actions attracted some hundreds of people.

The organization contributed to SDGs 3 in Russian Federation, Belarus and Baltic countries with a number of projects in the field of strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol. More than 5000 teenagers and 200 women in prison have been included in prevention and support programs.

## **14. Registered Trustees of Pastoralists Indigenous Non-Governmental Trust**

### **(PINGOs - Forum)**

(Special; 2013)

#### **Introduction**

The registered Trustees of Pastoralist Indigenous non-governmental organizations forum (PINGO's Forum) endeavors to amplify the voices and foster the interest of pastoralists and hunter-gatherers by advocating for change through Advocacy on Good governance and Human rights (social, economic, political and cultural rights); On Gender justices; Capacity Building of community and its member CSOs and key stakeholders; and Climate Change. The Vision is a just community of pastoralists and hunter gatherers with sustainable, recognized, and respected rights, and the Mission is to create a lasting solution for injustices and poverty to pastoralists and hunter gatherers community.

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

1. To improve livelihoods systems for Pastoralists and Hunter-Gatherers, their human rights and their opportunities through enhanced governance and democratic processes,
2. To enhance capacity of PINGO's and its member organizations to articulate their constituencies rights and demand more accountability from the duty bearers to provide the guaranteed rights,
3. To strengthen effectiveness in networking and alliance building and applying human rights based approach in programming,
4. To promote gender equity and People Living with HIV/AIDS rights through mainstreaming,
5. To promote environmental sustainability and food security amongst Pastoralists and Hunter-Gatherers.

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

The organization has acquired a new observer status with the African Commission of Human and Peoples Right.

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

PINGOs Forum have continued to contribute to the work of the United Nation through participation to United nations events including the Permanent Forum on indigenous peoples in New York, United States. PINGOs Forum organised an African Preparatory meeting before the World conference of Indigenous peoples organised in Arusha Tanzania, continuously been engaging on the UNFCCC from 2013 to 2016 by attending and making submissions in different event, we have provided different trainings and capacity building activities to different national institutions, We have made submission on different reviews of Tanzania CESCRC on behalf Tanzania Indigenous Peoples. We made submission on UPR ON Tanzania Review in 2015. It is currently a focal organisation of the commission for Tanzania on indigenous peoples issues.

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

Due to budgetary contains we have only been able to attend a few United Nations events such as United Nations Convention on Climate change conference of Parties, COP 19,20 and 21 Permanent Forum on the Right of Indigenous peoples in New York in 2015. Universal Period Review Of Tanzania in 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland.

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

PINGOs Forum have been having cooperation with United Nations bodies in Tanzania through UNDP the UN representative for Tanzania.

There was close collaboration with the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations on the right of indigenous people Ms Vicky Tauli Corpus.

We had close cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner of Human right through our different summation.

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

PINGO's Forum have been engaging on issues related to human rights, Good governance and Accountability; land and natural resource management; Women, Girls and Youth rights; HIV/AIDS awareness; and Climate change mitigation and adaptation.

For Goal 1. of SDG End poverty in all its forms everywhere we have Advocated for indigenous peoples to have equal rights to economic resources through media programs, training's and engaging with policy makers.

Others goals that we have had significant impacts are:

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls- end all forms of discrimination violence all harmful practices against all women and girls. this have done through media programs and community engagements and trainings.

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impact- improve education, awareness raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning; this is done on our different engagement in national and international level

## **15. Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America**

(Special; 2013)

### **Introduction**

The Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America (RESNA) is the premier membership organization dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of people with disabilities through increasing access to technology solutions. RESNA membership includes rehabilitation engineers, clinicians, researchers, assistive technology professional and others who work to enable people with disabilities and functional limitations achieve the best possible outcomes in health, community living, education and employment.

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

The purpose of RESNA is to contribute to the public welfare through scientific, literary, professional and educational activities by supporting the development, dissemination, and utilization of knowledge and practice of rehabilitation and assistive technology in order to achieve the highest quality of life for all people. RESNA advances the field by offering certification, continuing education, and professional development; developing assistive technology standards; promoting research and public policy; and sponsoring forums for the exchange of information to meet the needs of our multidisciplinary constituency.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

RESNA has had special consultative status with the United Nations since 2013; this has allowed RESNA to stay abreast of developments that affect our mission including around the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) which we endorsed. RESNA works closely with the World Health Organization's Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) including attending and participating in GATE-sponsored meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, and contributing to the development of the GATE Priority Assistive Devices list.

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

Through its membership in the United States International Council on Disability (USICD), RESNA is represented at meetings at the United Nations including the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD.) RESNA intends to stay informed and engaged in this work in the coming months and years.

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

RESNA's cooperation is evidenced by its support of the CRPD and GATE and remain engaged in initiatives as appropriate.

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

RESNA's support for the CRPD aligns with the Millennium Development Goals. RESNA's engagement with WHO/GATE, including support for the creation and dissemination of the Priority Assistive Devices list and educational efforts around it align with the Sustainable Development Goals. Furthermore, RESNA's involvement with Rehabilitation International also align with the SDGs. In addition, RESNA has taken a leadership role in creating an International Alliance of Assistive Technology Organizations which includes peer organizations in Europe, Asia, North America and Australia that support the SDGs and work to advance technology solutions to promote health and well-being around the world.