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1. IOGT International

Special, 2011

Introduction

IOGT International is the premier global interlocutor for evidence-based policy measures and community-based interventions to prevent and reduce harm caused by alcohol and other drugs. It represents 122 NGOs from 54 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works toward enabling people to live to their full potential, free from the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs, so they can actively contribute in all levels of society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promotes the rights of Women and girls and addresses in particular alcohol-related violence against women. It has supported United Nations related initiatives, and campaigns, such as Every Woman Every Child and Orange Day. It also works to strengthen the Rights of the Child, as anchored in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. IOGT International has been working worldwide to support the implementation of the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Alcohol Strategy. IOGT International has contributed to numerous political consultations, including the Post-2015 and SDGs discussions and the General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS) 2016.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IOGT International took part in all sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), during which it organized a side event in 2014; the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in 2013 and 2014; and World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2013 and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IOGT International member organizations collaborate closely with United Nations bodies on a regional and national level: in Sri Lanka they worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to address the harm caused by alcohol; in Cambodia the Member Organizations worked with the WHO to help the government and parliament formulate a national alcohol policy; and in India their members are part of WHO expert teams to tackle the non-communicable disease epidemic.

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

IOGT International issued material and articles to raise awareness about the relationship between HIV/Aids and alcohol, alcohol and poverty, alcohol and

violence, especially gender-based violence, and the alcohol industry and food and water security.

2. Isfahan Human Rights and Development Organization

Special, 2011

Introduction

Isfahan Human Rights and Development (IHRD) is a local organization based in Somalia, focused on community development and assistance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IHRD works toward individuals' self-sufficiency. It assists communities to manage not only their current problems, but also to plan for the future. It supports communities improve their livelihood by relying on their own knowledge and skills.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

All of the organizations' interventions contribute to the work of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IHRD attended meetings organized by the United Nations to impart and gain more knowledge about the humanitarian operations, human rights, and the United Nations interventions in Somalia.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IHRD acts in close cooperation with all United Nations entities that are working to assist people in need in Somalia.

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

All actions taken by the organization support the MDGs, as they aim to support people in need and help them generate new sources of production and employment.

3. Japan Federation of Bar Associations

Special, 1999

Introduction

Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) is a federal body comprised of 52 local bar associations in Japan, individual attorneys, legal professional corporations, registered foreign lawyers and other members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It works to guide, liaise with and supervise all its members; maintain its members' dignity; and improve and advance the administration of its members.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The federation provided legal aid for asylum seekers to the Japanese Government and held capacity building seminars for lawyers handling refugee cases, in cooperation with the United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 2011-2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

JFBA participated, and occasionally delivered written and/or oral statements, and drafted reports, in the following meetings:

- The Universal Periodic Review - Japan, Geneva, Switzerland, October 2012;
- The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment - Japan, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2013;
- The 85th session of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Geneva, Switzerland, August 2014;
- All sessions of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, Austria, 2011, 2012 and 2014;
- The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, Vienna, Austria, October 2012 and October 2014; and
- The Conference of the State Parties of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Morocco, October 2011 and Panama, November 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The federation welcomed several United Nations High officials from the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Labour Standards Department of the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Tokyo for meetings and discussions.

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

The JFBA Committee on Poverty has made various policy proposals to the Japanese government to relieve poverty, including a proposal for the expansion of the scope of legal aid. The JFBA contributed a paper on the draft Code of Conduct for prospective experts, as a stakeholder to the G7 initiative on providing

developing countries with expertise for negotiating complex commercial contracts on the extractives sectors (Connex initiative).

4. Japan National Committee for UN-Women

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Japan National Committee for UN-Women (JNC) is an independent NGO that supports the mission of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of JNC is to contribute to the work of UN-Women and the promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women. JNC undertakes public awareness initiatives about UN-Women and global women's issues. JNC also supports UN-Women through fund raising activities to support their projects for women worldwide, and particularly in Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

As the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) was integrated into UN-Women in 2011, the official name of JNC was changed from The Japan National Committee for UNIFEM to The Japan National Committee for UN-Women. Accordingly, certain amendments were made to its Constitution. The name of JNC in Japanese was amended in 2013 to raise public awareness, although the name in English remained the same.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

JNC has led several projects, including "Setting up a Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence against Women; 2011-2013; "Enhancing Women's Economic Empowerment through Improving Bamboo Handicraft Value Chains in Cambodia", 2011-2013; and "Women, Peace and Security in Aceh, Indonesia, 2011. Enhancing capacities of women living with HIV: "know and claim your rights" in Vietnam, 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

JNC participated in the Global Meetings of UN-Women National Committees that took place throughout the reporting period and all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Based on JNC's mission as a National Committee for UN-Women, it has been supporting UN-Women by publicizing its programmes and activities to Japanese citizens and by collecting donations from private sectors as well as from individuals.

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

In 2011, JNC widely appealed the “Say No to the Violence against Women” Campaign to its members and organized the training of Wen-Do (self-defence art for women) in cooperation with universities and women’s centres. In December 2013, JNC organized the Symposium “Women can participate even more! How Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) will change the future of work”. In 2014, as a side-event for the World Assembly for Women in Tokyo: WAW Tokyo 2014 organized by the Government of Japan, JNC organized an event entitled “Getting to Know Women in the World through UN-Women” screening four UN-Women DVDs.

5. Join Together Society

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Join Together Society Korea (JTS) runs campaigns and programmes for the elders and disabled as well as solidarity programmes with national NGOs. Affiliated with Jungto Society, it has national chapters in 9 cities in the Republic of Korea, as well as overseas chapters in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the United States of America and Germany.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its mission is to bring hope, empowerment and self-reliance to underprivileged communities and work with the community members to bring about changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

JTS has implemented projects in India, the Philippines, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Lao PDR, and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea that contribute to the achievement of the MDGs on eradicating poverty, achieving universal primary education, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and combatting diseases.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The JTS Representative participated in the Fourth High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, hosted by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Global Compact and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in Busan, Republic of Korea, 30 November 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

JTS provided humanitarian assistance and contributed to rapid response measures in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, in 2013, by sharing

information with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) about the situation on-the-ground and the types of assistance that were needed.

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

During the reporting period, JTS provided food to 12,000 people in 53 locations (orphanages, nursing homes and special education schools) in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. It also provided baby formula and nutritional food to 434 children suffering from serious malnutrition and low weight in Bihar State, India. JTS provided primary education to approximately 1,700 students by operating the Sujata Academy in Bihar State, India. Also, JTS newly constructed 5 elementary schools in Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia, and 11 elementary schools in remote villages of Mindanao, Island of the Philippines.

6. Jubilee Campaign

Special, 2003

Introduction

Jubilee Campaign promotes the human rights and religious liberty of ethnic and religious minorities around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Jubilee Campaign reports violations of human rights, implements educational programmes, publishes and circulates reliable statistics and data, and distributes reports and resolutions published by the United Nations Human Rights mechanisms to its affiliates. It networks with other NGOs, presents accurate testimonies, makes recommendations, facilitates implementation of recommendations of the United Nations organs, and supports the programmes and objectives of the United Nations Declarations and Covenants.

Significant changes in the organization

Jubilee no longer has an Australian affiliate, but it gained an affiliate in South Africa.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted a number of reports to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism as well as to the Human Rights Council for several countries. It empowered partners from minority communities suffering persecution to speak at United Nations processes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Jubilee Campaign participated in the United Nations Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva, Switzerland, and the United Nations General Assembly sessions in New York. It presented interventions, reports and conducted a number of side events at the Human Rights Council within its areas of competence. Jubilee also

submitted reports to the Universal Periodic Review and other mechanisms within the Economic and Social Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Jubilee Campaign disseminates reports of the Human Rights Council and General Assembly to partners around the world. It participated in the roundtable for the Human Rights Council Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea as well as the Commission of Inquiry in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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

Jubilee Campaign and its partners have developed orphan homes for children. It developed an HIV/Aids home in Mumbai, India, for children left orphaned by the disease; this home provides them the essential medical and emotional care. It also established homes for children of prostitutes to prevent them from contracting HIV/Aids and being sold into prostitution.

7. Junior Chamber International

General, 2011

Introduction

Junior Chamber Organization (JCI) is a global network of 176,000 young active citizens, age 18 to 40, from 125 countries who are engaged in and committed to creating an impact in their communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of JCI is to provide development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization created the JCI Active Citizen Framework in 2011 as a roadmap for advancing the MDGs. During the reporting period, members raised more than US\$2 million and activated hundreds of thousands of young people as advocates for the United Nations Foundation's "Nothing But Nets Campaign." The organization collected more than 8,000 votes for the "MY World" campaign through 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- United Nations Global Compact Leaders Summit, 19-20 September 2013, New York;

- Social Good Summit: the organization spoke about projects JCI members are conducting to raise awareness about malaria, 22-24 September 2013, New York;
- United Nations Millennium Campaign’s MY World Partner Recognition Event, 25 September 2013, New York; and
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) Youth Forum, in 2011 and 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to improve health promotion and disease prevention, May 2011. It signed an MoU with the United Nations Millennium Campaign to motivate young people in taking targeted action; strengthen the voices of young people in the development and implementation of the post-2015 global development agenda; and develop a Global Youth Engagement Fund, 26 September 2014, New York.

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

In support of the MDGs, the organization:

- participated in the 2011 Budapest-Bamako Rally, raising funds to distribute 4,000 nets in the efforts against malaria;
- provided street children with food and basic supplies, and access to education, in Ghana;
- taught women entrepreneurs about financial management and education about bank loans, in Bangladesh and Pakistan;
- educated residents on the dangers of child and teen pregnancy, in Brazil; and
- provided solar bottle lights to families without electricity in the Philippines.

8. Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization

Special, 2011

Introduction

Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization (KIRUCODO) was started by a small group of rural people who were running small income generating activities (SIGA) to earn daily income for self-sustainability within Kikandwa Village Local Council-1, an area with devastating social and economic implications, in Uganda.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Organization’s goal is to empower rural communities in distress. It seeks to improve social, economic and educational development through applied technologies, active hands-on-learning and research, and promotion of better agricultural methods.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed with the following activities:

- training of youth and other community members in practical skills that they can easily apply for poverty eradication;
- construction of concrete rain water harvesting tanks for rural schools and communities, which helps over 900 children to have access to clean water;
- Scholastic Material donations to poor rural schools in Mukono District, benefiting over 1,850 children attending school in rural communities of Uganda;
- Humanitarian Assistance to the elderly and disabled in rural communities, reaching over 800 poor elderly people in Mukono District, Uganda; and
- empowerment of students with entrepreneur skills through manageable income generating activities to enable them raise funds for quality education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 27 February-9 March 2012, New York; and the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, 23 September 2013, New York, among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization has participated in and contributed to Vision 2040, the Post-2015 Development Agenda of the Government of Uganda. The organization's projects cover the themes of HIV/AIDS, human rights, education, and knowledge on sexual and reproductive health.

9. Korean Institute for Women and Politics

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Korean Institute for Women and Politics (KIWP) was established as a non-partisan, non-profit organization, with the aim of fostering the inclusion of women in politics.

Aims and purposes of the organization

KIWP works to promote the political interests and concerns of Korean Women; cultivate a democratic political culture within the Korean society; and provide education and training programmes for prospective women political leaders

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KIWP mobilized public opinion for the United Nations through the following events:

- trainings on “Social Network Service and Women’s Political Participation”;
- 33rd General Assembly of the International Council of Women on the theme “Progress for Women, Progress for All”, 17-23 September 2012;
- Commemoration of the International Women’s Day on the theme “The world without violence against women, where everybody is happy”, 8 March 2013; and
- 2014 Federation of Asia-Pacific Women’s Associations Convention on the theme “Empowering Women for Gender Equality in the Asia-Pacific Region”, 14-17 October 2014, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated and held side events in all the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York. The events included: “Expelling All Forms of Violence against girls and women”, 6 March 2013; and “Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in the Asia-Pacific Region”, 13 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

KIWP organized and participated in many events in support of MDG 3, among others:

- the annual National Women’s Conventions;
- the annual Grand Debates to commemorate International Women’s Day;
- the event “Women’s political leadership academy” in preparation for local elections, 1 October 2013;
- the Forum on “Legal and Institutional Measures to Expand Women Officers”, 10 December 2013; and
- a Grand Debate on “6.4 Local Election and Women”, 3 April 2014.

10. Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation (LGWPF) is an NGO that is actively committed to the development of a culture of peace and better living in order to promote world peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LGWPF aims to fulfil its objectives by cooperating in the fields of health, education, environment, spirituality and preservation of indigenous cultures. It supports the United Nations programmes devoted to helping developing countries towards self-sustainability.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization observes World Environment Day, World AIDS Day, World Interfaith Harmony Week and United Nations Day of Vesak. It is a founding member of the Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (CSVGC), in Geneva, Switzerland, and New York; as well as a member of the Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief. The organization promotes the proposal for the creation of a permanent spiritual forum for world peace at the United Nations. In support of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Culture Preservation Campaign and World Heritage Sites, the organization held prayers and planted trees each year in Borobudur, Indonesia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LGWPF took part in the 55th and 56th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, and co-signed 3 oral statements at the 56th session. The organization also regularly attended the Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva, Switzerland, supporting the establishment of a United Nations Declaration on the right to peace in collaboration with the Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law. It co-signed oral statements presented to the Human Rights Council by the Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law during its 23rd, 26th and 27th sessions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is engaged in grass roots humanitarian aid in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Agenda 21 and "One billion trees for Life", as well as UNESCO's culture preservation campaign, in Nepal and Tibet, Autonomous region of China, in Borobudur, Indonesia and in Italy. LGWPF undertakes healthcare projects in support of World Health Organization (WHO) programmes and "Health for All".

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

Some of the projects undertaken by LGWPF include:

- School education and non-formal education for better living; vocational training in traditional Himalayan handicraft, medicines, incense; healthcare clinic and conferences on traditional medicines in Nepal, Tibet, Autonomous region of China;
- Environmental and agricultural projects with accent on the revitalization of alpine cultures in Italy; and
- Being in Peace programme with teachers and students in public high schools in Brazil; and
- Environmental Peace programme in Amazonia, Brazil.

11. Latter-Day Saint Charities

Special, 2011

Introduction

Latter-day Saint Charities (LDS Charities) is an apolitical humanitarian organization that sponsors relief and development projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to relieve suffering, foster self-reliance among the individuals and families of the world, and provide opportunities for service.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provides emergency responses to disasters and fosters human rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LDS Charities co-coordinated with the Department of Public Information (DPI) the largest attended “Focus on Faith” forum on “Discovering Mormonism and its Role in Humanitarian Assistance”, February 27, 2014. The organization co-sponsored a side event with Botswana during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 6 March 2013. It also attended the following meetings:

- all sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland;
- the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) “Dialogue on Protection Challenges”, 11-12 December 2013; and
- the 56th and 58th session of the Coalition on the Elimination of Violence against Women (CEVAW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

LDS Charities cooperated with UNHCR in Rwanda and Uganda for projects on clean water/septic tanks, latrines, hygiene training, vision care, neonatal resuscitation training (NRT), and women's health. It cooperated with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in Asia and Africa for immunizations and NRT.

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

During the reporting period, over 3 million people in 55 countries benefited from new water and sanitation systems. People were taught about hygiene and system maintenance to meet their long-term water needs. Over 100,000 people in 68 countries benefited from NRT. The organization was involved in 58 immunization projects in 26 countries. The Benson Food Initiative helped over 120,000 people in 43 countries. From 2011 to 2014, LDS Charities led emergency relief assistance through 455 projects in 119 countries.

12. Legião da Boa Vontade

General, 1999

Introduction

The Legion of Good Will (LBV) provides socio-educational services to vulnerable individuals across 150 cities in seven different countries: Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Portugal, Uruguay and the United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of LBV is to promote social development, education, and culture with ecumenical spirituality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has provided over 48 million services to children, youth, women and elderly citizens living in social vulnerability during the reporting period. The organization works to eradicate poverty through education, promotion of sustainable development and culture of peace.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LBV has attended all the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) High-level segments in Geneva, Switzerland, and New York. The organization presented oral and written statements during all of these events. LBV participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), 13-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. LBV co-sponsored and presented best practices in the ECOSOC

Civil Society Forum on “Building Partnerships in the Field of Education through Science, Technology and Innovation”, 16 May, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

LBV has promoted the Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum of the Solidarity Society Network and Innovation Fair in preparation for the annual ECOSOC High Level Segment substantive agendas, with the support of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and United Nations Information Centres.

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

LBV provided hunger-relief, humanitarian aid, and professional training courses to almost 500,000 vulnerable people during the reporting period. LBV maintains nine full-time schools. From 2011 to 2014, over 80,000 children and young adults received quality education and basic social assistance such as meals, snacks, clothing, school supplies, and recreational activities. The LBV has also been actively working to promote gender equality by giving women from low-income communities the opportunity to support themselves through income-generating courses, health care, prenatal care, as well as psychological and legal assistance. More than 25,000 women received assistance in Portugal, the United States of America, and Brazil. LBV provided dental hygiene workshops, dental check-ups, cancer-prevention workshops, and medical consultations, assisting over 65,000 people.

13. Liberal International

General, 1995

Introduction

Liberal International (LI) is the world federation of liberal political parties. It acts as an international forum where governing and opposition parties meet to exchange ideas and to foster dialogue, consultation and inspiration for the creation, deepening and consolidation of (liberal) democracy. There are currently 90 member parties and 11 cooperating organizations from 67 countries and territories worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LI was founded to strengthen and promote the spread of basic liberal values, such as individual freedom, human rights, the rule of law, tolerance, equal opportunity, social justice, free trade and a market economy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LI undertook the following activities during the reporting period:

- It issued statements on United Nations International Women’s Day, International Day against Homophobia and International Human Rights Day;
- It organized a conference titled “The Responsibility to Protect Principle (RtoP): A Liberal Approach?”, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 14-15 September 2011;
- It organized panels, such as “Strong Women as a Force for Change: The Arab Spring and Beyond”, Barcelona, Spain, 31 March 2012; and “The Role of Women in Fighting Organized Crime”, Antigua, 19 October 2013; and
- It co-Hosted the Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, 24 February 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LI delivered oral and written statements to numerous sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC), under general agenda item 3, Geneva, Switzerland. It held a side-event on the protection of human rights in areas of conflict at the 23rd Session of HRC, 30 May 2013. It also organized a joint side event with UN Watch on prevention and elimination of violence during the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

LI held a meeting with the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Deputy Director for International Protection of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees within the framework of the 23rd Session of the HRC, 30 May 2013. It also met with the United Nations Special Rapporteur for Human Rights of Migrants, the Head of the International Migration Law Unit in the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the Chief of the Labour Migration Branch at the International Labour Organization (ILO) within the framework of the 26th HRC Session, 12 June 2014.

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

One of the most substantial initiatives is the awarding of LI “Prize for Freedom” every year to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of freedom and human rights. The 2014 prize was awarded to Mrs. Waris Dirie, a former United Nations Special Ambassador for the Elimination of female genital mutilation. LI also issues the LI Human Rights Bulletin on a quarterly basis. The first issue focused on eliminating gender inequality around the world.

14. Life Ethics Educational Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Life Ethics Educational Association (LEEA) is a Canadian-based NGO dedicated to raising public awareness on “right to life” issues, particularly before birth and at the end of life.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LEEА seeks to advocate for the preborn, disabled, infirm, and elderly by promoting respect for all human life from fertilization to natural death. It aims to promote public understanding on life issues, including foetal development, abortion, new reproductive technologies, adoption, palliative care, euthanasia, human experimentation, post-abortion syndrome, and all other related issues affecting respect for human life. LEEА disseminates information and holds meetings, seminars and conferences on these issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In addition to participating at United Nations meetings, LEEА has partnered with other NGOs that are accredited to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to help organize events for the broader United Nations community.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LEEА participated in the following meetings:

- the special session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, 22 September 2014;
- the General Assembly High-level Meeting on Youth, New York, 25-26 July 2011;
- the 55th, 57th, and 58th Sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York; and
- the 44th, 45th, and 47th Sessions of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

LEEА educates young people on the work of the United Nations, particularly MDGs 2, 3, 4, and 5 and organizes training sessions for its volunteers prior to participation in United Nations meetings so that they can actively discuss and engage with other NGO representatives, United Nations staff, and country representatives during conferences. It has trained more than 50 young volunteers who have attended United Nations conferences as LEEА representatives. These become positive advocates in raising awareness about the MDGs.

15. Life for Relief and Development

Special, 1999

Introduction

Life for Relief and Development (Life) has distributed over \$400 million in humanitarian assistance throughout the world since its creation in 1992.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Life is dedicated to alleviating human suffering regardless of race, colour, religion, or cultural background. It provides assistance to people across the globe through health care, education, the assistance of social and economic casualties, and victims of hunger, natural disasters, wars, and other catastrophes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Life has worked to advance the work of the United Nations through programmes in the following areas:

- Advancement of Women: it provided education and trainings to women, supported job creation and micro-projects, and improved maternal and child health;
- Social Development and Population: Participated in lowering mortality rates of children below the age of 5 and improved child protection through feeding and health programmes, building clinics/hospitals, providing free or reduced rate healthcare, providing wheelchairs and assistive devices to the disabled, and orphan sponsorship programmes; and
- Sustainable Development: Provided access to clean water through digging wells, installing water tanks and providing water treatment tablets.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Life participated in the Humanitarian Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), 15-17 July 2013, Geneva, Switzerland; and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization signed a Cooperative Agreement with United Nations Relief and Works Agency on 27 August 2014, providing \$500,000 in humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip, State of Palestine. It also worked with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to assess healthcare centres in the Republic of Iraq.

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

The organization provided impregnated animals, donkey and horse carts, distributed food and non-food items, agricultural tools and seeds to refugees, poor and displaced families toward MDG 1. It constructed and renovated 6 schools, distributed books and school materials to schools, colleges and universities, in support of MDG 2. It provided psycho-social support and trained widows and women living in war zones and refugee women in the Middle East on how to sew, knit and crochet to become self-sufficient for MDG 3. Toward MDG 4, 5 and 6, Life constructed clinics, hospitals and orphanages, provided free healthcare to children and expectant mothers, distributed hygiene kits to refugee and displaced families, and distributed medical supplies and medicines to combat diseases, impregnated anti-malaria bed nets and wheelchairs for the disabled. For MDG 7, it dug 163 water wells, and installed water purification units in schools and clinics, and water tanks in homes and community buildings.
