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1. Stree Atyachar Virodhi Parishad

Special, 2008

Introduction

The organization is devoted to the welfare of women. It uses activist, institutionalized and academic strategies to affect its aims.

Significant changes in the organization

The Swayamsiddha Campus for women, proposed to be built on land owned by the organization, has continued shaping up. Since 2008, construction of a shelter home for women has been completed, as has the construction of a training institute and a canteen. The shelter home is occupied and the other initiatives are in the process of being operationalized.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports many case-based, issue-based and social trend-based, activist, institutional and academic initiatives to support Millennium Development Goal 3 on promoting gender equality and empowering women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in 2010. It also submitted a written statement at that session, in the form of a Beijing +15 progress response. The statement, which was accepted and circulated at the session, summarized achievements, challenges, emerging issues and recommendations on the themes “Violence against women”, “Women in power and decision-making” and “The girl child”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in local, national and regional conferences in the run-up to the 2010 session of the Commission. It submitted thoughts, progress reports and supporting research.

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

With regard to Goal 3 on promoting gender equality and empowering women, since 2008, the organization has concentrated on preventing and combating domestic violence, through counselling, legal aid and rehabilitation and policy initiatives, including lobbying. Its sister organization provides institutionalized counselling and shelter to women suffering within the family, the community and at the hands of the State. As an important subset to this work, the organization assists destitute victims of domestic violence who have been cast out of their marital homes and assists these victims in leading single lives with dignity. The victims typically suffer from huge physical and mental health challenges, and the organization focuses on providing rebuilding support. Since 2008, the organization has provided aid to approximately 500 such destitute and deserted victims of domestic violence.

The organization has undertaken meetings, published extensively and carried out advocacy efforts on a mass scale to prevent and combat female foeticide and infanticide. This is a long-established, important issue, increasing in urgency as the sex ratio becomes markedly unbalanced. The organization undertakes regular initiatives to combat sexual violence, particularly against young girls. Initiatives include focus on legal literacy, awareness-raising events, legal and social support to victims and lobbying for legal change. As an important subset to this work, the organization assists in the rehabilitation, training and economic empowerment of human trafficking victims. This assistance extends to supporting victims in fighting their legal cases.

As another important subset to this work, the organization assists in the rescue and rehabilitation of young daughters of sex workers, together with the police and the Government.

In India, unwed mothers bear a strong stigma. The organization has focused on this issue since 1990, and since 2008, has assisted between 10 and 100 unwed mothers by providing them with shelter, training, adoption or child upkeep support, legal aid and rehabilitation. The organization undertakes regular initiatives to assist women's economic empowerment, including by contributing to institutional shelter and, training programmes and assistance to individuals so that they might lead economically empowered lives with dignity. Efforts are also focused on aiding marginalized women workers within unorganized sectors, and combating sexual exploitation in the workplace. Those efforts extend to assisting microfinance self-help groups of women in rural areas.

India has implemented a number of quotas for women entering local body level politics. The organization undertakes training programs for newly elected women representatives to local government, so as to further enable them in carrying out their public duties. It also focuses on servicing the unique needs of low-caste Dalit women, who suffer at the crossroads between caste and gender. Finally, it regularly undertakes outreach events in rural areas to raise awareness among women about their legal rights, the Government schemes available to them and the social and regulatory tools that can help them to lead their lives with dignity.

2. Volontari nel Mondo

Special, 2004

Introduction

Volontari nel Mondo is a federation of 61 Christian organizations of international voluntary services committed to promoting social justice, solidarity, international understanding and development cooperation. The aim of the federation is to raise awareness on problems relating to deprivation and social injustice, assert human dignity, fight against hunger and poverty, further a culture of peace and non-violence and promote social and economic development in poor countries. The federation works daily in project activities in the field and in international, national or local actions in order to improve the commitment of people all over the world in the fight against poverty and social injustice.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization launched campaigns in support of important issues such as:

- Education of children all over the world: the activities of this initiative continued to run until 2008. The goal of the project was to raise awareness of the urgency of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the achievement of universal primary education.
- Climate campaign: in 2009, the organization created a website for the purpose of asking the Government of Italy to push for an international agreement that would recognize the right of people to sustainable development and the reduction of gas emissions of 30-40 per cent by the 2020 compared with 1990 levels.
- In 2010, the organization joined the national effort of the international campaign in support of the implementation of a financial transaction tax. It engaged lobbying national and European institutions with the aim of assuring that the revenues would go towards the Millennium Development Goals.
- In 2011, the organization took part in a Catholic alliance for the launch of a national campaign in the run-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2008: Twelfth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) April, Accra; High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, September, New York.

2009: UNCTAD — Symposium on financial crisis “The global Economic Crisis and development — the way forward”, May, Geneva; negotiations relating to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, June, Bonn, Germany); United Nations Conference at the Highest Level on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, June, New York; UNCTAD, Meeting with civil society on trade and development, September, Geneva; United Nations High Level Meeting on climate change, September; Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Copenhagen.

2010: High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, New York, September; Sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, November/December, Cancun, Mexico.

2011: Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, May, Istanbul; High-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, New York, September.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2009, the organization coordinated the organization of a civil society forum parallel to the World Summit on Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The forum was held in Rome, with the

financial support of the Municipality of Rome, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme. The organization closely followed the process of reform of the FAO Committee on Food Security, attending the session of the Committee in 2010 and 2011.

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

With a view to helping to attain Millennium Development Goal 7, the organization, in collaboration with the *Coopération internationale pour le développement et la solidarité* ran an international and national campaign on climate justice in the run-up to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen in December 2009. As part of the Italian Climate March Coalition, the organization was instrumental in the holding of a seminar and public mobilization at the Group of Eight (G8) Environment Ministers Meeting, held in Syracuse, Italy, in 2009. The Climate March Coalition issued a list of recommendations to the Environment Ministers, which urged the G8 to confirm their commitment to reach an ambitious deal on climate change. In 2010, the organization continued to urge both their respective national Governments and the European Union to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent as a step towards the goal of a decrease of 40 per cent, which science demands for effectively combating climate change. As part of the international exhibition on environment, *Terra Futura*, the organization created a rainbow of lights across the city of Florence to call for climate justice. Ahead of the Millennium Development Goals Summit in New York in 2010, a delegation of African bishops and development experts met European political leaders to discuss efforts to improve the well-being of African communities, the obstacles they encounter and priorities for achieving change. The organization hosted the delegation hosted from 13 to 15 September 2010 in Italy.

3. War Veterans Committee

Special, 2004

Introduction

War Veterans Committee is registered with the Federal Registration Service of the Russian Federation. The Committee comprises approximately 50 international and regional veterans' organizations from post-Soviet countries. The Committee helps and upholds the rights of those who took part in hostilities, fulfilling their military duty, and those who suffered from hostilities, local conflicts and acts of terror as well as their families. At a conservative estimate, there are about 3 million such people in the Commonwealth of Independent States countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Third International Convention of the War Veterans Committee, held in Baku on 6 February 2008, made an appeal to confirm the importance of veterans' issues in the agenda of the United Nations.

On 10 December 2008, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Department of Public Information approved the War Veterans Committee for association with the Department.

The Fourth International Convention of the War Veterans Committee, held in Moscow on 16 March 2012, adopted a resolution confirming the adherence of the organization to the principles and goals of the United Nations and voted to continue its consultative status with the Council and its association with the Department of Public Information.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

(a) A delegation from the Committee participated in the forty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 6 to 15 February 2008 in New York.

(b) On 12 February 2008, the delegation of the Committee held a side event and press conference on the theme “Workability, employment and decent work for veterans of local wars, military conflicts and peace-keeping operations”.

(c) From 29 May to 6 June 2008, a representative attended the resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, held in New York.

(d) A representative attended the sixty-first annual United Nations Department of Public Information/NGO Conference, held from 3 to 5 September 2008 at UNESCO headquarters on the theme “Reaffirming human rights for all: The Universal Declaration at 60”, and participated in the midday workshops.

(e) From 20 to 23 May 2009, a representative attended the resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, held in New York.

(f) In July 2009, at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, in Geneva, the Vice-President of the organization and its representative to the Council presented a side event on the theme “Better health for war veterans: what NGOs can do in alignment with United Nations goals”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

(a) A representative participated in the Conference of NGOs Board meeting, held from 28 February to 1 March 2008 in New York.

(b) On 29 February 2008, a representative negotiated with the United Nations Office for Partnerships to explore a possibility for Russia Federation-based private companies to participate in United Nations-supported programmes aimed at providing assistance to veterans.

(c) From 12 to 17 November 2009, the Committee hosted the delegation of the Conference on NGOs. A number of United Nations and Conference-related activities were included in the programme of the visit.

(d) On 26 August 2010, a meeting was held in Moscow with the newly appointed Executive Coordinator of the secretariat of the Global Alliance for Information and Communications Technologies and Development on matters relating to the eventual cooperation of the Committee with the Alliance.

Additional information

(a) On 13 October 2008, a detailed presentation of the United Nations-related activities of the Committee was made at hearings on the Russian Council of Federation (Chamber of the Parliament).

(b) On 15 and 16 October 2008, a concise analysis of the activities of the Committee and its affiliations with the United Nations was presented at meetings with local authorities and representatives of public organizations of the Republic of Bashkortostan (Russian Federation).

(c) On 20 March 2011, a letter from the President of the Committee addressed to the newly appointed Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva discussed the cooperation of the Committee with the United Nations.

4. Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development

Special, 2000

Introduction

The organization's mission of empowering the disadvantaged, increasing economic opportunity, and sustaining natural resources is very much aligned with the work of the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has implemented projects with United Nations funding and participated in meetings and conferences as outlined below.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Winrock has been very involved in the work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Clean Development Mechanism. Staff member Tim Pearson sat on the Afforestation/Reforestation Working Group of the Mechanism from 2010 to 2012. Winrock staff have participated in the following conferences and meetings:

- 2008: eighteenth session of the FAO Near East Forestry Commission, held in Khartoum, Sudan, 18-21 February.
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Workshop on Methodological Issues relating to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) in Developing Countries, held in Tokyo 25-27 June.
- 2009: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-Global Environment Facility (GEF) meeting on Forest Carbon Calculator, 27 April, Washington, D.C.
- Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Copenhagen; invited speaker at the FAO side event on forest degradation, held on 13 December.
- 2010: Secretariat to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility, on 1 and 2 September, Washington, D.C.; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Expert Meeting on National Forest Greenhouse Gas Inventories, held from 23 to 25 February in Yokohama, Japan.

- Forest Day Learning Event on 5 December and Forest Steward Council side event on the theme “Improved Forest Management in the Tropics to Reduce Carbon Emissions”, on 6 December at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Cancun, Mexico.
- 2011: Consultation to Parties on Modalities for Reference Levels for REDD+, with the Ad Hoc Working Group on further commitments for Annex I parties under the Kyoto Protocol held in Panama City, on 5 October.
- Forest Day Learning Event, held on 4 December; side event supported by the Government of Norway on the topic “Modalities and guidelines for REDD+ reference levels”, held on 5 December, at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, Winrock implemented several projects with United Nations funding, as follows:

- Promoting Sustainable Energy Production and Use from Biomass in Pakistan: July 2010-July 2011; United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Nepal Rural Electrification through Biomass Gasification: August-December 2009; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Expanding Access to Energy Services through Carbon Markets: January-December 2009; UNDP
- John D. Rockefeller III Scholars India Research Team: October 2008-November 2009; United Nations Children’s Fund
- John D. Rockefeller III Scholars Myanmar Research Team: March-July 2008; FAO
- Carbon Finance for Agriculture, Silviculture, Conservation and Action against Deforestation — Forest Carbon Project in Mali and Madagascar: June 2008-July 2011; UNEP
- Indonesia Bank Lending Project: January 2008-March 2008; UNDP
- Carbon Opportunities for Africa: December 2007-April 2008; FAO
- Strengthening the Coffee Sector in Aceh: November 2007-April 2008; UNDP

Winrock staff also authored two reports for United Nations bodies:

- “Cost of implementing methodologies and monitoring systems relating to estimates of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, the assessment of carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions from changes in forest cover, and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks”, co-authored by Sandra Brown and Martin Herold for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat, May 2009.
- “Carbon market opportunities for the forestry sector of Africa”, by S. M. Walker and others prepared for FAO and presented at the sixteenth

session of African Forestry and Wildlife Commission, held in Khartoum in February 2008.

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

Winrock is helping countries achieve the Millennium Development Goals in a variety of ways, as follows:

- Some 8.1 million people in 55 countries increased productivity and income by an average of 30 per cent per year with the help of Winrock experts and volunteers.
- Some 150,000 African scholarships have kept vulnerable girls and boys in school and provided mothers with enterprise start-up funds.
- Some 1.4 million improved cook stoves in 61 countries reduce indoor air pollution.
- Some 30,000 widows, single mothers and vulnerable children reduced the impact of HIV/AIDS in their lives through education, services and opportunities to earn income.
- More than 1.1 million hectares of land were brought under sustainable management approaches.

5. Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management

Special, 2008

Introduction

Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management is a women-led international membership network of women and men professionals that provides expertise to assist agriculture and natural resource management organizations to build women's leadership and mainstream gender into their research and development programmes, projects and internal structures. Its headquarters is currently in Bangkok, with offices also in Kathmandu, Washington, D.C., and Pretoria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to build women's leadership in agriculture and natural resource management through organizational and individual transformation.

Significant changes in the organization

The headquarters shifted to Bangkok in 2011 in order to be in closer proximity to its members and activities in the global South; it has expanded its personnel to now include three full-time staff at headquarters, country coordinators in Nepal and South Africa, and liaison officers in Rome and Washington, D.C. Two regional teams of core associates now exist in Africa and Asia, comprised of selected and trained members from Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi and South Africa, and from Cambodia, India, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal

and the Philippines, respectively. Membership has now increased to include over 850 members in 93 countries. Men comprise approximately 12 per cent of the membership body.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed actively to the activities of the Women Major Group under the Council. Most recently, this was in relation to preparations and participation in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. It was one of the organizing partners and participated in frequent conference calls and attended regional meetings to prepare the inputs of Women Major Group to the process. It also supported the travel for five members to the Conference, and the organization of a side event there. Prior to this, organization was responsible for coordinating the inputs of the Women Major Group to the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, leading the panels and events related to agriculture and rural development. The organization also coordinates the activities of the Women Major Group for the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has attended and sponsored the attendance of other women at the following meetings:

- All meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development
- United Nations Forum on Forests — all conferences plus several of the country-led initiatives
- Participation in the meetings of the Committee on World Food Security, held at FAO every October, since 2008
- Participated and organized women farmers' representation at the 2010 Farmers Forum, held in conjunction with the IFAD Governing Council
- Organized and led a panel for women in the green economy at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Technical assistance was provided to FAO to undertake research on the impacts of climate change on rural women, in collaboration with the Huairou Commission. The organization implemented four projects with IFAD support to build leadership of women farmers within agriculture producer organizations in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Nepal, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

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

The organization contributed to addressing the Goals on ending hunger and poverty and on gender equality in Nepal and the Philippines, by increasing women farmers' access to agricultural services in those countries, through working with the agriculture producer groups (which are male dominated) to build gender awareness and women's leadership.

6. Women's Association of Macau

Special, 2008

Significant changes in the organization

The organization had 20,764 individual members and 10 group members at the end of 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization made great efforts to raise the awareness of the rights of women and the rights of the child by disseminating the knowledge of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child among the members of the Association and school teachers in Macao, China.

The organization made a number of inputs to the report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the report on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women submitted by the Government of Macao, China, in January 2010 and January 2012, respectively.

A 24-hour hotline was set up by the organization to facilitate the implementation of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, and combat human trafficking and provide assistance to the women victims in Macao, China.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Two representatives of the organization attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011.

Two representatives of the organization attended a preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the International Forum on Women and Sustainable Development, held in Beijing from 9 to 11 November 2011, which was co-organized by All China's Women's Federation and the Beijing Municipal People's Government, with technical support from the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific/World Meteorological Organization Typhoon Committee.

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

The Shelter for the Victims of Domestic Violence provided accommodation to women victims and their children, and helped them to rebuild a normal family life. The organization has been urging the legislative Assembly of Macao to pass a family violence prevention act, which would include compulsory counselling for offenders. A public consultation was conducted in 2011.

With concerted efforts by the organization, an amendment was made in 2009 to the Law of Employment Relationship, allowing the local women employees to enjoy paid maternity leave from 35 days up to 56 days. The organization held various training programmes and courses for middle-aged women to improve their knowledge and skills and enhance their careers. Great efforts were made by the organization to raise funds for victims of the earthquake and other disasters in China. In 2011 alone, approximately \$85,000 was raised for the “Mother Water” project and the “Safe Drinking Water” for primary and secondary school children in China. The organization was awarded the Global ORBIS Platinum Award and Certificate of Appreciation in 2010. Finally, World AIDS Day was observed by the organization on 1 December every year.

7. Women’s Consortium of Nigeria

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Women’s Consortium of Nigeria is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, non-partisan and non-religious organization, committed to the promotion of women and children’s rights and the attainment of equality, development and peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim and objective of the organization is to promote women’s rights for the attainment of the equal status of women in all aspects of social, political and economic development. Other aims are to establish resource centres for individuals and women’s organizations, set up shelters, monitor the implementation of Government commitments, educate the public and cooperate with national and international NGOs and agencies for the promotion of women’s and children’s rights for development, peace and social justice.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The activities of the organization in 2008-2011 focused primarily on issues of violence against women, especially human trafficking, and the political empowerment of women in Nigeria. Though activities were mainly in the geographical area of Nigeria, the global and regional visibility of the organization were enhanced by its participation in the yearly meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, where it organized side events in line with the thematic issues and participated in meetings of the African Women’s Caucus. The consortium also organized orientation and coordination meetings for representatives of Nigerian NGOs to the session of the Commission and contributed to the compilation of national and regional NGO shadow reports relevant to the United Nations meetings.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2008: Representatives participated in the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, from 25 February to 8 March; the Third World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 25 to 28 November; the Africa

Technical Preparatory meeting for the Third World Congress III, held in Dakar on 24 and 25 September; and the periodic review of Nigeria under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in New York (30 June-15 July).

2009: The organization attended the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 2 to 13 March and organized, as a side event, a round table discussion on the theme “Human trafficking, gender and HIV/AIDS: the African perspectives”; the eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15), held from 16 to 20 November in Banjul. At the Commission on the Status of Women, the organization’s executive director was appointed by the African Women’s Caucus to membership of the African NGO Regional Task Force Committee for the Beijing +15 Review coordinating countries of Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal.

2010: Representatives participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March and organized two side events, namely: a panel discussion entitled “Overview on violence against women and girls in Nigeria with special focus on rape, trafficking in women and girls and girl child abuse” and a documentary and round table discussion on the topic “Women in public positions” on 5 March at the Nigeria House.

2011: Representatives attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in New York from 22 February to 4 March, and organized a side event entitled “Public health barriers to increasing access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology”, at the Nigeria House.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2008: The organization was a member of the preparatory coordinating committee for Nigerian NGO representatives to the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, with support of the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (now UN-Women). It was a technical partner with UNIFEM on the production of the handbook on access to justice for victims of human trafficking. With the support of UNICEF, it organized a meeting for NGO preparatory activities and compilation of the Nigeria NGO report for the Third World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (18 September). It participated in the national stakeholders training on gender mainstreaming and new aid modalities in Nigeria (16 and 17 June), co-organized by UNIFEM in Abuja.

2009-2010: With the support of UNIFEM Nigeria, the organization held consultation/coordination meetings for the preparation of the Nigeria NGO shadow report on the Beijing +15 review.

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

Goal 2: In 2008 and 2009, the organization supplied over 400 children in the primary school it founded in Ajegunle, Ogun State, with school bags and implements. It produced and supplied basic learning workbooks and other reading and recreational materials as well as provided educational instructions to survivors of human trafficking ages 15 to 24 at the Government shelter in Lagos.

Goal 3: 2008-2011, the organization mobilized and built the capacity of Nigerian women politicians for elections. It held voter and civic education and advocacy campaigns on gender equality and the adoption of the affirmative action policy to increase the number of women in elective and appointive positions. It conducted campaigns against the trafficking of women and girls in rural source and receiving communities.

8. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Special, 1948

Introduction

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is an international organization with 39 sections, covering all continents with an international secretariat based in Geneva and an office in New York focused on the work of the United Nations since 1948. Since its establishment in 1915, the League has brought together women from around the world who are united in working for peace by non-violent means, promoting political, economic and social justice.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The active engagement of the League as a civil society participant at the United Nations has helped to increase the dialogue between civil society and Member States. The League has continually provided expertise on disarmament, gender and human rights. It is contributing to the United Nations through its activities and projects, as follows:

- Reaching Critical Will: monitoring and reporting on the Conference on Disarmament.
- Peace Women: monitoring and reporting on the Security Council resolutions on Women and Peace and Security.
- Human Rights Council: side events, advocacy, statements and submissions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

(a) Commission on the Status of Women in New York, annually. Outcome documents and summaries of the parallel events are available at: www.peacewomen.org.

(b) Human Rights Council in Geneva, annually. Statements can be found on <http://www.wilpfinternational.org>.

(c) Universal periodic review in Geneva, annually.

(d) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in Geneva and New York, annually.

(e) Commission on Sustainable Development in New York, annually.

(f) Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, annually.

(g) Non-proliferation treaty, 2008, and 2009 Preparatory Committees for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of

Nuclear Weapons, held from 28 April to 9 May 2008 in Geneva and from 4 to 15 May 2009 in New York; 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held from 3 to 28 May 2010 in New York.

(h) Small arms: Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons In All Its Aspects, held in New York from 14 to 18 July 2008; Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons In All Its Aspects, held in New York from 14 to 18 June 2010; Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons In All Its Aspects will meet at United Nations Headquarters from 9 to 13 May 2011.

(i) Special consultation with members of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (fifty-first to fifty-fifth sessions), in Geneva and New York, annually.

(j) First to third sessions of the Preparatory Committee for an Arms Trade Treaty, held from 12 to 23 July 2010, 28 February to 4 March 2011 and 11 to 15 July 2011.

(k) Thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth General Conferences of UNESCO, held in Paris from 6 to 23 October 2009 and from 25 October to 5 November 2011.

(l) General Assembly: Peace Women and Reaching Critical Will monitor the annual general debates and all statements of Member States are tracked for language on gender and disarmament and posted on the website at www.peacewomen.org.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

(a) Peace Women and UNIFEM (now UN-Women): partnership to develop the Commitments Project and database in the framework of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) in 2011.

(b) Reaching Critical Will and UNIDIR: joint project on monitoring the 2010 Non-Proliferation Treaty Action Plan.

(c) The League and UNIDIR: co-organized a conference for the tenth anniversary of resolution 1325 (2000) in Geneva.

(d) Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and UNFPA: project in Bosnia (2010) funded by United Nations Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict.

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

The interdisciplinary work of the League supports several Millennium Development Goals, mainly Goals 3, 7 and 8; submissions on the universal periodic review relating to those topics; International Women's Day events and statements to promote women's equality and an NGO statement on women and disarmament

presented to the Conference on Disarmament; and the engagement of the League's national sections in advocacy on those topics.

9. Won-Buddhism Women's Association

Special, 2004

Introduction

Since its founding in 1995, Won-Buddhism Women's Association has been steadfastly striving to become an organization where the will for self-transformation and the passion for social changes are put into practice. With increased opportunity for women's social participation and in keeping with the national and international current of the times that calls for independent roles of women, the Association is looking ahead into the future, engaged in various activities in its four main areas of concern, namely, gender equality, the environment, reunification, and interreligious cooperation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

25 February to 7 March 2008: the Association participated in the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

22 to 27 October 2009: the Association participated in the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing+15, held at Miriam College in Manila to prepare for the fifteenth anniversary of the World Conference on Women in Beijing.

1 to 10 March 2010: the Association participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York; Chairwoman Han presented a report entitled, "Climate change and the response from women".

22 February to 4 March 2011: the Association participated in a forum organized by the Asia-Pacific groups for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

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

Goal 1 — End poverty and hunger: (a) building the Hanuran Women's Centre and KaPhunga bread manufacturing and sales facilities in Swaziland for "self-sufficiency support"; (b) provided \$20,000 worth of fabric to the Hanuran Women's Centre for garment-making; (c) helping children of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by sending powdered milk to severely malnourished children every year since 2000 and providing wheat flour.

Goal 2 — Universal education: (a) free English language classes for adults, which provide educational opportunities to low-income immigrants in the United States and help them to establish themselves in their community; \$5,000 was provided in support of the Wonkwang Community Service Center in New York in 2010 and 2011; (b) computer classes: helping low-income Indians to advance in society; provided \$20,000 in support of the Won Institute of Education in India in 2011.

Goal 3 — Global partnerships: (a) Korean language contests have been organized for Hangeul Day (October 9) every year from 2008 to 2011, providing women and

children from multiracial and multicultural families with a chance to learn Korean and its culture; (b) forming bonds between marriage immigrants and local women. The “Becoming an Aunt” campaign was designed to help marriage immigrants adapt to life in the Republic of Korea; (c) home country visits of young Korean adoptees from Europe offer young Korean adoptees in Europe a chance to visit the Republic of Korea, learn about their home country and experience Korean culture.

Goal 4 — Environmental sustainability: (a) the Hanuran Academy has been working with environmental experts to highlight the importance of the environment, take action against climate change, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. With the support of the Ministry of Environment, it has organized discussion sessions on food waste reduction and promoted practical steps to save the environment; (b) the “Green Stepping Stones” programme is offered every year to teach children about the importance of preserving the environment.

10. Woods Hole Research Center

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Woods Hole Research Center, a non-governmental scientific and policy research organization, is actively engaged in various global environmental issues, particularly those relating to forests, soils, air, and water. Center staff members have participated in many United Nations meetings in the period between 2008 and 2011. The Center plans to continue these activities, as well as cooperate with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies as opportunities arise.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center was founded in 1985 with the purpose of defining and defending the biological and functional integrity of the global human habitat. It conducts research, identifies public policies and supports educational activities that advance the well-being of humans and of the environment. The institution’s mission is to understand the causes and consequences of environmental change as a basis for policy solutions for a better world.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has not undergone changes that would significantly impact its status with the Council.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Scientists and staff of the organization are closely involved with work under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Specifically, representatives of the Center have attended negotiating sessions and have participated actively in efforts relating to climate, sustainable development, and land-use policy at the international and national levels. Its scientists additionally convene and participate in national and international processes relating to the achievement of sustainable development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Center participated in the intersessional meetings and the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change over the period 2008-2011 and hosted side events at the sessions. It also participated in sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participates in the efforts of several United Nations bodies. Scientists and staff are involved with capacity-building under the United Nations-REDD programme and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and additionally participate in joint activities with United Nations system agencies and related bodies, including UNESCO, FAO and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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

The organization supports the Millennium Development Goals relating to sustainable development through its work with national Governments and international processes focused on building the capacity of countries to monitor and assess the health of their natural resources, including forests, soils and water. Specific initiatives include the establishment of the Forum on Readiness for REDD+ and the International Nitrogen Initiative. In addition, it works with stakeholders on the ground, including indigenous peoples and local communities, to learn from them and to increase their capacities to effectively and sustainably manage their natural resources. Efforts have included a series of workshops to share with indigenous peoples skills related to forest mapping and monitoring, work with communities across Africa on increasing soil retention and fertility and work on land-use planning with communities in the Amazon Basin.

11. Word of Life Christian Fellowship

Special, 1996

Introduction

Word of Life Christian Fellowship is a non-governmental organization, established in 1985 and headquartered in Kingston, Jamaica. The organization has a partnership and an agreement to provide representation for the International Third World Leaders Association.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization networks with other Governments and groups, in an effort to facilitate partnerships for the exchange of skills, technology, and financial assistance. The objective of the organization is to encourage development and growth, to be a voice in the global community for persons with respect to issues which affect their quality of life and their living conditions. It attempts to encourage inner-city outreach projects, initiate projects relating to skills training, sports, environmental protection and workshops for entrepreneurs utilizing the Mustard

Seed principle. This principle encourages persons to begin with the little resources they have in hand to achieve their visions.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Leadership training: in 2011, the organization's representative conducted leadership training for more than 10,000 leaders from business, political, religious, industry and professional groups gathered in Lima with the theme: "Transformation". Its representative conducted leadership training activities and conferences in 2011 for 194 persons. In July 2011, a prayer breakfast for Parliamentarians in Lubumbashi was attended by the diplomatic corps, business community, church leaders, Government officials, at which such issues as peace, governance and the socioeconomic development of Africa were addressed.

Health, awareness and prevention: the organization participated in a panel discussion with Texas State representatives on issues that African Americans face in Texas at the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, which hosted its eleventh biennial African American Summit on 28 February and 1 March 2011. In March 2011, the organization helped to establish a relationship between Scripts for Life Pharmacy and Sierra Leone to export medications from the United States to the people of Sierra Leone.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has attended several seminars and panel discussions at the United Nations over the past four years.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNICEF and United Nations University.

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

Combat HIV/AIDS: representatives have held meetings to warn people of the danger of AIDS, how to avoid and prevent contracting this disease.

Educational development: the team has pursued educational development during the period 2008-2011 through conferences and meetings.

Poverty alleviation: in 2010 the organization promoted economic development in Ghana. Some 17 business leaders were mobilized to Ghana from Australia, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and the United States, with capital of over \$1 billion dollars, and raised the standard of trade delegations.

12. World Council of Independent Christian Churches

Special, 1996

Introduction

The World Council of Independent Christian Churches is an organization created to provide support to independent Christian churches, pastor, ministers, schools and individuals in underdeveloped nations and around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Council believes that it helps to fill a need for denominational support among independent churches with a wide variety of programmes that promote fellowship, intercommunion, mutual ecclesiastical collaboration, training and support for independent congregations and clergy. The Council believes that it is very important for every individual to maintain the rights afforded to them under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with a special focus on Article 18. One of the goals of the Council is to disseminate information regarding religious tyranny and oppression of all forms around the world, in order to end suppression of the right to freedom of religion and any violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Council contributed to several United Nations meetings and surveys during the reporting period, including: a written statement to the high-level segment of the 2010 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, entitled “The Church and gender: using the Gospel to foster equal rights”; submitted a response to the midterm evaluation for the Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People; responded to the study on the impact of the global economic crises on civil society organizations and answered the Directory of NGOs engaged in partnership with the Division for Social Policy and Development questionnaire. A representative from the Council spoke at the NGO briefing with the Secretary General in October 2011 to present a fair and balanced picture of Jewish-Muslim-Christian relations in the Sinai Peninsula.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Sixty-first annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference on the theme “Reaffirming human rights for all”, 3 to 5 September 2008; International Day of Democracy, 15 September 2008
- Eighth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 18 to 29 May 2009
- Sixty-second annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference on the theme “For peace and development: — disarm now!”, 6 to 11 September 2009
- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 1 to 12 March 2010

- Sixty-third annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference on the theme “Advance global health: achieve the MDGs”, 30 August-1 September, 2010
- Sixty-fourth annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference on the theme “Sustainable societies; responsive citizens, 3 to 5 September 2011
- NGO briefing with the Secretary General, 26 October 2011

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Council has worked in collaboration with several United Nations bodies in order to further its main goals; for example, it has worked with FAO to provide assistance in digging wells in underdeveloped nations. The Council has also participated with observer status in meetings with UNDP on sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa. It coordinated well-digging activities in Malawi with UNICEF.

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

Goal 1 — Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, target 3: Reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger: since its inception in 1992, the Council, through its national directors, has developed numerous food distribution programmes. With the cooperation of local churches and pastors as distribution points, it has maintained and grown these programmes.

Goal 2 — Achieve universal primary education: the Council has developed an education programme through Mt. Sinai International Seminary that makes education available to pastors with no tuition payments.

Goal 3 — Promote gender equality and empower women: the Council is working with the International Foundation for Minority Empowerment to promote education and the advancement of women.

Goal 4 — Reduce child mortality: the Council is working in conjunction with Save a Girl Child to prevent female infanticide and foeticide in India by providing education, media support and women’s groups.

13. World Human Dimension

Special, 2000

Introduction

World Human Dimension was established as a non-governmental organization in 1991. The main objective of the organization is international cooperation in the humanitarian field with the purpose of promoting peaceful development of all aspects of human life as designated by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments, including the Millennium Development Declaration.

Significant changes in the organization

In the period 2008-2011, the organisation saw an increase in the number of staff working outside the Russian Federation, particularly in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Brussels.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2008-2011: The organization sponsored round tables, briefings, symposia, meetings, projects, programmes, contests, scientific research, participation in meetings and conferences and other activities of relevance to the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2008: Representatives attended the sixty-first annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference on the theme “Reaffirming human rights for all”, held in Paris from 3 to 5 September.

2009: Representatives attended the following meetings: General Assembly parallel event entitled “Towards realizing the right to development”, New York, October 26; Department of Public Affairs/NGO briefing on the theme “Development for all: integrating disability into the Millennium Development Goals”, New York, June 11; faith series entitled “Islam and its message of peace and understanding among civilizations”, New York, 15 October.

2011: Representatives attended the following functions: forum organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships, entitled “Investing in women and entrepreneurship: solutions to addressing Millennium Development Goal 3”, New York, 8 March; meeting of the UNESCO High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures on the theme “Building peace: reconciliation through the power of education, the sciences, culture and communication”, New York, March 11; briefing on the theme “Reframing disability towards eliminating ableism in education and employment across the globe”, New York, 17 March; briefing on the topic “Countering terrorism: roots, impacts and responses”, New York, 7 April; and round-table discussion on the topic “Justice and accountability after the Holocaust”, New York, 9 November. Representatives attended the sixty-fourth annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference on the theme “Sustainable societies, responsive citizens”, held in Bonn from 3 to 5 September.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2009: Under the guidelines provided by the United Nations Office of Project Services and on the basis of interaction with the United Nations procurement system, the organization devised a programme of participation for the Russian business community in the aid and trade exhibitions, which provides detailed information about the United Nations procurement programmes.

2011: In cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre and other United Nations offices in Moscow, the organization worked out an information manual on United Nations activities with a view to encouraging young people to learn more about the United Nations through its internship programmes.

2011: A representative drafted a contribution to the seminar entitled “A conversation on genocide prevention”, sponsored by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, in New York on 20 May.

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

2009: In May, the organization acted as a co-sponsor of the symposium on forging links between the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, disability and ageing problems, organized by the World Human Dimension and the “Moscow Art” Lions Club.

Additional information

In 2010 and 2011 the organization sponsored a series of three round tables devoted to the Dialogue among Civilizations, with the aim of establishing a link to the reference to tolerance in paragraph 6 of the Millennium Declaration. In February 2010, it launched a contest on the best research-paper on the Dialogue among Civilizations. A contest winner, a university student, in her paper underlined the significance of President Reagan’s formula of reaching peace among civilizations contained in his address to the forty-second session of General Assembly.

14. World Veterans Federation

General, 1952

Introduction

World Veterans Federation is an organization of national associations of war veterans and war victims, and persons who have served in United Nations peacekeeping operations. It represents 174 associations of veterans, blue berets and victims of war in 93 countries (approximately 27 million individuals).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

At the twenty-sixth General Assembly, held from 19 to 23 October 2009 in Copenhagen, the Federation awarded a Rehabilitation Prize, recognizing unique contributions made to the field of rehabilitation, especially relevant for veterans and victims of armed conflicts, to individuals from Israel and Russia and centres for rehabilitation in Portugal and Serbia. A number of resolutions of direct or indirect interest to the United Nations were adopted, for example, on severely disabled ex-servicemen, the living conditions of widows of disabled ex-servicemen, support to the disabled and their families, post-traumatic stress disorder, international humanitarian law, the Geneva Conventions, refugees, violation of the human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the Convention on Child Soldiers in Armed Conflict, and nuclear disarmament.

The seventh International Conference on Legislation Concerning Veterans and Victims of War, held in Paris from 24 to 26 November 2010, assembled participants representing World Veteran Federation member and non-member associations and Governments from around the world to discuss issues under the themes of three workshops on: (a) recognition of veteran status and legislation; (b) civilian victims of war; and (c) psycho-traumatism and the effects of modern war.

The Standing Committee on European Affairs (26-28 May 2011) adopted recommendations on the following issues: Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons; health and welfare; relief for refugees and internally displaced persons, and measures to combat xenophobia and racism in Europe.

The Standing Committee for Asia and the Pacific met from 20 to 24 September 2011 to discuss the situation of veterans in the region.

At its meeting held from 16 to 17 November 2011, the Standing Committee on Women paid special attention to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security, with presentations from various speakers on the subject. On an international level, consistent with its dedication to the principles and aims of the United Nations to bring about a more peaceful world, the Federation issued communiqués on significant occasions, namely, in February 2009 concerning the situation in Gaza. It welcomed resolution S-9/1 of the Human Rights Council and called for the resumption of aid and the reopening of access to Gaza, calling upon member associations to take or to encourage any measures which might contribute to the establishment of a peace process in the region.

Similarly, in June 2011 a communiqué was issued, stating that the Federation joined the international community's firm condemnation of the repression of the populations of Libya, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen and endorsed Security Council resolution 1970 (2011).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended or participated at the following meetings/events: Committee on the Status of Women (once or twice a year); NGO Committee for Social Development and Civil Society Forum; meetings of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

15. World Vision International

General, 2004

Introduction

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Transforming communities: Because poverty has both local and global causes, World Vision works within communities and across geographical areas to help individuals and groups improve the well-being of children and overcome poverty.

Responding to disasters: World Vision is globally positioned to help with immediate needs such as food, water and shelter when disaster strikes and to help communities to recover and prevent future catastrophes.

Seeking global change: World Vision engages institutions, donors and the general public to address the global problems that perpetuate poverty. Advocacy staff empower communities to speak up for their rights, locally and globally.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2008, the organization has engaged in the universal periodic review process with the submission of approximately 28 stakeholder reports from national and support offices, documenting areas of progress and continuing concern for child rights in the countries in which it works. It was the first NGO to submit a report on

child rights which had been drafted by children — others have now followed that example, and it has increasingly used the universal periodic review mechanism to hold Governments accountable to their commitments on child health. It regularly makes statements on the issues it has raised when the universal periodic review reports are adopted several months after the reviews have taken place.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has been involved in almost every session of the Human Rights Council in some way or another since 2008, and has now engaged with the universal periodic review more than 20 times.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Prior to 2008 and continuing to this day, the organization has worked with and supported the different Special Procedures mechanisms as and when their areas of focus coincide with its own. In particular, the organization has supported the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, and most recently, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, as he recently focused on the right to nutrition. Support has included providing briefing information for their country visits, providing thematic information for their annual areas of research, making statements in the Human Rights Council in support of their work, and organizing side events at which they have shared their findings. In 2009, the organization started a new programme with WFP in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, which still continues and has grown. In 2010 the organization continued programmes and extended these with WFP in Haiti with a portfolio of up to \$15 million annually. World Vision is one of the prime partners of WFP on the cash/vouchers initiative. Today World Vision in Haiti is a prominent and consistent member of the humanitarian country team, and participates in all clusters.

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

Nutrition education: World Vision trains parents in the importance of feeding their children food that contains essential nutrients such as vitamins A and C.

Malaria prevention: World Vision is working in dozens of African countries to offer help in preventing malaria, including medication, training, and insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

Preventative care: World Vision focuses on the prevention of childhood diseases through prenatal care and well-childcare programmes in countries worldwide.

Community involvement: World Vision works with communities to reduce the risks of pregnancy and childbirth, empowering them to use health services and learn how to save the lives of women.

Natural resource management: World Vision emphasizes the value of caring for natural resources. Farmers are taught to protect their greatest asset — their land — by preventing soil degradation, increasing sustainability and enhancing productivity.