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The purpose of this booklet is to facilitate networking and to help you identify organizations with similar or complementary areas of interest. This initiative stemmed from comments from Partners attending previous Annual Consultations about facilitating networking and knowing “who’s who”.

The registration form for the 2009 Annual Consultations with NGOs contains two parts. Part I of the form asked for information regarding the participant, such as name, functional title, etc and Part II asked for background information pertinent to the organization. This booklet is a consolidation of the Partners that completed Part II of the form giving details on the history and purpose of the organization, its structure and activities. The information has been extracted from the form as provided. Some formatting was necessary in view of space constraints; however, no details were edited.

The Inter-Agency Unit would be happy to hear from you regarding the usefulness of the booklet, its format, the content and any other points you think important. Please send your comments to InterAgency@unhcr.org.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1961, the Academy for Educational Development (AED) works globally to improve health, civil society, economic development and education--the foundation of thriving societies. AED's aim is to make a positive difference in people's lives by working in partnership to create and implement innovative solutions to critical social and economic problems. AED envisions a world in which all individuals have the opportunity to reach their full potential and contribute to the well-being of their family, community, country, and world. AED works with local and national partners. We are committed to building the capacity of individuals and institutions to become more self-sufficient.

STRUCTURE:

AED is an international not-for-profit organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C., with 115 offices and 1,950 staff in 57 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe and Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. The highest governing body at AED is its Board of Directors, which ensures the financial integrity of AED's program operations, sets policies and an agenda to ensure AED fulfills its mission, and supervises the president and chief executive officer and other key management personnel. The Board of Directors appoints a president and vice-presidents of the corporation in order to carry out the duties of managing the organization. The president and chief executive officer are responsible for the day-to-day management and supervision of all activities of the organization in line with its mission. AED is comprised of 26 centers of excellence, organized into the following five program groups, each headed by a senior vice president: -Global Health, Population, and Nutrition -Global Learning - Leadership and Institutional Development -Social Change -U.S. Education and Workforce Development We are funded by private foundations, corporations, and associations; U.S. federal, state, and local government; universities and private institutions; multilateral agencies and national governments. AED also develops and manages public-private partnerships primarily in the health, education and workforce development arena.

ACTIVITIES:

For over two decades the Academy for Educational Development (AED) has been active in supporting education during acute and chronic crisis, and in early recovery and post conflict situations. AED recognizes that education is a right, and that it has key roles to play in terms of identity, in return to normalcy after upheaval, in reconstructing societies, and in relation to building a better future for individuals, communities, and nations. As a not-for-profit NGO, AED has worked with governments and other partners in the last twenty-plus years to further and improve education. It has been a long-standing member of the Inter-Agency Network on Education in Emergencies (INEE) and as a member of INEE's working group and chair of the Application and Analysis subgroup, helps monitor and evaluate INEE's Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, Chronic Crises and Early Reconstruction. With regard to multilateral organizations, AED also collaborates with UNICEF and UNESCO in emergency education situations. Focusing on educational quality and building and reforming inclusive education systems. AED has striven to ensure that rebuilt systems target the underserved and serve to strengthen confidence in national governments. While AED works in all "categories" of emergencies, it has particular roles to play in quality from the beginning of any intervention, and in rebuilding just and sustainable systems that are appropriate for the modern world. AED has proven experience in projects that facilitate peace building, integrate internally displaced persons (IDP) and enable social inclusion in complex environments globally. In addition, it has honed approaches and innovations that can be applied to education in emergencies.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ACT members' strong local roots enable the alliance to provide locally based knowledge, analysis and understanding of emergencies and disasters. ACT recognises that, as important as identifying vulnerabilities and providing for people's immediate needs are when crises occur, a vital component of its response is recognising the valuable gifts communities in crisis contribute: coping mechanisms and strategies for survival, skills and strengths, wisdom and knowledge, and resilience and courage. Strengthening local capacity lies at the heart of our responses to emergencies. The ACT alliance coordinates its global responses to humanitarian crises through the ACT Coordinating Office (CO), which is based in the Ecumenical Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, where it is registered as a legal entity

STRUCTURE:

ACT offers assistance to people caught in natural and environmental disasters, as well as in emergencies caused by war and civil conflict. Striving to reach communities in crises across frontlines, national borders, and other ethnic, political or religious divides, ACT through its members provides assistance irrespective of race, gender, belief, nationality, ethnic origin or political persuasion. ACT and its members are signatories to the Code of Conduct in Disaster Relief and aim to uphold the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response, known as the Sphere Standards. ACT's founders, the WCC and LWF, are members of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response, with the ACT director representing the WCC at the principals' level. The emergency and development network of the Catholic Church, Caritas Internationalis, is an observer to the ACT Emergency Committee--the highest governing body of the ACT alliance. The Emergency Committee (or General Assembly) comprises 30 elected members from around the world who meet annually to shape ACT policies. An Executive Committee comprising six of the elected members, and one person each representing the WCC and LWF, meets several times a year to oversee the implementation of policies and mandates of the ACT CO. In a number of emergencies ACT members work in partnership with United Nations agencies such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Program, and UNICEF. The funding of ACT appeals, or a Rapid Response Funding (RRF) mechanism, is based on actions by and information from the members of the alliance. In 2006, ACT's emergency funding totalled US\$79.7 million. Africa received US\$29.4 million, Asia and the Pacific US\$41.5 million, Europe US\$6 million, Latin America and the Caribbean US\$1.2 million, and the Middle East US\$5.9 million. US\$833,822 was spent on emergency management training/capacity building and on funding actions through the Rapid Response Fund. The ACT CO, which facilitates the alliance's response to emergencies, cost US\$1.92 million to run in 2006. The operational budget for the office was entirely funded through member contributions.

ACTIVITIES:

A number of our members are engaging in refugee work in the area of camp management and service delivery.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

For over 25 years, Action Against Hunger has been at the forefront of the fight against hunger and malnutrition worldwide. In the most affected countries, its teams do their utmost day after day to ensure that people are given access to the most basic of human rights- the right to food.

STRUCTURE:

Action Against Hunger is an international, non-governmental, non-religious organisation that was created in Paris in 1979. Since then, the organisation has developed within the framework of an interdependent international network, with head offices in the UK (London), France (Paris), Spain (Madrid), Canada (Montreal) and the US (New York).

ACTIVITIES:

Action Against Hunger implements activities in 5 different fields:

Nutrition

We set up therapeutic feeding centers to treat malnourished children and adults. We also help control and prevent malnutrition through child-growth monitoring, nutritional surveys, and public education. Our therapeutic feeding centers, at the heart of our emergency programs, save children who are between life and death.

Food Security

To protect food security in the long term, it is essential to support local agriculture and economies by ensuring access to new resources. ACF distributes seeds and tools as well as conducting training programs in income-generating activities such as farming, gardening, animal breeding, and food conservation. Our food security programs put people on the road to self-sufficiency.

Water & Sanitation

Clean water and sanitation prevent the spread of disease. We provide access to safe drinking water by drilling wells, tapping springs, and installing water systems. We train local teams and whole communities to maintain equipment and about the importance of clean water and sanitation.

Health

A vicious circle exists between disease and malnutrition. A malnourished child is more vulnerable to diseases than a well-fed child.

A sick child, weakened by illness, often becomes a victim of malnutrition. It is therefore necessary to fight disease to combat hunger.

We set up mother and child health centers to provide immunization and pre/post-natal care.

Our public health programs train medical staff, provide medicine, monitor and control epidemics, and rehabilitate clinics.

Advocacy

Action Against Hunger raises awareness on man-made hunger and seeks to alert the international community, in the manner most appropriate to the situation, when human rights and especially the right to food are violated.

Action Against Hunger denounces the use of hunger as a weapon against civilian populations.

The organisation publishes a bi-annual report, analysing the mechanisms of hunger and studying ways of finding real solutions.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ActionAid Australia came into being on 1st June 2009. Previously it operated as Austcare, an Australian-based independent specialist humanitarian aid and development NGO, with a mission for basic human security and the empowerment of local communities. Austcare specialized in emergency response and preparedness, the protection of the rights of refugees and internally displaced people, sustainable livelihood recovery, mine action, and the prevention of future crises, including peace-building. As ActionAid Australia, it joins an international agency, ActionAid International, aiming to fight poverty and injustice amongst some of the world's most vulnerable people.

STRUCTURE:

ActionAid Australia operates from an office in Sydney, Australia, working in collaboration with a number of the 42 countries in which ActionAid International programs are operational across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. In addition, ActionAid Australia currently oversees the management of Country Offices in Timor Leste, Cambodia, Aceh (Indonesia) and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. ActionAid Australia works in partnership with UN agencies, international NGOs, local partner organizations and local communities to develop and implement projects. Currently it has projects in Jordan, Bangladesh and the Solomon Islands. Importantly, ActionAid Australia operations are overseen by its own constitutionally elected board of governance, with one member also sitting as a representative on the ActionAid International Secretariat Board.

ACTIVITIES:

Specific sectoral focuses include food and human security, governance, HIV/AIDS, education, and the empowerment of women and girls. The Rapid Response Register (RRR) is a roster of 75 experienced people available for short-term deployment to UN agencies as protection staff in a number of specialties and regions.

Actions et Interventions pour le Développement et l'Encadrement Social

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Actions et Interventions pour le développement et l'encadrement Social "AIDES en sigle" a été créée en 1998.

Objectif :

L'amélioration des conditions de vie de l'homme, agent et facteur de développement ;

Le recensement et l'encadrement des réfugiés, déplacés ou sinistrés partout où nos compétences sont sollicitées ;

Le recensement et l'assistance des rapatriés congolais pour leur intégration et réinsertion sociale

L'assistance aux personnes sinistrées ou déplacées de suite de toute calamité naturelle, guerre, etc ... ;

la participation active au développement socio-économique de la République démocratique du Congo par la mise en œuvre de programmes de développement à grand impact ;

encadrement des victimes des violences sexuelles et femmes chefs de ménages (formation sur les SGBV)

STRUCTURE:

Représentant National, Assistant au Représentant National, Coordonnateur du Social, Administrateur chargé de l'administration, Comptable Principal, Trésorier, Secrétaires.

A Kinshasa : Bureau de Coordination Générale des activités avec 10 personnes

Katanga:

Lubumbashi : 19 personnes

Moba : 38 personnes

Pweto : 44 personnes

Pepa : 19 personnes

Kalemie : 33

Au Sud Kivu:

Bukavu: 6 personnes

Uvira : 43 personnes

Baraka : 38 personnes

Pour le moment AIDES a 250 personnes dans l'ensemble

ACTIVITIES:

Katanga:

Lubumbashi: Gestion des réfugiés Urbains dans le projet "Installation locale des réfugiés Urbains en RDC"

Moba, Pweto, Pepa et Kalemie : Gestion des rapatriés congolais en provenance de la Zambie et Tanzanie et gestion des Centres de Transits

Au Sud Kivu:

Bukavu, Uvira et Baraka (Fizi) : Gestion des rapatriés congolais en provenance de la Tanzanie et gestion des Centres de transits.

Plaidoiries et défenses des réfugiés, des rapatriés et les victimes de violences sexuelles pour leur intégration locale avec recherches des solutions durables

Notre rôle de soutien opérationnel aux Nations Unies est de mettre à l'exécution le projet de mise en œuvre.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a private voluntary agency (PVO) that was established in 1956 (renamed in 1984 from its predecessor, the Seventh-day Adventist World Service) and that has a presence in more than 125 countries worldwide. ADRA works to achieve positive change without regard to ethnicity or religious affiliation and to empower the most vulnerable segments of society through its provision of development and relief services. In 2007, the ADRA network implemented relief and development programs valued at more than US\$207 million and benefiting nearly 20 million people worldwide.

STRUCTURE:

Organized as a network of locally constituted and administered non-governmental organizations (NGOs), ADRA's Implementing Offices in developing countries are staffed primarily by local personnel and utilize expatriates only as required to ensure technical quality. ADRA's Supporting Offices in international donor countries assist by mobilizing resources and providing technical and administrative backstopping and capacity building for program planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and financial compliance. ADRA's nine Regional Offices provide technical and financial oversight of programs, assist with strategic and operational planning of country offices, and facilitate the recruitment and support of personnel.

ACTIVITIES:

ADRA's sectors of activity include emergency response, food security, primary health care, HIV/AIDS, water and sanitation, child survival, basic education, and economic development. Programmatically, the ADRA network is committed to community-based, participatory methods that emphasize local initiatives and that position local offices to sustain development activities and achieve the desired impacts over the long-term.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

In 2000, the Refugee Legal Aid Project, now AMERA, began at the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Programme (FMRS) of the American University in Cairo under the direction of Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond. In August 2001, legal aid for refugees received funding from the Danish Embassy and the Amberstone Trust in the UK. It then moved under the umbrella of the Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights, where it stayed for more than two years. In 2000, there were no lawyers in Egypt trained in providing legal aid for refugees. This led Legal Aid to rely on volunteer foreign lawyers and paralegals. However, in 2002, Legal Aid began employing Egyptian lawyers, the very first of whom were Ashraf Milad, Sanaa El Hakim and Tarek Mahrous. AMERA continues to receive volunteer foreign and Egyptian paralegals and lawyers but each team is now headed by an Egyptian staff member. In 2004, AMERA moved to its new location in Garden City, Cairo and is now an independent NGO working under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. AMERA Egypt is an overseas office of AMERA-UK, a charity registered under the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE:

See www.amera-uk.org

ACTIVITIES:

AMERA supports the delivery of pro bono legal aid in the global South. It works to improve the quality of legal services available to refugees through education and training. It conducts research and lobbies, for example, this year on issues of statelessness, women at risk, against refugee encampment, improvement in procedural standards in refugee status determination, an independent appeal procedure, and for the right for refugees to be represented when decisions are taken by UNHCR. It provides its affiliates in Egypt, Kenya, Lebanon, Turkey, Uganda and elsewhere with information, advice, country of origin information and opportunities to have cases externally reviewed by a group of refugee law experts.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Objectives

1. To provide relief for refugees by offering pro bono legal advice on issues relating to asylum determination, settlement of migrants, family reunification and other matters relating to the enjoyment of the fundamental rights.
2. To provide psychosocial services to help refugees deal emotionally and mentally with their past and present struggles and to empower them to present their testimonies at interviews conducted with state authorities or with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
3. To advance education of the public, in particular lawyers and paralegals, in matters relating to forced migration and law affecting refugees in Africa and the Middle East. The 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, as well as the 1969 Organisation of African Unity, prohibit states from returning refugees to a place where their lives could be threatened (the principle of non-refoulement) on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion. A fair refugee status determination (RSD) is essential to identify those who should benefit from the Conventions, convention covering specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa and to ensure that governments comply with their obligations. Without just and efficient RSD processes states can - and do - return refugees to places where they face persecution. Asylum seekers need to receive guidance and to have access to legal aid at all stages of asylum procedures. Refugees are very seldom able to pay for legal assistance. Many asylum seekers remain unrepresented despite the number of pro bono lawyers and legal volunteers around the world. Living without documents and without UNHCR or government protection places them at risk of detention, refoulement and other infringements of their basic human rights. I.

Today, throughout the middle east and refugee these regions, more RSD is being decided on an individual basis, and claims are increasingly adjudicated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) rather than by governments. In the Middle East, few governments have signed the 1951 Convention, and even where they have, UNHCR has frequently assumed the responsibility for RSD. Legal aid - especially in status determination - is the right of all refugees. The provision of that right has too often been neglected or denied. Legal assistance is essential in order to help asylum seekers win recognition as refugees. The post 9/11 world is one of increasing restrictions on asylum, narrowing anti-immigration policies and growing sentiments of xenophobia and suspicion, not to mention the government measures enacted and implemented today in the name of enhanced security. The need for pro bono representation in Africa and the Middle East, indeed, throughout the South, is more urgent than ever. History of AMERA-UK African and Middle East Assistance (AMERA) was founded as a UK Charity in January 2003, (Registered Charity No. 1098788), to promote the development of pro bono legal aid for refugees in countries where such services are non-existent and where legal representation might assist them in realizing their rights. The awareness of this need came out of several years of research in Africa and the Mediterranean region that exposed the appalling conditions in which most refugees live and the failure of states to protect them. In Uganda, The Refugee Law Project, part of the Faculty of Law at Makerere University, was initiated in 1997 and formally began in 1999 to meet the legal aid need of refugees there. In Kenya, The Refugee Consortium opened in 1998. In Cairo, The Refugee Legal Aid Project began in 2000. Born out of the experience of these years of work in Uganda, Kenya and Egypt, AMERA-UK aims to support and to stimulate the development of further refugee legal aid projects throughout Africa and the Middle East. AMERA-UK's role is to nurture and coordinate emerging projects, ensure high standards of pro bono legal representation and to raise money for the growing network of pro bono refugee legal aid offices.

STRUCTURE:

See www.amera-uk.org

ACTIVITIES:

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AHA is a pan-African non-governmental organisation (NGO) providing effective humanitarian assistance to alleviate human suffering, building on the strength of African people to solve African problems. Founded in 1994 in response to the Rwandan genocide, we have supported more than 9 million people in 16 African countries, to regain their health, dignity and wellbeing. At the heart of our work is a firm commitment to reducing poverty through addressing crisis-related suffering and laying the foundations for recovery and sustained development. From protecting IDPs in Darfur, to repatriating refugees in the DR Congo, to raising awareness of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia, we deliver a wide range of lifesaving services to suit complex and varying needs.

STRUCTURE:

AHA employs over 1,600 staff, 90% of whom are recruited from local communities and affected populations. They bring the knowledge, experience and community ties that are so important to successful humanitarian work. By recruiting and training staff from within a community we are better able to ensure a continuum between humanitarian assistance and development. AHA is governed by a Board of Trustees, whose members determine AHA's general policy and ensure quality and accountability both to affected populations and to donors. The Trustees appoint a Board of Directors, which sets strategic priorities and monitors and evaluates performance, standards and results. The 'Friends of AHA' provide, on an ad hoc basis, information, advice and support for development and resource mobilization.

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ACTIVITIES:

Currently AHA works in 10 African countries, running programmes in:

• Capacity Development • Health Care • HIV/AIDS • Public Advocacy • Relief & Recovery • Sexual & Gender Based Violence

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

African-American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development (ASHAD) was established in late eighties of the last century in response to the unprecedented humanitarian, economic and natural disaster in Africa. African American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development (ASHAD) is an ECOSOC member since 1991. During the last decade (ASHAD) continued to contribute to peace building through conflict mediation, basic services delivery and poverty alleviation among the targeted communities in the war and drought affected areas.

The prime targets of (ASHAD) have been displaced and refugees populations. (ASHAD) is advocating the issue of human rights situation especially in conflict affected zones. (ASHAD) is working in the following fields:

1. Human rights.
2. Social and sustainable development.
3. IDPs and Refugees.
4. Empowerment of women.
5. Disaster management.
6. Conflict resolution and peace building.
7. Millennium Development Goals(MDGs).

STRUCTURE:

(ASHAD) consist of the following:

1. Council of trustees
2. Executive committee
3. Executive bureau

ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES: (ASHAD) continue to contribute to the following areas:

1. Peace building and conflict resolution through mediation.
2. Basic services delivery to the needy.
3. Population Development.
4. Sustainable livelihood with special focus on women, children and handicapped.
5. Rendering Humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable groups specially IDPs and Refugees.
6. Advocating and lobbying in the field of human rights and human security especially in conflict affected zones.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

African Concern was established in 1995 by Judge Bola Ajibola in the aftermath of the Rwanda genocide of 1994.

It has three clusters of objectives:

- Conflicts in their aspects of prevention, management and resolution.
- Assistance in cases of forced displacement (refugees or victims of natural disasters).
- Initiatives in development: access to potable water, food security (agriculture), health, education/training, shelter.

By achieving the objectives above, the purpose is to develop groups of people that will be in a position to link up with the most destitute segments of the populations at country level.

African Concern's ambition is to empower the beneficiaries in training them to conceive, plan, contribute to and implement self established projects.

STRUCTURE:

Statutory Headquarters:

Lusaka/Zambia

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Treasurer and Director General: Cécil KPENOU

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Chapters outside Africa: -Brussels / Geneva / London / Paris / Washington DC

ACTIVITIES:

The objectives of African Concern being solutions to conflicts, forced displacement and developmental activities, it has been possible for the organization in partnership mainly with UNHCR, to carry out activities in practically all those domains.

African Concern has worked with UNHCR in camp management, community development, agriculture, skills training, water sanitation and distribution in Sierra Leone from 2002 to 2004. Beside UNHCR, African Concern has implemented HIV/AIDS prevention campaign for the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA); the European Union has benefited from African Concern's expertise in constructing a primary school; the Demobilization Disarmament and Rehabilitation Commission has requested African Concern's expertise in agriculture to reintegrate ex-combatant with rice production. Finally, African Concern has also worked with UNICEF and DFID.

In Liberia, as from may 2004, again in association with UNHCR, African Concern has been involved in community empowerment projects covering a wide range of activities such as rehabilitation, construction or reconstruction of markets, schools, health units, administrative structures. In view of the difficult situation in which post-war Liberia finds itself, inter-district games have been organised with a view to acquainting the local communities with Olympics and other games as well as soccer in order to allay hostile feelings amongst them and generate peaceful coexistence.

In Chad, still with UNHCR, from 2004 through 2005, African Concern has held the responsibility of managing the two main camps of AMBOKO in the NYA-PENDE department and YAROUNGOU in the GRANDE SIDO department, all in southern Chad. For 2006, African Concern proceeded with only the activities in YAROUNGOU camp.

The activities in the camps bore on camp management, food and non-food items distribution, education, agriculture, construction, water sanitation. A secondary school, block of four classrooms, in GORE has been funded by African Concern to the benefit of Central African Republic refugee students transferred from AMBOKO to that town, this on the premises of the National Education Lycée.

In 2006, in BENIN, a vegetable garden project is being set up in AGAME for Togolese refugees with the funding from a American Embassy in that country. The operation has started with a campaign of tree planting within the AGAME refugee camp.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The African Refugee Development Center, founded in 2004 by asylum seekers and Israeli citizens, is a non-profit organization created to assist, support and empower African refugees and African asylum seekers in Israel. The ARDC advocates for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers and for a humane and fair Israeli asylum policy. The ARDC divides its work between individual counseling, humanitarian aid, education, community development, awareness raising and policy initiatives. In May 2007, the ARDC inaugurated the country's first refugee and asylum seeker shelters.

Since then, the ARDC has provided humanitarian assistance, including accommodation, medical care, food and emergency aid to over 3,000 refugees and asylum seekers. Additionally, in January 2009, the ARDC opened the country's first "Refugee Education Center" in Tel Aviv. The Refugee Education Center provides educational and social programs for refugee and asylum seeker children, youth and adults. **Mission Statement** The mission of the African Development Center is to protect and empower refugees and asylum seekers in Israel. The ARDC seeks to ensure access to basic social services and educational opportunities, and to encourage refugee and asylum seeker integration and self-sufficiency. **Goals:**

1. Establish a fair asylum policy - Promote a fair, transparent and comprehensive asylum policy in Israel;
2. Promote self-sufficiency - Assist refugees and asylum-seekers in their quest to achieve a safe and dignified life as self-reliant and self-sufficient members of society;
3. Achieve full refugee and asylum seeker participation - Include refugees and asylum seekers in program decision-making and organizational strategy in order to promote a sense of responsibility and investment;
4. Strengthen social networks and community partnerships – Promote partnership with a variety of regional and national institutions and organizations so as to provide strong service and support networks;
5. Facilitate integration - Promote social coherence and strengthen the bonds between the refugee and asylum seeker community and the Israeli community;
6. Access social services and the labor market - Facilitate the social and economic inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in health care, the labor market and the educational system;
7. Promote educational opportunities - Empower local refugee and asylum seeker communities through the provision of educational and vocational training and community development programs.

STRUTURE:

With three staff members, the ARDC is a volunteer-based organisation (currently coordinating close to 40 volunteers, including professional psychologists, social workers, teachers, health staff etc).

The ARDC is structured into four units:

- (1) humanitarian department,
- (2) community development & education
- (3) individual counseling
- (4) awareness raising and lobbying work. The ARDC has offices in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel.

ACTIVITIES:

Projects:

1. Humanitarian Aid Operating shelters: ARDC provides short-term accommodation for single-parent families, pregnant women, rape victims and unaccompanied minors. Emergency aid: At-risk homeless refugee families receive emergency assistance, including food, hygienic supplies, clothing, and counseling.
2. Individual Support & Advocacy Individual counseling: ARDC provides information, advice and referrals in issues related to the asylum procedure, housing, employment, education, health and social and psychological care. Job placement & apartment search: Refugees have access to counseling and assistance in finding permanent housing and employment.
3. Refugee Education Center, Tel Aviv ARDC's educational programs are intended to improve language and communication skills, self-esteem and self-sufficiency and to facilitate integration into Israeli society.

Language skills are of paramount importance in achieving the dual goals of refugee and asylum seeker empowerment and self-sufficiency. **Child/Youth Education:**

- a) academic assistance, tutoring & homework help: emphasis is placed on developing Hebrew and English reading and writing skills and mathematics;
 - b) musical education & instrument instruction: allows for a non-verbal, enjoyable means of self-expression and emotional development, while improving musical ability and social skills;
 - c) arts, sports and field trips: events are intended to provide refugee children and youth with exercise and recreation and to educate them about Israeli cultural heritage and history in fun and interactive ways;
 - d) computer literacy classes: classes provide a basic understanding of and exposure to computers
- Adult education:**
- 1) orientation classes for newcomers: short, peer-led courses designed to facilitate the integration into Israeli society and to provide a better understanding of the asylum application process, labor market functioning and provision of social services;
 - 2) Hebrew and English literacy classes: language classes are intended to enable refugees and asylum seekers to function independently on a day to day basis in Israeli society;
 - 3) computer literacy classes: classes provide a basic understanding of and exposure to computers;
 - 4) social and recreational activities: events allow for social networking, exercise and recreation;
 - 5) parent's forum: the forum offers refugee and asylum seeker parents advice and support relating to nutrition, family

finance, child development and safety and works to improve contact between parents and their child's school environment

4. Community Development & Empowerment "ARDC Working Group" - Based on the idea of refugee participation and partnership, leaders and active members from nine refugee communities design and implement humanitarian, educational and awareness raising projects. Capacity building: ARDC works to strengthen the capacity of refugee community groups by assisting in planning and organization and by making available ARDC offices and facilities.

5. Advocacy, Awareness Raising & Networking Refugee Volunteer Project - "Giving back with Love": Refugees volunteer in Israel as a way to express solidarity with other vulnerable groups and to show that refugees are making valuable contributions to society. Advocacy and lobbying: ARDC promotes the rights of asylum seekers and refugees through petitions, public appeals and policy initiatives. Awareness raising: The ARDC uses the media and educational and cultural events as a platform from which to raise awareness concerning the challenges and uncertainties facing refugees and asylum seekers in Israel. The ARDC is an Implementing Partner organisation of the UNHCR, operating housing projects for at-risk homeless refugees and asylum seekers in Israel.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Afrique Secours et Assistance (ASA) dont le siege est a abidjan a été crée en 1998 pour

- apporter une assistance en sante, edication, formation et toute question interessant en particulier les femmes et les enfants
- apporter une assistance aux populations en situation d'urgence ou de catastrophes
- concevoir et mettre en œuvre des projets de developpement economique et social
- lutter contre la traite, le travail et les pires formes de travial des enfants
- lutter contre les ist et le vih sida

STRUCTURE:

L'organisation est dirigée par un Conseil d'administration qui s'appuie sur une Coordination Générale pour la gestion opérationnelle des activités. La coordination comprend les services suivants:

- Service programme avec des projets divers, généralement sur le terrain(Guiglo, Akouédo...).

Nous avons au siège une personne point focal chargé des questions du Vih et du Sida.

- Service Administratif
- Service financier

Le personnel permanent est au nombre de 10 et le personnel de projet au nombre de 70

Nous disposons d'un siège à Abidjan et d'un bureau dans l'ouest à Guiglo et d'un Bureau a Tabou.

ACTIVITIES:

Nous avons 6 projets :

- (1) Protection, réunification et réinsertion d'enfants séparés, non accompagnés réfugiés Libériens
- (2) Protection des personnes déplacées internes
- (3) Protection et reinsertion d'enfants associés au Forces combattantes
- (4) Protection, retrait et réinsertion d'enfants travailleurs de la décharge publique d'Akouédo
- (5) Retrait et rapatriement d'enfants victimes de traite et de pires formes de travail
- (6) Lutte contre les IST et le VIH-SIDA

Toutes ces projets sont exécutés majoritairement sur le terrain à l'intérieur du pays.

Leur quasi-totalité se fait en collaboration avec des Agences du Système des Nations Unies

En terme de plaidoyer, notre organisation est membre du Comité National de Lutte contre le Traite des enfants, membre de la Commission de suivi de l'accord Côte d'Ivoire - Mali en matière de traite des enfants

Le Coordinateur Général est membre du comité de suivi de l'Accord Multilatéral contre la Traite des Enfants signé entre 9 pays de la CEDEAO; membre de la cellule de reflexion sur les orphelins et autres enfants rendus vulnérable à cause de Vih Sida.

Elle vient d'être nommée vice présidente de International Cocoa Verification Board (ICVB)

ASA assure la présidence du RITE (Réseau Ivoirien de Lutte contrel la Traite, le Travail et l'Exploitation des Enfants)

Le coordianteure est membre de la cellulue de reflexion sur les orphelins et autres enfants.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Créée en juin 2002, Aide et Action pour la Paix, AAP en sigle, est une association sans but lucratif de droit congolais, membre de la coalition internationale pour l'accès à la terre (ILC).

En tant que centre de droit de l'environnement, de ressources naturelles et de protection des déplacés dans un contexte de conflits dus essentiellement a la compétition autour des ressources naturelles a l'est de la RDC, AAP a pour vision de bâtir un monde solidaire et sans guerre ou les ménages des plus pauvres partagent leur mode de vie avec les plus nantis dans une logique assise sur trois piliers, à savoir la promotion des droits fonciers et environnementaux, l'accès de tous aux ressources naturelles ainsi que la promotion des droits des déplacés.

Avec pour mission de contribuer a assurer un équitable et pacifique accès aux ressources, notre but global est de contribuer au renforcement des capacités et compétences au sein des institutions publiques et privées en vue d'un plaidoyer efficient et efficace en faveur des pauvres et d'un accès équitable aux ressources dans une optique de prévention et de remède face au calvaire des personnes déplacées suite a une compétition autour des ressources naturelles.

Nos objectifs spécifiques s'inscrivent dans une logique a la fois préventive et curative a travers les actions suivantes:

- Contribuer a une meilleure protection des déplacés internes et réfugiés sur le terrain en les informant et en les conseillant, ainsi qu'en leur fournissant une assistance judiciaire et humanitaire;
- Renforcer la capacité locale pour traiter de la question des déplacements internes;
- Offrir des conseils et informations ainsi qu'une aide juridique et un accompagnement judiciaire aux nécessiteux.
- Garantir la protection des droits fonciers en général et en particulier l'accès à la terre dans une optique de la réduction de la pauvreté en milieu rural ainsi que la promotion du développement durable en milieu rural et peri-urbain.
- Promouvoir la participation du public aux processus décisionnels en matière de gestion de la ressource terre et de mise sur pied des politiques foncières et environnementales;
- Proposer des moyens adéquats pour faciliter l'accès des citoyens a la justice foncière et environnementale.

STRUCTURE:

Outre les organes traditionnels (Assemblée Générale, Conseil d'administration, Conseil de Contrôle, Direction Générale), AAP présente la structure et le personnel suivants comprenant 11 personnes ainsi repartis:

1 Directeur général, 1 chargé de programme, 1 Assistant au programme, 1 Administratif-financier, 1 Caissier-Logisticien,
1 Animateur principal, 5 Animateurs des Axes (3 en territoire de Masisi, Kishanga, Bweremana/Bishange, 1 à Walikale, 1 à Rutsuru).

AAP dispose ainsi de 5 bureaux au niveau de chaque antenne correspondant aux Axes des Animateurs.

Du point de vue stratégie d'action, AAP entretient des "Forums de Paix des Jeunes" (Forums: Nyabiondo, Masisi-Centre, Bweremana/Bishange, sake, Kishanga et Mweso) qui sont des structures permanentes et autonomes de restitution auprès des communautés locales, structures ayant débouché d'une manière fournie par AAP sur différents axes thématiques s'inscrivant dans le domaine de la protection des déplacés internes et réfugiés dans le domaine des droits fonciers et environnementaux, ainsi que celui de la gestion des conflits

ACTIVITIES:

AAP est présent en RDC, en Province du Nord-Kivu, avec des activités centrées dans les territoires de Masisi (Masisi-Centre, Bweremana-Minova et Kishanga) et, Rutsuru et de Walikale. Cette année, nos activités sont prévues pour le territoires de Beni et Lubero (Projet FAO-HCR).

Nos activités majeures touchent surtout la sensibilisation à la paix, à la protection des déplacés et à la conservation de la biodiversité et ainsi qu'à la bonne gouvernance autour de la ressource terre.

A titre d'exemple:

1. Renforcement des capacités locales de paix à travers l'information, la paix et la communication sur le régime foncier dans un contexte de conflits et post conflits. Cibles: Femmes et jeunes avec accent sur les personnes déplacées (avec financement de AJWS)
2. Projet "Leadership local, Paix et bonne gouvernance et accès à la terre: implication des communautés locales dans la résolution des conflits fonciers) (Avec financement de ICCO)
3. Monitoring et plaidoyer ainsi que renforcement des capacités relativement aux droits des enfants en conflit armé (Avec financement de Watchlist)
4. Monitoring et plaidoyer sur la protection des droits relativement aux mouvements des populations dans le cadre de la Commission OCHA, dans le cadre du point focal de la dynamique OCHA sur les droits des déplacés.
5. Implication des communautés locales dans l'élaboration des politiques foncières en faveur des pauvres, avec appui de ILC (International Land Coalition).

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Amel Association is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. Amel was founded in 1979, recognized a public utility by presidential decree 5832 in 1994, registered with the government under file No 109/AD on 28/09/1979, rectification 87/AD on 07/10/1982. Amel is in special consultative status with the UN ECOSOC.

Since its creation, Amel has always worked on a non-sectarian basis, considering secularism at the core of its values and action. The association is independent from any political party or religious movement.

Until the end of the Lebanese civil war, Amel achieved a considerable task in the fields of relief and emergency assistance through the establishment of 10 dispensaries, 3 maternity clinics, 3 medical centers, a physiotherapy center for people with disabilities, 7 vocational training centers and 3 kindergartens, thanks to a civil defense team of more than 250 volunteers.

In 1989, following the Taef Agreement ratifying the end of the Lebanese conflict, Amel operated a strategic shift from emergency assistance and relief work to sustainable and durable development.

During this transition period, the association reduced the curative services provided by its centers while giving greater emphasis to preventive services through maternal and children health programs, vaccination campaigns, and health education campaigns. Amel was also able to focus on socio-educational and literacy campaigns, vocational training and rehabilitation of the handicapped. In addition, Amel's activities also evolved towards the integration of Human Rights, Democracy and Citizenship values in all of its projects.

Today, the association's main fields of intervention are:

- Medical/Health Activities
- Vocational Training and Educational Opportunities
- Democracy and Human Rights
- Rural Development
- Child Protection and Psychosocial Support for Iraqi Refugees

Vision:

Amel's vision for a sustainable and durable development is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) stated in United Nations resolution 55/2, on 8 September 2000.

The sustainable development of the Lebanese society is intrinsically linked to the respect and implementation of human, economic, social and political rights altogether. Indeed, durable development can only be an efficient and viable process empowering underprivileged women and men, by providing them with the appropriate means including capacity building, in order to improve their living conditions. This principle also implies solidarity and commitment on behalf of the international community, mutual respect as well as fair North and South partnership.

Gender equality, the Participation of Youth in Community Life, Human Rights Promotion as well as the Principle of Good Governance are core values as well as essential conditions to attain sustainable development and reach the MDG.

Amel's objectives are:

- Promoting social, economic, civil and cultural rights to the underprivileged in Lebanon.
- Contributing in building a strong and mobilized Civil Society in order to strengthen national unity and promote democratic values.
- Advocating and Lobbying for Human Rights Principles in the aim of ensuring Social Justice.
- Assisting and Providing Quality Services to anyone (medical activities, rural development, trainings...)
- Promoting equality, whether between urban and rural zones, men and women or the different social classes.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Today, Amel conducts several programmes tackling various objectives, such as:

• Medical Activities : Through its 14 health centers located in the Bekaa region, South Lebanon and Beirut, Amel provides a wide range of medical services to the disadvantaged populations of these areas.

Services include radiology, gynecology, dental care, pharmacy, physiotherapy, dispensary, laboratory, ultrasound, X-ray and first aid.

In addition, Amel's Primary Health Care Program (PHC) provides basic health services (therapy and prevention) and information in coordination with governmental and other non-governmental institutions, in all of the association's areas of intervention.

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Amnesty International (AI) is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. AI's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards. In pursuit of this vision, AI's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights. AI is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion.

It does not support or oppose any government or political system, nor does it support or oppose the views of the victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights. AI has a varied network of members and supporters around the world. At the latest count, there were more than 1.8 million members, supporters and subscribers in over 150 countries and territories in every region of the world. Although they come from many different backgrounds and have widely different political and religious beliefs, they are united by a determination to work for a world where everyone enjoys human rights. AI is a democratic, self-governing movement. Major policy decisions are taken by an International Council made up of representatives from all national sections. AI's national sections and local volunteer groups are primarily responsible for funding the movement. No funds are sought or accepted from governments for AI's work investigating and campaigning against human rights violations.

STRUCTURE:

structure

Amnesty International's statute can be found at the following link: <http://web.amnesty.org/pages/aboutai-statute-eng>

ACTIVITIES:

AI does research and advocacy for the protection and promotion of the human rights of refugees, asylum-seekers, migrants and IDPs.

We work towards securing their fundamental rights and to improving and maintaining the quality of protection of people who are entitled to it.

We do this by exposing human rights abuses and protection failures, advocating policy and legal changes, and sometimes through taking action on individual cases or issues. AI has a global network of Refugee Coordinators in more than 50 countries who take action on some individual cases or issues, lobby their own governments for changes in laws and policies and work with other non-government organizations to promote the protection of the rights of asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and IDPs. The staff at the International Secretariat in London and Geneva work towards influencing international policy and standard setting, as well as advocating for the effective implementation of international standards, policies and guidelines in a way that respects the human rights of asylum-seekers, refugees, migrants and IDPs. Refugee Coordinators, the International Secretariat as well as UN offices in Geneva, New York and an EU office in Brussels work towards an overall strengthening of the international protection framework. This includes calling on states to share responsibility for protecting refugees. Amnesty International does not represent individual asylum-seekers or refugees, but sometimes takes action in individual cases. If Amnesty International does not actively support a particular case it does not necessarily mean that the organization believes that the person or persons concerned is not deserving of protection as a refugee. Asylum-seekers, lawyers, and decision-makers often use country information and analysis from AI reports during asylum procedures.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:.

Amnistía Internacional es un movimiento mundial de personas que hacen campaña para que los derechos humanos reconocidos internacionalmente sean una realidad para todas las personas. Fundada en 1961 a quienes nos apoyan les mueve la indignación que les provocan los abusos contra los derechos humanos, pero también la esperanza en un mundo mejor; por eso, trabajamos para mejorar los derechos humanos a través de nuestras actividades de campaña y la solidaridad internacional. Su misión consiste en realizar labores de investigación y acción centradas en impedir y poner fin a los abusos graves contra el derecho y la integridad física y mental, a la libertad de conciencia y de expresión y a o sufrir discriminación. Además desarrolla un trabajo de promoción de todos los derechos humanos. Nuestra membresía y suscriptores suman más de 2,2 millones de personas en más

de 150 países y regiones. En cuanto a la Casa Refugiados, es un programa que tiene antecedentes en su trabajo a partir de 1995. Es en 1998 que inicia a colaborar con ACNUR México y desde el año 2002 bajo la colaboración entre ACNUR México y Amnistía Internacional México. La misión de Casa refugiados es movilizar a la sociedad en la construcción de la paz y en el reconocimiento y protección a la dignidad de las personas que se ven obligadas a salir de sus hogares y países de origen, sean refugiadas, migrantes o desplazadas. Esto por medio de un trabajo de prevención por medio de la educación para la paz, los derechos humanos, sensibilización sobre refugiados. Al mismo tiempo, ser un centro de información y documentación sobre estos temas. La visión de Casa refugiados es consolidarse como un programa que movilice a la sociedad en la defensa de los derechos de las personas migrantes y refugiada y de la dignidad humana haciendo un trabajo de prevención por medio de la educación y contribuyendo con actividades que contribuyan a una mejor integración y mejores condiciones de vida de estas poblaciones. Así como con proyectos productivos que generen recursos para su funcionamiento.

STRUCTURE:

Para lograr los objetivos planteados por los miembros de Amnistía Internacional México; el Comité Directivo define políticas que son coordinadas por una oficina nacional, misma que es coordinada por el Director Ejecutivo, quien tiene bajo su cargo 2 unidades (una administrativa y otra de promoción) y una coordinación de activismo que a su vez está a cargo de 2 unidades; una de vinculación y atención a miembros y otra de comunicación (manejo de tecnologías informativas). En esta estructura operan cerca de 20 personas. Por su parte, la Casa Refugiados, funciona desde el año 2002 como un programa asociado que se relaciona activamente con la estructura de Amnistía Internacional, aunque de manera particular con la unidad de Vinculación. El Programa Casa Refugiados, opera con la figura de un Coordinador de Programa y una Asistente de Programa. Sus áreas de trabajo son:

- 1.- protección/ legal.
- 2.- Integración.
- 3.- Educación.
- 4.- Gestión de la Casa Refugiados y
- 5.- Otros proyectos y tareas (proyectos productivos para la generación de recursos).

ACTIVITIES:

Áreas de trabajo del Programa Casa Refugiados (revisión mayo 09) Objetivo General - Promover los derechos de personas refugiadas, desplazadas y migrantes DRM, con énfasis en facilitar una mejor integración local de los mismos, mediante la construcción de entornos respetuosos y solidarios; en el marco de la difusión de una cultura de paz basada en el respeto a los derechos humanos. Áreas generales de trabajo: *Protección / legal a)- Defensores b)- Activismo c)- Iniciativa ley refugio y protección complementaria / seguimiento GDF "ciudad hospitalaria" d)- Elaboración materiales e)- Actividades mexteam DRM (informe, visita, etc) *Gestión de Casa Refugiados / centro de documentación *Actividades de apoyo a integración / dar visibilidad al tema DRM, promover base social solidaria-movilizada / redes acciones concretas, colectas y donaciones / actividades de integración (paseos, etc) / Redes.../secundariamente y dependiendo del contexto y colaboración con otras organizaciones, facilitar integración laboral *Trabajo educativo / Diseño y elaboración de materiales y actividades / Gestión de materiales a difundir y redes de espacios en colaboración (escuelas, lugares de exposición, galerías en centros de transporte, parques, etc.) *Generación de alternativas /exportación / ecoturismo / venta *Otros / campaña vs Armas

*Protección/ 1.- Defensores - Detectar /canalizar casos grupos, personas, comunidades en apoyo y defensa espontánea y/o organizada (Tareas; elaborar-enriquecer directorio/ 2.- Activismo -Crear base social de respaldo y visibilidad, legitimar -Plus (más allá de la misión de AIMX) / donaciones y colectas para albergues (Tareas; enlace con redes: iglesias, albergues, centros de salud, escuelas / Seguimiento visitas/ Q Roo) 3.- Iniciativa Ley refugio y Protección Complementaria -Segunda revisión proyecto considerando aspectos sobre apatridia, acceso a justicia/ denuncias (secuestros a migrantes y posible solicitantes) y relación con integración (Trabajo Integración interinstitucional con ACNUR, COMAR y Sin Fronteras) 4.- Elaboración materiales capacitación -Manual capacitación en torno a derechos migrantes y refugiados Que considere; a)- un apartado particular en torno al trabajo de AI con Derechos de Refugiados y Migrantes DRM b)- Contactos, directorio para canalización y atención -Revisar otros materiales elaborados 5.- - Visita misión mexteam - Presentación informe como coyuntura que pueda incidir en la situación de defensores. A/ * Trabajo en torno a la Protección - Prioridades: 1.- Defensores y sociedad movilizada- solidaria 2.- Combate violencia a mujeres migrantes, refugiadas y en situaciones de conflicto armado. 3.- Crecimiento de membresía de AIMX principalmente en torno a DRM además de otros grupos de AIMX. -Objetivos: I-Promover un mayor impacto en el respeto a los derechos de refugiados, solicitantes de asilo y migrantes DRM en México mediante una creciente presencia e incidencia de AI (activismo/cabildeo) a) Promover la creación de al menos un nuevo grupo de AIMX de trabajo sobre DRM y difusión del trabajo (capacitación de otros grupos y miembros para acción y movilización a favor de la defensa, así como para la detección, canalización y orientación en caso de posibles beneficiarios). B) Facilitar, promover mayor comunicación y coordinación entre el/los grupo(s) de AIMX de trabajo sobre DRM, Vinculación ONAIMX (además de Activismo y Crecimiento) así como apoyo del programa a tareas resultantes de esta colaboración. C) Apoyar la creación y/o fortalecimiento de redes y otros mecanismos de cobertura, protección y defensa de personas y comunidades movilizadas en la defensa de DRM. II- Impulsar el activismo de la sociedad mexicana en la defensa de DRM bajo el principio de solidaridad internacional de AI (redes y países prioritarios / Colombia / Darfur / VAW Combate a violencia a mujeres en situaciones de conflicto armado además de refugiadas y migrantes. III- Promover la comunicación y coordinación internacional/regional. -Estrategias: *Primarias / a-Seguimiento a informe "Frontera Sur" (mexteam) y su posible papel como eje de trabajo en México (campaña sobre defensores y VAW migrantes). B- Fortalecer coordinación con mexteam. C- Fortalecer trabajo en conjunto con Vinculación ONAIMX además de Activismo Crecimiento y Grupo(s) DRM de AIMX. D- Apoyar red defensores de migrantes. E- Diseño e implementación de mecanismos de cobertura y protección para redes sociales aliadas (voluntarios, vecinos, simpatizantes): "solidaridad protegida". *Secundarias / a- Promover coordinación con redes AIUSA, AICAN, regional y RMR SI. Esto en el contexto de: 1)-un creciente involucramiento de AI en la defensa de los derechos de migrantes

2)- la reciente reunión realizada en México entre los equipos de trabajo sobre refugiados y migrantes de AIUSA, AICAN y AIMX en torno a compartir experiencias y buscar posibles acciones conjuntas

3)- la propuesta de la oficina en México del ACNUR para promover una red de defensores de refugiados y solicitantes de asilo

4)-la necesidad de una mayor presencia y trabajo de AIMX en la defensa de los derechos de migrantes, refugiados y solicitantes de asilo

5)- un impasse en torno a la pendiente presentación de una iniciativa federal en torno a la nueva ley de asilo

6)-la necesidad de contar con una nueva ley sobre migración (la vigente data de 1974 y es obsoleta en el escenario actual)

7)- un grave deterioro en la seguridad e integridad de migrantes en México con relación a abusos y delitos de autoridades y crimen Organizado

8)- Creciente riesgo y peligro en el trabajo de defensores (formales, organizados y "solidarios espontáneos") B/ * Trabajo en torno a la Integración -

Prioridades: 1.- Combate a la discriminación 2.- Participación de la población refugiada y migrante 3.- Apoyo en búsqueda de opciones para reasentamiento interno (Dependiendo de nivel de colaboración y coordinación con otras organizaciones) -Objetivos: I-Promover un mejor integración de la población refugiada y migrante en México implementando un enfoque de derechos y comunitario que fomente su participación y empoderamiento para buscar soluciones a los principales problemas que enfrentan. II- Realizar actividades considerando un enfoque con perspectiva de género, edad y

diversidad. III- Generar alternativas orientadas a la sustentabilidad y obtención de recursos para las personas, comunidades e instituciones involucradas. IV- Impulsar redes de apoyo entre población refugiada de larga y corta estancia así como con migrantes, personas y grupos de la sociedad mexicana. -Estrategias: *Primarias / a- Mayor coordinación con COMAR, ACNUR y SF en propuestas comunes. b- Reforzar colaboración con organizaciones que puedan ser claves así como con universidades y centros de capacitación. c- Seguimiento y establecer nuevos mecanismos de colaboración con instituciones educativas, diversas organizaciones de la sociedad civil (prioritariamente), así como con posibles empleadores (secundariamente y dependiendo de la colaboración con principales responsables de esto/ COMAR y SF) para la integración local, así como para la reubicación de refugiados a los estados de Quintana Roo y Yucatán, con la finalidad de facilitar su integración al país. d- Facilitar espacios de encuentro para la organización de la población interesada en participar en actividades de movilización e- Sensibilizar a los refugiados y comunidades sobre la importancia de conocer y gozar de sus derechos para fortalecer su participación en el ejercicio de los mismos y apoyarlos en la toma de decisiones. Esto en el contexto de: El trabajo de protección del ACNUR va más allá del cabildeo con los Estados e involucra la creación de capacidades dentro de las comunidades, incluyendo en esto los principios jurídicos internacionales de igualdad, no discriminación, participación y empoderamiento (Enfoque de Derechos y Comunitario). Para llevar a cabo estas tareas, es indispensable tener un trabajo multifuncional, en donde las organizaciones e instituciones involucradas tengamos un trabajo colectivo y coordinado. Esto es importante ante la necesidad de que la población refugiada (y migrante) en México se movilice y se ella quien participe en la solución a algunos de sus principales problemas (vivienda, empleo) conociendo sus derechos y asumiendo sus responsabilidades para crear entornos en la sociedad mexicana más tolerantes y amigables. La creación de grupos por nacionalidad o como colectivo multicultural con líderes que busquen el empoderamiento de sus derechos permitirá, además de visibilizarlos como una parte activa y constructiva de la sociedad, movilizarlos en la búsqueda de soluciones a sus situaciones. Además de lo propuesto en el Plan de Acción México existe la necesidad reflejada en problemas como son la dificultad para acceder a servicios, la integración a la Ciudad de México conlleva problemáticas derivadas de sus características de metrópoli, que se traducen en falta de: oportunidades de empleo, vivienda, servicios, así como encarecimiento de la vida, por mencionar algunos aspectos. Por otro lado, muchos de los refugiados provienen de pequeñas ciudades, por lo que les resulta muy difícil desenvolverse en una ciudad de las dimensiones de la de México, lo cual se complica aun mas ante las diferencias de lengua o de cultura que pueda haber. Lo anterior hace necesario buscar alternativas de integración para los refugiados fuera del Distrito Federal. Entre los estados que se han considerado que podrían constituir una opción, esta el de Quintana Roo. C/ *Trabajo en torno a Educación - Prioridades / 1.- Combate a la discriminación 2.- Movilización -Objetivos: I-Promover una cultura de respeto y vivencia de los derechos humanos, en particular el respeto a los derechos de personas refugiadas y migrantes. II- Mejores condiciones de integración de la población refugiada y migrante en México. II- Generar redes y recursos para personas refugiadas y migrantes. -Estrategias *Primarias/ a- Actualizar y fortalecer contacto con redes educativas y reactivar actividades. b- Recuperar, sistematizar y optimizar materiales Esto en el contexto de: 1)- Un trabajo educativo que dio inicio al proyecto (actualmente programa) y ha generado una experiencia de más de 10 años elaborando y realizando actividades informativas y educativas así como materiales diversos principalmente en entornos de educación formal (alumnos y docentes de primaria a posgrado) principalmente, aunque también en espacios no formales (medios de comunicación, espacios públicos, etc.) 2)- La necesidad de reposicionar este trabajo como medio para acceder a sectores de la sociedad y buscar su movilización a favor de los DRM. D/ * Trabajo en torno a la gestión de Casa Refugiados - Prioridades / 1.- Mejorar espacio físico y usabilidad 2.- Promover mejor calidad en la convivencia de Casa Refugiados como espacio intercultural de personas refugiadas, migrantes y voluntarios 3.- Optimizar la movilización y participación de vecinos, voluntarios y simpatizantes 4.- Incrementar su funcionamiento como centro de información y documentación -Objetivos: I- Informar / Centro de documentación y biblioteca DH y DRM II- Acoger / Espacio de encuentro, atención y convivencia de población RM III- Animar / Espacio de movilización de la sociedad en la defensa de derechos de refugiados y migrantes -Estrategias *Primarias a- Difundir, promover e implementar Código de conducta y reglamento elaborados b- Revisar y promover colaboraciones y en su caso establecer acuerdos o convenios de colaboración; arreglos y composturas, optimización del aprovechamiento del espacio, donación, depuración materiales y limpieza) e-Renovar materiales para consulta Esto en el contexto de: 1)- Tras más de 6 años de trabajo, haberse posicionado Casa Refugiados como referencia para obtener información en torno a DRM, espacio de encuentro y convivencia de personas refugiadas, migrantes y sociedad mexicana, además de centro de animación y movilización en torno a DRM. 2)- Construcción de una importante red de colaboraciones y alianzas. E/ * Trabajo en torno a otros proyectos y tareas - en curso: * Libro Recetario / (calendario?) cocina desde el refugio / en colaboración * Documental sobre defensores / en colaboración *Revisión y posicionamiento del Programa / (valorar condiciones sobre nueva figura y posibilidad de una Cooperativa *Generación de recursos / Exportación/ Ecoturismo -en propuesta: * Campaña etiquetado / industria armamentista * Canalización voluntarios a albergues de migrantes / campamentos de refugiados -Prioridades / 1.- Difusión en torno a DRM y del trabajo del Programa Casa Refugiados 2.-Avanzar en torno a re-definición del perfil y trabajo del Programa 3.- Mejorar la coordinación y operación intra-programa -Objetivos: I- Visibilizar temas en torno a DRM II- Actualizar, redefinir y fortalecer el perfil del programa y su mejor relación con AIMX y ACNUR -Estrategias: *Primarias / a- Establecer colaboración con personas, organizaciones o instituciones donde se presentan propuestas con potencial de impacto y las contrapartes asuman un perfil particularmente activo y que por lo mismo no implica ni genera una sobrecarga para el programa. b- Continuar recabando información sobre posibles figuras para el programa así como mantener comunicación con la Dirección Ejecutiva y otras áreas de AIMX así como ACNUR. Esto en el contexto de: 1)- Más de 10 años de implementación de una propuesta que nace como un proyecto temporal con ACNUR a manera de consultoría y que, desde hace 6 años, bajo colaboración entre ACNUR y AIMX opera más bien como un programa permanente. 2)- De realizar sesiones puntuales en torno a sensibilización sobre DR, el trabajo ha generado una serie de proyectos, tareas y funciones; asimismo, la población beneficiada se ha ampliado de refugiados y solicitantes de asilo a migrantes así como otros sectores de la sociedad (estudiantes, voluntarios y visitantes). 3)- El desarrollo del trabajo y el posicionamiento del programa permite considerar propuestas creativas así como el reconocer condiciones y retos de el escenario actual en torno a los DRM que implican buscar incidir mediante nuevas propuestas.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross organization was established in 1975 for coordinating relief work of member Arab national Red Crescent and Red Cross societies and to encourage bilateral and collective cooperation of the Arab national societies.

STRUCTURE:

The organization holds a general assembly annually to discuss shared humanitarian issues. The structure of the organization involve: GA, executive committee and advisory board.

ACTIVITIES:

Work as a body for communication, study and coordination between Arab national Red Crescent and Red Cross societies. Enhance development programmes and project that active the movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent mission. Coordinates relief and first aid work between the Arab national societies.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Arakan Project was created in 1999, initially as a project of FORUM-ASIA in Bangkok, and became a independent NGO in 2005. We are engaged in research-based advocacy focussing on the stateless Rohingya minority of Burma/Myanmar to promote their human rights in Burma and their rights as refugees in Bangladesh and other Asian countries. We also act as consultants to UNHCR, international NGOs and donor governments. The Arakan Project is member of the Asia-Pacific Refugee Rights Network and the International Detention Coalition.

STRUCTURE:

3 field researchers based on the Bangladesh-Burma border and 1 coordinator (Chris Lewa) based in Bangkok

ACTIVITIES:

- Monitoring of the Rohingya human rights situation in North Arakan/Rakhine State, Burma/Myanmar
- Monitoring of the Rohingya refugee situation in and outside camps in Bangladesh and in Malaysia
- Monitoring of boat people movements in the Asia region in partnership with UNHCR Regional Hub in Bangkok
- International advocacy using UN mechanisms (UNHCR, OHCHR, ILO)

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Forum Asia was founded following a consultation among human rights and development non-governmental organisations in Asia in Manila on 17 December 1991. Its regional Secretariat has been located in Bangkok since 1994.

FORUM-ASIA has strived to empower people by advocating social justice, sustainable human development, participatory democracy, gender equality, peace and human security through collaboration and cooperation among human rights organisations in the region.

As one of the leading organisations in the regional platform, FORUM-ASIA seeks to facilitate dialogue, capacity-building and networking among human rights defenders, civil society actors and organisations in Asia to achieve a full realisation of all the human rights and human development in the region. FORUM-ASIA has obtained the Consultative Status with the ECOSOC (UN Economic and Social Council) since 2004. For the betterment of people's lives and the full respect of human dignity, the organisation promotes cooperation among governments, inter-governmental organisations and the UN.

STRUCTURE:

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) is a membership-based regional human rights organisation in Asia. Presently it has 40 member organisations in 15 countries in Asia.

The Executive Committee is the policy-making body that supervises the work of the Secretariat. They are directly elected by the General Assembly, which convenes once every three years.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Asian Women's Human Rights Council was established in 1989. The main aim of the organization is to raise awareness of women's human rights in a range of settings across the Asia Pacific region, and since 1998, at an International Level. This is done by giving voice to women who have experienced human rights abuses through "Courts of Testimonies". Over 30 of these have now been held. Each Council member has responsibility for a distinct focus of International Law and Human Rights. Eileen Pittaway, Chair of ANCORW and Director for Refugee Research UNSW, is the Council member in charge of the Refugee Desk. The Australian secretariat (Refugee Desk) of AWHRC is hosted by the Australian National Committee on Refugee Women.

STRUCTURE:

The Secretariat for AWHRC is based in Manila, Philippines. All administration goes through this office, and they also focus on "Comfort Women". In addition there are several regional desks; ANCORW hosts the Australian desk. The desk in India has a focus on Prostitution and Dalit women; the desk in China focuses on Trafficking; the desk in Bangkok focusing on Trafficking and Prostitution; the Pakistan desk has a focus on honour killings and dowry. In each site there are council members with support staff. Project staff are taken on at a local level for each "Court".

ACTIVITIES:

The major activity of AWHRC is the hosting of "Courts of Testimony". AWHRC also produces a range of publications around human rights issues and Video and Audio-visual materials. They take a key role in advocacy at the UN, following up on the outcomes of the various courts. They have permanent ECOSOC status and council members attend UNHCR, HRC and CSW. As an AWHRC affiliate through membership of ANCORW, a Human Rights Court of Testimonies for Refugees to be held in November 2005, which produced a series of advocacy documents on a wide range of refugee issues.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ACORD International was established in 1976 as a consortium of 11 international agencies headquartered in the North ((European, Asian and Canadian INGOs (CCFD and GROUP-DEVELOPMENT (France), HECKS (Switzerland), Inter Pares (Canada), Manitesse (Italy), Oxfam GB (Britain), Oxfam Hong Kong (Hong Kong), Stromme Foundation (Norway), VREDESEILANDEN (Belgium)) to provide its members with operational capacity to address poverty issues resulting from the drought in sub-Saharan Africa. By 2001, ACORD was implementing 45 long-term community-based development programmes in 17 countries in Africa focusing primarily on poverty alleviation. Throughout its history, it remained independent of political or religious orientation.

ACORD has now refocused its vision, profile and strategic orientation. Based on a joint analysis with its partners of the issues and challenges that are currently facing Africa, and backed by its reputation and experience for cutting edge research and development practice, it is building its future as a genuinely international Africa-led alliance of groups and individuals addressing aspects of rights and social justice that underlie the poverty of those on the fringes of African societies. ACORD now seeks to go beyond addressing the consequences of poverty to understanding, challenging and changing the conditions that cause poverty and exclusion through a global programme that unites practical work with advocacy. ACORD believes that people have a right to a just and equal society, and it is committed to making that right a reality.

To enable ACORD to achieve its many new objectives, it is currently restructuring its 45 separate interventions in Africa into 10 -12 larger area programmes and five cross cutting thematic programmes. It is also in the process of moving its strategic leadership, identity and management from the UK to Africa.

This process for change has been simultaneously accompanied by inter-country processes of change that have fed into the overall process as well as shaping the policies, strategies, structures and functions of the new ACORD at the country/regional levels.

ACORD maintained presence in Sudan since 1974 when it started working with the returnees in the South following Addis Ababa Agreement and with the Ethiopian refugees in Eastern Sudan at the same time. During the '80s ACORD in Sudan widened its geographical and operational coverage in five established programs in Eastern Sudan (Red Sea Hills and Kassala), Southern Sudan (Greater Equatoria) and Khartoum state (IDPs in Elsalam camps of Omdurman). Additionally, ACORD in Sudan has been pioneer in establishing the first ever field- based research and planning unit in Khartoum. The main objective of the unit is to co-ordinate and facilitates research activities within the programs and within ACORD at large. Recently ACORD have undertaken a series of training workshops and analysis around the social exclusion model, together with the various research and studies that had taken place have jointly informed and shaped the country analysis. The SEA workshops analyzed different forms of discrimination; racism, ethnocentrism, religion (Islam-ism), elitism as well as discrimination against People living with HIV/AIDS, orphans orphaned by HIV/AIDS, IDPs and refugees.

ACORD's methodological approach to programming entitled 'Critical Enquiry, Analysis and Action' involves joint analyses by ACORD and its partners of the context in which participants co-exist, joint identification of critical areas for change and joint setting of priorities for common action.

The five critical areas for change that have been identified are:

- ☐ Strengthening civil society
- ☐ Creating the conditions for resolving conflicts
- ☐ Overcoming gender and other forms of discrimination
- ☐ Improving livelihoods
- ☐ Addressing the causes and consequences of HIV/AIDS

The common actions aimed at effecting these changes include:

- ☐ Research, action and reflection
- ☐ Support to local organisations/structures
- ☐ Mobilising resources
- ☐ Influencing relevant policies, practices and attitudes
- ☐ Working in alliances with others
- ☐ Working across national boundaries where appropriate

ACORD joins micro level interventions, research and advocacy with the thematic approaches are necessary area specific and may include regional as well as global arena to maximize benefits of advocacy and networking. Main thematic areas for ACORD Sudan are as follows:

- ☐ Civil society support theme
- ☐ The livelihoods theme
- ☐ HIV/AIDS theme
- ☐ Conflict and peace building theme

STRUCTURE:

ACORD globally works through two headquarters located in the north (LONDON UK) and in the south Nairobi, and operating through 12 large area programmes affiliates 20 countries and about 48 projects, beside three thematic programmes; Pan African Programme addressing food sovereignty, HIV/AIDS and conflict and gender themes.

ACORD strategically combines research,advocay and practical interventions , using social justice approach to achieve its objectives. At present ACORD is employing 564 staff across Africa, out of them 62 works for ACORD in Sudan.

In Sudan ACORD is operationally active in the north of Sudan in greater Khartoum, Kassala and Red Sea states and also operates a seprate area

programme in southern Sudan.

ACTIVITIES:

livelihoods including food security and micro-finance
HIV/AIDS projects including awareness raising, capacity building, care and support to PLWHA
peace building and conflict management projects
reintegration of children associated with armed forces/groups
CSOs capacity building and institutional support
Advocacy activities on poverty, HIV/AIDS, food security and peace
ACORD is part of UN and partners different forums

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Agréée le 02 mai 1995, l'afjb s'est assignée la mission de promouvoir les droits des femmes et des enfants et d'assurer la protection et la défense de ces droits. La vision de l'association est fondée sur la volonté de promouvoir une société plus humaine et plus solidaire où les droits sont respectés spécialement ceux des femmes et des enfants.

STRUCTURE:

L'AFJB compte une centaine de femmes membres bénévoles détentrices d'un diplôme de licence en droit ou équivalent au minimum. Certains de ces membres occupent des postes importants dans les sphères de prise de décision. Le personnel permanent dont l'effectif actuellement s'élève à 42 est compétent et joue un rôle important dans le développement du partenariat avec les bailleurs et les autres intervenants. L'association compte actuellement six bureaux répartis comme suit: Bujumbura, Gitega, Kayanza, Kirundo, Muyinga et Karuzi.

ACTIVITIES:

- Les activités des cliniques juridiques fixes et mobiles
- Écoute, orientation, médiation
- Suivi des dossiers et recours en exécution des jugements rendus
- Assistance judiciaire des catégories vulnérables
- Ateliers de formation et de réflexion des para juristes auxquels sont associés des rapatriés et des déplacés.
- Formation des bashingantahe, des administratifs et des leaders communautaires sur les droits et sensibilisation à l'égalité du genre.
- Les activités de lobbying et plaidoyer en partenariat avec les autres organisations de la Société civile notamment :
- Débats électoraux durant la campagne électorale
- Étude sur le plaidoyer pour la promulgation de la loi sur les successions, régimes matrimoniaux et libéralités.
- Participation à l'élaboration d'un guide pour la lutte contre l'impunité au Burundi.
- Organisation d'un forum ouvert sur la problématique de la succession de la fille burundaise
- Contribution de l'AFJB dans l'élaboration du Cadre stratégique de lutte contre la pauvreté complète.
- L'implication de l'AFJB dans les activités de promotion des droits politiques de la femme burundaise.
- Élaboration des outils de formation
- Élaboration de l'étude de l'impact de l'institution traditionnelle d'Ubushingantahe sur le statut socio-économique, politique et juridique de la femme.

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Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) is a non-profit humanitarian non-governmental organization concerned with refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons regardless of race, religion, nationality or political conviction, and it also defends the human rights of migrants in Turkey. ASAM, established on 22 December 1995, is the only NGO in Turkey working in the field of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. The purpose of the Association is to manage the problems of asylum-seekers, refugees, temporary asylum-seekers and migrants, to provide them help, to seek for solutions to their problems within the framework of Turkish Republic law and to work for harmonization of Turkish Refugee Law with international standards.

STRUCTURE:

ASAM has offices in six locations: Ankara, Kayseri, Nevşehir, Kırşehir, Niğde, Aksaray. Ankara Office is the central office. There are fifteen persons employed: a project coordinator, a financial/administrative clerk, a receptionist/guard, six social-workers, five interpreters and a part-time psychologist. The units of ASAM are public awareness unit, voluntary work unit, internship unit and psycho-social counselling unit. Every year we accept interns from Turkey and from abroad. We have a contract with NIHA concerning internship programmes. We also conduct a joint internship programme with UNHCR-Ankara.

ACTIVITIES:

A major project which is currently being implemented by ASAM is the "Psycho-Social Counseling for Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Kayseri and Nevşehir". The project came into effect on January, 1st 2005. It has been renewed in 2006 and 2007. Currently, ASAM provides psycho-social counselling service to asylum-seekers and refugees in Kayseri through its Kayseri office that was opened on 12 June 2006. In June 2007, Nevşehir Office is opened and the project is being implemented in the city where a considerable amount of refugees and asylum-seekers reside. Counseling service is conducted as part of MATRA Project financed by the government of

the Netherlands. MATRA Project emerged after an agreement between the government of the Netherlands and UNHCR. ASAM is one of the implementation organizations of the Project supervised by UNHCR. MATRA Project is implemented from Ankara and the duration of the Project is three years. ASAM plays an active role in the organization of the annual World Refugee Day festival activities. Together with its employees, interns and volunteers ASAM organizes various activities.

Throughout 2006, a band composed of refugee children took stage at several places and television programmes. In 2007, the refugee band made a three-day performance in Istanbul for World Refugee Day. ASAM organizes Turkish and English lectures for asylum-seekers and refugees. The lectures are given by voluntary teachers and they are held in ASAM Ankara office. Since 2007 psycho-social counselling service has been extended to three other Turkish cities where considerable amounts of refugees and asylum-seekers reside. These cities are Niğde, Aksaray and Kırşehir. " Strengthening the Protection of Iraqi Asylum-Seekers and Iranian Refugees ex-Iraq in Turkey" project took start on 1 September 2007.

By providing services for the protection of asylum seekers and refugees and improvement of their social conditions Kırşehir, Aksaray and Niğde offices aimed ; giving asylum seekers and refugees who are residing in these cities information regarding the asylum process of Turkey, their rights and provision of consultation services.

These services reads in relevant part;

1. Ameliorating the access of asylum seekers and refugees to the existing social services in cooperation with local NGOs.
2. Establishing network with NGOs which are supporting refugees in order to fill urgent necessities of asylum seekers and refugees.
3. Providing access to existing health services for the asylum seekers and refugees residing in Aksaray.
4. Providing access to education opportunities both for the children included in asylum procedure and the others who are subject to ongoing process.
5. Continuing the activities to create awareness through the local print and visual media. Between November 2007 and November 2008, Women's rights project put in application in Nevşehir.

The overall objectives of this European Commission supported project are to promote gender equality, to eliminate gender based discrimination and to improve the economic, social and political rights of local, refugee and asylum seeker women in Nevşehir. Moreover, the project aims at increasing the awareness of the local community regarding refugee and gender issues, while at the same time facilitating contact between the beneficiaries NGO's local governments and universities by establishing a Women's Rights Committee. The main activities of the project are: - to create discussion groups in which local and refugee women participate; - to increase societal awareness by training young, female refugees and locals and meeting with relevant authorities; - to publish a news letter every three months; - to produce and distribute an educational CD

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Asylum Access is an innovative, US-based international nonprofit dedicated to making refugee rights a reality in Africa, Asia and Latin America. We achieve this mission by providing legal information, advice and representation directly to refugees in their first countries of refuge, and by advocating for the rights of refugees worldwide.

STRUCTURE:

Asylum Access's success is a product of our dedicated and courageous clients, staff, board of directors, advisory committees, volunteers and supporters.

ACTIVITIES:

Asylum Access fosters the development of local refugee rights projects that give refugees on-the-ground access to legal advocates in their first countries of refuge. Under the oversight of a local director, refugee rights projects implement Asylum Access's Legal Aid program, providing legal information, advice and representation to refugees seeking asylum or striving to assert other rights. Refugee rights projects also implement Asylum Access's Policy Advocacy and Community Education programs.

Our Policy Advocacy and Strategic Litigation program uses democratic processes to transform internationally-recognized human rights into a practical reality for refugees.

Our Community Education efforts educate both refugees and the local community about refugees' human rights, and train refugee community leaders on human rights advocacy techniques.

Our work in specific countries:

Ecuador Thailand Tanzania Legal Advice & Representation Legal advocates help refugees to understand their rights, and assist them in seeking asylum and pursuing other rights. Most legal advocates are volunteer lawyers or law students from the host country or abroad. Legal advocates help clients understand what to expect in a legal proceeding, assist them in drafting testimony statements or legal arguments, accompany them to legal or administrative proceedings, assist them in filing police reports or other complaints, and draft letters and briefs on their behalf. Legal advocates also connect refugees with other serviceproviders such as interpreters or psychologists, and advocate for those with special needs, such as unaccompanied children or victims of gender-based violence.

Policy Advocacy and Strategic Litigation Advocacy at local and international levels reinforces individual legal representation. As patterns of rights violations emerge, policy advocates bring these violations to the attention of authorities who are in a position to make change – government officials, the local judiciary, the United Nations and others. Strategic litigation establishes refugee rights through "test cases" in local courts. If one refugee child successfully uses national courts to assert her right to attend local schools, her case will establish that all refugee children have a right to education. As refugee law projects develop, they can take on cases that go beyond mere asylum, helping refugees to assert all of the rights that are so critical to rebuild and heal. Community Human Rights and Advocacy Education is a key component of advocacy. Education of refugees helps them to understand their rights and identify effective techniques for self-advocacy. Education of local populations helps them understand the rights of refugees living among them. Education of people in the U.S., who historically are familiar only with humanitarian aid to refugees, supports the movement toward empowering and sustainable solutions for refugees.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Public Association "Belarusian Movement of Medical Workers" (here and after - BMMW) was established in 1996. Since 1999 the organization implements UNHCR project "Refugee Counseling Service". Main purpose of BMMW activities is rendering assistance to vulnerable categories of individuals, including refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons. In particular BMMW renders variety of consultative assistance to asylum-seekers and refugees, first of all assistance related to state refugee status determination procedure. As for stateless persons, BMMW is involved in identification of stateless persons and rendering them assistance in order to decrease the rate of statelessness as well as prevent statelessness. Moreover, BMMW is a party to joint EU-UNHCR project "Strengthening the Protection Capacity in the Republic of Belarus". Within the framework of this project BMMW actively takes part in protection monitoring and border monitoring activities aiming at identification of persons potentially in need of international protection; all irregular migrants apprehended at the State Border of Belarus receive correspondent counseling of BMMW legal consultants; in case of necessity they are transferred to correspondent NGOs, state authorities and international organizations where they obtain qualified assistance.

STRUCTURE:

BMMW is presented in Minsk, capital of Belarus, and in the other 4 regional centers: Brest, Gomel, Grodno and Vitebsk. The head office of BMMW is situated in Minsk, the other representations are supervised by Minsk branch. On the whole BMMW presence covers almost all territory of Belarus (each regional representation is responsible for activities in the whole region). Its geographical representation allows to perform effective protection monitoring and border monitoring (offices of BMMW are situated in the regions bordering with EU countries where the flow of migrants, including irregular migrants, is the most intensive). The same is true regarding implementation of UNHCR project "Refugee Counseling Service": BMMW is presented in the areas where the majority of asylum-seekers and refugees are situated (Minsk and Minsk region, Gomel and Gomel region, Vitebsk and Vitebsk region). Subtotal amount of BMMW employees equals 15 persons: 1 project manager, 6 legal consultants, 4 interpreters from rare languages, 4 persons of support and administrative personnel.

ACTIVITIES:

BMMW is involved in direct implementation of UNHCR-BMMW joint project "Refugee Counseling Service" and is a party to joint EU-UNHCR project "Strengthening the Protection Capacity in the Republic of Belarus". Within the framework of both mentioned above elements BMMW performs the following activities:

1. Monitoring of the protection situation of refugees and asylum-seekers to ensure access to the territory of Belarus, access to and quality of refugee status determination procedure and appeal procedures
2. Protection monitoring and border monitoring activities which, in particular, includes visits to detachments of State Border Committee of Belarus and detention facilities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Belarus;
3. Carrying out preliminary screening of cases for possible UNHCR assistance including organization of reception and registration, and other support to asylum-seekers and refugees, related to their right to seek asylum;
4. Assistance and consultations related to state refugee status determination procedure, including assistance in appealing against unlawful decisions or acts of migration authorities (for asylum-seekers) and related to integration issues (for recognized refugees);
5. Identifying and addressing legal needs of vulnerable categories of persons of concern to UNHCR (including SGBV cases, unaccompanied minors, the elderly, etc);
6. Assistance and consultations to stateless persons;
7. Management and regular update of database of asylum-seekers and refugees, who approach Refugee Counseling Service, and provision of regular reporting;
8. Establishment of co-operation with the respective governmental agencies and NGOs in order to facilitate the solution of legal and social problems for asylum seekers and recognised refugees (including assistance to asylum seekers in finding accommodation in emergency situations);
9. Assistance to UNHCR in organization of trainings and awareness building sessions on refugee protection issues as well as organization of own training events on the very issues;
10. Preparation and dissemination of information on refugee protection and statelessness, about BMMW activities, its mission and objectives.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Botswana Red Cross Society was established in by an act of parliament on 1st March 1968. BRCS is a voluntary aid organisation that acts as an auxiliary to the humanitarian services of the government of Botswana.

We are admitted into the membership of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and are fully committed to the values and principles of the movement. Our mission: To alleviate human suffering by providing humanitarian services to the most vulnerable communities Our Vision: To be a model of excellence in serving the vulnerable .

STRUCTURE:

BRCS has 3 organisational components: the headquarters which is located in the Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, divisions and branches. The divisions and branches are based within the villages and districts of Botswana and are run by Red Cross volunteers. They report to Branches. BRCS has 60 branches all over the country. The volunteers work within their own communities on a mandate which aligns to the mission and vision of the organisation. BRCS is led by a Secretary General(SG) whose position is equivalent to that of a chief executive officer (CEO). The SG reports to the executive board which comprises of people elected by the membership of the organisation who are mostly volunteers. The current President, Ms. Nomsa Mbera.

ACTIVITIES:

The BRCS programs are Health and HIV/AIDS, Disaster Management, Community rehabilitation services, Disaster Management, First Aid, Tracing and restoration of family links, Information, marketing and communications and Refugee Health and Psychosocial Support.

BRCS entered into a partnership with UNHCR in June 2001 as an implementing partner to provide Psychosocial Support services to refugees in Botswana. Under this program are community services-counselling, burials, preschool services, youth friendly services, HIV/AIDS prevention, tracing and restoration of family links, food security services and advocacy for inclusion of refugees on national programmes through facilitating dialogue with government and the civil society movement in Botswana.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Two independent UK organisations were founded in 1951: the British Council for Aid to Refugees (BCAR) and the Standing Conference on Refugees (SCOR). In 1981 they merged to form the British Refugee Council. The Refugee Council today is the largest organisation in the UK working with asylum seekers and refugees. We not only give direct help and support, but also work with asylum seekers and refugees to ensure their needs and concerns are addressed.

STRUCTURE:

The Refugee Council is governed by a Board of Trustees, which includes strong refugee representation. We are also a membership organisation and since 1983, our membership base has grown from 50 to nearly 180, a significant number of which are refugee community organisations. We regularly consult with our membership base. The Refugee Council also has a number of high-profile Patrons.

The Refugee Council is funded by local, central and European government grants, grants from trust funds and corporations and funds provided by individuals through one-off donations, standing orders arrangements, legacies and their attendance at Refugee Council events.

ACTIVITIES:

We believe asylum seekers and refugees should be treated with understanding and respect. Our services aim to reflect this and include:

- giving advice and support to asylum seekers and refugees to help them rebuild their lives
- working with refugee community organisations, helping them grow and serve their communities
- caring for separated children to help them feel safe and supported in the UK
- offering training and employment courses to enable asylum seekers and refugees to use their skills and qualifications
- campaigning and lobbying for refugees' voices to be heard in the UK and abroad
- keeping them high on the political agenda and discussed in the media
- producing authoritative information on refugee issues worldwide, including reports, statistics and analysis.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Bulgarian Council on Refugees (BCR) was founded in 2005 by the Bulgarian Red Cross, the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee and Caritas-Bulgaria as a platform of activities related to the refugee and migration policy, protection and integration of refugees and migrants. In 2007, the Association for Integration of Refugees and Migrants joined the BCR. The BCR is a civil society organization acting in the field of asylum and migration in Bulgaria. The BCR is a platform for advocacy, lobbying and fundraising for the protection, reception and integration of refugees and migrants. The BCR aims to further develop the relations among the nongovernmental organizations, based on common principles and values, division of functions and responsibilities.

The BCR objective is to enhance the role of the civil society in the formulation of a fair and just national and European asylum, migration, and integration policy and practice. Vision - the BCR is committed to the establishment of a fair and efficient asylum and migration system, with the active role of the civil society. The policy and practice for protection, reception and integration of refugees and migrants in Bulgaria to include and apply the internationally recognized principles and standards based on respect for human rights and human dignity.

The BCR, as an association of organisations of longstanding experience and professional competency has the capacity to influence and support the social transformation towards efficient protection and integration of refugees and migrants. The Mission of the BCR is to ensure the sustainable role of the civil society organisations in the system for protection, reception and integration of refugees.

The BCR is focused on building a system where every person may freely participate in all spheres of activities of the Bulgarian society, based on the principles of equality, non-discrimination and tolerance. The BCR works to develop and strengthen the cooperation and partnership between the state institutions, local authorities and non-governmental organizations for legal and social protection to refugees. The BCR encourages intercultural dialogue, tolerance and non-discrimination towards refugees and migrants.

STRUCTURE:

Member of the Bulgarian Council of Refugees (BCR) could be any non-profit organization with at least three years of previous experience and activity in the fields of asylum and migration. There are two categories of membership: a) Member agency could be any non-governmental organisation that fulfills the requirements for membership, and b) Individuals with significant contribution for refugee and human rights protection could be nominated as honorary members.

Founding Members:

the Bulgarian Red Cross, the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, and Caritas Bulgaria. Structure: General Assembly – the General Assembly comprises of individual representatives of all member agencies. Under the Statute individual representatives are the persons that head the member agencies.

General Assembly convenes annually. Present Statutory Representatives: Krasimir Kanev, Chairperson of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, Hristo Grigorov, President of the Bulgarian Red Cross, Monsignor Petko Hristov, President of Caritas-Bulgaria, and Marinela Radeva, President of the Association for Integration of Refugees and Migrants Executive Board. Members of the Board are nominated by the General Assembly. Founder

agencies are mandatory represented in the Board. Decisions are taken by simple majority vote.

Present Executive Board members:

Dr. Sofia Stoimenova, Director General of the Bulgarian Red Cross; Emanuil Patashev, Secretary General of Caritas-Bulgaria; Iliana Savova, Director Refugee Migrant Unit of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee; Mariana Stoyanova, Head Refugee Migrant Service of the Bulgarian Red Cross, and Kina Sabeva, Chairperson. Chairperson of the Executive Board - Elected by the General Assembly to represent and manage the BCR when the Board is in recess. Present Chairperson: Kina Sabeva (Previous occupations: 1996 – 2005 UNHCR Programme Officer; 1995 - 1996 Head of the Refugee and Migrant Service, Red Cross) Secretary of the Executive Board - Elected by the General Assembly to assist the Chairperson and the Board. Present Secretary: Iliana Savova ; Administrative /Financial assistant - Present Admin/Finance assistant - Elitsa Sekulova. The secretariat taps into the capacity of the member organizations in general, and their Refugee Migrants Units, in particular.

ACTIVITIES:

The BCR main activities are: advocacy and lobbying for refugee and migrants protection and integration, monitoring the asylum and migration systems, and developing the institutional and organizational capacity of NGOs. The BCR as a civil society platform of refugee-assisting NGOs represents the interests of refugees and member organisations towards other civil society organisations, Bulgarian authorities and international actors.

BRC works to:

- strengthen partnership between BCR and its member organisations for the division of tasks and development of a common vision regarding the protection and integration of refugees in Bulgaria; to increase planning and fundraising skills for acquiring non-UNHCR funding;
- increase advocacy skills for initiating agenda-setting activities for the protection, reception and integration of refugees in Bulgaria.

The BCR implements agenda setting activities to enhance refugee protection and integration.

BRC is an UNHCR operational partner, providing operational support for capacity building for and monitoring.

The BCR monitors the implementation of the National Programme for Integration of Refugees.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees was found in 1998. From the beginning the Federal Association aimed at political networking and lobbying for unaccompanied minors (uam) in Germany. It is designed to ensure standards of protection in line with international norms and best practices. Aim is to provide legal expertise and the necessary resources to achieve child sensitive good quality standards with regard to the treatment of child and adolescent refugees, in particular with regard to reception, accommodation, the guardianship system, access to health care and education. Aim is to improve the quality of the treatment of uac/sc and to monitor the implementation of national laws (Youth Welfare Act) and policies (UN CRC State Report and Concluding Observations) as well as EU legislation, e.g. the Dublin Regulation. Special focus is placed on the implementation of a nationwide system of special initial reception centres for uac/sc.

STRUCTURE:

During the last ten years the Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees established a network with clearing centres (initial reception centres for uam), youth welfare institutions and homes, psycho-social counselling centres, youth welfare offices, guardian-ship associations and projects, refugee councils, welfare organisations, refugee and human rights organizations (UNHCR, Pro Asyl, terre des hommes, Unicef) and the National Coalition for the implementation of the UN-CRC. The Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees is in close contact with the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, party representatives, the Children's Committee of the German Parliament and other political representatives. With its 110 personal members and 35 member organisations the Federal Association is able to provide a very detailed knowledge on the practical implementation of all legal provisions which are relevant for uac/sc. As basis for lobby activities in all federal states it is able to resort to the knowledge of the local particularities and their contacts to local authorities. The head office with five personnel is located in München.

ACTIVITIES:

The association - promotes the professional exchange of persons taking care of unaccompanied minors (uam) and other young refugees through the publication of expert statements and the issuance of information circulars with a focus on educational, legal and political questions. - promotes the federal co-operation and networking among the persons working in this area and organisations, in order to concentrate efforts and competencies. - acts as professional and political counterpart for specialised staff taking care of uam so as to defend and safeguard the interests of separated children and young refugees, and stays in close and regular contact with those responsible at the political level. - enhances sympathy for young refugees in public through nation-wide press activities and information campaigns, including issues like causes and consequences of global refugee movements. - initiates and supports a Europe-wide co-operation aimed at advocacy for the work with young refugees.

The co-operation with other organisations active in the member states of the European Union takes place through the Separated Children in Europe Programme Lobbying Ø Working with the media Ø Organisation of conferences/in-service training courses Ø Facilitation of expert speakers for conferences/ seminars Ø Presentations Ø Information of members and specialised public (Info service/ homepage/ info leaf-lets/ documentation etc.) Ø Data collection Ø Start-up of local initiatives and projects (guardianship associations, projects for accommodation of and care for UAM aged 16 and above etc.) Ø Public campaigns Projects In co-operation with UNHCR, the German Foundation for Refugee Aid and terre des homes and financially supported by the European Refugee Fund.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Canadian Council for Refugees is a non-profit umbrella organization committed to the rights and protection of refugees in Canada and around the world and to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada. The membership is made up of organizations involved in the settlement, sponsorship

and protection of refugees and immigrants. The Council serves the networking, information-exchange and advocacy needs of its membership. The CCR was created in 1978 and has grown steadily since then. It has come to be recognized as a key advocate for refugee and immigrant rights in Canada, educating the public and putting issues onto the agenda of the various players in immigration and refugee law and policy in Canada.

STRUCTURE:

The CCR's membership is made up of organizations involved in the settlement, sponsorship and protection of refugees and immigrants. The Council serves the networking, information-exchange and advocacy needs of its membership.

ACTIVITIES:

The Canadian Council for Refugees fulfils its mission by: - Providing opportunities for networking and professional development through conferences, working groups, publications and meetings; - Working in cooperation with other networks to strengthen the defence of refugee rights; - Advancing policy analysis and information-exchange on refugee and related issues; - Advocating for the rights of refugees and immigrants through media relations, government relations, research and public education.

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CLWR was established in 1945. At the time it was resettling displaced persons in Europe to come and rebuild their lives in Canada.

At present, CLWR's mandate is 1. Development, 2. Refugee Resettlement and 3. Emergency Relief.

CLWR is a Resettlement agency. It also plays a strong advocacy role in defense of refugee rights. The Head Office is in Winnipeg. The refugee progress is based in British Columbia. An other office for refugee services is in Toronto.

ACTIVITIES:

Canadian Lutheran World Relief is the service delivery arm for development programming and overseas relief for the Lutheran churches in Canada.

CLWR facilitates and supports development programs in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. It also provides emergency relief in cases of disaster; enables sponsorships for refugee resettlement in Canada.

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STRUCTURE:

Cansuyu has a 5 members of Executive Board. 11 admin directors and 23 staff in HQ. 25 branches in different cities of Turkey. 33 professional staff are working in fields as well. Hundreds of volunteers participate to projects of Cansuyu. Executive Board is elected by members

ACTIVITIES:

Core Activities:

* Education * Health * First Aid * Disaster Management * Refugee social services and health

* Strengthening capacity of self-help * Development Projects

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The scope of CARE's mission has changed considerably since its founding in 1945, when 22 American organizations came together to rush life-saving "CARE packages" to survivors of the Second World War. On May 11, 1946, with help from Canada, the first 20,000 packages reached the battered port of Le Havre, France. Some 100 million more CARE packages reached people in need during the next two decades, first in Europe and later in Asia and other parts of the developing world. Over the years, CARE's work has expanded as it addresses the world's most threatening problems. In the 1950s, CARE expanded into emerging nations; in the 1960s, it pioneered primary health care programmes. In the 1970s, CARE responded to massive famines in Africa with both emergency relief and long-term agro-forestry projects, integrating environmentally sound land-management practices with farming programmes.

Today, CARE's staff -- most of whom are citizens of the countries where CARE works -- help strengthen communities through an array of programmes that work to create lasting solutions to root causes of poverty.

STRUCTURE:

CARE International is one of the world's largest private humanitarian organization, an international federation comprised of 12 member organizations committed to helping communities in the developing world achieve lasting victories over poverty. CARE International works in approximately 70

Countries world wide with programming in development and emergency and humanitarian response.

ACTIVITIES:

CARE International pursues our mission through project activity in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Europe and Latin America. CARE's projects either respond to immediate humanitarian need arising from disaster, or focus on more systemic causes of poverty and discrimination that threaten the lives of the poor in the longer term. In all cases, we seek lasting solutions and improvements by working closely with the people we serve and in partnership with local groups and organizations.

We facilitate change by:

- Strengthening capacity for self-help;
- Providing economic opportunity;
- Delivering relief in emergencies;
- Influencing policy decisions at all levels;
- Addressing discrimination in all its forms.

Core Activities: Development and rehabilitation programming Emergency response programming Policy development and implementation Capacity building of diverse constituencies.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Caritas Arquidiocesana do Rio de Janeiro is a catholic institution committed to the practice of social work.

Our objective is to provide social assistance to low income families and vulnerable groups through the development of community projects and solidarity. The Assistance Program for Refugees and Asylum has began in 1976 and is only one of several social projects conducted by Caritas in Rio de Janeiro. Our work is informed by the social doctrine of the Catholic Church, aiming to promote concrete action on behalf of those socially excluded, articulating activities that may improve social justice and human dignity.

STRUCTURE:

Caritas Arquidiocesana do Rio de Janeiro is a non-profitable institution, whose Board Committee is composed of a President Director, an Executive Director and a Treasury. Caritas works on a project-basis, and projects' supervision is conducted by a General Coordination. The Refugee Program is only one part of the Projects' Unit, located at downtown area in Rio de Janeiro. Its structure is based on a Coordination and two integrated technical teams, one aimed at legal protection and the other one focusing on local integration and civil society articulation. By now, our Refugee Program has five people on technical staff, among lawyers and social workers, and four people for operational support. The Reception Center is well located, near downtown and major city's entrance points, which makes it easier for refugees and asylum seekers to reach.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Caritas Bénin est une organisation de l'Eglise Catholique du Bénin, créée en 1958. Son rôle est d'éveiller les consciences à l'entraide, à la justice, à l'auto prise en charge, à la promotion intégrale de tout Homme et de tout l'Homme. Membre de Caritas Internationalis, elle est présente sur tout le territoire National. L'objectif Global est de Planifier, coordonner la Pastorale Sociale de l'Eglise Catholique du Bénin dans sa lutte contre la pauvreté.

Notre Mission: Témoigner de l'Amour de Dieu en travaillant pour la promotion intégrale de l'Homme sans distinction de race, de religion, d'appartenance politique, de culture etc... Nos valeurs: - La dignité de la personne humaine qui fait de l'Homme, quelle que soit sa situation sociale, économique, son appartenance politique, sa religion, un sujet digne de respect et non un objet de manipulation, de profit et de pitié; - La solidarité, la justice et la subsidiarité, conditions nécessaires à l'épanouissement de l'Homme. Notre Vision: Une civilisation de l'Amour où règnent la concorde et la paix.

STRUCTURE:

Notre organisation a un Bureau National qui joue le rôle de Conseil d'Administration. Un Secrétariat National est à l'exécutif et est chargé de la mise en œuvre de la politique générale de l'Organisation. Des Coordonnateurs sont à la tête des différents projets sectoriels. 1- Programme Urgences 2- Programme de lutte contre le VIH SIDA et Prise en charge des PV/VIH. 3- Programme de Prise en charge de OEV (Orphelins et Enfants Vulnérables) de la problématique SIDA. 4- Programme d'aide aux Handicapés. 5- Programme d'Hydraulique villageoise. 6- Programme Justice et Paix 7- Programme Communautaire de Lutte contre le Paludisme. 8- Programme de lutte contre la traite des enfants 9- Programme AGR (Activités Génératrices de Revenus) Notre organisation utilise 165 salariés et plus de 1500 bénévoles. En dehors du Siège de l'organisation, nous avons 10 bureaux diocésains (répartis dans les 12 départements que compte le Bénin). NOUS COUVRONS TOUT LE TERRITOIRE NATIONAL.

ACTIVITIES:

Caritas Bénin intervient dans les quatre grands domaines que sont: les urgences majeures[Prévention et gestion des catastrophes naturelles, des

déplacements de population (réfugiés, déplacés internes etc...)], les services sociaux (Santé et Education): elle est la première institution au Bénin de prise en charge globale des Personnes infectées par le VIH SIDA et les Orphelins liés aux SIDA. Pour le Développement, nous travaillons aux côtés des populations déshéritées pour l'Hydraulique villageoise, la promotion féminine, les Activités Génératrices de Revenus, l'Alphabétisation et le plaidoyer pour la promotion de la justice, l'édification de la paix et la réconciliation. Nous avons un programme de "Justice et Paix" qui s'est largement développé dans le Nord Bénin. Notre Organisation s'est engagé pour le plaidoyer avec les Organisations de la Société Civile et le Réseau Social Watch Bénin pour le contrôle de l'action gouvernementale. Avec l'UNHCR, nous assistons les réfugiés et demandeurs depuis 1993. La Caritas Bénin est le principal partenaire opérationnel de l'UNHCR au Bénin. Nous travaillons à trouver des solutions durables aux réfugiés.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

L'Association Caritas Côte d'Ivoire a été créée en 1955. Sa vision globale est de porter secours à toute personne dans la détresse et de prévenir les inégalités sociales et les conflits sociaux.

STRUCTURE:

Caritas Côte d'Ivoire dispose d'une direction nationale, de quatorze directions diocésaines et des représentations paroissiales. La direction nationale est composée d'une direction et de quatre départements. Les directions diocésaines sont dirigées par des directeurs diocésains. Caritas Côte d'Ivoire couvre tout le territoire nationale et fait partie du réseau mondial des caritas donc est membre de Caritas Internationalis

ACTIVITIES:

Elle intervient dans le domaine de l'assistance, du développement et de la promotion humaine. Avec l'appui de son réseau et en partenariat avec des structures de l'Etat, des partenaires nationaux, des agences des nations unies et autres partenaires internationaux, elle mène des actions permanentes en matière de plaidoyer et réalisations de plusieurs activités en faveur de toutes les personnes ou de toutes les communautés défavorisées ou démunies.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Created in 1971, Caritas Europa is one of the seven regions of Caritas Internationalis, the worldwide confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed, in over 200 countries and territories.

STRUCTURE:

Caritas Europa is the umbrella organization of the European network of 48 Caritas member organizations, working in 44 European countries.

ACTIVITIES:

Caritas Europa focuses its activities on policy issues related to poverty and social inequality, migration and asylum within all countries of Europe, and issues of emergency humanitarian assistance, international development and peace throughout the world.

With regard to all these issues, the organization develops policies for political advocacy and lobbying at European level as well as at national level. The organization is strongly involved in supporting the activities of its Member Organizations and those in the wider Caritas Internationalis confederation.

Caritas Europa has been mandated by Caritas Internationalis as leading region for migration and refugee related issues on behalf of the confederation

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Caritas Internationalis is a Confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development, and social service organizations working in over 200 countries and territories to build a world of justice and peace. Caritas Internationalis is a social action arm of the Catholic Church, rooted in the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, working for all those in need regardless of creed, race, gender, or ethnicity.

The Confederation enjoys a special status with the Holy See and has relations with similar networks in other denominations, faiths and secular society. The first Caritas organization was started in Freiburg, Germany in 1897. The international Confederation was founded in 1957, to reflect the growing international presence of Caritas members. The Caritas mission is to realize a world where the fruits of the Earth are shared by the whole human family. Caritas fights poverty, exclusion, intolerance, and discrimination. It empowers people to participate fully in all matters affecting their lives, and it advocates on their behalf at national and international levels.

Caritas Internationalis has permanent advocacy representatives at the United Nations and other international organizations in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Rome, and Paris, where they address issues such as peace and conflict, economic justice, and unfair trade. Caritas dedicates itself to working for peace in the Holy Land, Colombia, Iraq, Sudan, and Uganda and many parts of the world where human rights are abused and people's voices remain unheard.

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STRUCTURE:

Caritas Internationalis (CI) General Secretariat headquarters are in the Vatican. Employees are 23 of which half working as an emery team, and four in a migration and trafficking team.

CI has also an office in Geneva (four advocacy officers doing advocacy work on HIV-AIDS, climate change, migration, and trafficking) and an office in New York (one advocacy coordinator working on development (MDGs), migration, IDPs).

The 162 National Caritas Confederation member organizations worldwide do advocacy on the same issues, but are independent in terms of personnel.

ACTIVITIES:

Caritas Internationalis launches appeals to its national members in case of emergencies and disasters and provides assistance to the victims, often working together with the UN WFP (it enjoys a special status with this UN body as well as with the FAO) in order to deliver aid. Caritas Internationalis advocates for climate justice, the rights of migrants and right to development. It collaborates with the Committee on Migrant Workers in Geneva, has participated to the Migration & Development Forum in Manila and Mrs Liebsch is a members of the IAC for next Forum to be held in Greece. In 2001 it created a network called COATNET to help the victims of trafficking in human beings. In September 2005 CI advocacy coordinator co-chaired a UN event on the MDGs together with the UN Department of Public Information. He regularly attends UN meetings open to NGOs on MDGs since then.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC) was created in 1994 to address the issues faced by Refugees, Asylum-seekers and Migrants at risk from different nationalities who are in Lebanon. Vision of CLMC: "All Refugees, Asylum-seekers and Migrants in Lebanon have their rights recognized, protected and respected." Mission of CLMC: "Strengthen and protect the Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees and Asylum-seekers in Lebanon." Specific objectives: - Improve the living and working conditions of migrant workers, refugees and asylum-seekers - Reduce exploitation as well as marginalization and exclusion - Raise awareness on rights and responsibilities among refugees and migrants as well as their host communities - Defend migrants' cause on the local, national, regional and international levels.

STRUCTURE:

The Center is steered by a Board Committee formed of 8 volunteers, headed by the President.

The Center's activities are led in the framework of these various projects:

1. Protection for the Human Rights of Detainees in the Retention Center for Foreign Persons in Lebanon
2. Protection and support to Migrants in Lebanon
3. Shelter for Migrant Women
4. Legal and social Assistance to Migrants in and outside of prisons in South Lebanon
5. Promoting the Rule of Law & HR relevant to migrants in Lebanon
6. Protection and Assistance for Victims of Trafficking inside and outside detention in Lebanon
7. Assistance to Iraqi refugees in Lebanon
8. Vocational Training & Protection for Iraqi Refugees in Lebanon
9. Legal and Humanitarian Assistance to Iraqi refugees, in partnership with UNHCR
10. Education for Iraqi Children
11. Specialized School adjusted to the particular needs of Migrants' Children in educational rupture
12. Peace building in Palestinian Camps in Lebanon
13. Assistance for Elderly Palestinian Refugees in the Bekaa, Beirut and Tyre
14. Education for Palestinian Children living in Dbayeh Camp.

Number of current CLMC's personnel: 110 Geographic location: 10 centers and 3 shelters throughout Lebanon

ACTIVITIES:

The main Services and Activities provided by CLMC include, but are not restricted to: Social counseling and assistance, Legal counseling and assistance, Humanitarian assistance, Medical assistance including professional psychological follow-up, Emergency assistance, Orientation seminars for migrants on their rights and responsibilities, Awareness raising sessions for the general public on migrants' rights, Temporary shelter, Safe house for victims of trafficking, Summer camps, Women's group activities, Vocational training, Education, Reintegration programs, Capacity building trainings for governmental entities staffs and Center's staff, Pastoral care, Peace building, Advocacy and Lobbying. The Center is also part of a National Steering Committee on Migrants that has drafted a unified contract enforced as of 01 April 2009, and still working to amend the national Labor Code to include migrant workers, and to publish booklets on rights and responsibilities of migrant workers, employers and recruitment agencies.

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STRUCTURE:

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http://web.caritas.ch/media_features/fce/Organisation_chart_Head_Office.pdf Caritas Switzerland advocates a world where basic rights are valid also for the weak.

The humanitarian aid organisation provides emergency relief in the wake of disasters, engages in sustainable development cooperation, and works to combat poverty in Switzerland. The organisation is a member of the international Caritas network, which consists of 162 organisations worldwide. Caritas Switzerland runs humanitarian projects and engages in development cooperation in over 50 countries to combat poverty and hunger and promote support for children and young people. Within Switzerland, the organisation cooperates closely with regional Caritas offices to reduce poverty. Caritas Switzerland also calls attention to social problems and proposes solutions to these problems in studies and position papers. The organisation is committed to social integration and provides assistance to asylum seekers and recognised refugees at the request of the government Humanitarian projects and development cooperation in over 50 countries; efforts to combat poverty and promote integration in Switzerland: in 2007 Caritas Switzerland continued to work for more solidarity in the world.

ACTIVITIES:

"I am Caritas" is the title of Caritas Switzerland's mission statement.

Caritas Switzerland is guided by the following principles:

We work for a world

- that is governed by solidarity, justice and peace;
- that respects the inalienable dignity and rights of every individual;
- the quality of which is measured by the well-being of the weak;
- which recognises that the richness and abundance of Creation are the common property of all human beings;
- in which every individual has access to food, water, health, education and work.

We work in several peace promotion and human rights programs in Latinamerica and specially in Colombia

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

CartONG is registated in France as a non-profit organization registered in France since Fall 2006 numbered 490 816 345 00014 The NGO provides mapping services and information management for humanitarian organizations; main partner is UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). Main Objective is to enable organizations as well as local governments to manage existing data (their own as well as integrating from other available data sources) and use it as baseline to plan their interventions and monitor their progress and impact. Thus, capacity building is one of the key elements in a CartONG field based project to ensure sustainability. The data collected and the tools developed will enable other organisations to bring a spatial dimension into their work.

STRUCTURE:

CartONG is a small organisation between 2 and 11 staff member. CartONG as of today should be tasked by the organisation and will implement the projects.

ACTIVITIES:

Past projects have included the creation, management and rollout of a Return Monitoring Database, implementation of Google Web applications, assisting the Logcluster with the management of field based information in an emergency context and of course maps production, digital and hardcopy, for various organizations. Information management is the core of the NGO in 2009, a project started in order to analyse statistical data related to refugees from iraq neighboring countries.

Most projects are field based except for capacity building interventions at HQ level for technical staff as well as decision makers within international

organizations (References: Solidarites, ACF) and map production for visibility purpose on Global level (References: UNHCR Global Appeal Maps as well as Google Earth Outreach) Training and developing capacity building is a leitmotiv. The NGO developed the pilot project of the UNHCR Learning Corner of the WebGIS, with screen casts, tutorials, step by step.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Our mission is to assist the poor and disadvantaged, leveraging the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to alleviate human suffering, promote development of all people, and to foster charity and justice throughout the world. Working through local offices and an extensive network of partners, CRS operates on five continents and in 99 countries. We aid the poor by first providing direct assistance where needed, then encouraging people to help with their own development. Together, these approaches foster secure, productive, just communities that enable people to realize their potential. As the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community, CRS is also committed to educating the people of the United States to fulfill their moral responsibilities toward our global brothers and sisters by helping the poor, working to remove the causes of poverty, and promoting social justice. CRS is committed to serving and helping those in need without regard to race, creed or nationality.

STRUCTURE:

As noted above, CRS currently has programmes in 99 countries. Operating through a structure of overseas regional offices (Latin America and the Caribbean; South Asia; South-East Asia and Pacific; Europe, Middle East and North Africa; West Africa; Central Africa; East Africa; Southern Africa), headquarters-based support office (emergency response team; overseas support department; technical experts; finance; human resources; policy & advocacy; education & outreach; media) and US-regional offices, nearly 4500 staff work to fulfill the mission of the organization described above.

ACTIVITIES:

Our main programming areas overseas are: agriculture; education; emergency response; health; HIV/AIDS; microfinance; and peace building. CRS' policy and advocacy work address a range of issues that, among other things call for US government policies that prioritize the needs of the global poor. The US program serves to educate American Catholics about the reality of the poor in the world and link them in solidarity with the people we serve.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Charitable Society for Social Welfare (CSSW) is a national non-governmental organization (NGO) established in Sana'a, Yemen, in 19 March 1990. Since that time, CSSW started to work at a grass root level and seeks to provide an effective charity model to promote sustainable, economic, and social development through relief and development programs in addition to emergency relief. Its programs cover sustainable development, orphan care, education, health, family, social welfare, population, food security, poverty alleviation, environment, and working with poor people, women, youth, children, refugees, disabled and elderly people. CSSW works all over Yemen; it has 22 branches, 236 committees at district level, and a wide network of about (12,000) volunteers. CSSW has a consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (Special Category). It also has a membership status in many national institutions such as the Supreme Women Council, Mother & Childhood High Council, the National Population Council, Social Fund for Development, Social Care Fund, Public Works Project, Disaster Preparedness NGO Forum, Poverty Reduction Strategy for NGOs Network Group, and Yemeni NGOs Network. Meanwhile, CSSW has potential partnership with UN agencies, in particular the UNDP, UNHCR, UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF, and other international organizations. Objectives: -Reviving the spirit of solidarity among communities; -Provision of social, educational and healthcare assistance to the poor and the needy; -Contribute to the relief of those affected by disasters; -Combating poverty and curbing its expansion; -Support sustainable development projects and programs that aim at realizing economic returns and self-sufficiency for poor individuals and families; -Contribute towards empowering women and promoting their life skills. -Support children and youth and contribute in developing their capabilities and skills.

STRUCTURE:

1. Organizational Capacity and Structure: The systems for planning, monitoring and evaluation: CSSW has an administration called "Planning & Development Administration". Its task is to follow up the association's sectors and administrations regarding the preparation of annual plans and monthly supervision. It also prepares monthly, periodically, and annually reports to identify the work progress and performance of those sectors and administrations. CSSW, moreover, conducts annual evaluation with regard to its staff performance. CSSW has an administration for monitoring and inspecting the financial performance process of all the association's units. 2. Human Resources: a) List of the Management Committee: No. Name Position within the organization 1 Tariq Sinan Abu Luhood Chairman 2 Hameed Ziyad Secretary General 3 Othman Ghanem Al-Hammadi Assistant Secretary General 4 Mohammed Ahmed Musallam Financial Officer 5 Mohammed Abdo Saeed Member 6 Haytham Al-Ayni Member 7 Mahfooth Shammakh Member 8 Dawood Al-Hadabi Member 9 Ahmed Bazara'a Member 10 Mohammed Hizam Al-Ashwal Member 11 Saleh Obad Al-Khawliani Member 12 Ahmed Mohammed Al-Ansi Member 13 Mohammed Al-Basha Member b) Current staff expertise: CSSW has a capacity of 224 fulltime employees, 142 part-time employees, 41 accountants, and 28 managers of projects at grassroots level. CSSW has also a network of about 12,000 volunteers spread all over the Republic's governorates who implement its sustainable, seasonal and developmental projects efficiently. CSSW has a handbook that outlines employees' rights and responsibilities. The association is currently governed by the Labor Law, which is applied in the Republic of Yemen. c) CSSW's recruitment policies & practice: Training needs are identified at the beginning of every year while setting up the plan. The plan states that training and qualifying should deal with the qualifications of the administrative staff through conducting training courses in CSSW HQ or in some training centers in Yemen. Meanwhile, CSSW hopes to find qualifying and training opportunities abroad for some of its staff by international organizations working in the same voluntary field. CSSW set up a box of grievances in which any employee can put his/her complaints inside the box. The box is opened monthly and the grievances are reviewed and then referred to the executive board to find solutions to such problems. 3. Financial

Management: CSSW's money is safeguarded through the following procedures: 1.All assets and goods purchased are recorded in the association's sustained registry. 2.By the end of the year, the annual inventory is conducted. In this process, identification is conducted between the registered balance and the actual inventory. Differences or deficiencies, if happened, are shown through the inventory and are then treated in accordance with the outcomes reached. With regard to the reputation and size of the banks, CSSW deals with all governmental and commercial banks without exception. Trust and honesty dominate its dealings/transactions with those banks. Payment procedures: • A beneficiary presents an application after getting an approval from a related section or administration. • The authorized administrative officer approves the application and refers it to the accountancy unit to complete payment procedures. • Payment voucher is prepared by the accountancy unit in cash or cheque. Then the voucher is signed on by the accountant officer. • The financial director approves the voucher. • Voucher of payment is reviewed by the internal review administration. • The administrative officer who controls the payment approves the voucher. • Finally, money is paid by the cashier or from the bank if it is a cheque. External financial audit: At the end of every year, especially in January, the financial administration prepares financial lists to be reviewed by the CSSW's internal review administration in accordance with the association's constitution. This constitution stipulates that the association appoints a reliable auditor to review the association's accounts for the previous year on the basis of applied accountancy norms and principles. The auditor reviews the accounts/statements and proposes any required accounting and settlements depending on common accounting rules and bases. Then a review report is prepared by the auditor. Internal financial review: There is a financial and administrative monitoring administration among the CSSW's administration structure that reviews, inspects, monitors, and treats any faults and deficiencies. Internal financial control: The internal financial control of CSSW is done through the following: 1. Monthly or quarterly budget of a project approved by the association or by a donor organization. 2.The budget of project expenditures is submitted monthly or quarterly by virtue of items of expenditure. This budget is approved either by the association's administration or by the donor organization or by both sides altogether. It is worth noting that the budget is made in accordance with the objectives to be achieved within a planned period of time. Then after studying it, the budget is approved by the monitoring & inspection administration. 3.The project management is authorized to expend from the mentioned budget on the basis of the authorities/competences stated in the bylaw of expenditure authority/competence. This bylaw is attached with the administrative decree regarding the appointment of the project management. 4. The monitoring administration undertakes the review of the project's expenditures accompanying to the expenditure process to ensure that funds have been used properly. By the end of every month, a report is prepared concerning the actual expenditures from the facts of accounting records or the automatic accounting system. Then the expenditures are compared with the budget approved and show any negative or positive indicators. Then reasons and justifications are studied and treatment measures are taken in that regard.

ACTIVITIES:

Fields of CSSW's Activities •Sustainable Development : - Nama Program for Promotion of Small Enterprises - Income-generating projects; - Development & construction projects - Qualification of personnel and volunteers. • Juveniles and Youth Care: - Orphan Care and Sponsorship Project; - Alternatives to Combat Child Labor through Education & Sustainable Services Project (ACCESS-MENA); - "Usamah" Child Magazine. • Health: - Health Centers and Units; - Psychiatric Health Services; - Health Caravan Project; - Awareness Project on HIV/AIDS Control; - Surgical Camps Project; - Reproductive Health & Family Planning Project; - Health and Social Care Project for Somali Refugees; - Onchocerciasis (Sowda) Control Program; - Community-based Therapeutic Care Interventions for Children under 5 Years in IDP areas in Sa'ada - Patients with Chronic Diseases Sponsorship Project; - Distribution of cerebrospinal fluid shunt kits Project; - Distribution of free medical drugs; • Education: - Students Sponsorship Project; - School Bag Distribution Project; - Summer Vacation Skill Centers Project. • Social Care: - Ramadan Charitable Projects - Poor Families Sponsorship Project; - Distribution of Eid Meat Project; - Facilitation of Marriage Project; - Prisoners Reform Project; - Winter Clothing Distribution Project; - Al-Shafaka House for Sheltering Renal Failure & Cancer Patients •Emergency Relief & Humanitarian Aid: - Emergency Relief for Flood Afflicted People in Hadramout & Al-Maharah Governorates ; - Relief of Sa'ada war affected people; - Relief for the people afflicted by siege in Gaza. • Family Development: - Social Services; - Cultural & Educational Services; - Health Services; - Training & Qualification

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Child development foundation was established in 1999 in Khartoum Sudan. (CDF) is promoting child rights and protection it is working in rehabilitation and reintegration of targeted children into society to ensure safe and good life for them the purpose of (CDF) can be summarized as follows:

- 1.Women Development
2. Child care
3. Helping refugee women and children
4. Advocating human rights in general and rights of refugees in particular
5. Promoting gender issues
6. Internally displaced women and children
7. Family issues.

STRUCTURE:

1. Council of trustees
2. Executive committee
3. Executive bureau

Departments:

1. Projects 2. Planning 3. Human Resource Development
4. IDPs and Refugee Children
5. Administration and Finance

Geographic location

- 1.Khartoum State Office 2. South Dordofan state 3. North Darfur state 4. South Darfur office 5. Upper Nile State Office

ACTIVITIES:

CDF is working in the fields of child care, child rights and child protection for the benefit of the children at risk (street children, child labor, child soldier,

child war, refugees, displaced, drop out children from education.

CDF is engaged in the following activities:

1. psychosocial rehabilitation program for teen-agers
2. Vocational training programmes for children (14 years and above)
3. Education and illiteracy programs for children
4. Street children rehabilitation projects
5. Support for orphan
6. Health education and awareness(drugs and HIV aids)
7. Social mobilization program (capacity building and awareness)
8. Child rights advocacy program(child protection)
9. Humanitarian assistance in emergencies

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HISTORY; PURPOSE

Christian Care is an Ecumenical Non Governmental Organisation. Christian care was formed in 1967 by the Zimbabwe Council of Churches and registered as a Welfare Organization (WO79/67). It is an arm of the Churches tasked to improve the quality of life of the disadvantaged, including refugees. As an arm of the church Christian Care is called to witness the presence of God among the poor and disadvantaged who are burdened by oppression, poverty, ill health, lack of freedom or knowledge to make sustainable life-supporting choices.

Before Zimbabwe's independence in 1980, Christian Care was concerned with relief of families of political prisoners and the prisoners themselves (e.g. in providing rentals, clothing, schools fees and a wide range of courses). This programme reached out to about 5000 people. Other relief programmes included drought relief, special emergencies, essential services for people displaced by escalating war which peaked around 1975 with the establishment of protected/consolidated villages.

Christian Care was assigned by Heads of Denominations in Zimbabwe at the request of UNHCR to participate in the repatriation of thousands of Zimbabwean refugees, and their subsequent resettlement.

Shortly after independence, Christian Care was heavily involved in post war reconstruction. In 1985 the organization's mandate was broadened to include rural development. Projects undertaken to date have include emergency and disaster relief programmes, dam construction and irrigation development, integrated rural development, water and sanitation, livestock restocking, HIV and AIDS, Advocacy and income generating programmes.

Vision

Christian Care's vision is to be an outstanding ecumenical organisation in community service delivery.

Mission

Christian Care's mission is to provide relief, development and support services to disadvantaged and needy communities and other agencies in order to improve community welfare in a sustainable manner

STRUCTURE:

Christian Care has a professional management and ownership structure which conforms to the good corporate governance system applicable in many other NGOs. To fulfil its purpose, the member churches of the Zimbabwe council of churches second board members who sit as the National Executive Council of Christian Care and these subsequently make policies for the organisation. Below the board of directors is a professional management structure consisting of a National Director, two deputies, one responsible for programming and another responsible for Finance, Admin and H/R. The two constitute the two major arms of the organisation and below them are 5 Regional Managers who are each responsible for the various provinces of Zimbabwe in which Christian Care executes its programmes. Project Officers and Co-ordinators based in the regional offices execute the actual field activities in line with the following thematic areas of programming within the Christian Care Strategic plan; Water and Sanitation, Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness, Food Security and Nutrition, HIV and AIDS mitigation, Advocacy and Development Education. Each of the 5 regional offices is manned by a full compliment of programming, finance and logistics staff. Because of the elaborate nature of Christian Care programming the organisation employs 2 full time internal auditors. Christian Care employs a total full time staff compliment of over 180 and an additional 200 short term staff members who implement food aid programmes.

ACTIVITIES:

Christian Care (CC) has been actively working in Zimbabwe for 40 years (since 1967) and has evolved over the years from a service delivery organisation to one working across a broad spectrum of integrated development activities, and currently one that has taken on board key concerns of HIV and AIDS, environment, human rights and gender. Shortly after independence (1980), Christian Care was heavily involved in post war reconstruction. In 1985 the organisation broadened its mandate to include rural development. Projects to date have included disaster relief programmes, dam construction and irrigation development, integrated rural development programmes, water and sanitation, livestock restocking, HIV and AIDS, gender, advocacy and income generating projects

CC works directly with a large number of poor and marginalized Zimbabweans in 15 District across 7 provinces, building their capabilities to meet their basic needs and challenge the causes of their underdevelopment and poverty.

Christian Care in Zimbabwe has developed competencies in agriculture, water and sanitation, nutrition, environmental management, forestry, social work, economics and development, gender, emergency and food aid support. What distinguishes the staff is their high level of commitment and the ability to work with disadvantaged communities.

CC sees government as a central player in development and engages with both elected and administrative structures of Government in all of its work. CC provides support to strengthen government capacities when necessary while challenging policies and practices that work against the interests of the poor and marginalized. Advocacy work is one of the most significant thematic area of concentration for Christian Care since it is seen as a vehicle for development capacity building and facilitator of an enlightened beneficiary community. Christian Care has also taken on board Tongogara refugee camp service provision under the auspices of the UNHCR where it is providing Water and Sanitation, farming, primary health care and food distribution services to the refugee community on behalf of UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Christian Children's Fund (CCF) is an international child development organization which works for the well being of 10.5 million children in 33 countries worldwide. The organization was chartered in 1938 in Virginia. One of the oldest and most respected international child focused organization, CCF works with children and families worldwide, regardless of race, creed, gender, or origin.

STRUCTURE:

The Headquarters of CCF is in Richmond, Virginia (USA). CCF has offices in 33 countries and in five regions including Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and North America. In Asia, CCF offices are located in Afghanistan, East Timor, Indonesia, India, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. In Africa, CCF has offices in Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo, Uganda, Zambia. In Latin America and the Caribbean, CCF has offices in Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Dominica and St. Vincent. CCF also has programmes in the USA.

ACTIVITIES:

CCF understands that poverty is a complex problem, and has more than 65 years of experience in identifying and addressing the root causes of poverty. Within the context of alleviating child poverty, vulnerability and deprivation, CCF creates programs in a variety of different areas that provide practical assistance to impoverished communities, and plant the seeds of self-sufficiency. CCF's integrated development model is made up of interventions in six primary sectors: Early Childhood Development; Education; Family Income Generation; Health & Sanitation; Nutrition; and Emergency and Disaster Relief. CCF contributes to the work of the United Nations in a number of ways. Representatives of the organization participate in United Nations forums, events, conferences and commissions such as CSW, CSD, and the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples. CCF has also organized workshops at UN Conferences on specific issues to promote awareness of issues or best examples from the field. CCF has collaborative relationships with a number of UN Agencies including UNICEF, WFP, and UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Credo est partie de World Relief. En effet, World Relief, organisation américaine de secours et de développement, qui a travaillé au burkina faso pendant plus de 15 ans, avait décidé de transférer ses activités dans d'autres pays. Les églises et communautés bénéficiaires des interventions de world relief au burkina faso, souhaitant continuer ce travail, ont créé credo (christian relief and development organization) en janvier 1993. Credo bénéficiera de ce fait des infrastructures, des équipements, des ressources humaines et de la longue expérience accumulée pendant les 15 ans d'intervention de world relief. Credo s'est donné comme mission «de travailler aux côtés des églises et missions évangéliques et dans les communautés de base pour aider les personnes les plus défavorisées et/ou démunies à recouvrer leur dignité d'homme fait à l'image de dieu, libre et responsable». L'intervention de c.re.d.o se fait sans discrimination de race, de religion, de sexe. En vue de réaliser une telle mission au profit d'un grand nombre de burkinabé, credo, qui œuvre depuis 1993, a mobilisé d'importantes ressources humaines, matérielles et financières et a appuyé de nombreux projets initiés à la base.

STRUCTURE:

CREDO fonctionne avec 3 types de structures: les organes de décision, l'organe de soutien technique et de Conseil, et les organes d'exécution.

- Les organes de décision sont composés de l'Assemblée Générale et du Conseil d'Administration
- L'organe de soutien technique et de Conseil est le Conseil de Direction
- Les organes d'exécution sont le Secrétariat Permanent et les Programmes Chaque Programme est dirigé par un Coordonnateur qui rend compte au Secrétariat Permanent. Cinq grands programmes regroupant des projets sont ainsi mis en œuvre: le Prog. Education, Le prog d'Appui Financier, le Prog. De Développement Intégré, le Prog. de prise en charge des réfugiés, le prog de recherche et de sécurité alimentaire

ACTIVITIES:

Domaines d'intervention de CREDO Après une analyse globale du contexte burkinabé, CREDO a défini ses domaines d'intervention comme suit :

- La promotion de la micro-finance (crédit-épargne),
- La formation agricole,
- La santé infantile, maternelle et communautaire (sensibilisation, promotion et éducation),
- L'Éducation Formelle et non Formelle (moteur de tout développement conscient et durable),
- Le Genre et le Développement,
- La mobilisation des ressources en eau,
- La gestion des ressources naturelles et de la fertilité des sols,
- La promotion de la sécurité alimentaire,
- La promotion de l'éducation chrétienne,
- L'humanitaire CREDO a à son actif donc plusieurs programmes et le partenariat avec le HCR a commencé en 1996.

C'est en effet en 1996 que l'ONG a été identifiée par le HCR pour être son partenaire opérationnel au Burkina Faso. Ce qui a conduit à la mise en place du Programme CREDO/HCR, duquel un ensemble d'activités sont exécutées au bénéfice des réfugiés et demandeurs d'asile résidant au Burkina Faso.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Church World Service, founded in 1946, is a relief, development and refugee assistance organization implementing its humanitarian programs on behalf of the 36 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican member denominations. Working in partnership with indigenous and community-based organizations in some 80 countries, CWS supports sustainable self-help development, meets emergency needs, aids forcibly displaced, and helps address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness. Within the United States, Church World Service assists communities in responding to disasters, resettles refugees, promotes fair national and international policies, provides educational resources, and offers opportunities to join a people-to-people network of local and global caring.

STRUCTURE:

CWS has five program areas: Emergency Response, Immigration and Refugee, Social and Economic Development, Education and Advocacy for International Peace and Justice, and Mission relationships and Witness. The Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program, the largest program of CWS, was created at the end of World War II to respond to the needs of refugees in Europe. Since 1946, CWS/IRP has helped more than 450,000 refugees begin new lives in the United States, and continues to resettle about 8,000 more refugees and entrants each year. CWS/IRP, eight participating denominations and their congregations, and 40 CWS/IRP local refugee resettlement affiliates in 25 states work together to meet the needs of refugees upon their arrival to the United States, assisting them as they work to attain self-sufficiency.

A growing number of local affiliates provide immigration legal services along with refugee resettlement services.

ACTIVITIES:

In addition to refugee resettlement The Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program also processes the cases of refugees from sub-Saharan Africa for resettlement in the United States through a Cooperative Agreement with the Department of State; provides needed services to refugees, asylum seekers, immigrants, and Cuban and Haitian entrants through its Miami Office; administers the Religious Services Program, which was established in 2004 and operates in eight government-run immigration detention centers across the United States; helps meet the needs of people in protracted refugee situations through its Durable Solutions for Displaced People (DSDP) program, and monitors public policy and practice toward immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants; represents public policy positions adopted by CWS/IRP to the federal government, working in collaboration with a number of advocacy partners in refugee resettlement and protection organizations to build a hospitable community in the United States for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants. DSDP: An Investment in Displaced People's Future A fundamental part of CWS' programming is the Durable Solutions for the Displaced Program (DSDP), which concentrates on work with the forcibly displaced individuals falling into the gap between relief and development. DSDP provides post-primary education and vocational training, health education and care, and access to (timely and accurate) information, and it advocates for refugees. Working with both refugees and their often impoverished host communities and in consultation with community advisory groups, it seeks to leave behind infrastructure and to complement (not compete with) existing programs in the field.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Bangkok Refugee Center (BRC) is formerly an NGO under the direct supervision of UNHCR in Thailand responsible for providing assistance to urban refugees and asylum seekers.

In 2002, it was turned over and was taken over by the Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees in Thailand (COERR) and therefore became a branch of COERR for urban refugees and asylum seekers.

The mission is to ensure that all urban refugees and asylum seekers enjoy personal security and safety through increased protection and more efficient provision of assistance. The vision is to proactively render appropriate humanitarian relief services, particularly to the needy and extremely vulnerable individuals that will enable them to live their lives with dignity and encourage them to be productive and caring members of the community.

STRUCTURE:

COERR-Thailand is an agency under the Social Commission of the Bishop Conference of Thailand and is responsible for responding to the needs and displaced people, refugees and asylum seekers in Thailand.

The Bangkok Refugee center is a branch of and under the administration of COERR responsible for providing assistance to urban refugees and asylum seekers based in Bangkok and other urban centers. BRC provides financial and material support, medical, psycho-social, education (formal and non-formal) services and vocational training to refugees under the mandate of UNHCR, and for asylum seekers BRC seeks funds from other sources to assist those in need and in extremely vulnerable situation with room rental charges, food and non-food items such as hot plates, clothes and household utensils. The Bangkok Refugee Center's programs and services for urban refugees is funded by UNHCR. BRC works closely with UNHCR in monitoring and providing safety and protection.

BRC is headed by a Project Manager, directly reporting to the COERR Program Director. It has four units namely: Admin/Finance Unit (5), Social Services (3 staff), Medical Services (3 staff), Education Services (6 staff). Each unit has refugee support staff (a total of 20 refugee staff) and expat volunteers, all based in Bangkok.

ACTIVITIES:

BRC provides financial assistance to cover room rental and utility charges and dry food rations to augment refugees' and asylum seekers' limited resources. Provision of medical and health services through BRC on-site OPD clinic and referral to public hospitals, health education and outreach services; social and psychological services; education activities such as assist refugees' admission to public schools, provide transport and uniform allowances, and operates an on-site learning center to conduct language, vocational training and self-help and recreational programs; community

outreach/visits to deliver financial, food and medical services to refugees and asylum seekers at the community level and in detention centers.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Le Comité Belge d'Aide aux Réfugiés (CBAR) est une organisation coupole, constituée en 1968, qui réunit différentes associations entièrement ou partiellement actives dans le domaine de l'assistance aux demandeurs d'asile et aux réfugiés reconnus. En outre le CBAR est le partenaire opérationnel du Haut Commissariat pour les Réfugiés des Nations Unies (UNHCR) en Belgique. Du fait de son statut privilégié et de la spécificité de ses activités, il a développé des rapports étroits et continus avec les autorités en charge de la politique d'asile en Belgique. Le CBAR est une organisation de seconde ligne qui aide les demandeurs d'asile, les réfugiés reconnus et leurs accompagnateurs (principalement avocats et assistant sociaux) dans le traitement de leur dossier d'asile ou de regroupement familial et dans la défense de leur demande auprès des instances d'asile et de migration.

STRUCTURE:

Le CBAR est composé de deux services :

1. le service d'aide juridique aux demandeurs d'asile, qui est composé de 4 juristes, dont un qui est spécifiquement en charge des demandeurs d'asile en détention.
2. le service de regroupement familial de réfugiés reconnus, qui est composé de 2 personnes : une responsable et une juriste. L'association compte également un collaborateur administratif et financier et une directrice. L'association est située à Bruxelles et les bénéficiaires se situent dans toute la Belgique (et à l'étranger pour ce qui concerne les membres de famille des réfugiés reconnus)

ACTIVITIES:

D'une part, le CBAR assure un service juridique pour demandeurs d'asile pour assister le HCR dans sa compétence d'avis dans des dossiers individuels (soutien de nouvelles demandes d'asile, appui de dossiers, demande de retrait de décision) et pour soutenir les demandeurs d'asile et leurs avocats et/ou assistants sociaux dans leur procédure. D'autre part, le CBAR assure une aide, en tant que partenaire du HCR, pour le regroupement familial de réfugiés reconnus (octroi de prêts sociaux pour financement des tests ADN et des voyages, assistance et suivi, contact avec les délégations HCR et les instances belges, etc.). Récemment, le CBAR a aidé le HCR à lister des candidats au nouveau projet de réinstallation en Belgique. Enfin, le CBAR organise chaque mois une réunion de contact qui rassemble des représentants des instances d'asile et d'accueil et des organisations internationales ainsi que l'ensemble des structures associatives concernées par l'asile. Grâce à l'examen de multiples dossiers individuels, tant de demandeurs d'asile, que de regroupement familial, le CBAR a une connaissance approfondie des procédures, de la réalité du droit d'asile en Belgique et de la politique et du fonctionnement des instances. Elle fournit dès lors information pertinente et conseils aux partenaires actifs sur le terrain dans les matières concernées. De plus, le CBAR assure un rôle d'analyse de la politique d'asile et cette analyse est partagée avec la délégation du HCR en Belgique et avec les nombreux partenaires du CBAR. Lorsque cela s'avère nécessaire, le CBAR, souvent ensemble avec le HCR et/ou ses partenaires, interpelle les autorités sur les manquements et problèmes.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Le CICR est une organisation indépendante et neutre qui s'efforce d'apporter une protection et une assistance humanitaires aux victimes de la guerre ou de la violence armée.

Sur la base du mandat permanent qui lui est conféré par le droit international, le CICR intervient de manière impartiale en faveur des prisonniers, des blessés et des malades, ainsi que des civils touchés par un conflit armé.

Le CICR, qui a son siège à Genève (Suisse), est présent dans environ 80 pays et compte plus de 12 000 collaborateurs.

En situations de conflit, le CICR coordonne les activités déployées par les Sociétés nationales de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge, avec le soutien de leur Fédération internationale.

Le CICR est à l'origine du Mouvement international de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge ainsi que du droit international humanitaire, en particulier des Conventions de Genève.

Une année d'action au service des victimes des conflits armés

En 2004, les délégués du CICR ont visité plus de 570 000 personnes privées de liberté dans 80 pays environ ; par ailleurs, le CICR a mis en œuvre des projets d'approvisionnement en eau, d'assainissement et de construction qui ont répondu aux besoins de quelque 20 millions de personnes ; il a apporté un soutien à des hôpitaux et autres centres de soins desservant environ 2,8 millions de personnes ; il a en outre fourni des articles ménagers essentiels à plus de 2,2 millions de personnes et une aide alimentaire à 1,3 million de personnes, et mis en place des programmes durables de production vivrière et des projets microéconomiques apportant une assistance à 1,1 million de bénéficiaires.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Community and Family Services International (CFSI) is a humanitarian organization committed to peace and social development, with a particular interest in the psychosocial dimension. The purpose of CFSI is rebuilding lives. Persons of primary concern are refugees, internally displaced persons, survivors of disasters, and others in exceptionally difficult circumstances. The vision of CFSI is diverse people living together in dignity, harmony, and peace. The mission of CFSI is to vigorously protect and promote human security—specifically, the lives, well-being, and dignity of people uprooted by persecution, armed conflict, disaster, and other exceptionally difficult circumstances.

Established on 01 June 1981 and based in the Philippines, CFSI has two goals. The first is to empower and equip uprooted people to prevent and address social and health problems. The second is to prevent children, women, and men from becoming uprooted by promoting peace, respect for human rights, and the equitable distribution of resources. Most, but not all, of the activities of CFSI are carried out in the Asia and Pacific Region, primarily those states that comprise the Association of South East Asian Nations.

STRUCTURE:

The governing body of CFSI is the Board of Trustees. It is composed of fifteen (15) members who serve in a completely voluntary capacity and are, at present, based on three continents - Asia, Australia, and North America. The Senior Management Team of CFSI is composed of the Executive Director, the Director for Finance and Administration, the Director for External Relations, and Country Directors. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Trustees.

ACTIVITIES:

CFSI activities are organized in the form of five distinct, but overlapping programmes. The Humanitarian Assistance programme addresses the urgent needs of communities affected by armed conflict and large-scale emergencies, including natural disasters. The Social Development programme builds local capacity and promotes the physical and psychosocial well being of vulnerable populations. The Child and Family Welfare programme protects and promotes the welfare of children and youth, particularly those in exceptionally difficult circumstances and in need of special protection. The Health Promotion programme promotes physical and mental health and prevents disease as well as disability. The Evaluation and Research programme informs policy and practice and contributes to the knowledge base at the domestic and international levels.

CFSI contributions to the work of the United Nations were concentrated in the humanitarian affairs and human rights arenas and took place at the global, regional, as well as national levels. CFSI has served as Implementing Partner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to assist uprooted persons in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Timor-Leste for various periods of time. Ongoing cooperation with UNHCR in the Philippines seeks to serve urban refugees and stateless persons from Gaza, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Sri Lanka, Rwanda, Somalia, Viet Nam, China, the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Myanmar, Pakistan, and the Sudan. CFSI is working with UNHCR in Myanmar to the benefit of returnees and stateless persons in Northern Rakhine State. CFSI served as Implementing Partner of UNHCR in Timor-Leste in response to the humanitarian emergency of 2007. CFSI continues to serve in Timor-Leste. In order to carry out its mission at the global level, CFSI actively participates in several networks, such as the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Global Humanitarian Platform (GHP), the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), and the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP). CFSI obtained Special Consultative Status with the ECOSOC in 2004. CFSI participated in the 2008 GHP Annual Meeting and will participate again in 2009. CFSI has been a member of ICVA since 2003, and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2009 for a three-year term. CFSI was accepted as the 30th Full Member of HAP in early 2009. Since late 2008, CFSI has been contributing to the work of the Global Protection Cluster Working Group (PCWG), specifically on the protection of internally displaced persons.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Concern Worldwide is a non-governmental, international, humanitarian organisation dedicated to the reduction of suffering and working towards the ultimate elimination of extreme poverty in the world's poorest countries.

Mission:

Concern's mission is to help people living in extreme poverty achieve major improvements in their lives. Concern works with the poor themselves, and with local and international partners who share the organisation's vision, to create just and peaceful societies where the poor can exercise their fundamental rights.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Concern works as both a fast response emergency agency and a facilitator of long-term development projects. Concern recognises that there is a strong link between poverty and the impact of emergencies and maintains a clear mission to respond to emergencies alongside its established development work.

Concern focuses on five key programme areas: education; emergencies; health; HIV and AIDS and livelihoods. Concern works with governments, both central and local, to ensure that programmes fit into national plans where possible. Concern believes in working directly with local people, and in partnership with local bodies and other international agencies, to develop the capacities of people as it provides relief and assistance.

Local development

Concern strongly believes that employing local professionals – nurses, civil engineers, agriculturalists, teachers and administrative staff – as well as a small number of essential international staff, is key to ensuring the long-term sustainability of its programmes. To this end, Concern works through existing structures, such as health and education services, to supplement them where they are weak or do not exist.

Campaigning

Advocacy and fundraising – Concern's two main forms of campaigning – help raise awareness of pressing social and political issues, gather support and influence policy change.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Caritas está presente en América Latina y el Caribe, a través de una red de comunión y cooperación conformada por las Caritas de cada país que integra la Región. Como organización de la Iglesia es parte de su Pastoral Social, y en su seguimiento de Jesús, se siente llamada a encarnar los valores del Evangelio para construir un continente justo y solidario, desde un amor preferencial por los pobres. Misión La Pastoral Social-Caritas en nuestro continente, desde el contexto de cada país, está llamada a animar, a la luz del Evangelio y la Doctrina Social de Iglesia, el proceso de transformación de la realidad de los pueblos de América, con el protagonismo de los pobres y excluidos, para construir, en armonía con la creación, una sociedad justa, fraterna y solidaria, signo del Reino de Dios. Visión Como Pastoral Social Caritas: "Queremos un continente solidario, justo, democrático y pluralista, donde los poderes públicos sean representativos, transparentes, y participativos para que cada hombre y cada mujer vivan de acuerdo a su dignidad, tengan satisfechas sus necesidades básicas y usen sosteniblemente los recursos de la creación para el bien común". "Y, por lo tanto, queremos una Iglesia que sea testigo de Jesús en el mundo, pobre, profética, y pascual, en conversión continua, donde los laicos sean protagonistas y que incida en los procesos históricos de transformación para hacer presente el Reino de Dios".

STRUCTURE:

Caritas está presente en todos los países de América Latina, a través de la estructura que tiene la Iglesia Católica en sus Pastoral Social. A nivel de coordinación hay un secretario ejecutivo que anima los trabajos y coordinadores de temas específicos.

ACTIVITIES:

En el área de Movilidad Humana las grandes áreas de trabajo es Acogida y acompañamiento, Incedencia Política, Formación, Capacitación, procesos de integración.

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Le Conseil pour l'Éducation et le Développement « COPED » est une Organisation Non Gouvernementale (ONG) locale créée en 1974. D'abord Bureau Diocésain de Développement, COPED a ensuite adopté en 1989 le statut d'ONG burundaise. Elle s'implique depuis lors principalement dans le développement Ouvrant dans le Diocèse de Bururi, c'est-à-dire dans les provinces de Bururi, de Makamba et de Rutana, jusqu'en 2000, COPED à la suite de l'Assemblée Générale du 8/9/2000 a décidé d'étendre ses activités au niveau national soit sur les 17 Provinces du pays.

Mission et vision:

objectif Global : Il s'agit de " promouvoir le développement de l'homme dans son intégralité en lui permettant notamment d'accéder aux besoins de base tels que l'alimentation, la santé et l'éducation sans égard à ses convictions religieuses ou philosophiques... »
missions spécifiques : Lutte contre l'ignorance, Lutte contre la maladie, Lutte contre la faim.

L'approche de l'organisation : Dans le cadre de l'ensemble de ses projets, COPED développe une approche participative communautaire. Celle-ci est basée sur l'organisation de diagnostics participatifs qui débouchent sur l'établissement des plans d'action communautaires. Ces derniers sont des référentiels dans un moyen terme des besoins prioritaires des communautés et des réalisations (projets) faites dans un cadre participatif.

STRUCTURE:

Selon les statuts, COPED est dirigé au plus haut niveau par L'Assemblée Générale des membres qui actuellement compte 150 personnes. Toujours selon les statuts, COPED est administré dans le cadre d'un Conseil d'Administration élu au sein de l'Assemblée Générale et composé de dix membres dont un Président et un Vice-président. La gestion quotidienne est assurée par une Direction nommée par le Conseil d'Administration. Elle est composée de 5 départements dont un département autonome de Micro finance: Le département « Santé » Le département « Développement économique » Le département « Education, mobilisation et sensibilisation » Le département « Génie civil » Le département « Micro- crédit : COPED ISHAKA Micro Finance » Les ressources humaines: •Cadres permanents: 8 •Non cadres permanents: 25 •Personnel sur les projets : 55 dont 16 cadres •Consultants: 25 (dont les 16 engagés sur les projets) Répartition géographique des bureaux : Siège social : Bujumbura Capitale Antenne régionale Sud : Bururi centre Bureau Micro finance Bururi Bureau Makamba Bureau Micro finance Kayogoro (Makamba) Bureau Rumonge Bureau Gitega (Centre du pays) Bureau Cankuzo (Nord Est) Bureau Muyinga (Nord) Bureau Cibitoke (Nord Ouest)

ACTIVITIES:

Les secteurs d'activités ressortent ainsi des trois objectifs spécifiques de l'organisation :

la lutte contre la maladie(Santé), la lutte contre la pauvreté (Sécurité alimentaire) et la lutte contre l'ignorance (Education).

La lutte contre la faim Les activités principales du secteur sont :

- L'accroissement de la production agricole et animale en milieu rural en vue d'atteindre l'équilibre de sécurité alimentaire ;
- L'encadrement et l'animation des associations agricoles et d'élevage par l'initiation des microprojets ;
- L'octroi des microcrédits aux associations et aux individus en vue de renforcer leurs capacités dans la réalisation des activités génératrices de revenus (artisanat, pêche, transformation alimentaire, petit commerce). Il s'agit d'initier ainsi un sentier de croissance au niveau des ménages et des associations des ménages;
- L'encadrement et assistance technique des associations œuvrant dans l'agriculture, l'élevage et l'artisanat dans le choix des microprojets ;
- L'appui aux populations dans la mise en place de systèmes mutualistes de financement basés sur des crédits productifs associés à l'épargne locale ;
- La protection de l'environnement afin que le sol garde ou retrouve sa fertilité ;
- L'assistance aux indigents par la distribution des semences et des microcrédits à fonds perdus ;

•La réinsertion des déplacés, des réfugiés et des démobilisés dans le secteur de l'agriculture et de l'élevage.

La lutte contre l'ignorance Dans le secteur de l'éducation, COPED mène principalement les actions suivantes :

- L'éducation au développement par la formation et l'information de la population ;
- Des ateliers de réflexions spécifiques autour des problématiques prioritaires de développement en vue d'initier des plans d'action communautaires ;
- Compléter la carte scolaire en réhabilitant et en construisant des infrastructures scolaires ;
- Appui à la mise en place et formation des comités de gestion d'infrastructures construites en vue de leur pérennité.

La lutte contre la maladie Le Conseil Pour l'Education et le Développement mène aussi des actions dans le domaine de la santé dont les principales sont :

- La promotion de la santé par l'éducation sanitaire ;
 - La promotion de la gestion rationnelle des infrastructures de santé ;
 - L'implication des communautés de base dans la gestion des services de santé (COSA et COGE) ;
 - L'augmentation des dispositifs d'eau potable (adductions d'eau) ;
 - La construction des infrastructures sanitaires ;
 - La lutte contre les endémo-épidémies et la pandémie du SIDA ;
 - La gestion de 10 centres de santé agréés pour le compte du diocèse ;
 - La gestion du centre des handicapés de Makamba.
- Initiation d'un projet de réorganisation de la kinésithérapie au Burundi : La formation, la mise en place d'un centre national de référence et d'une école universitaire de kiné. N.B Avec l'appui d'un consultant, COPED vient de réaliser un programme quinquennal de santé.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA), formerly known as the National Consortium for Refugee Affairs, is a registered Non Profit Organisation tasked with promoting and protecting refugee and migrant rights. It is comprised of member organisations including legal practitioners, research units, and refugee and migrant communities and was founded in 1998. The Consortium's mandate involves strengthening the partnerships between refugee and migrant service providers to provide improved co-ordination of activities. This includes developing working relationships with other concerned organisations to provide an effective forum for advocacy and action. The Consortium liaises with government and other stakeholders to keep them informed of the views of our members. The Consortium also provides a centralised referral system for the media and other practitioners through which it can refer those dealing with specific aspects of the sector to the organisations and individuals most qualified to assist.

STRUCTURE:

CoRMSA is a national network of refugee and migrant service providers with a small but active secretariat. The network currently consists of over 30 service providers across South Africa.

The secretariat, currently consisting of two advocacy officers and an administrator, is charged with conducting advocacy on behalf of the network, coordinating the efforts of the network and improving the sharing of information within the network. CoRMSA's secretariat is based in Johannesburg, South Africa.

ACTIVITIES:

Direct services to refugees and migrants are provided by CoRMSA's member organisations. CoRMSA's secretariat conducts a range of advocacy activities including lobbying for policy changes with key government departments, raising public awareness about the conditions refugees and migrants face in South Africa, coordinating responses to key issues (uch as the xenophobic violence of 2008) with other key stakeholders including international organisations and, where necessary, engaging in litigation to promote change. CoRMSA interfaces on a regular basis with the international assistance community via the Protection Working Group and other mechanisms.

As part of CoRMSA's mandate of building networks, CoRMSA also provides assistance to the UNHCR operational office in Musina, South Africa through strategic advocacy on behalf of the network which the local UNHCR office engages with. This is to ensure effective responses from government in intervening in the humanitarian crisis in the border region due to increased migration from Zimbabwe.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

La Consultoría para los Derechos Humanos y el Desplazamiento –CODHES- es una entidad privada sin ánimo de lucro creada en 1992, que promueve la defensa de los derechos humanos y la consolidación de la paz en Colombia por medio de la construcción de un trabajo en Red sobre el problema del desplazamiento forzado y la construcción de cultura ciudadana a través de una amplia divulgación y difusión del conocimiento generado por la investigación. Uno de sus trabajos más destacados ha sido evidenciar en el país el problema del desplazamiento forzado a través de producción de información cuantitativa y cualitativa (Informes CODHES), la realización de eventos de discusión y reflexión sobre este problema (Ver Un país que huye, volumen II), el fortalecimiento de movimientos sociales cualificados y democráticos, a través de una amplia divulgación y difusión del conocimiento generado a partir de sus investigaciones y de incidencia en distintas instancias gubernamentales, intergubernamentales, nacionales e internacionales. Durante 2004-2007 CODHES ha realizado una tarea sistemática de seguimiento a las respuestas institucionales del Estado colombiano a los derechos de las personas en situación de desplazamiento forzado, los cuales están consagrados tanto en la legislación interna como en los principios rectores de las Naciones Unidas. En este momento CODHES junto a otras organizaciones de la sociedad civil tienen el encargo de la Corte Constitucional colombiana para ejercer una tarea de verificación del cumplimiento de la sentencia T-025 de 2004. MISION Promover la realización y vigencia integral de los derechos humanos de las personas en situación de desplazamiento forzado, refugio o migración; incidir en la transformación de

las causas que provocan estas formas de movilidad humana; incentivar la participación de la sociedad en la construcción de democracia y paz y, contribuir a fortalecer capacidades sociales de las poblaciones más vulnerables para su inclusión y participación.

3. VISION CODHES es una organización autónoma, pluralista e independiente que fundamenta su legítima labor en principios de democracia, paz, derechos humanos y justicia social; desarrolla su acción institucional con criterios de transparencia y responsabilidad social

4. OBJETIVO DE DESARROLLO Contribuir a la promoción, protección y realización de los derechos humanos, en especial de poblaciones desplazadas y refugiadas a través de la investigación, incidencia, comunicación y fortalecimiento de capacidades sociales, en un marco político fundamentado en la democracia y la convivencia pacífica

5. OBJETIVOS GENERALES Incidir en la prevención de causas del desplazamiento forzado y el refugio, así como en la adopción de políticas de atención humanitaria de emergencia y post emergencia, de mecanismos de protección y, en la formulación de programas de recuperación socio económica y psicosocial de las poblaciones afectadas. Evidenciar la crisis humanitaria, el desplazamiento forzado y el refugio en el contexto general de las migraciones, en la perspectiva de convocar respuestas sociales e institucionales nacionales e internacionales. Caracterizar social y demográficamente el desplazamiento forzado y el refugio y, contribuir a establecer sus causas, dinámicas, tendencias y consecuencias sociales, políticas y regionales. Analizar las respuestas institucionales y sociales y, contribuir a la definición de políticas públicas ajustadas a la dimensión de la problemática y al reconocimiento de las poblaciones desplazadas, refugiadas y migrantes Contribuir al fortalecimiento de organizaciones de personas afectadas por el desplazamiento y el refugio; desarrollar y potenciar capacidades sociales y promover respuestas de política pública Avanzar en la consolidación, fortalecimiento y sostenibilidad institucional de CODHES para garantizar el cumplimiento de su misión institucional.

STRUCTURE:

CODHES definió una estructura organizativa circular y concéntrica, de manera tal que se garantice una adecuada articulación programática de las líneas de desarrollo estratégico. La estructura encuentra dividida de la siguiente manera:

1. Equipo de dirección y gestión integrado por la asamblea general, el consejo directivo, la dirección general y los coordinadores de área. 1. a. Instancias: sesión ordinaria y extraordinaria de asamblea general; sesión comité consultivo internacional, sesión ordinaria y extraordinaria de consejo directivo; comité de dirección y comité de planeación.
2. Equipo administrativo y contable integrado por el coordinador administrativo, el contador, el asistente de oficina y el auxiliar de servicios generales
2.a. Instancias: Comité de Administración.
3. Equipo programático integrado por profesionales de diversas disciplinas, de acuerdo a las necesidades. 3. a. Instancias: unidad de análisis y observatorio interno CODHES

ACTIVITIES:

Investigación. Los procesos de investigación están dirigidos a producir conocimientos de uso público y social, que permitan la comprensión de las situaciones que produce el conflicto armado interno, en particular el desplazamiento forzado interno y el refugio internacional, para establecer características sociodemográficas, sus múltiples consecuencias y la evaluación social de las respuestas civiles e institucionales en el plano interno e internacional. En esta dirección CODHES desarrolla sistemas de información, orientados a garantizar el seguimiento riguroso de las circunstancias y las características de los procesos de desplazamiento forzado interno, migraciones y refugio internacional, en la perspectiva de soportar los procesos de investigación y de las demás líneas estratégicas de desarrollo. Comunicación. La comunicación tiene por finalidad, hacer visible y posicionar el conocimiento y la información que produce CODHES, en la esfera pública nacional e internacional, de modo que contribuya al desarrollo de niveles de conciencia, sensibilización y acción social e institucional sobre los temas del desplazamiento forzado, el refugio y las migraciones. Incidencia. Las actividades de CODHES están dirigidas a promover prácticas sociales y acciones institucionales a nivel local, nacional e internacional que contribuyan a la realización de los derechos y las necesidades de las comunidades afectadas por el desplazamiento forzado, las migraciones y el refugio. En este sentido la incidencia compromete ejercicios de capacitación, así como el diseño de alternativas de política pública y de respuesta social y su correspondiente gestión en los espacios de toma de decisiones. La incidencia requiere de procesos de diálogo, intercambio y acción permanente con redes de trabajo por los derechos humanos y la paz en el plano regional, nacional e internacional. En este sentido CODHES promueve la interlocución directa con gobiernos y organismos internacionales de carácter intergubernamental y promueve el reconocimiento como interlocutores válidos de las organizaciones de población desplazada, migrante o refugiada en función de sus derechos. Fortalecimiento de capacidades sociales. Las organizaciones y comunidades en situación de desplazamiento forzado y refugio constituyen un referente clave en el esfuerzo de construcción de respuestas sociales e institucionales, evaluación y formulación de políticas públicas y participación en la búsqueda de soluciones duraderas. CODHES desarrolla procesos orientados a fortalecer sus capacidades sociales, a partir de programas de formación, promoción de mecanismos de participación, cualificación del discurso y reconocimiento de su condición de interlocutores directos con capacidad de incidencia. La especificidad del trabajo de CODHES se relaciona con los derechos de las personas en situación o en riesgo de desplazamiento forzado y refugio, pero desde allí se articula integralmente a la agenda general de los derechos humanos y a la búsqueda de alternativas de transformación política democrática de las dinámicas de conflicto armado, a partir del reconocimiento de la diversidad y del respeto por la diferencia. Fortalecimiento y sostenibilidad institucional. CODHES asume como una estrategia el desarrollo de su capacidad administrativa, el fortalecimiento y sostenibilidad de la organización. El Consejo Directivo de CODHES trabaja de conformidad con las decisiones de la Asamblea, en la reestructuración organizacional para continuar el proceso de fortalecimiento, haciendo énfasis en la institucionalización de procedimientos y rotocolos para la actuación administrativa y programática en un clima laboral acorde con los principios institucionales.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

COOPI is an independent non-governmental organization, founded in Italy, committed to fighting against social injustice and poverty in the global South and to building a future that guarantees everyone adequate living conditions, equal opportunities and respect of their rights.

Since 1965 COOPI has carried out more than 600 development projects and emergency interventions in 50 countries in co-operation with more than 30,000 local workers, this ensuring direct benefit to more than 50 million people.

In Africa, Latin America, Asia and in Eastern Europe COOPI promotes the access to water and the right to proper health and education services in poorer communities, and gives immediate and long-term aid to populations hit by war or natural disasters.

COOPI works towards fighting the cause of poverty and social injustice and for the building of a world in which all are guaranteed dignity, human rights

and equal opportunity.

COOPI projects are financed by the European Union, United Nations agencies, local organizations and private citizens.

The funds are managed with maximum efficiency and transparency and the budget is certified by an accounting agency.

COOPI uses nearly 20 million euro each year: a figure which demonstrates the trust which is given to our work.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Crée par Décret N° 63/DF/06 du 09 février 1963 comme Association d'utilité publique et société de secours volontaires, la Croix-rouge camerounaise est auxiliaire des pouvoirs publics dans le domaine socio-humanitaire. Sa mission est de soulager les souffrances des vulnérables en mobilisant des ressources humaines, matérielles et financières. Cela se traduit par un vaste programme mis sur place pour: la diffusion du Droit International Humanitaire; formation et sensibilisation des volontaires; lutte contre les pandémies et épidémies, établissement des cartographies des zones à risque.

STRUCTURE:

La Croix-rouge camerounaise est composée de trois organes : Comité de direction, services rattachés et le secrétariat général. L'instance suprême étant l'Assemblée générale qui définit la politique et élit le président national de la Croix-rouge camerounaise. Le comité de direction est composé de 12 membres parmi lesquels le Président. Le Secrétariat est composé de 4 directions à savoir: La direction du développement organisationnel, la direction des affaires générales, la direction de la santé et la direction des urgences et des catastrophes. À côté des services centraux, il existe les services déconcentrés que sont les comités départementaux et locaux.

ACTIVITIES:

La lutte contre le VIH/SIDA, prévention de la sécurité routière, lutte contre la mutilation génitale féminine, la scolarisation de la jeune fille, Eau et assainissement, suivi et assistance des réfugiés urbains dans les villes de Yaoundé, Douala et Garoua ainsi que les réfugiés des zones rurales dans les régions de l'Est et du Nord Cameroun.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Established in 1956 following the flight to Denmark of 1,500 Hungarian refugees from the Soviet invasion of Hungary, the Danish Refugee Council is a private, humanitarian organization covering all aspects of the refugee cause. The Danish Refugee Council helps people affected by conflict in complex emergencies around the world and refugees who have to build a new future in Denmark. DRC aims to protect refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) against persecution and to promote durable solutions.

STRUCTURE:

DRC's head office is based in Copenhagen and comprises some 127 staff, 112 staff working in Language Centers and 39 district employees, integration and volunteers. The organization is headed by Andreas Kamm, Secretary General and governed by an Executive Committee.

DRC has over 100 international and 3,700 national staff working in projects in more than 20 countries worldwide.

DRC is an umbrella organization with 33 member organizations:

ADRA Denmark; Amnesty International; CARE Denmark; Caritas Denmark; Council of Danish Artists; Churches Integration Service; DanChurchAid; Danish Association for International Co-operation; The Danish Association of Youth Clubs; The Danish Confederation of Trade Unions; Danish Employers Confederation; Danish Musician's Union; Danish People's Aid; Danish Save the Children; Danish United Nations Association; The Danish Writers Association; Danish Writers of Fiction and Poetry; Danish Youth Council; Engineers without Frontiers; FOA - Trade and Labour; United Federation of Danish Workers; Ibis; The Jewish Community; Labour Movement's International Forum; Salaried Employee's and Civil Servants Confederation; Sct. Georgs Gilderne in Denmark; The Association New Danes; The Danish Union of Teachers; Women's Council in Denmark; The Danish National Association for Gays and Lesbians; The Danish Order of Saint John; The Union of Commercial and Clerical Employees in Denmark; UNICEF, Denmark.

ACTIVITIES:

International humanitarian work: DRC is one of the largest Danish humanitarian agencies and is implementing activities in support of people affected by conflict in more than 20 countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. Activities cover the full spectrum from relief through to durable solutions supported by developmental interventions. International programmes employ more than 3,500 staff and the annual budget exceeds US\$50 million.

Protection: In Denmark, DRC has been entrusted with a processing responsibility for manifestly unfounded cases within the RSD procedure, counseling responsibilities in respect of asylum seekers and potential returnees, participation in the selection of refugees for resettlement in Denmark under the UN quota, and preparation of documentation. Internationally, DRC is active in the ECRE network and is implementing various capacity building programmes in the field of refugee protection in, for example Central Asia and Sri Lanka.

Integration: DRC provides professional integration services to municipalities and to traumatized refugees throughout Denmark. DRC also manages a number of language training centres.

Voluntary services: DRC facilitates a nationwide network of more than 3,500 people who provides voluntary services to refugees and

immigrants.

Public information and fund raising: DRC is contributing substantially to public awareness about refugee issues in Denmark and abroad - through media outputs, documentation, lectures, and more. Information campaigns are frequently linked with private and corporate fund raising efforts, which generate some US\$ 4 to 5 million per year in Denmark.

The Emergency Roster: DRC manages an Emergency Roster with some 300 highly qualified and trained specialists available for rapid secondment to UN-organizations (normally within 72 hours). The Emergency Roster has stand-by agreements with UNHCR, WFP, OCHA, UNICEF, UNDP and IOM.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The development and inter church aid commission is the development wing of the ethiopian orthodox church established in 1972. Before establishment since 1964 the organization has also been providing assistance to refugees. DICAC envisions a just society in which everybody is able to lead a quality of life. The mission of the organization is to assist the disadvantaged to attain self reliance by tackling the root causes of poverty, drought, conflict, gender, inequality, and HIV/AIDS pandemics by promoting sustainable development.

STRUCTURE:

The Commission has six departments namely Refugee and Returnees assistance, Development, HIV/AIDS prevention and control, Water and Sanitation, Human resource, Planning and Policy and Finance departments. The organization is working almost in all parts of the country. Particularly the Refugee and Returnee affairs department is currently working in five refugee camps namely Pugnido, Sherkole, Sheder, Teferiber, and Kebrebeya and assistance to urban refugees in Addis Ababa.

ACTIVITIES:

- Providing Education assistance to camp and urban refugees
- Medical and other related assistance to urban refugees
- provision of other social services (subsistence allowance, clothing allowance...)
- working to combat HIV/AIDS on refugee community
- Responding on Sexual and Gender based violence

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Dubai Cares, a UAE based charitable establishment, was launched on September 19, 2007 by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

About Dubai Cares

Inspired by His Highness' belief that education is the most effective tool to break the cycle of poverty, Dubai Cares aims to improve children's access to primary education in developing countries.

STRUCTURE:

Dubai Cares is headquartered in United Arab Emirates and now have active projects in 13 countries globally.

ACTIVITIES:

- Access to Primary Education
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Elsugya charity organization has been established as a national ngo to work in the field of providing potable water especially in the rural areas. It was established in accordance with the commission for humanitarian assistance law in July 1999. Some of the main objectives of the organization are:- 1- water provision for areas that suffer from thirst. 2- improvement of living standards of the population in the targeted areas by availing potable water for both people and their livestock.

STRUCTURE:

- 1- The Board Of Trustees (25 persons)

2- The Executive Committee (8 persons)

ACTIVITIES:

Concentrated in providing people with potable water through the different sources available, such as bore hole drilling, Hafir excavation, etc.

Elimination of Child Labour in Tobacco

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The ECLT Foundation – for the Elimination of Child Labour in Tobacco-growing - is a multistakeholder partnership grouping unions, growers and corporates with the ILO as Board advisor. Its mission is to contribute to the elimination of child labour in the tobacco growing sector, and more generally within agriculture in the areas where it intervenes. ECLT is based in Geneva and was established in 2001. It is active in Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, as well as in Kyrgyzstan and in the Philippines.

The ECLT Foundation Board Members agree that the needs of each country differ and local solutions should be found within a framework including the following three principles:

- children have the right to schooling, a full family life and a safe and healthy upbringing;
- children under the minimum legal age or under the age recognised by ILO Conventions 138 and 182 should not be employed in the production of tobacco leaf;
- as many tobacco enterprises are family-run, it may be possible that children take part in routine chores as part of family life for the development of craft skills. This must not extend to potentially hazardous tasks using machinery and agro-chemicals and must not impede proper educational development including school attendance.

For further information please consult www.eclt.org

STRUCTURE:

ECLT Foundation is based in Geneva and works through local, national bodies which could be NGOs, governments, universities, or trade unions. Geneva office comprises 4 staff, the executive director, two programme managers and an office administrator.

ACTIVITIES:

The ECLT Foundation's work through its projects is guided by the following principles:

1. Building multi-stakeholder partnerships;
2. Raising awareness on child labour;
3. Improving access to education;
4. Fostering dialogue between social partners;
5. Integrating projects within national frameworks of action against child labour;
6. Building local capacity to ensure ownership and long-term sustainability;
7. Improving the communities' livelihoods and living conditions;
8. Ensuring project accountability through monitoring, impact assessment and evaluation.
9. Co-operating closely with local and national authorities;
10. Setting up vocational training for older children

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The European Council on Refugees & Exiles (ECRE) is a pan-European network of refugee-assisting non-governmental organisations. ECRE is concerned with the needs of all individuals who seek refuge and protection within Europe.

aim

To promote the protection and integration of refugees in Europe based on the values of human dignity, human rights, and an ethic of solidarity.

methods

ECRE seeks to achieve this aim by:

Advocating a humane and generous European asylum policy and by promoting the development of a comprehensive and coherent response by the international community to refugee movements.

Strengthening networking between refugee-assisting non-governmental organisations in Europe.

Developing the institutional capacity of refugee-assisting non-governmental organisations in Europe.

ECRE draws on the energy, ideas and commitment of an active membership of refugee-assisting non-governmental organisations and a strong secretariat. It also strives to involve wider civil society, the political community and refugee communities in its work. It respects the cultural values of different parts of Europe.

It aims to ensure that its ideas and positions are of high quality, legally accurate and representative of a wide range of knowledge, experience and best practice throughout Europe.

Its working methods are guided by democratic values and the principle of seeking to mobilise the widest possible active involvement of its member agencies through working groups, advisory groups, regional fora and Europe-wide networks. It encourages, wherever appropriate, its member agencies to take the lead on a particular project.

STRUCTURE:

ECRE is its membership, nearly 80 full and associate member agencies, comprising key NGOs working in the European refugee field. The Plenary Assembly of member agencies establishes the overall policies of ECRE. The Plenary elects the Executive Committee, which consists of representatives of member agencies from all European regions. A member of the Executive Committee acts as Treasurer.

ACTIVITIES:

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The European Disability Forum (EDF) is an independent European non-governmental organisation (ENGO) that represents the interests of 50 million disabled people in the European Union and stands for their rights.

EDF is the only European platform of disabled people, which is run by disabled people or the families of disabled people unable to represent themselves.

EDF's mission is to promote equal opportunities for disabled people and to protect their Human Rights, making sure that no decisions concerning disabled people are taken without disabled people.

EDF was created in 1996 by its member organisations to defend issues of common concern to all disability groups, and to be an independent and strong voice for disabled citizens towards the EU institutions and other European authorities.

Since that date, the European Disability Forum has played a key role in ensuring that all relevant European Union policies and initiatives take disabled people into account.

EDF has no political or religious affiliation; it does not represent any specific interest or country and it is not a European institution or body. It is a democratic European platform that believes that a society in which disabled people are fully included, is a better society for all.

STRUCTURE:

A democratic, transparent, representative structure

The work of EDF is organised around a democratic and transparent representative structure. All impairment groups and the families of disabled people unable to speak for themselves are represented and directly involved in the work of EDF. Moreover, all the decisions are taken by disabled people or the families of disabled persons unable to represent themselves.

An extensive and inclusive membership

EDF's has numerous member organisations reflecting a broad geographical base and a wide range of concerns across the European disability movement. Most of EDF's members are network organisations acting at the European and national level, including numerous organisations working also at the regional and local level.

This extensive membership is based on two pillars, which are reflected in the structure of the governing bodies:

-The national councils of disabled people from the 27 EU Member States, plus Iceland and Norway. These are independent platforms of disabled people, including all major impairment groups in each country.

-The European organisations representing the interests of various disability groups and their families in Europe and specialised by type of impairment or sector of activity.

NGOs working for disabled people, organisations at all levels and individuals committed to promote the aims and objectives of EDF.

Balanced governing bodies

EDF decision-making bodies are composed by a large majority of disabled people and parents of disabled people who cannot represent themselves.

Moreover, they guarantee a proper representation of all impairment groupings and a gender balance.

EDF Board and President are elected every four years by the Annual General Assembly. They are the pillars of the organisation and the guarantee of its democratic decision-making process:

the Annual General Assembly is the highest body fully empowered to realize the EDF aims and objectives.

The Board of Directors has supervisory powers over management and administration.

The Executive Committee is elected by the Board and is responsible for day-to-day policy matters and for the implementation of the work programme.

EDF Target Group Committees, Task Forces and E-mail Expert Groups assist and advise EDF on certain distinct policy areas: women and youth with disabilities, education, health, transport, information and communication technologies, built environment, non-discrimination and social services and community living.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Executive Committee are elected by the Board of Directors for a 4 year period (2005-2009).

The Executive Committee is composed by 10 members, out of which 5 come from European disability NGOs and 5 from the National Councils of disabled people, plus the EDF President.

ACTIVITIES:

The work of EDF covers all fields of European Union competence and a great number of initiatives. Although the European institutions might seem far for many citizens, the decisions taken by the European Union, which are the result of negotiations between all Member States, have a direct impact on disabled people's lives.

That is why, the role of EDF is so important in monitoring all EU initiatives and in proposing new legislation to advance disabled people's rights.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Since 1999, FilmAid has used the power of film and video to reach the world's most vulnerable communities with messages that inspire them, address their critical shared needs, and effect social change. FilmAid guides and trains members of the local community to write, direct, act, and edit films/videos on topics relevant to them. These films/videos are screened for the community in large outdoor venues (reaching thousands at a time) and smaller intimate workshops (for 20 - 50 people).

STRUCTURE:

FilmAid maintains a small global headquarters in New York City (1 staff member and 5 volunteers), and a program office in Nairobi, Kenya (6 full time staff members). There are also offices in the Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps (with 4 full time staff and 20+ part time workers). FilmAid also has a development office in London, UK. FilmAid is overseen by board members who are based in the US, the UK, Mexico, and Rwanda.

ACTIVITIES:

FilmAid disseminates vital information to refugees and others in need, by working with communities to create and present films/videos that are culturally relevant and that meet local needs. Topics covered include health issues, women's rights, repatriation information, and more.

In 2008/9 FilmAid has been working with the UNHCR on a video version of its Handbook for the Protection of Women and Girls. FilmAid also partners with other NGO's in the field to meet their messaging needs, including the IRC, Windle Trust, LWF, World Food Programme, Church World Service, and others. FilmAid is also developing videos about HIV/AIDS with funding from the US PEPFAR initiative.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

FRC is an international specialist in refugee work and its mission is to improve the basic rights of the refugees and returnees. FRC was established in 1965 and is a religiously and politically non-aligned NGO. The underlying principle is to support activity and participation among refugees. Project beneficiaries are involved in project activities from the planning phase onwards, in order to ensure that they identify with them and to feel like their needs are paid attention to.

STRUCTURE:

At present, projects are implemented in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Uganda and Finland. The number of staff is appr. 70, of with 25 work in Finland

ACTIVITIES:

FRC does information, education and social work in Finland. Abroad FRC gives adult education and skills training, works among the youth at the refugee settlements and supports the returnee communities in societies recovering from crises. FRC's work abroad concentrates on the realisation of fundamental rights of refugees during refuge, and after the repatriation process is over. Activities enhance poverty reduction and empowerment through education.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The official establishment and institutional structure of the IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, whose preliminary foundation was laid by a group of charitable people to extend humanitarian aid to Bosnia in 1992 during the war years, was completed in 1995. The IHH aims to reach every region hit by wars, disasters, poverty and human rights abuses, and believes that civilian initiatives play a complementary role beside intervention by states and international organizations in resolving humanitarian problems. Wherever he or she is distressed, victimized by war, disaster, and etc, wounded, disabled, made homeless, subjected to famine, and oppressed, it is the IHH's main objective to deliver humanitarian aid to all people and take necessary steps to prevent any violations against their basic rights and liberties.

STRUCTURE:

The Organizational Structure is as follow: Under the Board of Trustees there is Board of Directors. Under Board of Directors there is Executive Members. Under the Executive Members there are lots of commissions.

Our Organisation has many departments.

The main departments: - Foreign Affairs Department - Internal Affairs Department, - Orphan Department, - Refugees Department, - Researches Department, - Publishing Department, - Media Department, - Public Relation Department, - Advertising Department - Educational Department, - Administration Affairs Department, - Logistic Department, - Diplomatic Relations Department.

ACTIVITIES:

The IHH primarily delivers foodstuff, clothes and tents to crisis regions hit by wars, conflicts, and natural disaster to meet urgent needs of victims. The foundation further provides health services in drought and aridity-stricken regions where poverty and deprivation have become chronic, and carries out long-term projects that aim at enabling local peoples stand on their own feet. In this regard, vocational training programs are organized for families;

orphanages are provided with necessary services; health services such as maternal wards and mobile clinics as well as educational services such as setting up research and computer centres are provided.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

France terre d'asile a été créée en 1971 afin de promouvoir et de défendre le droit d'asile, une spécialisation jusqu'alors inédite dans le paysage des structures militantes pour les droits de l'homme. Issus de milieux intellectuels provenant de la Résistance, mais aussi du réseau Curriel, d'associations chrétiennes et laïques, ses fondateurs s'engagent dans un rôle de médiation avec les pouvoirs publics. Ils insufflent également à l'association une forte volonté d'agir sur le terrain en faveur des nombreux demandeurs d'asile qui affluent au gré de l'actualité.

STRUCTURE:

France terre d'asile est une association régie par la loi de 1901.

ACTIVITIES:

La promotion du droit d'asile en France. France terre d'asile assure une veille attentive sur les évolutions juridiques, les enjeux politiques et les pratiques administratives. Elle dispense des actions d'information et effectue démarches et interventions auprès tout organisme, public ou privé, intervenant sur toute question relative au droit d'asile. Fréquemment auditionnée lors des travaux législatifs ou par les commissions parlementaires, France terre d'asile interpelle régulièrement les plus hautes autorités de l'Etat sur la défense du droit d'asile et sur la situation des demandeurs. L'assistance sociale et administrative aux demandeurs d'asile. France terre d'asile accueille, informe et oriente les demandeurs d'asile en fonction des besoins repérés (hébergement d'urgence, point repas, vestiaire, etc ...).

Elle leur apporte une aide administrative et sociale, du début de la procédure jusqu'à la détermination ou non de la qualité de réfugié. Elle accompagne les demandeurs d'asile qui sollicitent un hébergement dans un centre d'accueil pour demandeur d'asile (CADA) et les assiste dans l'élaboration de leur demande. Par ailleurs, France terre d'asile assiste le primo-arrivant dans ses premières démarches administratives par la délivrance d'une domiciliation postale, l'ouverture d'un compte postale en vue de recevoir l'allocation d'insertion, l'ouverture des droits pour l'immatriculation à la CPAM ainsi que l'ouverture des droits à la CMU complémentaire (accès aux soins). L'accueil des demandeurs d'asile et des réfugiés. France terre d'asile gère directement 29 centres d'accueil pour demandeur d'asile (CADA). Les demandeurs d'asile y sont hébergés et y bénéficient d'un accompagnement social et administratif. L'accueil des mineurs isolés demandeurs d'asile. France terre d'asile gère l'unique centre d'accueil pour mineurs isolés demandeurs d'asile. Ce centre, situé en région parisienne, dispose d'une capacité de 33 places.

Elle apporte également une aide spécifique (demande de prise en charge par les autorités compétentes, diverses interventions en vue d'une protection juridique, aide au dossier OFPRA et accompagnement durant la procédure) aux mineurs isolés demandeurs d'asile en milieu ouvert par le biais de sa plateforme d'accueil de jour. Des actions de formation. France terre d'asile est reconnue organisme de formation. Elle propose aux travailleurs sociaux, et plus généralement à toute personne impliquée dans la défense des réfugiés, des formations sur les thèmes du droit d'asile en France et en Europe, de l'accompagnement psychologique et social des demandeurs d'asile et des réfugiés et de l'insertion professionnelle des réfugiés. La conduite de projets d'insertion professionnelle des réfugiés et migrants de droit du Département intégration. France terre d'asile œuvre pour que la question de l'intégration de ceux à qui notre pays a accordé sa protection et qui sont destinés à demeurer durablement en France, soit partie prenante dans le droit d'asile. A ce titre, la direction Emploi-Logement a mis en place plusieurs dispositifs ayant l'objectif de prévenir l'exclusion sociale et professionnelle des réfugiés et des migrants de droit.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Frontiers - Ruwad (FR) is a non-profit and apolitical NGO based in Lebanon.

FR aims at enhancing and consolidating the human rights culture embodied in the International Bill of Rights on both the individual and collective levels; safeguarding and defending fundamental rights and public freedom of individuals and groups without discrimination; and seeking to be a center for building capacities in order to achieve sustainable human development. Part of FR mandate is to defend and advocate on behalf of refugees and asylum-seekers. FR has developed a professional quality refugee rights program.

STRUCTURE:

FR's staff and partners are trained and advised by experts with experience in international refugee law and legal aid development, and includes counselors with backgrounds in law and social sciences. FR has three broad divisions: legal aid and counseling team; research team; and advocacy team. FR is located in Beirut. It has a small management unit in order to maintain flexibility and ability to adapt to needs and developments in the area.

ACTIVITIES:

FR's main activities in the refugee arena include legal aid and counseling of refugees and asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrant groups; research and publication on pertinent refugee issues in Lebanon and in the region; information dissemination and raising awareness; empowerment of refugees; and networking at international and national level.

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La Fundación Ambiente y Sociedad -FAS es una organización no gubernamental, con personería jurídica aprobada por el Ministerio del Ambiente del Ecuador, en septiembre del 2000. En su práctica, Ambiente y Sociedad privilegia principios como la equidad, la solidaridad, la participación, el ejercicio de los derechos colectivos, sociales y ambientales, la organización, la coordinación interinstitucional, la transparencia y la rendición de cuentas, y la potenciación de las capacidades y fortalezas locales con un enfoque de género. Objetivos: Promover el aprovechamiento equilibrado de los recursos naturales del país, el mejoramiento de la calidad de vida y el desarrollo cultural de sus pueblos, en procesos sustentados en una amplia participación ciudadana y comunitaria en la toma de decisiones. Misión: Contribuir a procesos de desarrollo sostenible en el Ecuador, sobre la base de que el ser humano asuma y desarrolle propuestas socioeconómicas y culturales, a partir de su compromiso con el entorno natural. Estrategia: Se fundamenta en: - Una visión de mediano plazo y una comprensión integral, estratégica y política del desarrollo humano; -El respeto y apoyo al ejercicio de los derechos sociales y ambientales; -La interacción de la gente en sus diferentes dimensiones, construye y recrea el equilibrio y la armonía con el ambiente; -El diálogo y la construcción de alianzas con los distintos actores sociales, en los niveles locales, nacionales y regionales; - El trabajo en red para potenciar las capacidades y esfuerzos institucionales para la consecución de objetivos comunes; -Una visión nacional que identifica y prioriza los temas críticos de una sociedad sostenible.

STRUCTURE:

La estructura organizativa de la Fundación Ambiente y Sociedad es la siguiente: Asamblea de Miembros; Presidencia; Directorio; Dirección Ejecutiva; Administración. Tiene tres áreas de gestión: Aprovechamiento sostenible de recursos naturales; Políticas e Instrumentos de gestión; Investigación y Asistencia Técnica. Éstas trabajan de manera conjunta en función de los objetivos y resultados de cada proyecto en ejecución. Cuenta con un equipo técnico de profesionales en diferentes disciplinas con experiencia en diversos ámbitos y temáticas, a quienes se suman otros técnicos en función de los requerimientos de los proyectos y /o consultorías. En la actualidad el personal de FAS está compuesto por 18 personas (técnico y administrativo). La oficina de FAS se encuentra en la ciudad de Quito, Capital del Ecuador. Para la gestión del Proyecto con el ACNUR, tiene ahora una oficina en la ciudad de Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Provincia de Santo Domingo de los Tsachila.

ACTIVITIES:

Líneas de Acción:

1. Trabaja en el diseño, la evaluación y el seguimiento de políticas e instrumentos de gestión para el desarrollo sostenible. 2. Promueve la asistencia técnica, la capacitación y la difusión de información en procesos relacionados con la implementación de estrategias y proyectos de aprovechamiento sostenible de recursos naturales.
 3. Apoya actividades participativas orientadas al manejo de áreas naturales protegidas, ecosistemas frágiles y fuentes de agua, y al aprovechamiento productivo de la biodiversidad y el ecoturismo.
 4. Apoya procesos de desarrollo, descentralización y gestión local, en un trabajo de asistencia técnica, planificación y ejecución de proyectos en los campos ambiental, socioeconómico y cultural con comunidades, organizaciones, población con necesidad de protección internacional y gobiernos locales.
 5. Contribuye con los objetivos y metas ambientales y sociales del país en el marco de los compromisos adquiridos en convenios internacionales suscritos por el Ecuador, a través de la colaboración con organismos públicos y privados, nacionales e internacionales en la promoción del desarrollo sostenible. Principales Proyectos en ejecución y entidades de apoyo:
 - Programa de Apoyo Comunitario e Integración Local en comunidades que acogen población con necesidades de protección internacional. Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Refugiados – ACNUR
 - Proyecto Registro Ampliado. Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Refugiados -ACNUR
 - Desarrollo del Programa Bolsa Amazonía en el Ecuador (apoyo a pequeños productores en proyectos productivos de aprovechamiento de la biodiversidad, ecoturismo, y artesanía indígena en la Amazonía). HIVOS, Holanda
 - Manejo sustentable de la biodiversidad amazónica mediante el fortalecimiento de capacidades locales en gestión ambiental y microempresarial.
- Programa de Pequeñas Donaciones del Fondo para el Medio Ambiente Mundial -PPD/FMAM/UNDP
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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Intermon Oxfam (IO) is a non-governmental organization, working since 1956 with persons from the poorest countries in order to succeed in getting their right to a decent life and in finding solutions to their own everyday issues.

In Intermon Oxfam we believe that poverty in this world could be eradicated. Its main cause is the unfair distribution of resources and the lack of access to them, as well as the lack of respect of human rights and the rights of the populations.

In order to eradicate poverty, all the persons should be able to exercise their main rights: from the basic needs up to cultural needs. Therefore, Intermon Oxfam works on offering to the persons and communities of the poorest countries, developing opportunities and tools in order to become themselves those who confront the changing process needed to build a united society.

The participation of the population of the countries in the North, of the governments and of the international organizations is very important in order to live in a fair world. With this objective, Intermon Oxfam is also advocating to influence the political decision-making processes, by suggesting and promoting proper and sustainable solutions to poverty and injustice. At the same time, IO works on raising awareness in our society, encouraging in this way a culture of solidarity in order to have active and committed citizens.

Oxfam International (OI) is a confederation created in 1995 and formed by 13 independent organizations with the same aim to fight against injustice and poverty in the world. Presently, Oxfam international is collaborating with about 3000 local organizations and is implementing cooperation projects in

more than one hundred countries. Its members ensure a major impact of its action thanks to the joint effort.

Mission:

“Intermón Oxfam are people who fight, with -and for- the disadvantaged population as part of a broad global movement, with the aim of eradicating injustice and poverty in order to ensure that all human beings could fully exercise their rights and enjoy a decent life”.

STRUCTURE:

Board and General Direction

Intermón Oxfam is a foundation run by a Board having the role to watch over the achievement of the objectives of the organization and, most of all, the coherence with the mission we set up. The Board comprises 15 persons coming from different professional sectors and different regions of Spain.

The Board members accomplish their task in a completely voluntary way, inspired by their commitment with IO objectives and they renew on a regular basis.

The Board chooses a person as General Director of the Foundation in charge of the executive direction of Intermon Oxfam.

Board of directors

The Board of directors is an executive section of Intermon Oxfam and it is formed by the persons in charge of the direction of each department, the General Director and the Deputy.

Executive Team

Comprises people in charge of the areas and departments of IO. These persons carry out directive tasks and manage the teams working for the achievement of our institutional objectives.

It comprises the following departments:

- ▣ Human Resources and Internal Management
- ▣ Territorial Department
- ▣ Fair trade
- ▣ Communication and Marketing
- ▣ Campaign and Research
- ▣ International Cooperation

Department of Human Resources and Internal Management

The DHG mandate is to provide IO with the necessary services and resources for its institutional action.

Territorial Department

The DT mandate is to promote the mobilisation of the society towards the change of ideas, beliefs, actions and policies with IO inputs.

-Fair Trade Department

The DCJ mandate is to promote the principles and the action of the Fair Trade in the North and South countries.

-Department of Communication and Marketing

The DCM mandate is to reinforce the culture of solidarity and generate the necessary resources for the IO operations.

-Department of Campaign and Research

The DCE mandate is to generate sustainable changing in values, policies and practices that contribute to improve life conditions of the most vulnerable.

-Department of International Cooperation

The DCI mandate is to promote changing in policies, practices, ideas and beliefs that determine the exercising of the rights of people in South.

ACTIVITIES:

Cooperation programs.

Preparing and implementing Humanitarian Action interventions and promoting prevention.

Raising public funds in order to develop these activities.

The programmes should count on programme managers and officers to ensure that IO could combine triple role (financial, coordinative- developer of capacities and implementer), the degree of combination depends on the type and the complexity of the programme, of the context and of the framework with counterparts.

IO programme team must work together with the counterpart teams in order to ensure the appropriate design, formulation, implementation, follow-up, evaluation and learning of the programme.

That's why Intermon Oxfam chose a decentralized model in the countries as a way to ensure that the impact of our actions are framed in a national strategic analysis, is sustainable and answers to the real needs of the target.

Our offices in the country have a permanent working team of more than 150 persons, locals most of them, run by our country director. The office working teams comprises specialists in development, humanitarian aid and advocacy and campaign, as well as administrative and logistic supporting staff.

Our headquarter staff is run by our executive team and comprises technical regional teams structured in five regions:

West Africa and Maghreb: with office in Chad, Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Morocco

East and Central Africa: with office in Burundi, Ethiopia, Sudan and Tanzania

Southern Africa and India: with office in Mozambique, Angola and India

Central America and Caribbean: with office in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Haiti and Dominican Republic

South America: with office Perú, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Brasil and Paraguay

The Humanitarian Action programs, besides of counting on the teams in the field, are counting on the teams in the HQ that give technical support for the project management, both in risk management (prevention, mitigation, community preparation) and in response and post-emergency; and are leading institutional preparation in Humanitarian Action.

As Humanitarian Action in IO is interdepartmental, in the model of humanitarian response management are interfering also, according to needs and contexts, the press and advocacy teams in order to ensure an integrated response; the public and private fundraising teams to follow up the funds for the response; and the human resources teams to follow up the Humanitarian Action staff selection and development.

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Future Worlds Centre (FWC) mission is to explore and utilize the evolution of information and communication technologies to strengthen the process of peace-building and civic education and to disseminate and promote the principles of Human Rights, Tolerance and Diversity. The FWC concentrates its efforts in these areas of action: the role of new media and technology in bridging the education, economic, political and other gaps in society by facilitating learning; the promotion of development education and its engagement in humanitarian affairs by providing practical assistance to victims of torture, asylum seekers and refugees as well as increasing public awareness of such issues. FWC was established on 6 November 1991. We work towards building our vision of the world and putting our mission into action through research, facilitation, advocacy and training, working with partners at every level from grassroots community action groups to governments. We believe in working with others to achieve common objectives. Our aim is to empower local partners with the necessary skills so that they can become more effective and sustainable.

STRUCTURE:

The New Media in Learning Laboratory, active in both research and social intervention, runs experimental projects that aim to develop new theories of learning, new IT-rich and mobile-based curricula, technologies to assess the role of emotions, attention and mental states in learning, and to integrate state of the art technologies (computers, IT, mobile phone) in the educational context. The Civil Society and Future Affairs Unit develops and implements programs that aim the development of a responsible and active civil society. Specific projects focus in capacity building, peace-related process in Cyprus, facilitation of communication and understanding between people in conflicting societies, public debates about human rights, transparency, safer use of Internet, extending European citizenship in the Southern parts of Europe, youth participation etc. It organizes seminars, workshops, trainings and conferences to promote its social-intervention aims. The Technology For Peace Unit develops theory on how technology can and must be used in the service of peace. More specifically, it develops educationally relevant and socially responsible IT & Mobile-based curriculum, and. It participates in various international and European organizations and through its Development Education program aims to contribute towards bridging the literacy, economic and digital divides in our world. The Special Education Unit develops new theories of learning based on mental attributes, web-based, video-game-like testing interfaces to evaluate cognitive profiles and learning abilities. It also develops software-based systems for treatment of various conditions. The Youth Promoting Peace Unit supports youth initiatives that aim social transformation, youth participation, peace and co-existence in conflict societies.

ACTIVITIES:

Humanitarian Affairs We support asylum seekers and refugees in Cyprus throughout their legal procedures by providing them with free legal advice and enabling them in their relationship with the social services. We also offer mid- to long-term legal, medical and psychological support to victims of torture and their families. As implementing partner to the UNHCR representation in Cyprus, the Future Worlds Center is responsible for monitoring the access of asylum seekers to the asylum procedure of the Republic of Cyprus as well as the access to rights by asylum seekers and refugees, provide individual advice, support and counseling. The purpose of the particular action is to reduce the difficulties of asylum seekers to get access to general information on the refugee concept, rights and obligations under the national asylum procedure, the provision of legal advice and counseling as well as the necessary well targeted interventions with the relevant staff in the ministries to address shortcomings in policy and practice. In practical terms the legal advisors of the project also provide assistance to asylum seekers with deserving cases to prepare their appeals for the Reviewing Authority. The current project is also responsible for facilitating the local integration of recognized refugees and raising awareness over the plight of refugees within the local community. Results of the action: Strengthening Asylum in Cyprus is an ongoing process of awareness raising, and legal support services. Nevertheless the expected impact concentrates on the protection of the beneficiary population, with particular sensitivity towards women refugees and children, including adolescents. In addition, associates, volunteers and friends working with the action have carried a clothes and gifts drive for asylum seekers, refugees and their families while solid outcomes of the action also include a booklet with information for Asylum Seekers and Refugees on applying for Asylum in Cyprus. **Development Education** We enable the development of an educational curriculum on Peace through local and international workshops and seminars for citizens of all ages. We strengthen the social skills and professional of youth from Less Favored Areas in trainings so as to help disseminate the values and objectives of the European Union. We are pioneers in the creation of an island- wide platform for NGOs active in development and NGOs that want to play a bigger role in this area. **Peace & Social Justice** We support the only bi-communal radio programme on the island of Cyprus. We manage various international youth project. We promote the role of music in intercultural understanding across South East Europe. We bring Greek- and Turkish-Cypriots from all walks of life together and facilitate reconciliation. **Technology for Learning** We use technology to bring people across age, ethnic and racial groups together through research, the use of conferences (live and video), eLearning platforms and our online resources. We help optimize and promote eLearning as a stimulating factor in open and distance learning for adults. We conduct research on how to merge new mobile technologies with humanitarianism, making them accessible and beneficial to all. Several research projects aim to explore how children learn when embedded in IT environments and how to design educational systems adaptable to individual needs.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

GONGGAM is the only non-profit full time public interest lawyers' group in South Korea founded in 2004.

We aim to:

1) Develop and nurture a culture of human rights in Korea;

- 2) Pursue social change through legal reform and strategic litigation; and
- 3) Promote public interest lawyering and pro bono.

STRUCTURE:

GONGGAM has 7 lawyers and 2 coordinators as equal members without a representative. We also work with a fellow (an American lawyer) and 15-25 volunteer researchers. Our office is located in Seoul but we work with more than 100 human rights NGOs all around South Korea.

ACTIVITIES:

GONGGAM has been doing legal support for NGOs, legal training NGO staff and public interest litigation and legal reform work on the human rights issues of migrants and refugees, women, persons with disabilities, poverty and welfare, and international human rights. GONGGAM has been the only operation partner of UNHCR in South Korea since 2005.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Good Neighbors is an international humanitarian and development NGO in General Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC. GN has made great strides in its mission by providing people around the world with a better quality of life since its establishment in 1991. GN currently working through 27 offices and field presences around the world to ensure the well-being of people in need, especially women and children.

STRUCTURE:

Good Neighbors International was established in 1991 in Seoul, Korea. In the following 12 years, its projects expanded from just 2 countries, to a total of 25 including field offices, fund-raising offices and advocacy presences. A total of 1120 staff work for GN, 650 among which on field offices. There are a total of 9000 volunteers annually helping the work and missions of GN throughout the world.

ACTIVITIES:

Education, vocational training, child care, agricultural development, community development, health and sanitation, women development, environment improvement and emergency relief work are Good Neighbours major activities. GN works through 87 missions in 21 states including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, DPRK, ROK, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Vietnam and Yemen.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

We in Group 484 are dedicated to creating a world in which people can live freely wherever they wish and where all their rights and diversities are respected. Our mission is to promote the values of equity and tolerance, to promote life in mixed communities, a life that is enriched by people of diverse origins and aspirations. Therefore, Group 484 empowers newcomers, refugees and IDPs to fully participate in the life of local communities and at the same time it encourages the local population, especially young people, to open up and learn to accept and respect their rights and diversities. Ever since it was founded, Group 484 has worked and supported people imperilled by forced migrations; refugees from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1995; IDPs from Kosovo and Metohija since 1999.

Group 484 provides direct information, legal, medical and psychosocial assistance to the most vulnerable refugees and IDPs, focusing primarily on support for their direct participation in decision-making that affects their lives.

Our work with local communities is focused on inclusion of young people and forced migrants in building a tolerant and open society, offering equal opportunities for participation to all and ensuring that human rights are respected.

At policy level, we are focused on rights-based approach to poverty issues related to refugees and IDPs and building our capacity to engage in policy debates related to asylum, both nationally and internationally. We are determined to continue our proactive engagement in monitoring situation related to poverty of refugees, IDPs and other vulnerable groups.

Group 484 is member of the European Council for Refugees and Exile (ECRE).

STRUCTURE:

Assembly of the Group 484 is consisted of 25 members. Board is consisted of 7 well known civil society experts, professors, publisher, consultants. Executive Director with Deputy Director and three Program Coordinators creates Management Team which manages program of Group 484. Three Program Coordinators are responsible for: Direct Assistance, Policy/Advocacy and Empowerment of Forced Migrants (Training and Education). Each Program Coordinator has a team of people that are developing and implementing activities. Direct Assistance team consist of 2 project coordinators and 2 project assistance. Policy Advocacy team consist of 2 Policy Officers, 1 Researcher and 1 Legal Analyst. Empowerment of Forced Migrants team has 1 project coordinator and two trainers. Group 484 has also more than hundred associates and volunteers in more than 50 municipalities in Serbia.

ACTIVITIES:

Group 484 provides direct assistance through information, legal, medical and psychosocial assistance to the most vulnerable refugees and IDPs. We are through local partner organisations working in more than 40 Collective Centres in Serbia.

Our work with local communities is focused on inclusion of young people and forced migrants in building a tolerant and open society, offering equal opportunities for participation to all and ensuring that human rights are respected. That means we are providing integrative workshops with migrants and

young domicile population, provide training on refugee and IDP rights to the local institutions, provide interethnic

At policy level, we are focused on rights-based approach to poverty issues related to refugees and IDPs and building our capacity to engage in policy debates related to asylum, both nationally and internationally. We are determined to continue our proactive engagement in monitoring situation related to poverty of refugees, IDPs and other vulnerable groups. We are researching, creating policy papers/positions, organising round tables, conferences, focus group discussions with refugees and IDPs

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GTZ is a federal enterprise based in Eschborn near Frankfurt am Main. It was founded in 1975 as a company under private law. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is its major client. The company also operates on behalf of other German ministries, partner-country governments and international clients, such as the European Commission, the United Nations and the World Bank, as well as on behalf of private enterprises. GTZ works on a public-benefit basis. Any surpluses generated are channelled back into its own international cooperation projects for sustainable development.

STRUCTURE:

In more than 130 countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Eastern European countries in transition and the New Independent States (NIS), GTZ employs some 9,400 staff. Around 1,400 of these are seconded experts and approximately 7,000 national personnel. GTZ maintains its own offices in 66 countries. Some 1,000 people are employed at Head Office in Eschborn near Frankfurt am Main.

ACTIVITIES:

GTZ's services span a wide range of activity areas, from economic development and employment promotion, through governance and democracy, health and basic education to environmental protection, resource conservation, agriculture, fisheries and nutrition. In all our activity areas we help enhance the capabilities of individuals and organisations. Government advisory services are a high priority area of GTZ's work, and in many partner countries we are assisting comprehensive reform processes and the necessary changes to the political, economic and social framework conditions. Where acute need is jeopardising human survival, GTZ also responds with emergency aid and refugee programmes. Here too, our concept is geared to strengthening people's capacity to help themselves and promoting development that is self-sustaining in the long term. In recent years, GTZ has further extended its services, for example in organising and running major events.

Hague Process on Refugees and Migration

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The Hague Process on Refugees and Migration (THP) is a catalyst and facilitator for the development of innovative refugee and migration policies. It seeks to connect and give a voice to various stakeholders that have an interest in the field. In its projects THP explicitly places refugee and migration issues in the context of development with respect for human rights. THP is a network organization focused on developing new visions and insights, drawing on a wide range of global resources. It turns visions into useful concepts and instruments for its partners and others to use. Its active network of over 2500 individuals and institutions enables this approach.

THP identifies barriers to effective refugee and migration policies and develops ideas and tools to overcome these barriers. Since the publication of the 'Declaration of The Hague on the Future of Refugee and Migration Policies' (2002), the focus of THP's work has been on business & migration, local governments & migration, migration & development, and regional dialogues on refugees and migration. In all its activities THP actively collaborates with other initiatives and institutions and strives where possible to be complementary to these.

STRUCTURE:

THP is an international foundation, with an international Board and a small secretariat based in The Hague, The Netherlands. THP functions as a network organization that plays the role of a 'bridge-builder' between interested governments and governmental institutions on the one hand and civil society - including academia, voluntary organizations and faith groups as well as the business, local government, education, and health sectors - on the other.

ACTIVITIES:

THP is currently gearing its working strands on business, big cities, migration and development and regional dialogues into one comprehensive framework under the title: 'The Global Refugee and Migration Challenge: towards new responses and solutions.' The objective is to arrive at clear and visionary responses and directions for solutions to the refugee, migration and development challenges of our time. It will work through an ambitious series of regional seminars, web based consultations, research, and scenario development towards a Global Summit on Refugees and Migration in June 2011. Information on activities of the past and relevant publications, such as the Compendium of Rights Related to Migration and the People on the Move Handbook of Selected terms and concepts (in cooperation with UNESCO) can be found on the website www.thehagueprocess.org.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL. Created in 1982, Handicap International is a non-governmental international solidarity organisation with the status of a non-profit-making association. Handicap International is specialised in the field of disability. Its action falls within the framework of humanitarian aid, solidarity and development in the different phases of emergency – rehabilitation – development. Handicap International works and campaigns for an inclusive society where there is as much participation and physical, mental and social well-being as possible for everyone. Handicap International is Recipient of the 1996 UNHCR's Nansen Refugee Award and Co-Recipient of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize.

STRUCTURE:

Handicap International is an international movement. Eight sections : In France (since 1982), Belgium (1986), Switzerland (1996), Germany (1998), Luxembourg (1998), United Kingdom (1999), Canada (2003), and United States (2006) are working together on mobilising resources, co-managing projects, amplifying the movement's principles and actions, broadening its network and creating a federative structure. Handicap International has 2 operational platforms, in Lyon (FR) and Brussels (B), coordinating the contributions of the international sections. Regional desks, a Mine-Action department and an Emergency Relief department are managing programmes in 54 countries.

ACTIVITIES:

Handicap International uses a global approach through actions aimed at prevention, risk reduction, the development of personal aptitudes and the adaptation of environmental factors. HI's action, centred on restoring capacities, improving living conditions and increasing social participation, is aimed at satisfying the basic needs of people and populations and enabling them to exercise their fundamental rights, with the intention of bringing about lasting change and progress. The component actions of the association's range of activities are:

- Disability : health, functional rehabilitation, social action, rights and disability policy; Anti-mines and cluster bombs actions; Humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced populations. In July 2006, Handicap International and Atlas Logistique have joined their expertises.

In creating together a specific Emergency Relief Department, they reinforce their commitment to people affected by conflicts and disasters.

Fields of activities in Emergency:

- Relief and support to people with disabilities and to vulnerable groups
- Victim assistance : physical rehabilitation, orthopaedics, psycho-social support • Preventive health – Care – Community-based Rehabilitation
- Vocational and social inclusion • Transport, storage and distribution of humanitarian aid
- Management of camps and of voluntary repatriation • Access to water and sanitation • Shelters and reconstruction
- Mine risk education and mine clearance.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Harikar Definition: Harikar NGO is a neutral, non-governmental, non-profit humanitarian organization established in 30th May 2004 by group of social a/human right activists (Ex. UN staff). Harikar NGO as stated in its mission statement strives toward the fulfillment of human and women rights in Dohuk Governorate as stipulated in the new Iraqi constitution of 15th October 2005. Harikar NGO has implemented around 50 projects with various partners (UNHCR,IRD, UNDP, UNOPS, PRT, RRT, IRC, IRI, Daikonika, SCF-UK, Mission east, ICSP and others) in fields of Legal Protection,Relief Assistance, Gender equality for Poepole of Concern to UNHCR, and civic education, Gender Based Violence, raising awareness on hygiene and health education, raising awareness on violence against women; promotion of human right. Also as part of its collaboration and support to strengthen CSOs capacity, Harikar NGO staff providing guidance to newly established NGO on how to formulate project and prepare proposals. Harikar usually implement its projects in close cooperation and coordination with concerned local departments in Kurditan Region Government areas. The categories that we are targeting are mostly UNHCRs' people of Concerns ((IDPs, Refugees, Returnees, asylum seekers....., women and children. Harikar NGOs' Mission Statement Harikar is a neutral non-governmental humanitarian organization, which believes that in every aspect of life priority must be given to children and women. It commits itself to ensure particular protection for the very disadvantaged children and women, such as children who are born with chronic/abnormal diseases, disabled children, children with extreme poverty, victims of war and widows as well as woman headed families. Harikar assists in upgrading of the health service and promotion of technical cooperation, and –within the available resources- to promote/develop the infrastructure of the basic services. It also looks forward to participate- within its resources- in the process of rebuilding of the new Iraq. In close coordination with the other specialized agencies, Harikar assists in the improvement of nutrition, recreation, economic and other aspects of environmental hygiene. Harikar believes that education is a fundamental right and works towards its promotion; in this aspect, it strives towards ensuring basic education for all children irrespective of gender, religion, race and ethnicities. Harikar works with all national and international organizations as well as government bodies towards the realization of the sustainable human development objectives and contributes towards the achievement of the vision of piece and social progress.

Main Objective of Harikar NGO:

1. The organization is founded with the purpose of developing civil society through establishing an open space for all ethnic groups living within the borders of the country. The space is open for co-ordination with the other international and local non-governmental organizations.
2. In order to fulfill its objectives, but not to be limited to, the organization would undertake the following activities: - Co-operation in the areas of reconstruction, relief and humanitarian aid. - Special attention would be paid to the human rights, as regards to equity between males and females, maternity, childhood, extreme poor/ disadvantaged and vulnerable children through organizing awareness courses on the civil rights and establishing connection channels with the universities and educational institutes in close co-ordination with the concerned local departments. - Participation in the improvement of food security through supporting the income generation projects towards promotion of self-reliance. - Participation in the improvement of

education through promotion of girls' education and organizing teaching methodology development courses for teachers, provision of education materials and exchange of information. - Participation in upgrading of the medical services with focus on the mothers'/children's health and nutrition; through organizing training/awareness for the medical staff, provision of materials and exchange of information in close co-ordination with the concerned local departments. - Participation in the development of supply of potable water and proper sanitation through supporting and implementation of new projects and maintenance of the existing projects, especially in rural areas, and organizing awareness courses on water handling and conservation.

3. The organization shall implement its projects and undertake activities in co-ordination with the concerned government departments.

STRUCTURE:

Harikar staffing structure S/N Name Title 1 Salah Y. Majid Programme Coordinator 2 Zeyad Essa Mohammed Ameen PAC Manager 3 Sahira Ali Hussein Accountant 4 Sherzad Mohammed Salman Lawyer (Male) 5 Suham Ahmed Sito Lawyer (Female) 6 Salih Adulqadir Salih Information Officer/ Data Entry 7 Saadi Qasim Ahmed Need Assessment Officer 8 Rahima Abdullah Adulqadir Social Worker (Female) 9 Nareen Abass Mohammed Monitoring Officer (Female) 10 Jiyal Salih Hussein Monitoring Officer (male) 11 Halgord Ismail Mustafa Warehouse Manager 12 Aisha Aldullah Ali Lawyer 13 Diyar Ahmed Social Worker (Female) 14 Dr. Aveen Mahmood Physician 15 Rawshan Abdulsalam Atroshi Project Manager 16 Yasir Mamdooh IT Officer 17 Dejwar Yaseen Ahmed Officer cleaner/ Tea Maker 18 Doski Jasim Mohammed Receptionist /Security Farhang Mohammed Office Assistant 19 Amer Ahmed Abbas Office Guard 20 Sami Bayazeed Ahmed Driver 21 Mahdi Khalid Ali Driver 22 Azad Taha Mohammed Driver

Harikar NGO is based in Dohuk governorate, north of Iraq. But also is working in Musel, Erbil and sometime in Sulimaniya governorate also are located in the north of Iraq.

ACTIVITIES:

Harikar NGO is currently running the following projects:

1. Protection and Assiatnce Center, undertake the following activities; legal Legal Assistance, distribution of Non Food Items, Protection Monitoring, Identification of Protection needs, Capacity building, Advocacy for UNHCR persons of concern are the primary beneficiaries: IDPs, returnees (IDPs and refugees), refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons. Secondary beneficiaries include relevant local authorities, local institutions, and civil society (e.g. through protection related interventions, trainings, public awareness and workshops). The project is funded by UNHCR.
2. Women Rights- Enhance women rights education, heritage and life in Duhok and Nineveh Governorates, the project is aimed to raise the awerness of people of Dohuk and nineveh governorates on women rights pertains to heritage, education and life. The project is funded by Diakonia, a Swedish NGO.
3. Gender Based Violence prevention programme, the the project, Harikar NGO is providing legal, medical and social services to the victims of SGBV in rehabilitation and detention centers in Dohuk governorate.
4. Training of Prisons staff of Directorate of reform for women and children in Dohuk. Harikar would raise the awareness prinson staff on prisoners rights. The project is funded by UPP, Italian NGO
5. Education Campaign, Harikar is condcuting a survey to indenfy the doped out students and train 30 teachers to visit the parents of doped out children and convince them to resend their children to schools.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

For 125 years, Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights has been advancing the human rights and responding to the human needs of people struggling in poverty or danger. Heartland Alliance's areas of comprehensive focus are: legal protections, housing, health care, and economic security.

Heartland works on a local and a global level. From its central offices in Chicago, Heartland Alliance serves over 200,000 individuals annually in the US and in 12 countries around the world. Heartland Alliance has particular focus on the following populations: refugees, migrants, homeless persons, persons living in poverty, persons with HIV disease, survivors of torture and violence, and vulnerable women, children and sexual minorities.

STRUCTURE:

Heartland Alliance programs of particular relevance to UNHCR include the National Immigrant Justice Center, the International Children's Center, Refugee and Immigrant Services, the Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture and International Programs. Heartland employs more than 900 employees and has a volunteer corps of more than 800 individuals. Heartland Alliance employs human rights attorneys, medical and mental health professionals, resettlement workers, rehabilitation specialists, child welfare professionals, and a wide array of other social service and employment staff.

ACTIVITIES:

Through the Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), Heartland Alliance addresses detention policy and practice in the U.S. Through the NIJC, Heartland Alliance is engaged in advocacy on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers facing deportation from the U.S. Heartland also provides specialized services for separated children, many who are in the custody of the US government. Through its refugee resettlement program, Heartland resettles hundreds of refugees each year. Heartland provides mental health and medical services to survivors of torture in the United States and through international programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Iraq.

Heartland implements a range of social services and legal protection programs in the Middle East, assisting victims of human trafficking, minors in the criminal justice system, and victims of gender-based violence. In the Great Lakes region of Africa, Heartland Alliance is working to reintegrate child soldiers, provide services to victims of gender-based violence and assisting women who are HIV positive as a result of genocidal rape.

In Latin America, Heartland Alliance is training midwives and providing assistance to governments and non governmental organizations in working with victims of human trafficking. Heartland Alliance is a leading organization in advancing the rights and protections of sexual minorities worldwide, partnering with organizations in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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Started in New York City in 1881 by a group of Jewish immigrants who found sanctuary in the United States after fleeing persecution in Europe, HIAS has offered food, shelter, and other aid to countless new arrivals. For generation after generation, HIAS has provided essential lifesaving services to immigrants and refugees around the world, through its mission of rescue, reunion and resettlement.

STRUCTURE:

HIAS' headquarters, located in New York City, is home to the operational support departments of the organization, including Domestic and International Operations, Development, Finance, and Information Technology, and employs roughly 60 people. HIAS also operates a small Washington, D.C. based policy and advocacy office and works closely with a national refugee resettlement network in various locations around the United States. Internationally, HIAS has operations in Ecuador, Venezuela, Argentina, Austria, Israel, Russia, Ukraine, Chad, and Kenya.

ACTIVITIES:

In the U.S., HIAS is an active refugee resettlement organization, resettling refugees from all over the world to over thirty cities across the country. In Ecuador and Venezuela, HIAS works with Colombian refugees, providing psycho-social assistance to promote self-sufficiency and local integration. In Argentina, HIAS is a UNHCR implementing partner engaged in resettlement of Colombian refugees. In Vienna, Austria, HIAS serves as the Overseas Processing Entity (OPE) for the U.S. government, processing all U.S.-bound refugees, primarily religious minorities, from Iran. In its Tel Aviv, Israel, office, HIAS helps support new immigrants to the country through its ever-growing scholarship program and supports the Government of Israel with technical migration matters. In Russia and Ukraine, HIAS monitors conditions affecting Jews and other vulnerable populations in the area and provides legal services to select groups of migrants. In Chad, HIAS provides psycho-social services to refugees in five of the twelve UNHCR camps along the border with Sudan. Finally, in Kenya, HIAS works with other NGOs to identify and refer for resettlement and other durable solutions for the most vulnerable refugees. HIAS is an implementing partner of UNHCR in Ecuador, Ukraine, Venezuela, Argentina and Chad, an operational partner of UNHCR in Israel and Kenya, and literally works side-by-side (in neighboring offices and through frequent consultation) on refugee protection issues with UNHCR in Washington, D.C.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Established 1881 in New York City, HIAS is the international migration, rescue and resettlement arm of the organized Jewish community in the United States. It is the oldest international NGO dedicated to assisting refugees and migrants. Currently, HIAS is providing professional assistance to refugees and migrants in the US and around the world on a wide range of resettlement, legal, educational and related issues. HIAS is also actively engaged in the advocacy of refugee and human rights in the USA, Europe and other countries and is a member of Refugee Council USA and the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE).

STRUCTURE:

Employees: 73 at HIAS Headquarters in New York City, 126 worldwide. Representative offices: Buenos Aires; Geneva; Kyiv; Moscow; Tel Aviv; Vienna; Washington, DC. Program offices: Abeche (Chad); Quito (Ecuador); Nairobi (Kenya). HIAS is an implementing partner to UNHCR in Argentina, Chad, Ecuador and Ukraine. All international offices and programs report to the Department of International Operations at HIAS Headquarters in New York City. U.S. programs report to the Department of Refugee and Immigrant Services at HIAS Headquarters.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Resettlement and integration of refugees (worldwide).
2. Protection and legal representation of asylum seekers and refugees (Kenya; Ukraine; USA).
3. Refugee law education (Israel; Kenya; Ukraine).
4. Psychological assistance, social adaptation and educational programs (Chad; Ecuador; Kenya, Venezuela).
5. Pre-screening and resettlement processing of refugees as the US Department of State's "Overseas Processing Entity" in Vienna, Austria.
6. Cultural Orientation programs for refugees being resettled in the United States (Austria; Russian Federation).
7. Advocacy of refugee rights (USA, European Union, Former Soviet Union).
8. Scholarship programs for young immigrants (Israel).

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

HelpAge International has a vision of a world in which all older people fulfil their potential to lead dignified, healthy and secure lives. HelpAge International is a global network striving for the rights of disadvantaged older people to economic and physical security; healthcare and social services; and support in their caregiving role across the generations. Established 1985 as a Secretariat for a worldwide network of organisations with an interest in ageing issues. We work through partners and through our own country programmes across 6 geographical regions.

STRUCTURE:

An office in London services the needs of the network through 6 regional offices (Latin America, Caribbean, Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, South Asia, East Asia and Pacific) and a number of HAI-managed country programmes. The London office houses a Programmes Department; Worldwide Emergencies Unit; Policy and Communications Department; CEO's office; Finance, IT and administration; we have an international Board of Directors with a number of sub-committees. HAI employs 50 international and over 300 national staff worldwide.

ACTIVITIES:

Partner development and support; partner-based and partner-led community development programmes; policy and advocacy initiatives on a number of issues, in particular social protection; health and emergencies.

HAI is the global cluster lead on age and works closely with IASC-WG members on the age mainstreaming agenda in humanitarian reform.

HAI is an operational partner of UNHCR and has seconded a technical expert on age through DIPS/CDGECs to the Global Protection Cluster WG

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Based in Istanbul, the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly - Turkey (HCA) is an autonomous, non-profit, non-governmental organization working to advance fundamental rights and freedoms, peace, democracy and pluralism. Founded in 1988, HCA is associated with a network of other "Helsinki" organizations throughout Europe. HCA has advocated for the rights of refugees for more than seven years, and in 2004 established the Refugee Legal Aid Program (RLAP). RLAP was founded by a group of lawyers and human rights advocates to support and legally represent the many people who arrive each year in Turkey seeking refugee status. Starting in Fall 2006, HCA expanded its work in the area of refugee advocacy, establishing the Refugee Advocacy and Support Program (RASP). RASP, which builds on RLAP's expertise, focuses on training NGOs, raising public awareness about the situation of refugees in Turkey internationally and locally, and lobbying Turkish government authorities to implement laws and regulations upholding refugee rights. RASP is the only civic initiative in Turkey involved not only in direct legal and psychosocial services for refugees but also advocacy efforts aimed at developing the capacity of local NGOs to assist refugees and ensuring that national and local government agencies implement laws and policies upholding refugees' basic human rights. The overall goals of the program are to:

- (1) provide legal and psychosocial services to refugees in ways that will empower them to advocate for their own rights;
- (2) raise awareness and sensitivity in society about the situation and rights of refugees in Turkey;
- (3) improve refugee protection by building the capacity of non-governmental organizations and professionals in Turkey; and (4) advocate for the development and implementation of laws, policies and practices that reflect the highest standards under international refugee and human rights law.

STRUCTURE:

While HCA is affiliated with other Helsinki organizations in Europe, it is an independent agency, located only in Istanbul, Turkey. HCA as a whole employs more than 20 staff working on a range of human rights projects, including RASP. RASP itself employs ten staff and a number of contractors, including more than ten interpreters, a lawyer focusing on issues outside the RSD process, a psychologist and a psychiatrist. Staff members include a program director, program director assistant, an advocacy liaison, six legal advisors, an administrative assistant, a paralegal and a legal administrator.

ACTIVITIES:

RASP is involved in the following areas of activity: • Providing comprehensive, free legal advice to refugees regarding the UNHCR refugee status determination (RSD) process and Turkish administrative requirements, through individual counselling and legal representation as well as access to procedure support for asylum seekers in detention; • Providing refugees suffering from the psychological effects of torture and trauma with intensive psychological counselling and rehabilitation, through individual and family therapy, consultations with a psychiatrist, prescription and monitoring of medication and medical treatment; • Providing a range of trainings and public education tools for refugee communities, including community public legal education sessions, interpreter trainings, and information brochures available in refugee languages; • Supporting the coordination and expansion of services to refugees provided by NGOs and professionals in Turkey, through coordination meetings and trainings for NGOs and professionals, including intensive 3-day workshops for NGOs, refugees and government agencies in six "satellite cities" in Turkey; • Monitoring and reporting on Turkish state practice regarding the 'temporary asylum' procedure, the living conditions of refugees in "satellite cities," and access to the asylum procedure by asylum seekers in detention and transit zones; • Monitoring and reporting on UNHCR Ankara's RSD practices and their compliance with UNHCR's own legal guidelines and procedural standards; • Lobbying state officials and agencies to adopt and implement legislation and practices upholding the highest international standards relating to the protection of asylum seekers and refugees; • Raising awareness about the conditions of refugees in Turkey through outreach to national and international media, quarterly press campaigns on critical refugee issues, the publication of Refugee Voices – a quarterly newsletter written by refugees, field research and conference presentations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Human Appeal International (HAI) is a charitable, humanitarian, non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 1984 works in the fields of charity, development, specializes in Social and Educational Development, Health Care, and Emergency Relief. In addition to this, HAI holds consultative status (Category II) in the United Nations Social and Economic Council, maintains an observer capacity in IFAD (Int. Fund for Agriculture Development), and is a member of the International Council for Voluntary Associations (ICVA). HAI has also carried out joint ventures with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and has reached several memorandums of understanding with UNICEF, WFP, WHO, AGFUND.

Human Appeal International has 12 locations worldwide serving more than 20 million people in 12 countries (REFUGEES, IDPS, POOR AND DISASTERS VICTIMS). Of those individuals served, 80% were women and children. HAI has also sponsored 37,000 orphans providing them with food, supplies, safe shelters, education, and medical care through Complete Assistance Projects that ensured them generous and decent lives. In addition to the aforementioned relief and development work, HAI is credited with 20 years of humanitarian work and will continue to address humanitarian needs internationally.

STRUCTURE:

Since Human Appeal International works worldwide depends largely on its organisational structure and administrative abilities, offices based in 12 countries worldwide each have their own administrative system as suitable to the host country and Human Appeals needs.

ACTIVITIES:

- Human Appeal international works in 12 countries with a set structure for its relief and development programmes these have been divided into development programmes , each of these are further broken down into categories , such as for e.g. the emergency caters for food parcels , tents, shelters, urgent , medical aid , medical convoys , the social programme includes activates such as the feeding project , vocational training ,income generation schemes , social gifts , project and other general training , the development programme includes elements such as the disabled persons project , orphans ,water project , health project, education projects , family sponsorship and so on .

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Human Appeal International (HAI) works to achieve successful development and relief projects and has been working since 1991 to help eradicate poverty. HAI believes that every child has the right to be fed, sheltered, have a good education and medical care. HAI sponsors over 42,000 orphans worldwide, making great differences to the lives of the needy. Human Appeal International is working to: Relieve the suffering endured by victims of poverty, social injustice and natural disasters and to improve the quality of life of people in deprived communities through health, education and social development. We believe that all people are entitled to have: Security of life-Security of property- Security of family- Security of education- Security of religious beliefs.

STRUCTURE:

As Human Appeal International works worldwide it depends largely on its organisational structure and admin abilities. With offices based in 25 countries each have their own administrative system.

ACTIVITIES:

Human Appeal International works in 25 countries with a set structure for its relief and development programmes. These have been divided into Development Programmes, Social Programmes and Emergency Programmes. Each of these are further broken down into categories such as, for e.g. the Emergency Programme caters for Food Parcels, Tents/Shelters, Urgent Medical Aid, Medical Convoys and First Aid, to name a few. The social programme includes activities such as the Feeding project, Vocational Training, Income Generation Schemes, Social Gifts Project and other General Training. The Development Programme includes elements such as the Disabled persons project, Orphan project, Water project, Health project, Education project and Family sponsorship.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1978, Human Rights First advocates for the protection of refugees and advancement of human rights. The organization is based in New York. For additional information, see our website at www.humanrightsfirst.org.

STRUCTURE:

The organization is based in New York, with one office in Washington DC. The organization has various "programs", including a Refugee Protection Program. This program consists of about 8 staff members. Other programs include Crimes Against Humanity, Human Rights Defenders, Fighting Discrimination and Law and Security.

ACTIVITIES:

Our primary activities in the refugee area include advocacy, legal representation (through a pro bono program), and field research to support our advocacy efforts. A significant amount of our refugee policy advocacy is focused on the United States, as we are a US based group, though we also advocate with various international entities, including UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Instituto Migrações e Direitos Humanos foi fundado em dezembro de 1999, resultado de uma prática que já desenvolvíamos há vários anos, na assistência a imigrantes indocumentados e na colaboração que já ocorria com o ACNUR, desde o início da década de 90, quando o cenário da presença de refugiados mudou com a chegada dos solicitantes de refúgio de Angola.

IMDH é uma associação sem fins lucrativos, dedicado à reflexão e sensibilização sobre Migrações, Refúgio e Direitos Humanos e à ação junto aos migrantes, refugiados e refugiadas e brasileiros no exterior. Tem por missão, no respeito à dignidade e valores dos migrantes e refugiados, atuar no reconhecimento de sua cidadania, na assistência social e jurídica, na defesa de direitos, buscando sua promoção e integração na sociedade.

Finalidades:

- Prestar assistência jurídica a migrantes e refugiados;
- Promover a reflexão jurídico-social sobre o tema das migrações;
- Articular-se com organizações governamentais e não governamentais e promover gestões, em instâncias públicas e privadas, visando a promoção e defesa dos direitos dos trabalhadores migrantes e seus familiares;

- Manter registro, promover a análise e publicar dados e informações sobre migrações internas e internacionais que contribuam para o conhecimento e sensibilização da sociedade sobre assuntos e questões relacionadas à mobilidade humana;
- Disponibilizar, por meios práticos e eficazes, serviços de informação, esclarecimento e orientação a imigrantes e emigrantes;
- Oportunizar, sobretudo a migrantes necessitados, o acesso à aprendizagem e ao treinamento em atividades de geração de renda e de inserção no mercado de trabalho e articular formas de apoio a iniciativas de auto-sustento;
- Promover a integração de migrantes e refugiados e favorecer-lhes oportunidade de realização de atividades de caráter cultural, de suporte à educação, de formação e complementação na dimensão humana, de fé, social e comunitária.

STRUCTURE:

O IMDH está situado num espaço alugado (duas salas) na Asa Norte, da cidade de Brasília, onde funciona a sede do Instituto. Possui também uma casa, na periferia de cidade.

Na sede funcionam os seguintes setores: migrantes internos, refugiados e refugiadas, brasileiros no exterior.

em cada setor há uma pessoa responsável, dedicada exclusivamente à sua área de trabalho; conta, ainda, com uma profissional da área contábil e um profissional responsável pela secretaria. Possui um Conselho de Direção, e um assistente jurídico. Sublinhamos que a estrutura do IMDH é pequena, de tamanho suficiente para responder às demandas. Possui uma equipe de consultores voluntários, os quais atuam em seminários, produção de textos e materiais de capacitação, incidência no congresso Nacional e em Ministérios, particularmente no que se refere a implementação de políticas públicas.

ACTIVITIES:

- Atuação no projeto de Reassentamento de Refugiados;
- Acolhida, orientação jurídica, assistência social e defesa das causas dos solicitantes de refúgio;
- Atuação no Congresso Nacional, Ministérios e instâncias administrativas, para a implementação de políticas públicas em favor de migrantes e refugiados;
- Assistência jurídica e social a imigrantes indocumentados e a refugiados;
- Organização e articulação da Rede Solidária para Migrantes e Refugiados;
- Capacitação de gentes públicos e das redes de proteção, para atendimento e assistência a refugiados e refugiadas e sua integração na sociedade;
- produção de materiais de informação à sociedade e de capacitação das redes de proteção e operadores das diferentes instâncias da sociedade e dos serviços públicos.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

InterAction is a coalition organization whose 160 US-based non-profit organizations share the same basic goals of easing human suffering and strengthening people's abilities to help themselves. InternAction exists to enhance effectiveness and professional capacities of its members engaged in international humanitarian and development efforts. InterAction exists to foster partnership, collaboration, leadership and the power of this community to speak as one voice as we strive to achieve a world of self-reliance, justice and peace.

STRUCTURE:

InterAction is based in Washington, DC and employs approximately 40 staff, organized into seven units: Membership and Standards; Public Policy; Communications; Development Policy and Practice; Gender and Diversity; Humanitarian Policy and Practice; and Finance and Administration.

ACTIVITIES:

InterAction exists to enhance the effectiveness and professional capacities of its members engaged in international humanitarian efforts. InterAction seeks to foster partnership, collaboration and leadership among its members as they strive to achieve a world of self-reliance, justice and peace. To realize this mission, InterAction works to: enhance the identity, autonomy, credibility and diverse perspectives of each member agency; provide a broadly based participatory forum for professional consultation, coordination and concerted action; foster the effectiveness and recognition of the PVO community, both professionally and publicly; and set a standard of the highest ethics in carrying out its mission.

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InterAid (U) Ltd (IAU), is a non-governmental humanitarian national registered organisation established in 1988. IAU's vision is an empowered society with equitable and sustainable development. Our mission is to advocate, promote, protect and sustain rights of disadvantaged persons. IAU's strategic objectives include:- (i) To enhance protection of urban refugees in Kampala. (ii) To contribute towards control of spread of HIV/AIDS. (iii) To promote best practices in management of the environment. (iv) To contribute to the reduction poverty among communities. (v) To promote, protect and advocate for Human Rights of vulnerable persons.

STRUCTURE:

InterAid (U) is governed by the Board of Directors who form the policy making organ, and executes its functions through two Sub-Committees, Finance, Human Resource and Administration, and Fundraising and Programs. The Management of IAU reports to the Board and is headed by the Executive Director and includes Program Coordinators who head the thematic program areas of Urban Refugees, HIV/AIDS, Environment, Poverty Reduction and Human Rights. The number of personnel of InterAid (U) at any one time depend on the number and size of programmes. Currently IAU has 62 staff, and are located in Kampala (2 offices), Rakai District and Jinja District.

ACTIVITIES:

Under the Urban Refugee Program the activities include; •Counseling •AGDM •Facilitation of refugee access to Public Services (Education and Health) • Imparting appropriate language skills •Skills Training. •Mobilization and support of refugee community groups for community support •Legal education, legal aid and advocacy •Provision of micro-finance support Under HIV/AIDS Program activities include; •Mobilization, sensitization and awareness creation •Training community leaders in HIV prevention and control •Carrying out voluntary counseling and testing services •Provision of Psycho-social support to the infected and affected persons •Advocacy for rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS Under the Environment program activities include; • Environmental Education •Promotion of Energy Saving systems •Development of Tree nurseries and demonstration centres •Tree planting (Afforestation) Under Poverty Reductionprogram activities include; •Mobilization and sensitization of communities •Provision of extension services to farmers •Provision of micro-finance services •Promotion of Business Management and Skills Training Under the Human Rights Program activities include; •Sensitization and creation of awareness of Human Rights •Build capacities of the disadvantaged to cherish good governance, constitution and other laws in the country. •Advocacy on Human Rights and promotion of use of Human Rights Based Approach with communities.

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IRI was established for charitable purposes to provide services and assistance in education, publishing, medical assistance, humanitarian aid, development and cultural exchange. Its general activities would include opportunities for consulting, counseling, teaching language, distribution of literature, and such related efforts and services within communities currently served as well as future areas of development on the horizon.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Specifically IRI- Turkey works in conjunction with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Association of Turkish NGO's in finding durable solutions for successful integration of asylum seekers and refugees into Turkish society during their asylum application process. In this endeavor IRI- Turkey serves the refugee community in areas including physical needs, referral services and, counseling along with engaging the community to prepare for asylum in a third country.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Association for Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR International) is a non-profit organization based in Brussels, Belgium, with operational offices in New York and Geneva.

Established in 2005, HPCR International develops information management and advanced training tools for international agencies, governments, and non-governmental organizations active in conflict situations. Its work serves the humanitarian and peacebuilding communities, with a particular focus on professional training, workshops, and certification.

The mission of HPCR International is to:

- Promote the role of human security strategies in complex emergencies;
- Support professional development opportunities for humanitarian and aid organizations operating in conflict environments; and,
- Develop management tools to address humanitarian crises, in particular in the fields of international humanitarian law, operational planning, staff safety and security, and communications.

STRUCTURE:

The Association is governed by an Executive Council, whose members are elected for four-year terms by the General Assembly.

ACTIVITIES:

With activities around the world, the Association works closely with local and regional partners, in particular, with other research centers and institutions working in these policy areas in Europe. Current operational partners include the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency in the fields of security management and humanitarian training.

HPCR International also maintains a strategic partnership with the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Established through the common efforts of Harvard University, the United Nations, and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Program at Harvard promotes forward-looking policy approaches to conflict prevention and management.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Throughout the 55 years since its founding, the International Catholic Migration Commission has evolved and adapted to the changing needs in the fields of migration and refugee assistance. The work of ICMC is inspired and guided by the Gospel imperative to "welcome the stranger." (Mathew 25). Created by Pope Pius XII six years after the Second World War, ICMC's first operations assisted those displaced by war in Europe. With staff and

operations today in more than 30 countries, ICMC serves and protects the needs of uprooted people; refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants, regardless of faith, race ethnicity or nationality. ICMC professes a special place for the weakest and the most vulnerable among the refugees and the internally displaced. We advocate for rights-based policies and durable solutions directly and through a worldwide network of 172 member organizations.

An implementing partner of UNHCR, ICMC has had consultative status with ECOSOC since 1952, and has special participatory status in the Council of Europe, the International Labor Organization and the International Organization for Migration.

STRUCTURE:

ICMCs Secretariat is located in Geneva and includes field operations and international advocacy work. Also located in Geneva is the Resettlement Deployment Scheme which is jointly managed with the UNHCR. The program provides rapid deployment of skilled staff to 38 sites in 34 countries. ICMC also has offices in Brussels and Washington as well as in Turkey, from where an Overseas Processing Entity for Resettlement is managed, and in Jordan, Lebanon, Serbia and Montenegro, Indonesia and Timor Leste, among others.

ICMC is made up of 172 members and affiliate members.

The Commission consists of a Council, a Governing Committee and a Secretariat.

Council members are nominees of Catholic Bishops Conferences and national catholic organizations who work with refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants.

ACTIVITIES:

ICMC has over 50 years of expertise and action serving millions of refugees, internally displaced persons, unaccompanied migrant children, victims of trafficking and other migrants in nine action areas:

- Refugee resettlement and cultural orientation
- Return and reintegration,
- Local integration and community building
- Counter-trafficking and rescue
- Assistance to Extremely Vulnerable Individuals, including psycho-social care
- Local NGO capacity building
- Technical cooperation with governments
- Emergency humanitarian assistance
- Advocacy.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), founded in 1962, is a global network of human rights, humanitarian, and development NGOs, which focuses its information exchange and advocacy efforts primarily on humanitarian affairs and refugee issues. ICVA attempts to influence policy and practice to reflect humanitarian principles and human rights through information-exchange and advocacy.

STRUCTURE:

ICVA's Executive Committee (EXCOM) is currently composed of nine elected members. The following agencies currently form ICVA's Executive Committee, which was elected by the 14th General Assembly:

Action by Churches Together International (ACT International), Representative: Ms Marian Casey-Maslen

Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), Representative: Dr. Misikir Tilahum

Community and Family Services International (CFSI), Representative: Dr. Steven Muncy

Concern Worldwide (CONCERN), Representative: Mr. Paul O'Brien

Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Representative: Ms Kathrine Starup

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Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) Representative: Ms Judy Wakahiu

Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Representative: Mr. Paul Nesse

Women's Refugee Commission, Representative: Ms Carolyn Makinson

The Chair of the Executive Committee is Mr. Paul O'Brien (Concern International) and the Treasurer is Mr. Paul Nesse (Norwegian Refugee Council).

The Vice-Chair will be elected at the first meeting of the Executive Committee in March 2009.

ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a network of non-governmental organizations, faith based groups, academics and individuals from around the world providing legal, social, medical and other services, carrying out research and reporting, and doing advocacy and policy work on behalf of refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers. The IDC aims to promote greater protection of and respect for the human rights of those held in immigration detention and to raise awareness of detention policies and practices. The IDC also aims to promote the use of international and regional human rights

standards and principles as they relate to the detention of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. The IDC began in 2005, as an informal network following discussions between groups at the annual UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva.

A Steering Committee was formed and the IDC was officially launched in June 2006 and became an incorporated NGO in March 2009. Following five Coalition meetings in Geneva and two global surveys, a range of detention concerns were identified, with three core priorities identified by members: • Ending and limiting detention, particularly for children • Developing and promoting alternatives to immigration detention • Improving rights, conditions and monitoring of detention facilities.

STRUCTURE:

The International Detention Coalition includes over 200 members in 50 countries and a secretariat based in Melbourne, Australia who develop and implement operations.

The IDC's work is divided into 6 regions, with 12 sub-regions, each with a regional representative:

- 1) Asia Pacific (Aust,NZ&Pacific; South East and East Asia; South Asia)
- 2) Africa (Eastern & Western; Southern)
- 3) Europe & Central Asia (Western Europe; Eastern & Central)
- 4) Americas (Central America & Caribbean; South America)
- 5) Middle East and Northern Africa
- 6) North America (US; Canada).

The IDC is overseen by a 24 member International Advisory Committee, who oversee the strategic planning and core position of the IDC, and a 5 member Governance and Finance Committee, who oversee operational issues. Members and Committee meet annually in Geneva for the IDC Annual Planning Meeting to identify priorities and develop an operational plan for the coming year.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Since the late 1990s, there have been discussions among those working with detained refugees, asylum seekers and migrants on the need for better regional and international networking. In September 2003, several NGO representatives attending the UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva met to plan a more formal meeting for persons interested in forming and participating in an international coalition on detention, held in March 2004 in Geneva which began a process to create the coalition. In September 2004 and September 2005, NGO representatives from around the world who were attending the UNHCR Consultations in Geneva began the process of establishing the coalition which was formally launched in June 2006. The overall purpose of the coalition is to raise awareness of detention policies and practices and promote the use of international and regional human rights standards and principles as they relate the detention of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

The specific objectives of the coalition are:

- to prevent and/or limit the use of detention of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants;
- to advocate for alternatives to detention, and for the use of the least restrictive forms of detention;
- to promote greater protection of and respect for the human rights of those held in detention; and
- to promote the development and adoption of best practices in the use of detention.

STRUCTURE:

The International Coalition on Detention of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants, or IDC, is a coalition of over 150 non-governmental organizations, faith based groups, academics and individuals working around the world providing legal, social, medical and other services, carrying out research and reporting, and doing advocacy and policy work on behalf of refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers. These groups and individuals have come together to form the coalition in order to share information and to promote best practices on the use of detention as determined through established human rights laws and standards. IDC currently has one staff member, based in Australia.

ACTIVITIES:

The Coalition focuses its work on three core strategic goals:

- 1) Coalition Building – Developing the Coalition and strengthening communication and information-sharing between members
- 2) Advocacy and Campaign Building -To develop the advocacy and campaign capacity of members and the IDC, with a particular focus on children in detention and alternatives to detention
- 3) Capacity Building – The facilitation of training, resource and skills-sharing and targeted partner projects with and between members, with a particular focus on members in the south.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

IFMSA was founded in May 1951 and is run for and by medical students on a non-profit basis. It is officially recognized as a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) within the United Nations' and recognized by the World Health Organization as the international forum for medical students.

Mission statement:

"Our mission is to offer future physicians a comprehensive introduction to global health issues. Through our programming and opportunities, we develop culturally sensitive students of medicine, intent on influencing the trans-national inequalities that shape the health of our planet." The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) is an independent, non-governmental and non-political federation of medical students' associations throughout the world. The

STRUCTURE:

Worldwide, IFMSA is a federation which respects the autonomy of its members, the National Member Organizations. The NMOs decide which activities they take part in and what new activities should be developed. IFMSA is structured around six standing committees on: exchange, research exchange, medical education, public health, reproductive health and human rights and peace issues. The decision making body are the NMOs present at the General Assembly; the countries where the two General Assemblies are held are different from year to year. In between GAs, the IFMSA Team of Officials and the Executive Board manage the Organization. IFMSA's General Secretariat is in Ferney Voltaire(France) and its Operational Office in Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

ACTIVITIES:

The experiences in the IFMSA show that ideals of a better world are not just illusions; dedication and perseverance can achieve anything. In IFMSA the emphasis is that the students return in their local environment with the ideas and skills to implement them. True to its foundation, student exchanges remain the backbone of the Federation. Every year IFMSA enables around 7 000 students to experience the practice of medicine in a different culture, within the different IFMSA schemes of exchange. The exchange activities during the last 52 years have created a continuity and atmosphere of stability, in which the organization has been allowed to grow and in which activities have developed also in other fields. By involvement in Public Health activities, students seek to contribute to the health of the people of the world, both through health education and by directly supportive projects in areas of need. Through Medical Education activities, IFMSA acts as a forum for medical students to discuss their own education, primarily during the two annual meetings and in separate seminars and conferences. Also aims to further medical education by means of creating a database of medical curricula in the world, also collecting medical books for libraries in the developing countries. Projects in the field of Human Rights and Peace aim to relieve and prevent the medical repercussions of war by advocating disarmament, promoting tolerance, and enhancing the building of peace after a conflict. Another major focus in IFMSA is Reproductive Health, with the goal of increasing the awareness of the problems related to AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, both among medical students and the population at large, through workshops, summer-schools, and public educational programs. All activities of the federation have the ultimate goal of promoting increased awareness of global health and well being, contributing actively to improve intercultural understanding and preventing violent conflicts through the promotion of human rights. Examples of the activities within the Standing Committee on human Rights and Peace: Locally: * Arrangement of lectures by guest speakers at universities, libraries or community centers about refugee health, human rights and health or conflict prevention. * Visits to local refugee camps and speaking with local officials, NGOs and refugees about their needs. * Providing personal services to refugees in the community (Preferably in cooperation with other NGOs). Nationally: * Trainings on human rights and refugee topics for students. * Awareness campaigns on specific days i.e. about Human Rights, Refugee Health, The war in Iraq at all universities in the country. Internationally: * International training on refugee health. * Study session on health and human rights of refugees, immigrants and minorities in Europe. * Workshop on natural disasters and relief aid.

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

The International Federation was founded in 1919 in Paris in the aftermath of World War I. The war had shown a need for close cooperation between Red Cross Societies, which, through their humanitarian activities on behalf of prisoners of war and combatants, had attracted millions of volunteers and built a large body of expertise. A devastated Europe could not afford to lose such a resource. It was Henry Davison, president of the American Red Cross War Committee, who proposed forming a federation of these National Societies. An international medical conference initiated by Davison resulted in the birth of the League of Red Cross Societies, which was renamed in October 1983 to the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and then in November 1991 to become the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The first objective of the Federation was to improve the health of people in countries that had suffered greatly during the four years of war. Its goals were "to strengthen and unite, for health activities, already-existing Red Cross Societies and to promote the creation of new Societies".

There were five founding member Societies: Britain, France, Italy, Japan and the United States. This number has grown over the years and there are now 181 recognized National Societies - one in almost every country in the world. Its first mission was to assist typhus and famine victims in Poland; today it runs more than 80 relief operations a year.

STRUCTURE:

While the Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Federation, the decisions on its direction and policy are made by the governing bodies. These bodies define a framework of purpose, policies, goals and programmes, and provide a mechanism for accountability and compliance.

The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the Federation. It meets every two years and comprises representatives from all member National Societies. It met in Geneva in November 2003.

A Governing Board acts between general assemblies, meeting twice a year with the authority to make certain decisions. The board comprises the Federation's president and vice presidents, representatives from elected member Societies and the chairman of the Finance Commission. Four other commissions cover health and community services, youth, disaster relief and development.

The General Assembly is responsible for appointing the secretary general, who is the chief executive officer of the Federation, directing the Secretariat and its delegations.

ACTIVITIES:

The International Federation is running or supporting programmes in more than 150 countries. These programmes assist millions of the world's most vulnerable people; victims of natural and man-made disasters, refugees and displaced people and those hit by socio-economic problems.

Our Appeal 2004-2005 seeks 208 million Swiss francs to fund 95 humanitarian assistance programmes. These are divided into six types of programme:

- Organisational development
- Health and care in the community
- Disaster management
- Humanitarian values
- Coordination and representation

In addition to the Appeal 2004-2005, separate emergency (ad-hoc) appeals are launched throughout the year as new disasters occur.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Federation of Social Workers is a successor to the International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers, which was founded in Paris in 1928 and was active until the outbreak of World War II. It was not until 1950, at the time of the International Conference of Social Work in Paris, that the decision was made to create the International Federation of Social Workers, an international organization of professional social workers. The original agreement was that the IFSW would come into being when seven national organisations agreed to become members. After much preliminary work, the Federation was finally founded in 1956 at the time of the meeting of the International Conference on Social Welfare in Munich, Germany.

STRUCTURE:

See the Followong Link: <http://www.ifsw.org/en/p38000029.html>

ACTIVITIES:

Partnerships IFSW has special consultive status with United Nations Economic and Social Council. We are also accredited to the International Labour Organization, UNICEF, the Council of Europe and the European Union. Amnesty International headquartered in London, is an international organization working to support human rights globally, both in general and for individuals. www.amnesty.org

CONGO (The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the UN) is an independent, international association of nongovernmental organizations that facilitates the participation of NGOs in UN debates and decisions. www.ngocongo.org Council of Europe The Council was of Europe with 46 member states is set up to defend human rights, parliamentary democracy and the rule of law, to develop continent-wide agreements to standardise social and legal practices, and to promote awareness of a European identity. www.coe.int European Union headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, is a union focused on political, social and economic cooperation between its 25 European member states. www.europa.eu.int IASSW (International Association of Schools of Social Work) is an international community of schools and educators in social work, promoting quality education, training and research for the theory and practice of social work, administration of social services and formulation of social policies. www.iassw-aiets.org ICSW (International Council on social Welfare) is an international non-governmental organization operating throughout the world for the cause of social welfare, social justice and social development, working actively with the UN. The Secretariat is located in Utrecht, The Netherlands. www.icsw.org UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) is giving assistance, particularly to the developing countries, in the development of permanent child health and welfare services. www.unicef.org United Nations headquartered in New York City, is an international organization formed to to promote peace, security and cooperation. www.un.org

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

INHURED International, the first Nepali organization to enjoy Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, has been functioning as a front-runner human rights movement with a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit making independent approach. INHURED International's vibrant history goes back to the ceaseless campaign for the restoration of multi-party system in 1990. INHURED International courageously fought against tyrannical panchayat system; atrocities committed by both the state and insurgents during the internal armed conflict followed by dictatorial royal regime. INHURED International shares its constituency with Population Watch- a leading organization working in the field of safe, humane and orderly population movement. INHURED International upholds the human rights doctrines adopted by the United Nations. It embraces universality, indivisibility and interdependence of human rights and strives for effective realization of international instruments at domestic level. The primary focus of the organization is to advocate on behalf of vulnerable population such as women, children, indigenous people, dalit and other marginalized section of the society. Similarly, protection of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) is one of the key areas concern. Courage with conscience is vital for effective intervention in the high voltage armed conflict. INHURED International's team demonstrated that valor and conviction for the steadfast opposition to the atrocious royal regime in February 2005 and also massive breach of international human rights and humanitarian law during the decade-long armed conflict. INHURED International played a key role to generate international solidarity in defense of human rights and democratic struggle in the country during these exceptionally difficult hours. Currently, it is championing the most challenging cause of transitional justice and compliance audit of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. INHURED International believes in zero tolerance to impunity.

STRUCTURE:

Officials' Composition: Lawyers, youths, gender experts, peace educators, anthropologists, educators, human rights defenders, researchers
Geographical Coverage: Global advocacy through UN human rights protection mechanisms: Special focus on South Asia region with regular programs in Nepal
Major Objectives: Advancement of human rights, transitional justice, universal suffrage and freedom of elections, democratic development, just peace, accountability and good governance
Guiding Principle: International Solidarity for Human Rights and Human Dignity
Modes Operandi: Research, education, training, civic diplomacy, fact-finding, documentation, dissemination of information, publication, litigation and legal assistance
Internship and Fellowship: Special internship and fellowship programs have been designed for national and international university students and scholars on human rights, transitional justice, peace audit, women and children and forced migration. In the past, it has supervised interns and fellows from the University of Cincinnati School of Law, Harvard Law School, Ministry of External Affairs and International Trade (Canada) Human Rights Internet, Canada. Short-term fellowship has also been arranged for students from Nepal, Brazil, United Kingdom, India, France and several others.
Affiliation/Working Relationships: UN Centre for Human Rights; UNESCO; UNICEF, UNHCR; UNHCHR; Amnesty International; Human Rights Internet; The Hague Appeal for Peace; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; South Asia Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR); South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre (SAHRDC), International Organization for Migration, Oxford University-Summer School on Forced Migration; ADB NGO Forum, National Human Rights

ACTIVITIES:

PROGRAMMATIC INTERVENTION

1. Democratic Development: Exercising universal suffrage, freedom of elections and institutional development
2. Transitional Justice and Peace: Ending impunity through institutionalization of accountability and reconciliation initiative
3. Human Rights and Rule of Law: Enhancing fundamental rights and freedom with "All Human Rights for All" approach
4. Social Inclusion: Ending discrimination and securing equality through equal access and opportunity to the vulnerable and marginalized population
5. Human Security: Overcoming challenges of globalization, adverse effects of the policies of international financial institutions and management of migration, especially forced migration.

SOME EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES --Organized the First International Conference on Human Rights Law-Making, Transition to Democracy, 1991 Kathmandu --Organized with other co-organizers the Asia-Pacific NGO Conference on Human Rights, March 1993, Bangkok, including several follow-up events in preparation for the UN World Conference on Human Rights, 1993 Vienna --Initiated and organized the two-day Public Hearing on the Impacts of the Policies of International Financial Institutions in Vienna at the outset of the UN World Conference on Human Rights, 1993, Vienna --Coordinated the preparatory process and the representation of NGOs from Nepal in the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, 1995 Beijing --Organised a regional workshop on "Combating Trafficking-in Women" in 1997 Kathmandu --Organized Mini Beijing Conference on Women in 1997, Kathmandu --Organized the 2nd International Women and Water Conference in 1998, Kathmandu --Hosted Secretariat for National Election Observation Committee's Secretariat in 1999, Kathmandu --Organized a roundtable on "Women in Conflict" at the 48th Commission on the Status of Women in 2006 in New York --Organized a protest rally on behalf of the Bhutanese refugees in 2000 in New York and New Delhi --Participating in various international forums, conferences, seminars on human rights, peace, migration and transitional justice --Regular engagement in Fact-Finding Missions in the incidences of the violation of human rights and humanitarian law --Launching a special program on peace audit in connection with the observation of the compliance with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement --Representing in various international forums with working papers and country deliberation as a part of global solidarity and partnership --Representing on regular basis in various international forums including UN Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) since 1989 --Participating in preparation for Alternative National reports on Big Six treaties under Human Rights Treaty Monitoring Coordination Committee (HRTMCC) --Launching national campaign on refugee rights regime and IDP Policy and Directorate in assistance with Lutheran World Federation, Caritas Nepal and Norwegian Refugee Council

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

International Islamic Relief Organization Saudi Arabia was established on 1979 as a humanitarian and non political NGO in Saudi Arabia. Its purpose is to present assistance and relief to refugees and displaced persons through the world without any distinction of race or religion.

IIROSA obtained Consultative Status with ECOSOC since 1995. IIROSA is member of CONGO board (2008) and member of ICVA. IIROSA serves victims of natural disasters and wars, orphans, refugees. It is working in the fields of emergency, health care, social care, education, sustainable development and vocational trainings

STRUCTURE:

IIROSA works through 30 offices in the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Europe. Its General Assembly is composed of 188 members, the Board of direction consists of 24 members and the executive Committee, derived from the board, is composed of 6 members. Dr Adnan Basha is the secretary general and Dr Fawzia Al Ashmawi is IIROSA representative To the UN and international Organizations in Geneva

ACTIVITIES:

Welfare. humanitarian activities. Relief. Assistance. Education. Sustainable development and sanitary Projects

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International Medical Corps is a global humanitarian nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives and relieving suffering through health care training and relief and development programs. Established in 1984 by volunteer doctors and nurses, IMC is a private, voluntary, nonpolitical, nonsectarian organization. Its mission is to improve the quality of life through health interventions and related activities that build local capacity in areas worldwide. By offering training and health care to local populations and medical assistance to people at highest risk, and with the flexibility to respond rapidly to emergency situations, IMC rehabilitates devastated health care systems and helps bring them back to self-reliance.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

- Primary health care (PHC): basic preventative and curative services, with a focus on the most vulnerable victims of suffering: children, women, and the elderly
- Maternal and child health care (MCH) – mass immunizations, well-child clinics, and training for midwives and traditional birth attendants to reduce maternal and child mortality
- Health education and training in the medical and managerial skills needed to serve local communities suffering from a breakdown in health services
- Emergency relief and disaster response: vital emergency medical care, war and trauma surgery, nutrition, and water/sanitation assistance provided at the very onset of a humanitarian crisis

-HIV/AIDS: diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and opportunistic infections, as well as training for HIV/AIDS caretakers, distribution of appropriate drug therapies, and public education
-Reproductive Health Care: a full range of services for women to promote better health, particularly during the child-bearing years
-Water and sanitation: to control the spread of waterborne diseases amongst vulnerable communities
:Reconstructive and rehabilitative surgery: to improve the physical and psychological health of victims of warfare, including women and children
-Nutrition services: supplemental and therapeutic feeding programs for populations affected by famine and food shortages, particularly small children
-Microfinance: community-based initiatives to help restore economic self sufficiency and help finance local health programs
-Gender and sexual based violence: training for local health care workers to increase awareness of gender-based violence and establish treatment protocols.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The international Organization for Peace, Care and Relief (IOPCR) is an international Non-Government organization (NGO) registered with the Economic and social council for NGOs. It is a world humanitarian Organization, established in 1999 and it enjoys an independent legal and financial status. It is headquartered in Tripoli, Libya, with branches in several other countries. IOPCR works in cooperation with UNHCR-Libya and with so many other humanitarian organizations. It has entered into cooperation agreements with "Medicines Sans frontiere" and with Islamic Relief Organization. Its main domicile is based in Switzerland and has a regional branch office in the Middle East, in Cairo-Egypt. IOPCR has, since establishment, offered many humanitarian aids at the different places worldwide that have been inflicted by natural disasters or as a result of wars and conflicts that have occurred. Its objectives are: - To promote a just international peace that takes into account peoples social and cultural differences. - To condemn all forms of aggression and military conflicts against people and to denounce their instigators. - To combat all forms of collective deportations and forced migration, therefore to defend and to strengthen the rights of individuals that guarantee them a home country in which they can live in peacefully and securely. - To oppose the production and use of all forms of weapons, in particular weapons of mass destruction, while requesting belligerent countries to disclose information about their planted mines. - To provide a protection to refugees (groups and/or individuals) until a safe repatriation is possible for them. - To sensitize the world opinion about environment damages and their impact on human health and quality of future generation's life. - To cooperate with all organizations and institutions that have similar objectives.

STRUCTURE:

The Administration is organized as follows: - The General Assembly, - The Executive Bureau - Secretariats of Local and International Branches, - Technical Divisions. The General Assembly may decide to establish sections or branches if deemed necessary in achieving the objectives laid down in the constitutive chart of the Organization. The General assembly is the highest authority of the Organization whose members are individuals and persons that include The founding members, The organizers, The observers as identified by the General Assembly. IOPCR renders a high priority to humanitarian situations in Libya, especially those related to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. In this report, two major sections in the organization structure is set to deal with refugees and others in need of international protection; namely the Department of Care and Relief. It is through the above mentioned Department that assistance is provided to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants inside and outside Libya. It should be noted, in this connection, that other Departments in the Organization provides administrative, logistics and financial assistance to the operations carried out by the Care and Relief Departments in IOPCR.

ACTIVITIES:

IOPCR has signed with UNHCR a Cooperation and framework agreement to become one of UNHCR close and effective partners which assists the latter in providing assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in Libya. IOPCR has assisted UNHCR in facilitating the voluntary repatriation operation of a large groups of Sudanese to Sudan. Moreover, it is a member of the drafting Committee assigned by the Ministry of Justice to be responsible of the preparation of drafting a national legislation that covers the different dimensions concerning migration/asylum nexus, on both the national and international level. It also assists UNHCR to have access to persons of concerns in detention centers. It assists UNHCR in the implementation of the 10 points plan of action and providing UNHCR persons of concern with medical and in-kind assistance.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue committee is a world leader in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression. At work in 25 countries, the IRC delivers lifesaving aid in emergencies, rebuilds shattered communities, cares for war-traumatized children, rehabilitates health care, water and sanitation systems, reunites separated families, restores lost livelihoods, establishes schools, trains teachers, strengthens the capacity of local organizations and institutions, develops civil society and good-governance initiatives and promotes human rights.

For refugees and asylum seekers afforded sanctuary in the US, the IRC offices across the country provide a range of assistance aimed at helping new arrivals get settled, integrate and acquire the skills to become self-sufficient. Committed to restoring dignity and self-reliance, the IRC is a global symbol of hope and renewal for those who have taken flight in search of freedom.

STRUCTURE:

The International Rescue Committee is governed by a volunteer, unpaid board of directors. In addition, the IRC Overseers provide advice on policy, advocacy, fundraising and public relations. At any given time, the IRC is on the ground in over 25 countries and active throughout the United States in the resettlement program, working with people uprooted by war, civil conflict or ethnic persecution.

ACTIVITIES:

The IRC helps people fleeing racial, religious and ethnic persecution, as well as those uprooted by war and violence. At the outbreak of an emergency, we provide sanctuary and lifesaving assistance: For refugees driven from their homes, we provide emergency assistance:

water, food, shelter, sanitation and medical care. Where the emergency has subsided, we enable people to rebuild their lives by providing education, training and economic assistance. We help thousands of refugees resettle in the United States every year.

Our 22 offices across the US offer initial placement services including housing; medical exams; enrolling children in schools; orientation including cultural orientation to the community, introduction to public services and public safety. Early employment is the hallmark of the US resettlement program and our offices offer job-readiness training, and job upgrading services in addition to assistance in finding initial employment. English language training, and help in attaining financial literacy. We assist families with family reunification and offer assistance in adjustment of status and obtaining US Citizenship (5 years after arrival). We actively work in communities to educate people on the plight of refugees and to introduce them to the people resettling in their neighborhoods. With the rise of human trafficking we administer an active Anti-trafficking program. We are vocal public policy advocates, calling attention to critical issues affecting refugees around the world.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Rescue Committee serves refugees and communities victimized by oppression or violent conflict worldwide. Founded in 1933, the IRC is committed to freedom, human dignity, and self-reliance. This commitment is expressed in emergency relief, protection of human rights, post-conflict development, resettlement assistance, and advocacy.

STRUCTURE:

The International Rescue Committee is on the ground in 42 countries, providing emergency relief, relocating refugees, and rebuilding lives in the wake of disaster. Through 24 regional offices in cities across the United States, we help refugees resettle in the U.S. and become self-sufficient.

ACTIVITIES:

IRC is engaged in emergency response activities, fighting gender-based violence, health programs, post-conflict development, programs for children, resettlement assistance, and advocacy.

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The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies was founded in 1985 for professionals to share information about the effects of trauma. ISTSS is dedicated to the discovery and dissemination of knowledge about policy, program and service initiatives that seek to reduce traumatic stressors and their immediate and long-term consequences.

ISTSS provides a forum for the sharing of research, clinical strategies, public policy concerns and theoretical formulations on trauma in the United States and around the world. We are the premier society for the exchange of professional knowledge and expertise in the field.

Members of ISTSS include psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, counselors, researchers, administrators, advocates, journalists, clergy and others with an interest in the study and treatment of traumatic stress.

ISTSS members come from a variety of clinical and non-clinical settings around the world, including public and private health facilities, private practice, universities, non-university research foundations and many others.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

-Research & Resources: ISTSS publishes a research journal, Journal of Traumatic Stress, for professionals to share new research in the field. The research is reviewed anonymously by experts in the field and judged to be leading research. A quarterly newsletter, Traumatic StressPoints, features organizational news as well as news and features of importance to the field.

-Meetings: ISTSS presents an annual international conference, the largest forum for sharing new information on the field.

-Professional & Public Education: ISTSS is the only society to have published a thorough, science-based assessment of the memory of trauma that integrates clinical and research understanding. A consumer-oriented pamphlet has also been developed.

-Treatment Guidelines: ISTSS develops and promotes treatment guidelines on the state of the art of all types of treatment.

-Worldwide Networking & Support: ISTSS works with the United Nations to provide education and resources to guide practice and public policy in countries torn by exposure to traumatic events. ISTSS also promotes excellence in international training for mental health professionals and others who treat trauma victims.

-Promote Excellence & Innovation: ISTSS recognizes excellence with annual awards to researchers, clinicians, and outstanding professionals in the field. ISTSS provides training for student professionals and help them gain expertise in the field.

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STRUCTURE:

Headquarters in Rome. With three desks (Asia, Africa and Balkans) and one emergency operations unit. About 20 people at Headquarters and more than 50 in the field: Afghanistan Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Asia, Angola, Chad, Sudan and Kenya in Africa and Bosnia, Macedonia and Serbia in the Balkans.

ACTIVITIES:

Intersos is IP of UNHCR in all the countries indicated above. It is also associated with other UN humanitarian Agencies such as Unicef, Ocha, WFP. It is at present involved in emergency operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan, it is actively involved in camp management operations in Chad, and in the Repatriation in Angola. In Darfur Intersos is assisting UNHCR in the preparations of the Repatriation program as well as in the IDPs assistance.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Islamic Relief is a British NGO (registered charity no. 328158), an international relief and development organisation established to promote sustainable economic and social development through relief and development programmes, helping the needy regardless of race, religion or gender. Islamic Relief has a consultative status (category special) with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, is a full member of British Overseas NGOs for Development (BOND) and a signatory to the Red Cross Code of Conduct.

STRUCTURE:

Islamic Relief is headquartered in Birmingham, UK and has eleven fund-raising offices in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, UK, Malaysia, Mauritius, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA. Fourteen field offices are located in Albania, Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chechnya, Ethiopia, Egypt, India, Kenya, Kosovo, Pakistan, Palestine, Mali, Malawi Yemen, Indonesia, Iraq, Somalia, Sri Lanka and Sudan. Its staffing comprises:

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ACTIVITIES:

Principal activities and objectives

Islamic Relief is a non-governmental, non-political humanitarian aid organisation with operations in over 28 countries.

It is dedicated to helping people in need.

This is achieved by:

1. Directing our efforts to help the world's poorest people.
2. Delivering emergency aid to parts of the world affected by natural or unnatural disasters and by setting up various development projects that help empower people in need.
3. Working alongside partner organisations in pursuit of common objectives. This helps utilise local knowledge as well as assisting in development work. In all cases, the work is monitored directly by Islamic Relief's officers to ensure that the programme is delivered in accordance with the organisation's standards and maximum value is obtained for the beneficiaries.
4. Islamic Relief procedures also ensure that partner organisations receiving support are properly examined before any funds are channelled for charitable purposes.

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Established in 1984 in Birmingham (UK) where its headquarters are located, Islamic Relief is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) for emergency relief and sustainable development dedicated to helping towards the world's poorest populations. First Muslim humanitarian organization established in Europe, it was created by two medical students from Birmingham University following devastating famine in sub-Saharan Africa. In 1988, its capacity grew to become a functional team. In 1993, Islamic Relief obtained a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In 1992-1993, many offices were established in Europe: Albania, Belgium, Bosnia, Croatia, Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, as well as in the United States. Islamic Relief is active in some forty countries in many humanitarian aid fields.

STRUCTURE:

- Board of Trustees / CEO & Executive Committee for Islamic Relief Worldwide
 - Liaison Offices in Geneva & Brussels
 - Partner sections in major European and North American locations
 - Field offices in over 26 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East.
- About 1500 employees worldwide.

ACTIVITIES:

Emergency Relief & Humanitarian Aid (incl. IDP & Refugee Programs, Food Aid), Sustainable Development Programs (Health, Education, WATSAN, micro-credits, vocational training), Special Programs (Orphan sponsorship, Islamic seasonal programs such as Ramadan and Qurbani Food distributions), Policy & Advocacy (incl. HIV/AIDS, Cooperation between Western and Eastern humanitarian actors). Islamic Relief Worldwide cooperates with a number of UN, inter-governmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

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The Japan Association for Refugees (JAR) was established in July 1999 in order to provide comprehensive care to asylum seekers and refugees and to safeguard their human dignity. Since its establishment, JAR has helped approximately 2,000 people seeking asylum in Japan. JAR's scope of activities ranges from daily survival assistance and social and legal counseling to public advocacy.

STRUCTURE:

To reach its goals, JAR has three pillars of operations, which are;

- 1) Individual Support (Protection and Assistance Unit)
- 2) Public Relations (Public Relations Unit)
- 3) Research and Advocacy (External Relations Unit).

JAR office is located in Tokyo and it has 17 paid staffs.

ACTIVITIES:

- Provide legal assistance for the Refugee Status Determination Procedure (both in administration and judicial process)
- Provide social and legal counseling
- Provide financial assistance for everyday life
- Help finding housing, healthcare and obtaining employment
- Broaden the general public's understanding of refugee issues in Japan through lectures, symposiums and publications
- Build network among NGOs, UN agencies, ministries and other experts in Japan
- Lobby to politicians and advise Cabinet's Refugee Policy Coordination Council
- Research on asylum/refugee policy and practices in other industrialized countries for advocacy

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

JRS is an international Catholic organization with a mission to accompany, serve and plead the cause of refugees and forcibly displaced people. Established by the Society of Jesus in 1980, our priority is to accompany those refugees whose needs are more urgent or forgotten.

STRUCTURE:

JRS is organized regionally and by country with hundreds of staff working in over 50 countries throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and North America. In the United States, we have approximately 18 staff working at five locations.

ACTIVITIES:

JRS projects vary by location but typically include education, social service projects, legal aid, women's protection, and advocacy, among other activities. In the United States, we operate religious services programs assuring access by clergy of all faiths to federal detention centers.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

See JRS Italy

STRUCTURE:

See JRS Italy

ACTIVITIES:

JRS conducts education activities in many refugee and IDP camps throughout the world. It also works with vulnerable groups and with urban refugees.

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JRS was established in 1980 in order to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. JRS programmes are found in over 50 countries, providing assistance to refugees in refugee camps, to people displaced within their own country, to asylum seekers in cities and those held in detention. The main areas of work are in the field of Education, Advocacy, Emergency Assistance, Health and Nutrition, Income Generating Activities and Social Services. At the end of 2007, more than 500,000 individuals are direct beneficiaries of JRS projects. JRS is also very much concerned with Advocacy and Human Rights work. This involves ensuring that refugees are afforded their full rights while in exile and during repatriation as guaranteed by the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and working to strengthen the protection afforded to Internally Displaced people (IDPs). It extends to lobbying for and promoting greater international protection and human rights legislation, either through participation in international campaigns and coalitions or through membership of international fora such as the UN Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC).

STRUCTURE:

JRS operates in 10 regions in the world: Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Europe, South East Europe, Eastern Africa, Great Lakes, Western Africa, Southern Africa, Asia Pacific and South Asia. More than 1,400 workers contribute to the work of JRS, the majority of whom work on a voluntary basis, including about 78 Jesuits (priests, brothers and scholastics) and 66 religious from other congregations. These figures do not include the large number of refugees recruited to take part in the programmes as teachers, health workers and others. JRS has the potential for great impact from its advocacy work, as it has: a widespread field presence working directly with refugees and displaced people; credibility that has been built on the accurate information that it has collected from the field; a presence in centres of power (with representatives in Geneva, Rome, Brussels and Washington); a commitment to advocacy work as a fundamental part of its mandate.

ACTIVITIES:

The main areas of work are in the field of Education, Advocacy, Emergency Assistance, Health and Nutrition, Income Generating Activities and Social Services. Our advocacy extends to durable solutions, IDPs, human rights and peace education, detention, education, food security, urban refugees, sexual and gender based violence and disability.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Jordan River Foundation is a non-profit Jordanian NGO established in 1995 and Chaired by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah. The Foundation's activities are overseen by a 13-member Board of Trustees from the public and private sectors; managed by a Director General; and implemented by over 150 administrative and project-related staff.

The Foundation's mission is to promote, in partnership with stakeholders, the development of a dynamic Jordanian society by initiating and supporting sustainable social, economic and cultural programs that empower communities and individuals based on their needs and priorities.

STRUCTURE:

JRF is a voluntary not-for-profit organization, established in 1995 in Amman, Jordan. It was upgraded to a Foundation in 2001 by special decree from His Majesty King Abdullah II. Our operational centers include our headquarters in Amman, our Dar Al- Aman therapeutic center and our Queen Rania Family and Child Center under the Child Safety Program, and our three handicraft operations and a showroom under our Community Empowerment Program. In 2007 we had an overall budget of JD4.48 million in revenue and achieved a JD672,304 surplus for reinvestment. We closed the year with 171 employees.

In its early years, the Jordan River Foundation initiated socio-economic projects for women to provide employment opportunities that enhanced their livelihood while developing their knowledge and skills in handicraft production and entrepreneurship. These projects benefited thousands of individuals, directly and indirectly, and continue to generate income for vulnerable communities and families.

As JRF matured, and the context of development evolved in Jordan, JRF expanded its approach to one of sustainable community investments, integrating and serving community development needs and promoting a civil society engaged and contributing to their community development. The Foundation dedicates its resources to awareness, education and capacity building through its two programs, and focuses on the inclusion of all sectors of society, specifically women and youth, in its interventions to cultivate a thriving and participatory civil society.

ACTIVITIES:

JRF focuses on two areas:

(A) Protecting the rights and needs of children and empowering those children through the Jordan River Children Program

The Child Safety Program is the first national endeavor under the umbrella of the JRCP. The Program's objectives include enhancing positive child-rearing practices to protect children, and identifying, confronting and eliminating different kinds of abuse through two major approaches:

1) Intervention: Intervention services and rehabilitation of abused children through a therapeutic center called Dar Al-Aman, where we provided services for 56 severely abused children in 2007.

2) Prevention: primarily through the Queen Rania Family and Child Center (QR FCC), including:

- Several community-based preventive activities and projects targeting parents, youth and children throughout the Kingdom to raise awareness about healthy child-rearing practices, empower youth and enhance their participation and equip children with necessary skills to protect themselves from abuse.
- Free counseling and guidance services that provide information, advice and counseling to a child or an adult who has a concern about a child's development, health, education and safety.
- Public Education to raise awareness about child abuse and provide alternatives on positive parenting.
- Child protection training and workshops for national and regional organizations and individuals involved in the care, protection and education of children.

The CSP is recognized, nationally, regionally and internationally as an Arab model for child rights and protection.

It has established itself as a culturally appropriate model integrating international best practices along with results of evidence-based research. In

addition to provision of services, CSP acts as a facilitator of change and a capacity builder at national and regional levels. More details can be found under the CSP section of this report.

(B) Empowering individuals, especially women, and communities through the Community Empowerment Program

The Community Empowerment Program (CEP) exemplifies the Jordan River Foundation's commitment to sustainable human development. Through its various projects the CEP aims to empower communities, inclusive of the more vulnerable, to participate in creating their own economic opportunities and improving the quality of their lives.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The public organization "Keik Okara" was founded in April 1998, by a group of like-minded people united and driven by an idea and willingness of helping the most vulnerable persons in the society.

Our mission:

We assist in implementation of socio-economical, cultural and educational projects in Turkmenistan aimed at enhancing educational capacity of, sustainable development of and safeguarding interests of families; providing effective and comprehensive assistance to all categories of people in need in their adaptation to contemporary conditions of economical development of Turkmenistan to strengthen a family status in the society.

STRUCTURE:

The structure of the public organization "Keik Okara" is as following:

The highest governing body is the general meeting of the members of the organization.

In the interim between the general meetings, the management board is the permanently functioning body.

The current total number of members is 15.

The Headquarters are located in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

Objectives of the organization:

- Provision of organizational-methodical and consultative-information services on issues of healthy life, socio-economical, psychological and legal issues to all categories of people in need;
- Computer literacy education
- Conduction of educational activities (trainings, seminars, round-tables, conferences, concourses, quizzes and exhibitions) on healthy life style, social, economical, physiological, legal, cultural-moral issues to all categories of families in need;
- Targeted support to families in emergency situations;
- Facilitation of educational programs aimed at enhancing the prestige and role of a family in a society for strengthening the family traditions and intergenerational connections, family as an environment;
- Publication and dissemination of information materials including brochures, booklets and video-materials;
- Provision of consulting and marketing services on family development and management.

ACTIVITIES:

Since 1998, the public organization "Keik Okara" has been an implementing partner of UNHCR Representation in Turkmenistan.

The main activity areas are:

- comprehensive support to refugee families;
- provision of medical assistance to refugees and refugee-serving communities;
- free of charge legal counselling to urban and prima facie refugees;
- facilitation of vocational training;

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

KIMSE YOK MU Solidarity and Relief Association is an NGO founded in March 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey. The organization started to branch out throughout Turkey in order to help more people and to be more effective in its humanitarian work. (Kimse Yok Mu? stands for Is There Anyone?) Because of its positive impact in the society through its humanitarian aids, KIMSE YOK MU Solidarity and Relief Association was granted the status of "Association of Public Interest", which is a prestigious status given to Non-Governmental Organizations, in 2006 by the office Prime Minister of Turkey.

STRUCTURE:

Kimse Yok Mu is a non-profit, non-political and non-govermental organization. In order to fulfill the purpose of Kimse Yok Mu, its organizational structure

is designed to reach whole society. Up to date the numbers of the successful stories happened. It is believed that each one must be shared and transmit to other organization and societies. Kimse Yok Mu operates from its Headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey through the structure of its nationwide 22 branch offices. The board of Directors presents the top management of the organization which sets the policies and priorities/mandate of the organization and supervises the activities of the Executive Director.

ACTIVITIES:

KIMSE YOK MU aims to help people not only in Turkey, but also all over the world in case of catastrophes such as war, earthquake, flood, fire, etc. and provide them with food, clothing, cleaning materials, heating, shelter, health and the most importantly in re-establishing schools, as well as to help people to rebuild their businesses. KIMSE YOK MU provided humanitarian aid to thousands of needy and poor families affected by earthquakes in Pakistan (2005) and Peru (2007), by tsunami in Indonesia (2004). Some active regions included in our aid scope on the Globe listed below; • Asia o Pakistan o Endonesia o Palestine o Bangladesh o Afganisthan o Myanmar(Burma) o China • Africa (20 countries) o Sudan o Kenya o Etiopia o Nijer o Nijeria o Chad • America (Peru)

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Kituo Cha Sheria (hereinafter KCS) is a not for profit Human Rights organization and a top and key Civil Society Organization in Kenya that provides free legal aid and representation to the poor, marginalized and vulnerable in their pursuit of access to justice. KCS is the oldest human rights NGO founded in 1973, at a time when there were no human rights organizations in Kenya; young and enthusiastic lawyers who had the passion to offer their services to marginalized persons in Kenya came together with a vision of assisting the poor. KCS's mission is to empower poor and marginalized persons in Kenya to effectively access and enjoy their people's and human rights. KCS vision is a society of equity and justice and for All. KCS attempts to meet its vision and mission through a network of volunteer advocates and most recently through public interest litigation including expanding to newer frontiers such as refugees and IDPs where KCS is currently litigating refugee rights under the newly enacted Refugees Act, 2006; KCS has also in the very recent past embarked on a training of judicial officers on Refugee Law and actively participates in the protection of the vulnerable; KCS is a member of several networks in the realm of human rights, democracy and the rule of law; KCS was the first NGO to draft a model housing Bill which it successfully sold to the government and which Bill is now before parliament; this was in response to the plight of the marginalised living in the so-called slums or otherwise known as informal settlement; KCS is donor supported and is supported by, inter alia, DANIDA, UNHCR, SIDA-UNDP, MISEREOR, IRC, FINISH Embassy, COHRE and COOPI

STRUCTURE:

KCS is run by a Board of Trustees who are the custodian of the KCS property where it is currently situated; then there is a Board of Directors that meets 4 times every year; the Board is the policy making organ; the day-to-day programs of KCS are managed by the Secretariat headed by the Executive Director who is being deputised by Program Coordinators and who are also deputised by the Program/Legal officers and who are in turn deputised by Para-legals and legal/community interns. KCS runs 4 main programs/functions: -

1. Legal Aid and Volunteer Advocates (headed by a Coordinator)
2. Advocacy, Governance & Community Partnership (AGCP) (headed by a Coordinator)
3. Research, Training and Communication (RTC)
4. Management Support and Services (MSS), (headed by a Coordinator)

KCS personnel consists of an all inclusive workforce of 30 comprising of permanent staff, casuals and interns; when need arises KCS would employ services of a consultant.

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ACTIVITIES:

As highlighted in the four main functions above. The specific activities in each function is as follows:

Legal Aid provision and representation through in house layers and external Volunteer Advocates: This is a bridging programme that enables the marginalized access justice through influencing pro poor policy formulation and facilitating legal intervention by conducting community legal education and legal aid provision including court representation. Legal representation is done on a pro bono basis and its strengthened by an extensive network of volunteer Advocates established in many vibrant urban centres across the country.

MSS: This entails the administration, Human Resources and financial services, IT and procurement. This department provides logistical support to Kituo's key programme. Donor funds designated for various projects are managed and disseminated to those projects through this department. The department also handles all internal matters. In addition, the department is charged with the responsibility of organizing and fundraising for various capacity building activities to ensure that KCS staff have a competitive edge guaranteeing that they are not only deliver but quality services to our clients.

AGCP: The AGCP function is one of the three core programs of Kituo Cha Sheria, which includes: -

1 Advocating for the enactment of pro-poor policies particularly in the areas of land, labour, housing and governance.

Engagements: - Draft housing bill, Draft land amendment bill, Draft land policy and Legislations on labour

2 Enhance outreach to build partnership with the poor and marginalized communities

Engagements: -

a. Informal settlements of Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu.

b. Geographically marginalized areas of Kapedo (Turkana), Garissa, Mwatate, and Nyando.

3 Promote good democratic governance both at the national and grassroots levels.

Engagements: -

a. Decentralized funds.

b. Budget tracking and development.

a. Build the capacity of community members to effectively address their societal concerns. This includes inter alia: - Enhancing community participation in policy dialogues

4 Linking communities with legal services.

RTC: The Research, Training and Communications is responsible for the development, coordination and implementation of a functional and result oriented Research, Training and Communications systems, which entail: -

• Conducting and coordinating need driven research in the areas of Land, Housing and Labour rights.

• To build, develop and coordinate sustainable and effective media strategy and increase overall visibility of Kituo Cha Sheria.

• Meeting the training needs in capacity building of the staff and programmatic training.

• Ensuring publication and dissemination of properly packaged information by and for Kituo.

This department forms the rapid response organ; this includes responding to current issues as they emerge albeit not anticipated providing Kituo with a unique opportunity to remain relevant and helpful in shaping the human rights discourse at the national level.

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KURDS is a humanitarian, non political, non profit and non governmental organization, aiming to work and serve the public interest and it is established according to scientific and engineering bases to develop the rural areas specifically in Kurdistan and generally all parts in Iraq. KURDS was founded in 1991 after having its first conference in 1991 on the basis of transparency, accountability and cost effectiveness policy by various highly educated agricultural, engineering, geological and social & civil society professional and specialist staff. The Board of Members organized this NGO due to Duhok community needs and requirements to such kinds of NGO as there was a huge administration gap at the time KURDS was established as first local NGO, so KURDS was formed due to the community necessities and requirements. Accordingly, KURDS aimed to collaborate, coordinate and cooperate closely and honestly with the Local Authority Departments, humanitarian NGOs and UN Agencies. Simultaneously KURDS commenced its duty professionally and paid much attention to the quality of the projects and proposed proposals rather than the quantities.

As it is obvious in 1991 the returning process of returnees from Iran and Turkey has started and IDPs returned to their place of origin, so KURDS establishment at that time was to facilitate the process of returning the IDPs and returnees to their places of origin and this process get its first priority.

KURDS started and still is aiming to help and target the IDPS and Returnees to go back to their places of origin through organized reconstruction programs and finding means of having viable and sustainable communities for IDPs and returnees. Beside that KURDS prepared a wide plan for Kurdistan reconstruction according to the most recent scientific means and in coordination with other concerned parties inside and outside Iraqi Kurdistan. KURDS is being able to achieve their assigned and planned aims and goals by implementing successfully more than 1500 projects in all districts and sub-districts of Duhok, Erbil and Sulaimaniya Governorates since being established till nowadays and provided the services to approximately 3000 villages in the field of reconstruction, water and sanitations, agriculture, irrigation, productive projects, agriculture extension, rural women development, Democracy, child protection, women right, human right, civic education, improving the environment and de-mining. Furthermore, KURDS contributed actively in the development of the rural community over all Iraqi Kurdistan and its rule has been highlighted in the last two years in monitoring all elections process for establishing the democratic federalism government, Governorates council and municipalities councils.

On Jun 16th, 2008 in an official ceremony under the sponsor of His Excellency (H.E. Nechirvan Barzani) the prime minister of Kurdistan Region Government (KRG), KURDS NGO awarded with a (Civic Award) in an assessment and evaluation campaign for local NGOs in Kurdistan, organized and conducted by Ministry of Civil Society Affairs - KRG.

ACTIVITIES:

Field of Expertise:

• Construction.

• Agriculture.

• IDPs and Refugees.

• Watsan.

• Civil society .

• Health awareness.

• Income generation projects and vocational training

• Environment.

• Capacity building.

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The LCA of established in 1996. The main areas of activity are: human rights, legal assistance, training of judges, lawyers, prosecutors, police officers and border guards, publication of legal books and legal newsletter.

• Asylum seekers have access to procedures, in which their claims are heard fairly and promptly

• Asylum seekers are treated in accordance with international protection standards

• Refugee rights are respected

STRUCTURE:

The NGO Law Centre of Advocates is located in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. It includes 6 staff members (lawyers, advocates, university tutors).

ACTIVITIES:

LCA provides the following:

- Legal representation in courts
- Legal counseling and advice
- Training for decision-makers, judges, police, border guards, etc.
- Legal publications (refugee national legislation)

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Lawyers for Human Rights is an independent human rights organisation with a thirty-year track record of human rights activism and public interest litigation in South Africa. LHR uses the law as a positive instrument for change and to deepen the democratisation of the South African society. To this end, it provides free legal services to vulnerable, marginalised and indigent individuals and communities, both non-national and South African, who are victims of unlawful infringements of their Constitutional rights.

STRUCTURE:

Established in 1996 the LHR Refugee and Migrant Rights Project is a specialist programme that advocates, strengthens and enforces the rights of asylum seekers, refugees and other marginalised categories of migrants in South Africa. The Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme are directed at vulnerable groups, it also targets refugee women, disabled and child refugees as being particularly vulnerable. This is in line with LHR's decision to mainstream age, gender and disability across its projects. However, during 2008 refugees and asylum seekers affected by xenophobic violence became another special interest group for our organisation. For its part, the Refugee and Migrant Rights Project assists asylum seekers, refugees, and other marginalised migrants to ensure that their basic civil, political and socio-economic rights are respected and enforced in line with international and national legislation. Coupled to this, the Strategic Litigation Unit, which works in close collaboration with the Refugee and Migrant Rights Project and other LHR projects, has as its objective the use of law as a positive instrument for change and to deepen the democratisation of South African society. To this end, it provides legal services free of charge to vulnerable, marginalised and indigent refugees and refugee communities who are victims of unlawful infringements of their Constitutional rights. Whilst the South African government has ratified the OAU and UN refugee conventions and adopted its own refugee and immigration legislation in 1998 and 2002 respectively, the Department of Home Affairs has battled to implement these legal provisions as a result of lack of management capacity, skills, lack of inter-departmental coordination, corruption and staff turnover. In light of its limited ability to be a lead department in the area of refugees and migrants, the Department of Home Affairs has also been slow to work jointly with other key government departments involved in the provision of public services to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. In turn, this has led to a situation where asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants have had to fend for themselves or rely on the limited assistance provided by NGOs to ensure their survival. In this context, LHR has played a vital role in safeguarding basic civil and political rights of asylum seekers and refugees (including challenging unlawful arrest and detention, providing legal representation in appeals cases, facilitating access to documentation and thus enabling access to basic socio-economic rights viz. Education, health, social assistance, amongst others). Whilst asylum seekers, refugees and migrants themselves constitute a particularly vulnerable group due to their lack of documentation, limited knowledge about their basic rights, and language barriers, LHR has developed programmes which provide specific assistance to women and children, including unaccompanied foreign children, amongst this already vulnerable group. These programmes include, amongst others, research on access to ART by HIV positive migrant women, representation of women and children in appeals and hearings, enabling access to education, assisting victims of trafficking, and the prevention of unlawful detention of both adults and children. Problems accessing basic civil, political and socio-economic rights are not limited to asylum seekers and refugees. In a country with a high unemployment rate, high levels of illiteracy and where the majority of the population is expecting the government to deliver on basic services (such as water, housing, electricity, land, amongst others), facilitating access to justice for vulnerable and indigent individuals is fundamentally important. Thus, besides building on the work carried out by the Refugee and Migrant Rights Project, the SLU has taken on litigation on issues affecting destitute South Africans such as evictions, disability, cultural rights, social security and public participation. In addition to assisting vulnerable individuals, the activities carried out by both of these projects help to strengthen South African NGOs, CBOs, faith-based organizations and universities who are assisting indigent people in South Africa, including refugees, migrants and disadvantaged South Africans and/or seeking to influence policy and/or engaged in research on refugee- and service delivery-related issues.

ACTIVITIES:

The work of LHR is facilitated by the existence of three law clinics in Pretoria, Johannesburg and Durban. These are collectively staffed by seven lawyers. Each of the offices extends services to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants by undertaking consultations with clients four days per week. In addition LHR has in July 2008 established a satellite office in Musina in order to monitor the border area as well to as provide advice and assistance to newly arrived asylum seekers and migrants. This assistance is directed primarily at Zimbabwean asylum seekers and migrants who continue to pour into South Africa due to the continuing deterioration of the economic and political situation in that country. Despite elections in 2008 and the South African mediation intervention there is still no political solution in Zimbabwe and this legal assistance is an essential service at the Musina border.

The authorities in South Africa have been ill prepared for the influx of people seeking protection from the violence and economic collapse in Zimbabwe. As a result, the majority of Zimbabweans remain without legal protection and struggle to get access to any humanitarian assistance. In addition to these services LHR has appointed two dedicated staff, Caroline James and George Odendwa, to assist in monitoring the camps which were set up after the xenophobic attacks which commenced in 2007 and escalated during 2008. The camps are all due to be closed by the end of 2008 and so this service will not be required in 2009.

However, our offices are still being inundated for advice and assistance from persons who were affected during the xenophobic violence and we have an increased caseload which is reflected in our statistics. We will however continue to provide services to persons affected by xenophobic violence and continue our monitoring activities of the highly controversial reintegration process. Approximately 400 new people are assisted on a monthly basis by the three law clinics. In addition to direct legal assistance to its clients, the Refugee and Migrant Rights Project undertakes strategic litigation, human rights

monitoring, policy development, training, and advocacy through research, publications and participation in a number of national and international refugee and migrant advocacy networks.

LHR is an implementing partner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The following services are provided by our organisation:

- Advice and assistance with the refugee status application procedure
- Assistance with appeals and reviews in cases of rejected asylum applications,
- Represent unaccompanied minors at the Department of Home Affairs and Children's Court inquiries,
- Prepare matters where asylum applications were rejected as manifestly unfounded, abusive and fraudulent to be taken on judicial review in cases where applicants were bona fide asylum seekers,
- Advice refugees on durable solutions, i.e. voluntary repatriation, family reunification and relocation
- Advice on socio-economic rights enshrined in the constitution, e.g. right to education, shelter,
- Challenging wrongful arrests and detentions,
- Intervene in threatening unlawful deportations,
- Advise clients on any other matters such as civil matters, labour matters and material assistance based on the premise that the client is an asylum-seeker or refugee.
- Assist refugee pupils with school registration
- Referrals to other relevant service provider organizations The Musina office is primarily involved in monitoring the arrest, detention and deportation of persons who are asylum seekers.

In addition to this the Musina office is also providing the following services:

- Advice and assistance with the refugee status determination procedure
- Advice on socio-economic rights enshrined in the constitution, e.g. right to education, shelter,
- Challenging wrongful arrests and detentions,
- Intervention in threatening unlawful deportations,
- Advising clients on any other matters such as civil matters, criminal matters, labour matters and material assistance and providing referrals to organisations providing these services

ACTIVITIES:

- The provision of legal assistance to refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants is one of our core activities. We are a UNHCR implementing partner and have been for several years.
- Advocacy and lobbying with national and local government and the media
- We employ litigation as a strategic tool where efforts in other areas have not been successful
- Training of NGO and government officials: Understanding that humane laws and policies do not always automatically translate into humane law enforcement, the project has developed training programmes for government employees who work directly with refugees and immigrants. LHR regularly undertakes training of social workers, police officers and refugee communities on the rights and needs of refugees and migrants

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Leadership Watch (LW) was founded and established in 1999 by the Rev. Dr. Martins P. Iwuanyanwu. A clergy and civil rights activist. LW is committed to the promotion of democracy, good governance, human rights, ICT Education and sustainable development.

STRUCTURE:

LW has a Directorate comprising the governing council, directors and head of departments with the president presiding.

The units are:

- (1) Finance
- (2) Projects
- (3) Research
- (4) Campaigns
- (5) Administration
- (6) Legal
- (7) Youth empowerment

ACTIVITIES:

Leadership training & development, Research & documentation, Annual leadership lecture and awards, Emerging leaders seminars and mentoring, publications, human rights advocacy, anti-corruption. budget & implementation monitoring etc

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Legal Resources Foundation was established in 1991 with the aim of promoting and protecting human rights and this to be accomplished through provision of legal aid services to indigent people. The Legal Resources Foundation is the pioneer of community based country-wide legal advice centres, the prisons legal assistance project targeting refugees, juveniles, prohibited immigrants and prisoners. The Foundation offers free legal representation

through the Legal Resources Chambers.

The strategic objectives of the Foundation are:

1. Legal Aid
2. Juvenile Justice
3. HIV/AIDS
4. Gender
5. Legal Education
6. Research and Documentation
7. Capacity Development
8. Networking.

The mission statement: The Legal Resources Foundation a Non-Governmental Organisation anchored in Human Rights and Principles of law advocates for a sustainable human rights culture throughout Zambia by empowering the people through the provision legal aid services.

STRUCTURE:

The Legal Resources Foundation has a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of its board.

All projects are overseen by the Projects Officer and his assistant. The Chambers are overseen by the Principal Advocate. Currently there are 12 advocates.

7 in Lusaka and the other 5 based in the provincial legal advice centers.

In Lusaka there are 7 satellite legal advice centers in 7 selected compounds and 1 provincial legal advice centre each in the remaining 8 provinces, that is, Solwezi, Mongu, Livingstone, Kitwe, Kabwe, Chipata, Kasama and Mansa.

There are 4 journalists and about 30 paralegals across the country.

ACTICVITIES:

Legal Resources Foundation is engaged in dispensation of legal advice and the activities include screening the cases, interviewing and advising clients, distribution of the LRF newsletter.

Under litigation the activities are:

-advising litigants, screening of cases with merit for possible court action, conducting trials, facilitating ex-curia settlements, research, identifying test cases and advocating for law reform.

Under the refugees project the activities include identifying refugees in need of legal assistance, advising refugees on their rights, carrying out administrative intervention on behalf of refugees, providing legal representation refugees in conflict with law especially judicial review and habeas corpus applications and test case litigation.

LRF also conducts monthly mobile courts in the refugee camps in collaboration with UNHCR under the Strengthening and Protection and Capacity Project (SPCP) and this is also extended to detention and monitoring of refugees in prisons.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

La ligue burundaise des droits de l'homme iteka date de 1991 avec comme mission de defendre et promouvoir les droits de la personne humaine et le developpement d'un etat de droit au burundi

Mission et objectifs de la Ligue:

Pour réaliser sa mission, la Ligue Burundaise des Droits de l'Homme ITEKA a mis en place un bureau permanent composé d'une soixantaine de salariés permanents et d'une trentaine d'agents à temps partiel. La permanence est organisée en programmes actuellement au nombre de cinq: observatoire des droits de la personne humaine, assistance aux femmes et enfants victimes de violences, information-communication, Renforcement des sections, Monitoring du rapatriement.

A côté de cette permanence, les membres bénévoles sont regroupés dans des sections au niveau communal. Il ya pour le moment 20 sections réparties sur tout le territoire national. Les dirigeants des fédérations provinciales des sections font partie du Comité Exécutif, un organe de gestion et d'administration. Un conseil de surveillance, organe de contrôle, donne rapport à l'Assemblée générale qui constitue un organe souverain de l'association.

ACTIVITIES:

Les activités de la Ligue Burundaise des Droits de l'Homme ITEKA incluent l'observation et le rapportage des violations des droits de l'homme; la dénonciation des violations des droits de l'homme; le plaidoyer au niveau national et international pour contribuer à asseoir un Etat de droit au Burundi; l'assistance en justice surtout envers les personnes vulnérables; la sensibilisation à travers des séminaires et ateliers de formation envers les membres et divers partenaires participant dans le domaine des droits de l'homme aussi bien au niveau des institutions étatiques qu'au niveau des organisations de la société civile; le monitoring du rapatriement des réfugiés burundais en partenariat avec le HCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of Christian churches in the Lutheran tradition. Founded in 1947 in Lund, Sweden. At that time, the LWF began serving those in need, primarily Lutheran refugees who had been displaced as a result of World War II.

The Department for World Service (DWS) is the internationally recognized humanitarian and development agency of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) working with marginalized and disadvantaged communities in the areas of greatest vulnerability and endemic need. In these efforts, DWS

cooperates within global networks that include ecumenical, governmental and non-governmental partners.

With field programs in 36 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin and Central America and Europe, DWS has a distinguished record of compassionate and professional response, and effective long-term development programs. Its efforts reach out to all who are in need without distinction of ethnicity, gender, religion, nationality or political conviction.

Working in close collaboration with ACT (Action by Churches Together), DWS assists victims of natural and human made disasters to survive an immediate emergency. The second major emphasis of DWS, and central to its work, is the long-term commitment with communities to utilize holistic approaches for sustainable development.

STRUCTURE:

The LWF now has 140 member churches in 78 countries all over the world representing about 60 million Christians. Around 70 staff members from 20 different countries are based in the LWF Geneva headquarters, working in the various departments and units that provide support and services vital to the continuation of the Federation's work. Furthermore some 60 international staff member are engaged in the service programs implemented by the Department for World Service (LWF/DWS).

The overall work of DWS is supported and facilitated by specialized activities that provide focus and flexibility, to enable response to ongoing and changing demands and circumstances. The DWS focus areas are:

- Emergencies, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs);
- Sustainable Development and the Environment;
- Advocacy and Communications;
- Human Resources Development and
- Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.

ACTIVITIES:

With both international and local operational capabilities, the work of DWS is supported and enabled by specialized activities in the following five focus areas. These provide the focus and flexibility that are necessary in order to respond to ongoing demands and changing circumstances.

- Emergencies, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons
- Sustainable Development and the Environment
- Advocacy and Communications
- Human Resources Development
- Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Emergencies, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons

With almost sixty years' experience providing immediate relief in emergencies and meeting the ongoing needs of refugees and displaced populations, DWS is the leading ACT (Action by Churches Together) operational agency for emergencies, and the second largest partner of UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). To maintain this strong leadership and to build effective bridges to sustainable development, DWS focuses on risk management, disaster preparedness and emergency response.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 2005, Mapendo International works to fill the critical and unmet needs of refugees fleeing war and conflict who have fallen through the net of humanitarian assistance. This commitment is expressed through targeting individual cases and groups of people who are overlooked by existing aid programs. Mapendo strives to alleviate human suffering, to protect life and health, and to raise awareness for these vulnerable people.

STRUCTURE:

Mapendo International operates via two inter-related programs. The first, the foundation of Mapendo International, is a medical clinic, which provides free care to urban-based refugees from the Nairobi office in Kenya. Health programming also includes a community services unit staffed by social workers providing counseling as well as some housing assistance, supplementary food, and livelihoods support. The second program is the regional protection unit, which focuses on identifying and achieving durable solutions for refugees. The protection unit works in close cooperation with UNHCR and assigns resettlement experts to support UNHCR resettlement units in various sub-offices and camps throughout the region. The U.S. headquarters located in Boston, Massachusetts supports the Africa field programs with operational oversight, administration, fundraising, and public relations.

ACTIVITIES:

The health initiative provides free care to urban-based refugees, as well as counseling, housing assistance, supplementary food, and livelihoods support. The protection unit focuses on identifying and achieving durable solutions for refugees primarily through operational support to UNHCR resettlement units, and through targeted research and advocacy, especially of urban caseloads.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Migration Working Group (MWG) is a loose network of Malaysian civil society groups and individuals (researchers, lawyers, writers and volunteers) who advocate for the protection of migrants, refugees, and stateless persons through lobbying for policy reform. Our recommendations are based on human rights principles and incorporate a holistic view of migration. It was started in mid-2006.

STRUCTURE:

The Secretariat for the MWG is Women's Aid Organisation. The Network is coordinated by three individuals representing three organisations: Women's Aid Organisation, Tenaganita, and the National Human Rights Society (HAKAM). Currently, there are 23 organisations as official members, comprising service providers and human rights advocates.

ACTIVITIES:

Advocating and lobbying for reform of laws and policies concerning migrants and refugees through workshops, seminars, public statements, and campaigns.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Myochikai (Arigatou Foundation) is a faith-based NGO contributing to peace building through interfaith dialogue and action to secure the well-being and rights of children. It provides a values-based platform for implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by mobilizing religious initiatives for children in support of the United Nations commitment to child rights.

STRUCTURE:

Myochikai (Arigatou Foundation) pursues these goals through international assistance programs, many conducted in close collaboration with the United Nations and its agencies, especially UNICEF, UNESCO and UNHCR, as well as religious communities and child-rights focused organizations worldwide. Its programs include direct relief for children in difficult circumstances — from emergency aid for refugee children and victims of natural disasters to financial support for educational, water and sanitation projects — as well as interreligious cooperation programs. Myochikai (Arigatou Foundation) inaugurated the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC).

In May 2000 with the cooperation of UNICEF and 300 leaders and community workers from the world's religious traditions. The GNRC operates through regional networks in Africa, Asia, Europe, Caucasus, Latin America, the Arab States and in Israel, facilitating concrete initiatives for children on a grassroots level.

ACTIVITIES:

Myochikai (Arigatou Foundation):

- signed a Program Cooperation Agreement with UNICEF on 19 May 2004 and embarked on a Joint Study Project called Children in World Religions
- from 2005 – 2007, developed Learning to Live Together: An Intercultural and Interfaith Ethics Education Programme in close cooperation with and endorsed by both UNESCO and UNICEF;
- was granted consultative status with UNICEF in July 2007;
- provided financial support to projects by United Nations agencies through their Japan committees
- In 2004, 10 million JPY to UNICEF for earthquake victims in Iran, and 4 million JPY to UNHCR for Darfur; in 2005, 2 million JPY to UNICEF for earthquake victims in Pakistan, and 3 million JPY to UNHCR for same purpose; and in 2005, 2006, and 2007, 100 thousand USD in each of three years to UNICEF for the Education for the Female Child Project in Tajikistan.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Act for Peace is the international aid and development agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia, which is comprised of seventeen major Christian Churches that have come together to fulfil common witness, mission and service and break down structures that create and perpetuate poverty, oppression, injustice and division. Act for Peace, formerly known as Christian World Service, has been involved in aid and development work and refugee resettlement and asylum issues since 1948.

STRUCTURE:

Act for Peace assists refugees and IDPs through providing support for community development, protection, peace-building and capacity-building to overseas partner organizations working with refugees and displaced people and by providing emergency assistance to overseas partners through the global ACT International alliance.

As a member of the ecumenical family, it works closely with member churches and churches agencies to strengthen humanitarian protection through

1) advocacy,

2) working with partners to integrate protection into programs, and;

3) by instigating and providing ongoing support for ACT International's Protection Advisory Group, the Protection Working Group of the Australian Council for International Development and the Australian Church Agency Protection Program.

Act for Peace has been an active participant in UNHCR's Annual Consultations and UNHCR's Executive Committee for the last 15 years, working to improve UNHCR-NGO Consultations, linkages between NGOs and ExCom member states and strengthen the access and participation of Southern NGOs in UNHCR decision-making and consultative processes. After serving as the Rapporteur for the last two years, Act co-wrote a Guide to Participation to further these objectives.

As part of its ongoing advocacy on international protection issues, Act for Peace is a founding member and provides ongoing support for

- 1) the World Council of Churches' Global Ecumenical Network on Migration, which brings together regional working groups on migrants and uprooted people each year to share information, determine advocacy priorities and advise on WCC programs and advocacy;
- 2) the Australian Refugee Rights Alliance, which advocates on Australian and regional protection issues using UNHCR decision-making and consultative processes,
- 3) the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network and
- 4) the International Detention Coalition.

ACTIVITIES:

Act for Peace works to empower communities to act for peace wherever conflicts occur through working with overseas partners to help communities to provide protection, prevent further conflict, manage disasters and reduce poverty.

It also engages in research, analysis, policy formation, education and awareness raising, domestic and international advocacy.

Act programs assist Burmese, Palestinian, Sri Lankan, East Timorese, Iraqi and Sudanese refugees and displaced people. Overseas partners include the Thai-Burma Border Consortium, Middle East Council of Churches' Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees (Gaza and Lebanon), Darfur Emergency Response Operation, New Sudan Council of Churches, Organization for Elam Refugee Rehabilitation (India and Sri Lanka) and YASONA (Timor Leste).

Act for Peace has also been heavily involved in domestic refugee and asylum issues since 1948 through the National Program on Refugees and Displaced People, which assists refugees and asylum seekers in Australia, and advocates for refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people overseas. The program works in partnership with the State Councils of Churches, which each have a refugee program that maintains close community links and involves member churches in education, awareness raising, advocacy and service provision. Groups/issues of concern: Australia's Resettlement Program, overseas aid, system of mandatory, indefinite and non-reviewable detention, the 'Pacific Solution' (offshore processing and detention), refugee status determination, asylum seekers without work rights or income support, complementary protection, temporary protection visas, warehoused and urban refugees and internally displaced people.

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HISTORY: PURPOSE:

The National Refugee Network was established in January 2009 in New Zealand to bring together refugee-led organisations within New Zealand. The organisation disseminates information and acts as a collective voice on issues of common concern to former refugees in New Zealand. The vision of the Network is that former refugees resettling and living in New Zealand feel they:

- belong in New Zealand
- are included in society and in the decision making process
- are recognised by other New Zealanders for their contribution to New Zealand society
- are able to participate actively and equally at all levels in their communities and in the wider society they are part of.

STRUCTURE:

The National Refugee Network has a steering group of which Kafeba Mundele is Chairperson. The Network is serviced by ChangeMakers Refugee Forum, a refugee-led organisation that brings together 13 refugee background communities in the Wellington region. ChangeMakers is a member of the National Refugee Network.

ACTIVITIES:

The National Refugee Network disseminates information, acts as an advocate on issues of common concern and liaises nationally and internationally on issues of concern to former refugees in New Zealand.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The National Libyan Society for Youth Care was established based on the decision number 209 of the Secretary of the National Libyan Services and the law number 19 related to the National Societies for Youth Care in Libya. The National Society for Youth Care was established to develop the Libyan society and to promote the Youth culture and creativity and give them the chance to enhance their skills and capacities in different areas that has a positive effect on the Libyan Society.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

- To promote the activities of the Youth in Libya
- To assist the young people who have limited income
- To help to enrol the youth in courses that would promote their skills such as language and computer skills,
- To give particular attention to sports,
- To organize special ceremonies for awarding distinctive students in different educational levels,
- To organize and sponsor awareness campaigns against diseases...etc

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

NMJD's strategic priorities/objectives include:

- 1) peaceful co-existence among people in the six pilot chiefdoms in Bo and Kenema districts,
- 2) improved quality of life for the poor in mining communities in terms of income, access to services and infrastructure,
- 3) improved living conditions for the poor (women, youth, men and physically challenged) in terms of food security, income and access to social services,
- 4) improved living standard of youths in Kenema, Kono and Kailahun districts,
- 5) good quality electronic and non-electronic solutions that allow information to be shared in a timely manner, easily and appropriately, both inside and outside NMJD, and 6) enhanced overall effectiveness of NMJD so that it remains relevant to its constituents by creating desirable impact at all levels.

MISSION

The Network Movement for Justice and Development is a Sierra Leonean civil society organization that engages in advocacy and strengthens/enhances the capacity of civil society organizations to engage effectively women, men, children, communities, government and other actors for the transformation of society.

VISION

A just and self-reliant society (Sierra Leone) where women, men, children and communities are conscientized and live in dignity without fear and discrimination especially on grounds of sex, race, faith, socio-economic and political status.

STRUCTURE:

The Executive Director is the administrative head of the organization. He provides organizational leadership, ensures the implementation of the organization's strategies and plans, creates strategic direction and national and international partnerships, develops corporate communication and marketing strategies. He reports to the Board of Advisors. He is assisted by the Deputy Executive Director. The Administrator manages human resources, provides administrative services, makes operational follow-ups through meetings, appraisals, etc. She reports to the Executive Director.

The Regional Directors head and manage programme activities, coordinate integrative implementation of programme/Area activities using different participatory tools. They report to the Deputy Executive Director, who in turn reports to the Executive Director.

The Director of Finance makes forecasts and allocations, manages, monitors and reports on the status and utilization of financial resources. He reports to the Executive Director, but also submits monthly programme financial reports to the Regional Directors and programme managers.

At the programme level, the programme managers facilitate programme development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and networking. They report to the Regional Directors.

The Animators implement programme/project activities and collaborate with like-minded organizations at Area level. They report to the programme managers.

The Support staff comprise finance clerks, secretaries, office assistants, drivers and security personnel. They report to the Regional Directors.

The organization operates in a decentralized manner with each region having a semi autonomous programmatic operational mechanism; southern area, eastern area, northern area, and western area. We also have district offices in Kono and Bombali as pilots.

ACTIVITIES:

These strategic priorities can be achieved through the organization's key programmatic areas:

- 1) Peace and Security, a) sexual and gender based violence prevention programme which is supported by UNHCR b) Paralegal services c) conflict transformation work advocating change in the Paramount Chieftaincy Laws
- 2) Mining and Extractives, involving policy advocacy for law reforms and contract reviews as well as human rights protection and environmental preservation
- 3) Governance and Accountability, involving contractor monitoring, budget tracking and
- 4) Youth Empowerment, involving skills training, youth leadership development, youth policy formulation advocacy
- 5) Knowledge Management and Communications (KMC), as part of Organisation Development and Change (ODC).

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HISTORY; MISSION:

NRC has a 60-year-old tradition of assisting refugees in Norway and internationally, which began after the first World War with the efforts of Fridtjof Nansen in 1946 and his outstanding efforts to assist people in need. In 1947 several Norwegian voluntary organisations joined forces and established an umbrella organisation, which in 1953 was named the Norwegian Refugee Council. NRC assisted refugees in European countries and those who came to Norway.

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is today one of the leading Norwegian humanitarian organisations working internationally, and the only one focusing solely on refugees, returnees and IDPs. NRC has a solid international standing through its operations in the field, the secondment of personnel to inter-governmental agencies and its advocacy work. The last 20 years NRC's main focus has been on international refugee work, gradually broadened to include the growing number of conflict induced internally displaced persons.

STRUCTURE:

NRC is a foundation, after having previously been an association. Its supreme body is the Board, which consists of seven persons with wide experience

from areas of importance to the work of the organisation. Day-to-day management is vested in the Secretary General. The head office, with a staff of about 65, is in central Oslo and headed by the Secretary General, Mr. Tomas Colin Archer. NRC has a liaison office in Geneva headed by a Resident Representative, Ms Elisabeth Rasmusson.

NRC also has more than 2,000 employees in more than 20 country offices worldwide.

The annual turnover exceeded NOK 792 million in 2007.

ACTIVITIES:

- Operative efforts – currently in 14 program countries in four continents of the world. Within its program activities NRC has chosen to focus its efforts around four key elements – distribution, education, shelter and legal aid, information and counselling. Specializing in these areas will further strengthen the quality of the program activities, and enable the organization to react even faster when acute crises occur.
- Advocacy to strengthen the protection of refugees and internally displaced persons. Being a spokesman for the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons is essential in the activities of the NRC. Advocacy plays an integral part in program activities, and likewise, major efforts are made on an international level and in regards to specific countries' authorities to advance the protection of displaced people.
- Secondment of personnel from the emergency preparedness rosters. The NRC administers three emergency preparedness rosters, NORSTAFF, NORDEM and NORAFRIC. The profiles of the rosters are continually adapted to meet the recipient organizations' needs for qualified personnel, necessitating training of roster members on a regular basis.

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), originally named the Global IDP Project, was established by NRC in 1996 and was mandated by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) to set up an IDP database in 1998. The Geneva-based project evolved into the leading international body monitoring internal displacement in over 50 countries worldwide. It has also broadened its activities to the collection and analysis of IDP-related information, advocacy for the rights of the displaced, and training on IDP protection. The database and further information on the centre can be found at www.internal-displacement.org.

NRC is a member of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) and the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE). NRC has ECOSOC accreditation since 2000.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), established in 1998 by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), is the leading international body monitoring conflict-induced internal displacement worldwide.

Through its work, the Centre contributes to improving national and international capacities to protect and assist the millions of people around the globe who have been displaced within their own country as a result of conflicts or human rights violations.

At the request of the United Nations, the Geneva-based IDMC runs an online database providing comprehensive information and analysis on internal displacement in some 52 countries. Based on its monitoring and data collection activities, the Centre advocates for durable solutions to the plight of the internally displaced in line with international standards. The IDMC also carries out training activities to enhance the capacity of local actors to respond to the needs of internally displaced people (IDPs). In its work, the Centre cooperates with and provides support to local and national civil society initiatives.

STRUCTURE:

IDMC currently has 22 staff members in Geneva. The structure of the Centre includes the following departments: Monitoring & Advocacy; Training & Protection; IDP Database; Communications; Administration.

ACTIVITIES:

- Active advocacy for the rights of IDPs is an integral part of the IDMC's work. Based on information included in the database and collected during fact-finding missions to priority countries, the Centre raises awareness of the plight of internally displaced people, points to gaps in national and international responses and promotes solutions reflecting international standards and best practices.
- The Centre's IDP database provides frequently updated information and analysis on conflict-induced internal displacement around the globe.
- The IDMC organises training workshops to strengthen the capacity of relevant national and international actors to address the protection and assistance needs of internally displaced people in line with international standards.
- Cutting across the IDMC's programme activities, the Civil Society Project is aimed at supporting civil society initiatives and strengthening the Centre's link with IDP communities and NGOs in its ongoing monitoring, advocacy and training work. In addition, the Centre is in the process of establishing an Internet-based network of national NGOs working on IDP issues.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

L'Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coopération (OFADEC) est une organisation non gouvernementale à but non lucratif. La mission de l'OFADEC est d'assister et de protéger les victimes de crises humanitaires, à travers la protection et l'assistance. La protection est réalisée à travers des activités de plaidoyer, de lobbying, de défense et de promotion des droits des victimes. L'assistance à travers des projets en vue de contribuer à la couverture de leurs besoins de base des victimes. Ces actions sont engagées sur la base de ressources mises à la disposition de l'OFADEC en conformité avec les statuts de l'OFADEC.

STRUCTURE:

OFADEC est dirigée par un conseil d'administration dont les membres sont élus pour 2 mandats. Ce conseil se réunit 2 fois par an en présence du directeur général et des chefs de projets. Le conseil donne les orientations et supervise les opérations de OFADEC. Le directeur général de l'OFADEC gère le personnel de OFADEC et rend compte au conseil d'administration.

ACTIVITIES:

OFADEC est engagé dans l'assister et la protection des victimes de crises humanitaires, à travers la protection et l'assistance. La protection est réalisée à travers des activités de plaidoyer, de lobbying, de défense et de promotion des droits des victimes. L'assistance à travers des projets en vue de contribuer à la couverture de leurs besoins de base des victimes. Ces actions sont engagées sur la base de ressources mises à la disposition de l'OFADEC en conformité avec les statuts de l'OFADEC.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ORAM - Organization for Refuge, Asylum & Migration. Established 2008. Advocacy, education and representation for refugees and migrants battling especially compelling survival issues, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and individuals escaping sexual and gender-based violence.

STRUCTURE:

Based in San Francisco, CA, USA. Field activities in Turkey and Israel.

ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Oxfam International is a confederation of 12 organizations working together with over 3,000 partners in more than 100 countries to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice. With many of the causes of poverty global in nature, the 12 affiliate members of Oxfam International believe they can achieve greater impact through their collective efforts.

Oxfam International seeks increased worldwide public understanding that economic and social justice are crucial to sustainable development. We strive to be a global campaigning force promoting the awareness and motivation that comes with global citizenship while seeking to shift public opinion in order to make equity the same priority as economic growth.

Oxfam International was founded in 1995, formed by the group of like-minded independent non-government organizations, who wanted to work together internationally to achieve greater impact in reducing poverty by their collective efforts. The name "Oxfam" comes from the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, founded in Britain during the second world war in 1942. This group of Oxford citizens campaigned for grain ships to be sent through the allied naval blockade to provide relief for women and children in enemy-occupied Greece.

The Oxfams are working to become part of a movement, which is capable of global responses to global issues. We are aiming to create ways of working and structures appropriate to global action in a complex and closely-knit world.

STRUCTURE:

The twelve Oxfam organizations are based in: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Quebec, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Ireland, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain and the United States. A small Oxfam International secretariat is based in Oxford, UK, and the secretariat runs advocacy offices in Washington DC, New York, Brussels and Geneva.

ACTIVITIES:

Oxfam works with communities, allies and partner organizations, undertaking long-term development, emergency work, research and campaigning for a fairer world. Oxfam works on a broad range of issues, including trade, conflict, debt and aid, and education.

What does Oxfam do?

•Development programs: Oxfam and our partners are working toward long term development to eradicate poverty, focusing on issue such as education,

gender, HIV/Aids and human rights.

- Emergency work: Oxfam has been working in humanitarian disaster or emergency situations for over 60 years and is internationally recognized for our expertise in water and sanitation.
- Research and lobbying: Oxfam's experience of the real issues confronting poor people is linked to high-level research and lobbying. We aim to change international policies and practices in ways to ensure that poor people have the rights and opportunities they need to improve and control their lives.
- Campaigning: Oxfam undertakes popular campaigning, alliance building and media work designed to raise awareness among the public of solutions to global poverty, to enable and motivate people to play an active part in the movement for change, and to foster a sense of global citizenship.
- Oxfam takes a rights-based approach, aiming to help people living in poverty to exercise five main rights: Right to a sustainable livelihood, Right to basic social services, Right to Life and security, Right to be heard, Right to an identity.
- Our annual program expenditure is around \$528.03 million globally.*
- Oxfam works with approximately 3250 partner organizations in around 100 countries, including: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, English-speaking Caribbean, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Laos, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories & Israel, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Island, Somalia/ Somaliland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Winward Islands, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Portuguese Refugee Council is Non-Governmental Organization for Development that, since its creation in 1991, defends and promotes the right to asylum. Is the only NGO that works exclusively with refugee and asylum seekers in Portugal. PRC's intervention is foreseen in the Asylum Law 27/2008, of 30 of June, as the NGO that provides independent legal advice to asylum seekers in all the stages of the procedure, and with an important role in resettlement. PRC's mission is to support asylum seekers and refugees at all stages of the asylum procedure, reception and integration into the host society; to raise awareness among the host society for refugee problems, defending the right to asylum in Portugal.

STRUCTURE:

PRC's work is divided in two headquarters: Lisbon and the Reception Centre administrated by the PRC, in Bobadela, 10 Km from Lisbon. It is composed by a Board (5 persons) and seven different departments: Juridical (5 persons), Reception Centre (9 persons), Projects (2 person), Employment and formation (3 persons), Finance (3), Public Information (2), and the Day Care/ Kindergarden (11 persons). In total, we have 36 persons working full time, plus the Board President.

ACTIVITIES:

PRC is engaged in the following main activities: - Administration of a Refugee Reception Centre in Bobadela (Outskirts of Lisbon); - Legal advice, which is foreseen in the Portuguese Asylum Law 27/08; - Social support and counselling to asylum seekers and refugees; - Employment and vocational training guidance; - Portuguese language and computer training courses; - Training courses, seminars and meetings on refugee's issues and asylum law.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

"Praxis" Support to Social Development is an independent local non-governmental organization established in September 2003. Official registration of the organization at the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan Republic took place in August 2005. The overall aim of the organization is to promote conditions of sustainable human development in which people are able to enjoy a full range of human rights, fulfill their needs free from poverty and live in dignity. In order to achieve this aim, "Praxis" works to: * Advocate for protection and promotion of legal and social rights of vulnerable groups; * Support to strengthening of local self-governance institutions and public participation; * Disseminate and propagate the grounding principles of free market and civil society; * Increase awareness of population on poverty reduction and factors creating poverty; * Organize monitoring and evaluation of various social and legal programs of the state.

STRUCTURE:

"Praxis" has been operating its program activities in 14 regions of Azerbaijan, including Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja, Zakatala, Mingachaur, Ali-Bayramli, Gobustan, Saatli, Sabirabad, Imishli, Beylagan, Fizuli, Agdam and Agjabedi regions. Currently, the organization has its central office in Baku and branch offices in Sumgayit, Fizuli and Agdam regions. "Praxis" also has 5 focal points serving coordination functions in Beylagan, Imishli, Sabirabad, Saatli and Ali-Bayramli regions. Praxis has 5 Departments through which the organization implementing various programs: - Access to Justice Department - Refugees and IDPs Department - Local Self Government Department - Youth, Women and Children Department - Environment and Community Infrastructure Department The organization maintains an effective cooperation with local communities, municipalities and executive committees of the above mentioned regions. "Praxis" also has an intensive cooperation with other NGOs and mass media in the regions it operates. Employees of "Praxis" – lawyers, paralegals, trainers and experts in local self-governance and community development, information officers and administrative staff work in its offices. The organization has also developed a network of a significant number of young people from various local communities who are able and willing to work on a voluntary basis for the promotion of the main objectives of the organization. "Praxis" Support to Social Development has gained valuable experience and expertise in rendering individual legal aid to vulnerable groups of population, public advocacy and monitoring, community mobilization and development, local self-governance, public participation and other areas through implementation of the various programs.

ACTIVITIES:

The main activity of the Praxis is: Improving Standards of Protection for IDPs in Azerbaijan - Render professional legal aid and counselling services to internally displaced persons and returnees - Provide the displaced persons and returnees with relevant information on their rights - Daily management of five information, counselling and legal aid centres in Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja, Fizuli and Aghdam - Mobile visits to reach those in need of legal aid but not able to visit the centres themselves - Represent IDPs' interests in civil court proceedings, pursue strategic litigation cases at the courts of higher instance and the European Court of Human Rights - Develop and disseminate information materials on the rights of IDPs, as well as domestic protection mechanisms - Organize capacity building events for local NGOs - Facilitate seminars and workshops on national and international IDP protection standards - Bilateral advocacy meetings with local authorities in five regions - Strengthen the existing network and partnership of local NGOs aiming at protection and assistance of internally displaced persons - Compile various thematic reports on specific protection concerns and issues of IDP protection and assistance. As well as Praxis implementing various projects in Capacity building of Local NGOs, local self government, Anticorruption, Gender mainstreaming, vocational trainings and etc.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

PRO PUBLIC, a non-profit, a non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to the cause of public interest, was founded in 1991 by a consortium of lawyers, journalists, economists, engineers, consumers and women rights activists. Its focus over the years has been on good governance, access to justice, human rights, and consumer protection. Pro Public has consistently succeeded in creating government accountability in Nepal through media campaigns, advocacy, negotiation, correspondence and public interest litigation.

Mission: To be a social change agent and empower the people through research, advocacy, litigation and capacity building.

Vision: Basic rights are guaranteed through social, economic, environmental and political justice

STRUCTURE:

The Annual General Assembly (AGM) is the highest body annually approves the programme, budget, and activities. All of the general members are authorised to participate in the AGM. AGM meetings are held every year. The AGM also has a mandate to elect the Executive Committee every three years.

The Executive committee is comprised of a President, a Vice President, a General Secretary, a Joint Secretary, a Treasurer and other 4 executive members. The Executive committee is the highest executive body mandated to look after overall projects, management of the organization, approve proposals, sign agreements, and personnel management.

The Executive Director is the executive head for the day to day administration of the office.

There are 5 departments:

- 1) access to justice and human rights;
- 2) Good Governance;
- 3) Economic and consumer justice
- 4) Peace and democracy and
- 5) Administration and finance.

Under each department, there are different projects which are led by Project Coordinators/directors

The head office is based in Kathmandu and there are two regional offices and field offices in more than 20 districts (field offices are established as per the requirement of the project activities). There are more than 5000 Good Governance Radio Listener clubs throughout the country (all districts) under Pro Public's grassroots network.

The number of personnel varies in Pro Public as most are project based. Currently there are approximately 55 personnel in the central office and 40 in the field and regional offices. Three persons are working on the UNHCR funded project, namely the Programme Coordinator, Medical Associate and Accountant.

ACTIVITIES:

Focusing on public interest advocacy and litigation;

Working on good governance advocacy through media campaigns, workshops, and seminars

Contributing to the constitution making process

Providing care and assistance to urban refugees and asylum seeker (household support, health, educational and vocational support);

Providing legal aid to communities including refugees and asylum seekers;

Researching publications in different area of public interest, particularly human rights, gender, the environment and good governance related issues;

Pro Public is working with different UN agencies such as UNHCR, UNIFEM, WFP, UN AIDS, UNDP etc on various issues

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ProAct Network was established in 2007. Our mission statement is "ProAct Network helps vulnerable communities improve resilience to disasters, climate change and humanitarian crises, through sustainable environmental management".

MISSION STATEMENT

ProAct Network – a not-for-profit international network of environmental professionals and partners – promotes environmental security and seeks solutions to climate change through sound environmental management. Its ultimate objective is to reduce disaster vulnerability, help minimise the impact

of disasters on communities and help ensure that neither peoples' livelihoods nor the environment are unnecessarily impaired during disaster recovery and rehabilitation.

OBJECTIVE

ProActs objective is to ensure that our research, projects and partnerships in humanitarian aid, disaster reduction and climate adaptation:

- addresses – as a priority – the needs of the poor and most vulnerable communities through active participation and involvement in planning and managing activities; and
- incorporates climate change and environmental management into both large-scale programming and local actions, both proactively (through disaster risk reduction and adaptation) and reactively (through rehabilitation).

SCOPE

ProAct does not have a regional focus. We work globally, and focus on regions with communities most vulnerable to climate change, natural disasters, conflicts and forced displacement.

We serve these communities and their local environments by collaborating with both international organisations (which include prominent environmental groups such as IUCN–International Union for the Conservation of Nature, key agencies of the United Nations and large emergency response NGOs such as CARE International) and local organisations in humanitarian, disaster risk reduction and climate change work. Both international and local collaboration maximises environmental management integration into large-scale programming, while at the same time developing and enhancing community ownership.

Three main themes underpin our work focus: climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster risk reduction and humanitarian relief where there is an environmental/livelihood link. Because most of these themes are interrelated, our work is in highest demand where these themes intersect. We aim to position our services and develop our expertise – and thus institutional support – in this arena with a view to achieving the most effective and sustainable results.

STRUCTURE:

ProAct has seven employees in its HQ, but secures and provides services through a broad range of partners -- individuals and organisations. Our approach is focused primarily on community support and involvement, but also strengthens the capacity of traditional and national structures in terms of environmental management and livelihood security.

ACTIVITIES:

Environmental management in humanitarian and relief operations. Climate change adaptation. Disaster risk prevention and reduction. Conflict resolution and prevention in relation to natural resource use. Capacity building and training.

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Qatar Authority for Charitable Activities (QACA) established in May 2004. QACA is a government body responsible for supervising the Qatari NGOs. QACA aims to improve the capacity of Qatari NGOs through partnership and capacity building programs.

STRUCTURE:

QACA board of Directors, Director General, Relief Department, Associations Department, Project Department.

70 Staff.

QACA office in DOHA.

ACTIVITIES:

Supervisory of charities in fundraising and funds transfer abroad.

Coordination of relief Activities.

Partnership with Qatari NGOs and UN Agencies and International NGOs to implement projects.

Leading efforts of Muslims NGOs and OIC cooperation and coordination.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

RMSA (Refugee and Migrant Services in Albania) is a local Non-Governmental, Non-profitable Organization set up in 2001, under the auspices and the capacity building initiative of UNHCR. Upon an initiative to strengthen the capacities and promoting the development of a national civil society RMSA was founded in February 2001 and it started operating and accomplishing programs as an Implementing partner of UNHCR immediately after its foundation. It focuses future programming within mandate of providing social and legal services to refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, IDPs and minority groups in Albania. Initially RMSA started to implement a project funded by UNHCR, which consisted mainly in providing daily care facility for refugees and asylum seeker children, most of whom were children of families headed as households by single mothers. Parallel to this, the Social Workers of RMSA were intensively involved in another program, by offering community based services to the refugee and asylum seeker population in Albania in some premises run and supervised fully by RMSA this was the first project implementing in the area of running and managing reception facilities, and offering respective services to these premises for the beneficiary group. Since then RMSA has been functioning on independent or

partnership programs by supporting other governmental and non-governmental initiatives focusing on community based services and capacity building of local authorities and main targets, the persons in need of international protection. Currently RMSA is implementing UNHCR project on the assistance to the refugees and asylum-seekers in Albania. It provides social and legal assistance to the persons of concern to UNHCR. The aim of the social assistance is to assist persons of concern to become self-sustainable. Basic principles and considerations of social assistance to refugees/asylum-seekers is guided by a focus on promoting durable solutions to each individual case. Such principles are to avoid creating dependencies, prepare refugees and asylum seekers for an independent life, and provide them with the means of livelihood. This is made possible by assisting them in their job search, supporting the upgrading of vocational skills, and facilitating their access to the local labor market. The project also aims to promote and ensure the rights of asylum seekers and persons granted asylum recognized to them by the international and national legislation on asylum.

STRUCTURE:

RMSA has in its structure the Board of Directors composed of five persons (not paid members) and the Executive Board composed of seven persons (employees). RMSA has his office located in Tirana but through mobile teams it provides services in all the areas the persons of concern are located. Within its period of operation it has assisted the governmental institutions to set up community centers for migrant populations which later have been handed over to the community for future management.

ACTIVITIES:

RMSA as an implementing partner of UNHCR aims and works to ensure that all of the most essential assistance and protection needs of the asylum seekers and refugees are met in Albania, and simultaneously advocates with the Government to undertake the overall responsibility of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. RMSA is currently implementing the following project: Social Services and Legal Support for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, funded by UNHCR (agreement signed for 2009). Schematically the activities undertaken could be listed as following: Service Provision Administration Advice and referral on education & employment, health issues and welfare entitlements, Counseling and treatment for Victims of Domestic Violence, Fundraising, Social Counseling Legal Advice organizing leisure, sports, cultural and social events Social work (case work), Teaching language classes, Translating/Interpreting from European and non-European languages, Advocacy & Policy Work Advocacy Campaigning Information provision and public awareness, Lobbying Policy development, Prepare of university curricula course Teaching Courses in the University.

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The Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) is a non governmental organization set up in 1998 in response to the increasing complex and deteriorating refugee situation in Kenya. RCK's mission is to improve the welfare of refugee situation through advocacy at National, regional and international levels, providing legal and other referral services to refugees and through research and dissemination of information on refugee issues.

Aims:

- To facilitate refugees' access to the legal justice system in Kenya;
- To monitor the adherence to international refugee laws and standards in refugee protection and to encourage accountability amongst stakeholders;
- To act as a catalyst for provision of accurate, timely and effective information to policy makers and implementers.

Objectives:

- To advocate for the development of effective laws and policies that promote the welfare of refugees and displaced persons;
- To provide legal aid and information services through our legal aid clinic;
- To mainstream refugee rights into the broader human rights agenda at all levels;
- To engage in research, analysis and information dissemination in order to enhance action among those concerned with refugee issues;
- To maintain sound administrative and management policies;

STRUTURE:

Refugee Consortium of kenya has four key departments/programmes

The Organization is run by a Board of Governance which consist of 8 Professionals

The Executive Director is in charge of the day to day runnign fo the secretariat

1. The Legal Aid Programme- has five full time professionals, two interns, volunteers and translators
2. The Advocacy Programme- has two full time professionals
3. The Information and Research programme- Has a full time professional and a volunteer
4. The Finance and Adminstration Programme- Has three professionals and 3 support staff

ACTIVITIES:

1. provision of legal aid services to refugees and asylum seekers as
2. Advocacy for for progressive policies and practices to address the refugee problem in Kenya
3. Popularizing the refugee act 2006 to law enforcement officers, refugees and general public
3. Advocacy for better protection and adherence to international standards in refugee management in kenya and the region
4. Empowerment of refugees to enble them acess justice as well as defend their rights at all levels
5. Research and publication for purpose of promoting the welfare of refugee and providing space for refugee's voices to be heard

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) was established in 1981 as the national peak refugee agency. It now has more than 130 organisation and 250 individual members working across the spectrum of refugee assistance. The aim of the Refugee Council of Australia is to promote the adoption of flexible, humane and constructive policies towards refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons by the Australian and other Governments and their communities. Because the Refugee Council of Australia is not an operational agency, it has a small core staff (6) plus interns. It has offices in Sydney and Melbourne. The aim of the Refugee Council of Australia is to promote the adoption of flexible, humane and constructive policies towards refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons by the Australian and other Governments and their communities.

STRUCTURE:

The 15-member Board of the Refugee Council of Australia is elected by the Council's members. The board includes members from the various states and territories of Australia and from the various sectors of refugee assistance. The staff team is headed by the Chief Executive Officer and the National Policy Director.

ACTIVITIES:

The priority activities for the Refugee Council of Australia are national and international research on refugee issues, policy analysis, advocacy with government and inter-governmental bodies on refugee concerns, training and community education.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Refugee Council USA is a coalition of 23 U.S. based NGOs. It was established in 2000. RCUSA provides advocacy on issues affecting the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, victims of trafficking, and victims of torture in the United States and across the world. The coalition also serves as the principal consultative forum for the national refugee resettlement and processing agencies as they formulate common positions, conduct their relations with the U.S. government and other partners, and support and enhance refugee service standards.

STRUCTURE:

RCUSA is a member-driven coalition. Currently its funding comes solely from member dues. There are a number of standing committees that serve to structure the on-going work of the coalition. In addition to these committees, members are informed daily through RCUSA communications about meetings, events, and other relevant information pertaining to refugee and displacement issues. The coalition has a chair, vice chair, and two staff members.

ACTIVITIES:

RCUSA works with the U.S. Congress, U.S. Administration, and UNHCR on refugee-related matters and advocates for more U.S. funding for refugees as well as for policies that increase the protection of refugees worldwide.

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The Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) is based in the University of Oxford's Department of International Development. The Centre was established in 1982 as a multi-disciplinary centre for research and teaching on the causes and consequences of forced migration, with an emphasis on understanding the experiences of those affected. The RSC provides a range of study and learning opportunities (MSc in Forced Migration, International Summer School, short courses and visiting fellowships) and undertakes a number of dissemination and outreach activities (workshops, conferences, publications). The Centre also emphasises the dissemination of its scholarship and engages in a broad range of activities designed to inform and enhance humanitarian policy, institutional practice and academic debate.

STRUCTURE:

The Refugee Studies Centre has 34 members of staff and is located in Oxford, UK. It is organised around the activities below.

ACTIVITIES:

Research at the RSC is both multi-disciplinary and inclusive. We collaborate with institutions in the developing world and draw upon the knowledge and experiences of humanitarian practitioners and forced migrants themselves. Research is organised around three broad analytical areas:

(1) Forced Migration, Global Economy and Governance;

(2) the Experience and Management of Displacement in Conflict Situations; and (3) Institutional and Normative Responses to Forced Migration. The RSC's two main vehicles for information sharing with the wider humanitarian community are the in-house publication, Forced Migration Review (FMR), and its web-based portal Forced Migration Online (FMO). Forced Migration Review (FMR) is the world's most widely read journal on international refugee and displacement issues. Concise, jargon-free articles by practitioners, researchers and displaced people present key issues, case-based lessons and policy recommendations. FMR works in close collaboration with a range of UN and other humanitarian agencies to promote wider public knowledge of and respect for the UN Refugee Convention and the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and other relevant human rights instruments. Published in English, Arabic, Spanish and French, it is distributed without charge to a global readership of over 17,000 organisations and individuals. All issues are also freely available online at <http://www.fmreview.org> where they are searchable for content. Forthcoming issues are on Protracted displacement situations; Urban displacement; and Disability and displacement. Forced Migration Online (FMO) <http://www.forcedmigration.org> is a web-based portal, providing free access to a comprehensive collection of information and resources on human displacement issues to an international community of users. It includes a digital library, access to back issues of leading journals, thematic and country-specific research guides, a directory of key organisations and

an expanding multimedia section of images, podcasts and videos. In addition, the RSC is currently engaging in a range of activities to enhance its linkages with policymakers and practitioners through promoting evidence-based policy development. These include: monitoring emerging trends and engaging with associated policy networks; the development of a panel of policy associates and a set of strategic partnerships; expanding the Centre's own policy-relevant research capacity; holding specific policy dialogue workshops to bring academics and policy makers together; producing a new Policy Briefing series and exploring additional communications mechanisms. The programme of meetings and seminars is at http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/conf_conferences.html/

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The Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RaDO) is an indigenous, non-governmental, humanitarian, organization with legal registration No. 66 was established in 1997 to work in the area of disability prevention and rehabilitation of persons with Disabilities. Eventually, it undertook its first project in 1998 in partnership with Handicap International France by establishing basic Physiotherapy and Orthopedic services in 13 hospitals found in seven administrative regions of the country. Same year, it began its program of intervention with the Somali and Sudanese refugee community both in Eastern & Western part of Ethiopia in partnership with UNHCR and ARRA respectively. Since October 2005 with the invitation of UNHCR-RLO, RaDO has also engaged in the provision of Mine Risk Education program for Sudanese refugees.

RaDO came into existence as a national NGO by taking into account the existing gaps created the rise in the number of Persons With Disabilities and the lack of disability prevention and rehabilitation services in the country.

Vision:

RaDO contributes towards preventing and eradicating the problem of vulnerable groups with special attention to Persons With Disabilities (PWDs)

Mission:

RaDO's mission is to prevent disability, strive to improve the living standard of Persons With Disabilities and other vulnerable groups in the target operational areas by:

- Promoting access to basic social services and facilities
- Mainstreaming the issues of disability with other development programs
- Establishing and providing physical and social rehabilitation services in hospitals, refugee camps, among Internally Displaced People and the surrounding local communities.
- Providing a provision of social and vocational rehabilitation services to Persons With Disabilities
- Engaging in mine action activities in the country particularly in Mine Risk Education and Victim Assistance
- Develop and integrate HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and other development program with the on going projects.

Principles:

RaDO has the following unwavering principles

Stakeholders participation: - participation of all stakeholders as a key component for sustainable and integrated development - gender sensitivity-enhancing gender mainstreaming by promoting gender equality.

Networking/Collaboration.

- Working with pertinent bodies (Government, Donors, Beneficiaries , NGO's and other stakeholders.)
- Mutual respect and trust
- Belief in respect and trust as the basis for all relationships
- Equal opportunity to all
- Encourage the creation of favourable environment with equal opportunity with full participation to all and encouraging partners to do likewise.

STRUCTURE:

The Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RaDO) has the following organs:-

- General Assembly:- as the highest and the last decision making body
- Board of Directors:- Which is an executive body, mandated by the general assembly to implement the objectives of the organization stipulated in the constitution.
- Secretariat (Management Team) :- is accountable to the board of directors and charged with the responsibility of executing the day-to-day operations of the organization.

The secretariat is composed of an Executive Director as the Head of the organization and other prominent Department Heads. Project managers, Technical Coordinators, trained professional staffs and other support staffs are subordinates to each perspective members of the secretariat. The branch offices at the regional level and 5 satellite offices at the camp level currently organize, manage, administer, control and followup the sub project activities of the organization.

ACTIVITIES:

Provision of basic rehabilitation services right at the places of the disadvantaged and to reach the unreachable i.e. at the refugee camps and its environs is the major implementing strategy. We support the Sudanese refugees at the two refugee camps in the Western parts of Ethiopia namely Phugnido and Sherkole and also in the Eastern parts with the Somali refugees in Kebribeyah, Awbare and Sheder refugee camps.

The field activities given include :-

- Promoting access to basic Physical Rehabilitation Services and facilities for Persons With Disabilities integrating issues of disability with other development programs .
- Establishing and Providing Physical and Social Rehabilitation Services in hospitals, refugee camps among Internally Displaced people (IDPs) and the surrounding local communities.
- Provision of awareness raising on the cause, prevention of disability and advocate to the right of Persons With Disabilities
- Provision of Mine Risk Education for the Sudanese refugees repatriating from the refugee camps of Western Ethiopia and Victim assistance for the Somali's refugees.

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Rissho Kosei-kai is a Buddhist organization composed of ordinary men and women who have faith in the Buddha and strive to enrich their spirituality by applying his teachings in their daily lives. At both the local community and international levels, they are very active in promoting peace and well-being through altruistic activities and cooperation with other organizations. With headquarters in Tokyo, Rissho Kosei-kai now has some 2.05 million member households in 245 churches throughout Japan as well as in other countries.

The organization was founded by the late Nikkyo Niwano and Myoko Naganuma in 1938, guided by the teachings of the Lotus Sutra in which the innermost spirit of Shakyamuni Buddha is incorporated. In 1991, Rev. Nichiko Niwano succeeded his father as president. Under his continuing leadership, members have been active in sharing the Buddha's compassion in their communities, their places of work, and also at the international level.

STRUCTURE:

Within the HQs of RKK, the External Affairs Dep is in charge of peace activities. Locally in Japan, there are 239 branches in which members have carried out various peace activities.

In New York and Geneva, each has a liaison office in order to collaborate with UN and its organs.

ACTIVITIES:

Peace activities which are associated with UN and UN organs as follows.

Donate one meal campaign Sharing blankets people in Africa (associated with UNHCR field offices)

Little bags of Dreams, Fundraising campaign for UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP participation in the refugee day.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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- Basic food needs of persons of concern to UNHCR are temporarily met, by filling gaps in the existing system
- Basic material (non-food) needs of persons of concern are covered
- Ensure access to primary health care to all persons of concern, as well as proper assistance to categories of special concern, such as women and girls, young mothers, newly-born, the chronically diseased
- Ensure that all persons of concern have access to social counselling, advice and guidance
- Facilitate pre-integration of vulnerable categories (children, adolescents and women) into society
- Encourage development of a self-supporting community
- Ensure access of asylum-seekers and refugee children to primary/secondary education and pre-school facilities
- Ensure access of children of concern to extra-curricular activities
- Further development of capacity of refugee assisting NGO SC to deliver qualitative services/assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers
- The public at large understands the difference between economic migrants and refugees and that refugees are not a burden to the society.

STRUCTURE:

The NGO Salvati Copii Moldova (Save the Children) is located in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. It provides assistance to the children from vulnerable families, or children without parents. Besides, it is implementing a project aimed to provide social assistance to refugees and asylum seekers.

ACTIVITIES:

- Milk for newly born babies
- Distribution of food packages
- Medical assistance (consultations, referrals to specialized medical assistance, hospitalization, distribution of hygienic items for women, etc.)
- Education (enrollment in kindergartens/schools, provision of grants, school supplies)
- Events for children (trips, summer camps, etc.) - Social counseling - Job counseling.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Saudi Red Crescent authority was established before more 70 years. It worked in emergency ambulance services and relief.

STRUCTURE:

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ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Association de loi 1901 à but non lucratif, fondé en 1946 et reconnu d'utilité publique en 1962, le Secours Catholique est un service de l'Eglise catholique, membre de la Confédération Caritas Internationalis, qui lutte contre toutes les formes de pauvreté et d'exclusion et cherche à promouvoir la justice sociale. Il a pour mission de faire rayonner la charité chrétienne par la mise en œuvre d'une solidarité concrète entre tous, en France et dans le monde. Ses objectifs sont d'accueillir pour répondre aux premiers besoins, d'accompagner pour restaurer les liens sociaux et de développer pour renforcer les solidarités.

STRUCTURE:

Le siège du Secours Catholique à Paris est organisé en plusieurs directions: action France, action internationale, plaidoyer international, administration et finance, ressources humaines, et enfin communication. Il guide les délégations réparties dans toutes les régions de France, qui s'organisent de manière relativement autonome. Le Secours Catholique compte aujourd'hui 103 délégations diocésaines, 4 000 équipes locales, 67 000 bénévoles et 974 salariés.

ACTIVITIES:

Le Secours Catholique - Caritas France exerce des activités en France et à l'international. En France, l'association développe de nombreuses actions en faveur de publics vulnérables : sans abri, migrants, détenus indigents, demandeurs d'emploi, familles en situation de précarité, enfants et jeunes en difficulté, gens du voyage ; et participe par son action auprès des pouvoirs publics, à l'évolution des réglementations et des politiques mises en place pour enrayer les phénomènes de pauvreté. Il propose en France 2 174 lieux d'accueil à 1 600 000 personnes accueillies A l'international, le Secours Catholique – Caritas France soutient des programmes d'urgence et appuie les initiatives de développement de ses partenaires locaux en Europe, en Afrique, en Asie et en Amérique latine. Chaque année, près de 600 opérations internationales sont ainsi financées. A travers le plaidoyer international, l'association renforce son action sur les causes de pauvreté et de violence à travers le monde. Elle intervient sur plusieurs thématiques, que sont la politique de développement de l'Union Européenne, le financement du développement, les objectifs du millénaire pour le développement – AMCP, la santé et le sida, l'eau, les forêt, Publiez ce que vous payez, les paradis fiscaux et judiciaires, les Forums sociaux, les personnes déplacées internes, les migrants, le viol comme tactique de guerre, le contrôle du commerce des armes, la traite des êtres humains et les relations France/Afrique.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The National Secretariate of Pastoral Social (SNPS) – CARITAS Colombia, is a body belonging to the Colombian Bishop's Conference for the service of people and which has been entrusted to the Episcopal Commission of "Pastoral Social y Caritativa". This body was created by the XXXIII Ordinary Plenary Assembly of Bishop's in 1977. It is a part of the Permanent Episcopal Secretariate of Colombia.

General Objective:

serve the charity and social commitment of the Church in Colombia, in respect for human dignity and the promotion of solidarity, peace and justice, enlightened by the Word of God and the Church's Social Doctrine.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Settlement Council of Australia (SCoA) is a national peak non-government organisation to umbrella and bring together settlement service providers at a national level, with the aim to provide cohesion amongst members, and improving collaborative and strategic settlement planning processes for the Settlement Services Sector in Australia. More importantly SCoA provides a credible and informed source of expertise, knowledge and advice on refugee and migrant settlement issues, settlement planning, service delivery and related policy and program matters to inform the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and a range of other government and non-government stakeholders. SCoA's Objectives include: Marketing the settlement projects, programs and events of its membership Progressing settlement issues at the national level Providing a clearinghouse role Promoting Access and Equity with mainstream government and non-government services for newly arrived refugees, humanitarian entrants and migrants. Supporting and driving action research projects which highlight barriers to and successes of the settlement process of refugees and humanitarian entrants. We were established in 2003 as a legally constituted body.

STRUCTURE:

SCoA has currently a membership of 36 settlement service organisations with representation from all States and Territories of Australia. Our Aim is to increase our membership over 100 settlement service providers across Australia. Our Office is based in Sydney, we have only one position of Executive Officer Andrew Cummings who works 3 days a week. A management board made up of very expert members who represent each State and Territory and who participate in State and Territory networks. Each representative promotes SCoA, consults with networks on settlement policy, settlement programs, issues and planning and feeds this back to the Board. We have regular meetings with senior bureaucrats and government Ministers to advocate on issues and policy relevant to the settlement of refugees and humanitarian entrants.

ACTIVITIES:

ScoA has very close working relationship with the Refugee Council of Australia, and we are members of the DIAC/NGO dialogue meetings convened by DIAC with membership from the UNHCR, International Aid Agencies, Peak Settlement Services, Amnesty International, Torture and Trauma Services and of Course the Refugee Council of Australia. These forums discuss government policy, refugee intake numbers, settlement patterns and issues of refugees, services provided by government and through government funding to NGOs, as well as the global refugee situation and source regions for Australia's refugee intake including women at risk etc. One of our members Fairfield Migrant Resource Centre (which is situated in the South West of Sydney and has a long history of settling refugees from South East Asia, the Middle East, Former Yugoslavia and more recently Africa) had a very successful visit from the UNHCR High Commissioner Mr Jose Guterres. At this meeting he met with refugees from Africa, Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The activity background of two board members of the society for the working and street children goes back to Ordibeheest 1379(April/May 2000) in Darvazeh ghar region which was the first working experience of the societies and units in case of the problem of street children. Therefore, due to necessity, the Society of the Protection of Street and Working Children was registered under No14174 in 1381(2002-03). The objective of this society is the implementation of work related to regulating and training, enhancing the level of health and treatment, assisting the children and teenagers harmed from the society (first two decades of life) and implementing consultation services. The Society has education, assisting, health, public relations and financial units. Each of the units work in their special field and in relation with the other units.

ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

SGI has its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, and the UN Liaison Offices in Geneva (Switzerland), in New York (U.S.A.) and in Vienna (Austria). The Buddhist members of SGI count more than 12 million persons in 190 countries and territories worldwide.

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ACTIVITIES:

In relation to the UN, SGI activities include human rights education, disarmament, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, sustainable development, and other fields related to peace.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Solar Cookers International (SCI) was incorporated in the state of California in 1988. The mission of the organization is to assist communities to use the power of the sun to cook food and pasteurize water for the benefit of people and environments.

STRUCTURE:

A Board of Directors has responsibility for establishing policies of the organization and the organization is managed by an Executive Director. There are staff in California and Kenya who are responsible for program development and implementation, fund raising, training and marketing. The organization has a strategic plan which is created by the staff and approved by the Board of Directors.

ACTIVITIES:

SCI has four principal programs: They are Advocacy, Education Resources, Humanitarian Assistance, and International Program Development. SCI has advocates working with the UN both in New York and Geneva. We work closely with WHO and are developing 'official relations' with that agency. In the past year we have trained representatives of UNHCR and UN Habitat in water testing for e-coli. We have also collaborated with UNHCR in refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia.

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

SOLIDARITES est une association humanitaire qui intervient auprès de populations victimes de conflits et de catastrophes naturelles. Spécialisés depuis 29 ans dans la couverture des besoins vitaux - boire, manger, s'abriter - nous prenons en charge des programmes d'urgence puis de reconstruction. Association Loi 1901, SOLIDARITES se réunit chaque année en Assemblée Générale et comprend un Conseil d'Administration et un Bureau. Elle est dirigée par Alain Boinet, Fondateur et Directeur général.

STRUCTURE:

Aujourd'hui présente dans 14 pays, SOLIDARITES met en œuvre des programmes dans le respect des cultures en unissant les compétences de près de cent cinquante volontaires français expatriés à celles d'un 1,5 millier d'employés et de cadres locaux.

ACTIVITY:

Nous engageons notre action humanitaire dans des situations d'urgence quand des dizaines, des centaines de milliers d'êtres humains sont gravement menacés par la faim, la soif, le froid, les maladies, les blessures et l'abandon.

Dans un premier temps l'action de SOLIDARITES consiste à apporter une AIDE D'URGENCE aux populations.

Dès que les conditions le rendent possible, nous poursuivons notre action par des projets de RECONSTRUCTION des infrastructures, puis, si nécessaire, par des actions de relance de l'agriculture et de la pêche, et de sécurité alimentaire, afin d'accompagner les populations jusqu'à l'autonomie et l'autosuffisance alimentaire.

Parmi nos métiers, notre expertise dans le domaine de l'accès à l'eau potable et l'assainissement est à la pointe de notre combat contre les maladies hydriques, 1 ère cause de mortalité au monde.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

SOZE was established in response to the first wave of refugees coming to the Czechoslovakia in 1990, and was registered by the Ministry of Interior in 1992. It is based in Brno, and SOZE's qualified counselors provide assistance in its office and in all asylum facilities on the territory of Moravia and Silesia. In addition, SOZE runs an asylum house with a multicultural centre in Brno, and an accommodation centre for foreigners under the toleration status, who are expecting the final decision of the Supreme Administrative Court. Special care and protection is especially given to vulnerable groups of refugees and foreigners, as single women with children, unaccompanied minors, ill, disabled or otherwise handicapped persons.

STRUCTURE:

SOZE has a board of directors with its chairman, and an executive director. It has 17 full time legal, social and psychological counselors, and about 50 volunteers. There is a programme coordinator, and an office manager. SOZE's office is in Brno.

ACTIVITIES:

SOZE provides legal, social and psychological counseling for asylum seekers, recognized refugees and foreigners, especially in Moravia, the Eastern part of the Czech Republic. SOZE has a project of Czech language learning for the recognized refugees in the whole country. SOZE has a project of integration of recognized refugees in the country. As well, it has a project of integration of foreigners in Moravia. It provides also cultural and free time activities for all the categories mentioned above. SOZE runs an asylum house for asylum seekers, especially vulnerable ones.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Sphere Project represents a unique international voluntary initiative aimed at improving the effectiveness and accountability of humanitarian

assistance. The initiative was launched in 1997 by a group of humanitarian NGOs and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, who framed a Humanitarian Charter, based on international treaties and conventions, and identified Minimum Standards to be attained in disaster assistance in each of five key sectors (water supply and sanitation, nutrition, food aid, shelter and health services). Taken together, the Humanitarian Charter and the Minimum Standards contribute to an operational framework for accountability in disaster assistance efforts. The Sphere Project reflects the collective will and shared experience of a broad array of humanitarian actors. The people who participated in compiling the first edition of the Sphere Handbook in 2000, and those involved in its revision in 2004, were drawn from national and international Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, United Nations agencies and academic institutions. Thousands of individuals, from over 400 organisations and 80 countries, have participated in various aspects of the Sphere Project, from developing the Handbook through to piloting and training. Since its inception the Sphere process has endeavored to be inclusive, transparent, and globally representative. It has developed based on its two core beliefs: first, that all possible steps should be taken to alleviate human suffering arising out of calamity and conflict, and second, that those affected by disaster have a right to life with dignity and therefore a right to assistance. In brief, Sphere can be identified as three things: a handbook, a broad process of collaboration, and an expression of commitment to quality and accountability in humanitarian assistance.

STRUCTURE:

The Sphere Project is governed by a Board, which meets 2 times per year, consisting of 18 humanitarian organizations each of whom contributes to the core activities of the Project, including the operation and maintenance of the Sphere office. Additional program activities are supported through financial contributions from the wider international community. The Sphere office has 6 staff functions - Project Manager, Knowledge and Information Management, Training, Promotion and Materials, Administration and Finance and Training and Materials Support - and is hosted by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.

ACTIVITIES:

Training of Trainer (ToT) courses; engagement with the UN agencies bilaterally and through the Cluster process; development of e-learning and other tools; inter-action with other quality and accountability initiatives. In for Sphere to achieve its goal of improving the quality and accountability of humanitarian assistance, the Sphere Handbook needs to be accessible and to be used effectively. It also needs to be relevant and up-to-date. It has therefore been decided the the Sphere Project Handbook - Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response - should be revised. The revision process has already started since early 2009 with the revised Handbook expected to be launched at the end of 2010. Full details about the revision process - and how to become engaged - can be found in our Website.

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SCHR, the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response, created in 1972, is an alliance for voluntary action of currently nine major international humanitarian organisations and networks including Care International », Caritas Internationalis », the International Committee of the Red Cross », the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies », International Save the Children Alliance », Lutheran World Federation », Médecins sans Frontières », Oxfam » and World Council of Churches ».

Mission

SCHR's mission is to bring together the major international humanitarian networks with common values to make this vision reality. SHCR members pool experience and use their collective weight to carry out effective humanitarian action. Some of the most important issues addressed recently include: landmines, sanctions, humanitarian coordination, international humanitarian action as a substitute for political solutions, and refugees and displaced persons.

Sponsor of the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief and a founding member of the Sphere Project, SCHR supports humanitarian policy development and aims at closing the policy - practice gap.

SCHR focuses its work on three segments: a field program-led agenda, a proactive quality and accountability agenda, and an agenda focused on interaction with the UN, mainly through IASC.

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1987 saw one of the most widespread crackdowns on social and political activists in living memory – Operasi Lalang. 106 opposition leaders, social activists, religious teachers and educationists were detained without trial under the draconian Internal Security Act (ISA). Many were detained for up to 2 years. When the last of the detainees were released in 1989, the Detainees' Family Support Group, ISA detainees and other activists formed 'Suara Rakyat Malaysia' or SUARAM to campaign for the abolition of the ISA. What started as a single-issue campaign evolved into an activist movement for human rights and democracy in the following years. Presently, SUARAM works towards the realisation of fundamental liberties, democracy and justice in Malaysia.

STRUCTURE:

SUARAM is guided by principles laid out in the Malaysia Human Rights Charters, a charter of basic human rights endorsed by over 50 NGOs and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948. An elected Secretariat oversees policy decisions and planning of the organization. SUARAM's work is supplemented by a team of coordinators, project officers and volunteers.

The annual general consultation plans and reviews SUARAM programmes and activities. In addition, SUARAM has two regional offices in Northern and Southern Peninsula Malaysia, headed by coordinators and local volunteers. Currently, SUARAM has 7 coordinators, including 2 branch coordinators and 1 accounts officer.

ACTIVITIES:

SUARAM's main campaigns include police accountability, abolition of laws that provide for detention without trial, protection of refugees and asylum-seekers, and human rights in the region especially in South East Asia. Another main part of SUARAM's work is also monitoring and documentation of human rights violations which is compiled into an annual human rights report. In addition, SUARAM also holds public awareness programs, conducts regular training on human rights for public members and provides human rights support for victims of human rights violations.

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

The Sudan Health Association (SUHA) is a non-profitable Sudanese Indigenous Non-Governmental Organization (SINGO) formed by a group of Sudanese doctors, nurses and social workers in 1995 and got registered on the 11th October of the same year with the Kenyan Government. It later got registered with the Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (then SRRA) on the 10th of August 2000, and recently with the Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCA) of GoSS on the 27th of March 2008. The mission of the Sudan Health Association (SUHA) is the "Improvement of life through the provision of quality, affordable and accessible health and other services to all beneficiaries, especially the disadvantaged groups, to ensure that they live a healthy and productive life".

STRUCTURE:

The Sudan Health Association has its main office based in the field in KajoKeji County, Central Equatoria State, South Sudan since June 1997. It has another field-based office in Kagwada- half way between Juba and Yei also in the same state - extended after the CPA was signed between the GoS and the SPLM/A. For the purpose of co-ordinating with donors and other outside partners, SUHA maintains a liaison office in Kampala, Uganda. It closed its office in Nairobi, Kenya for the practical reason of facilitating coordination with the line Ministries, the GoSS Authorities and other relevant bodies in Sudan after the signing of the CPA. In the county of Kajo-Keji, SUHA supports a number of health facilities that include 12 primary health care units (PHCUs) - Kigwo, Moijo, Gurujo, Mere, Romogi, Mondikolok, Longira, Kudaji, Mogiri, Lori, Jondale and Rodo, and 3 primary health care centers (PHCCs) - Jalimo, Lire and Kansuk. In Juba County, they include 1 PHCC - Ganji, and 8PHCUs - Maremo, Gwadiang, Kelang, Karpeto, Pager, Kagwada, Kulipapa and Langi. SUHA also runs a health workers training school in Kajo-Keji County. All patients that present to these units and may need referral, are referred to the health centers. The health centers then refer its patients (if any for referral) to the main hospital in the county. Each PHCU has 2 community health workers (CHWs), 2 mother and child health workers (MCHWs), and 1 guard. The key staff currently in the PHCCs include 1 clinical officer, 1 nurse, 1 midwife, 2 auxiliary nurses, 2 MHCWs, 1 registration clerk, 3 cleaners, 3 guards. There are also personnel teaching in the health workers training school. They include 4 full time tutors and 3 part time ones. SUHA has a board of directors and a general assembly that meet once a year. Its daily functions are run by the executive body headed by its executive Director. In total, SUHA has about 9 administrative staff in both its programs in Kajo-Keji and Juba Counties. It has 80 health workers working in the 20 PHCUs and 28 health workers in the 4 PHCCs in both Juba and Kajo-Keji Counties, 7 training school tutors, and 73 support staff that include 37 guards, 22 cleaners, 9 cooks and 5 drivers.

ACTIVITIES:

The Sudan Health Association mainly deals with the provision of primary health care services (PHC). This includes preventive, promotive and curative health services. In the primary health care units (PHCUs), the emphasis is on the preventive and promotive aspects of the services, and this seriously takes into account health education and immunization of mothers and children, with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health providing the necessary equipment and vaccines. The curative aspect takes a limited role meant only to care for simple cases that are within the capacity of the M/CHWs to deal with, and this includes such services as the provision of treatment for obvious and clinically diagnosed cases. Health workers such as the MCHWs and the traditional birth attendants (TBAs) also carry out assisted deliveries for pregnant women with normal delivery cases. All cases that are beyond the knowledge of the health workers at the level of the PHCU are referred for further care in the PHCCs, where some secondary health care services are provided, with UNICEF and the Ministry of health also providing drugs and other medical supplies. SUHA also provides capacity building (nine-month basic training course) to all the workers at the level of PHCUs to ensure that the beneficiaries access quality and affordable health care services in all the areas covered by its operation. This training is not only limited to health workers working in the health facilities supported by SUHA. It is also open to any agency providing the same health services in the region that may need to carry out training for its health workers. So far (from 2001 to 2008) 230 M/CHW trainees have been trained by SUHA and are now working in various health facilities in parts of Southern Sudan. They have been sponsored by agencies that include UNICEF, UNHCR and ARC and GOAL. Others joined as private candidates. Those trained to work in the health facilities of SUHA have been sponsored by funds from UNHCR and OFDA/USAID. The Sudan Health Association has been one of the implementing partners for the UNHCR South Sudan program of repatriation and reintegration of refugees following the signing of the CPA. This has been done through the provision of the necessary health services that the returnees require when they return from exile to their places of origin in South Sudan. Kajo-Keji, where SUHA is operating, has been identified as a major refugee corridor among other areas in South Sudan. As a pull factor for the refugees to come home, SUHA constructed a number of health facilities that included 3 PHCCs and 12 PHCUs. Among these, 11 of them (10 PHCUs and 1 PHCC) were funded by UNHCR. Currently, SUHA is constructing another PHCC in Pager, Juba County to help with the problem of referral in that part of the county. It has also concluded construction of 6 VIP pit latrines in six health facilities, and rehabilitated 4 PHCUs in the 3 counties of Kajo-Keji, Yei and Juba under the UNHCR funding for 2008. SUHA also got a number of health equipment such as delivery beds, microscopes etc including furniture from UNHCR for running these health facilities. A vehicle, computer, generator, reference and other training materials, IEC materials are part of the support from UNHCR for running the program. In Juba County, besides running health care services in the health facilities, SUHA is currently involved in the delivery of water and sanitation services that include the construction of protected shallow wells/springs, the repair of bore holes, and carrying out campaigns for community members to construct house hold pit latrines. With funding from HEKS, a Switzerland-based Church agency, SUHA is currently involved in the provision of water and sanitation services in the 2 counties of Yei and Lainya. All this is calculated to provide services that the returnee population needs to come home. UNHCR is still involved in repatriating refugees into some areas in Central Equatoria State and so the need for these services. As mentioned above, UNHCR has also been supporting SUHA in Juba County from the beginning of 2008 where it is constructing the PHCC in Pager and also running some health campaign programs including those related to HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) among others. This

year 2009, SUHA and UNHCR are discussing the possibility of implementing the IGAD sponsored HIV/AIDS campaign in Kajo-Keji County. Another discussion going on between SUHA and UNHCR is on the intervention to provide health services to about 6,000 refugees who have recently crossed the border into South SAUDAM from DRC owing to the atrocities of the Ugandan LRA rebels fighting the government of president Yoweri Museveni.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Swedish Red Cross (SRK), founded in 1865. Our mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering, both in times of conflict and in peace. The mission also entails ensuring basic rights to asylum seekers, refugees and other displaced persons. To reach improvement in Swedish policy, legislation as well as in attitudes and opinion in migration issues, we advocate through politicians, authorities, media and others. Our activities in this matter are carried out through a nation wide network of volunteers and staff.

STRUCTURE:

The Swedish Red Cross (SRK) is the largest humanitarian organization in Sweden with approximately 260 000 members and 40 000 volunteers. SRK is divided into one headquarter and ten regional offices and more than 1500 local branches around the country. There is also a Swedish Red Cross Youth organization. There are approximately 480 people working at the SRK and 150 of them work at the headquarter in Stockholm. The headquarter is divided into 9 departments, Disaster Response and Preparedness Department, International Law and Refugee Department, Health and Social Welfare Department, Volunteering and Organizational Development Department, Human Resources, Communications, Information Technology, Property Management and Purchasing and Administration. The Swedish Red Cross also care for five centers for tortured refugees, over 280 social meeting points all over Sweden where people can have their first contact with SRK regarding migration issues such as asylum support and family reunification.

ACTIVITIES:

The Swedish Red Cross (SRK) is a member of the governments' Network for refugee questions, chaired by the minister of migration, and meet with people in the ministry before every Council in the EU, regarding refugee matters. An important work for SRK is to comment to the government on new law proposals and drafts of EG directives in migration issues.

SRK participate in different international networks like ECRE and PERCO.

We cooperate with the UNHCR office in Stockholm and have been observer to Excom meeting in Geneva for many years. The international law and refugee department is involved in every aspects of the refugee matter, such as asylum, family reunification, tracing, human rights etc. Our volunteers in our regional branches do most part of the practical work with individual cases when it comes to legal support to asylum seekers. The support means advice to people who are denied to stay in Sweden, advice and information to people who voluntarily return to their country of origin and family reunification. Another activity is to work with integration of migrations in the Swedish society of migrations. The international department is involved in programs in around 50 different countries. SRK is a member of the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies and through that and the ICRC, SRK participate in different international projects around the world.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Syrian Arab Crescent (SARC) founded in 1942. It was recognized by the International Committee of (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 1946, adheres to the rules of Geneva Convention.

It also abides by the basic principals of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

The Syrian Red Crescent organizes its humanitarian activities according to the message of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and disseminates humanitarian principals, objectives and laws.

STRUCTURE:

SARC is composed by 14 branches for 14 cities and 15 sub branches for the towns covering all Syria.

The general assembly composed by 98 members (7 from each branch) take place once a year.

The board of directors composed by 28 members (2 from each branch) take place once every 2 months.

The executive committee composed by 7 members take place once a month.

All the members of all these committees are volunteers and the whole number of SARC members are approximately are 10,000 volunteers.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Medical Care: Through all the SARC clinics in all the regions in Syria including the agglomerations in Syrian Desert served by Mobile clinics. SARC participates to all medical Syrian campaigns especially Children Vaccination campaigns offering gratis all kinds of assistance. SARC also participates to all awareness medical campaigns specially concerning AIDS.
2. Trainings: First Aid, preparation-campaign and awareness against disasters, dissemination of International Humanitarian Law.
3. Well Fare: All kind of Assistance to vulnerable and most needed persons.
4. UNHCR-Implementing Partner: Providing all kind of assistance, mainly: Subsistence allowance, education assistance, courses for anyone under 18 years old, Medical Assistance and all that according to Home Visit conducted to all the cases to decide the kind of assistance each single refugee will need.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation is a non-profit and nongovernmental organization that was established on 8 November 2000 in Istanbul, Turkey.

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation(IBC) acts on the principle of neutrality. IBC believes that all people are created equally and have a right to live in dignity, a right to shelter, to be nourished, to benefit from health services, to be educated and to have humane living standards. Therefore, IBC has been working to help people, in particular the most disadvantaged, in alleviating human sufferings, hunger, illiteracy among all people, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, race, color, social origin, religion, belief, language, political opinion, gender, age, and sexual orientation, genetic and physical features.

The establishment of IBC is based on the cooperation that had been established with the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) on April 1999 in Albania. Within the scope of this cooperation, bakery ovens had been set up in the refugee camps sheltering thousands of Kosovars in Albania. Just after the NATO taking the control of Kosovo, the program was expanded to support 64 local bakeries in Kosovo. IBC, with the experience gained in Kosovo Program, engaged in humanitarian aid such as distribution of food and non-food items after the two devastating earthquakes in Kocaeli on 17 August 1999 and in Düzce on 12 November 1999. This accelerated the institutionalization process of the IBC.

IBC believes that it can best achieve its mission by making a synthesis of local and international components. Being aware of the importance of their resources, technical expertise, and experience IBC works in close cooperation with international organizations, non-governmental organizations and donor organizations. IBC takes into consideration the needs, concerns and contributions of the most vulnerable and the most disadvantaged people at the local level when it designs and implements projects. IBC works in close cooperation with local stakeholders at all stages of the projects; from the project design to evaluation phase.

International Memberships and Partners are as following:

- Since July 2006, IBC has held a "The Special Consultative Status" with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) in New York.
- Since April 2003, IBC has been a member of International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) whose headquarters are based in Geneva. IBC was elected to the Board of Directors of ICVA in 2006.
- IBC has been serving as the vice president in the Presidency Council of the Standing Committee for the Euro Mediterranean Partnership of Local and Regional Authorities (COPPEM), located in Palermo, Italy.
- Funding and implementing partners of IBC include UN agencies as UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, international NGO's as Malteser-Germany, United Methodist Committee on Relief- USA, Islamic Relief-England, Catholic Relief Services-USA, Trocaire-Ireland, Nicco-Japan, American Jewish World Service-USA and many other international and local organizations that are providing valuable inputs to IBC activities.

STRUCTURE:

IBC implements relief and development projects domestically and internationally.

Domestically, IBC worked in Istanbul, Ankara, Kocaeli, Düzce, Edirne, Samsun, Ordu, Giresun, Ardahan, Trabzon, Rize, Artvin, Bingöl, and Kahramanmaraş. Internationally IBC worked in Albania, Kosova, Iran, Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Syria and Sudan.

IBC currently has offices in Istanbul, Ankara, Kocaeli, Ardahan and Kahramanmaraş domestically and in Khartoum (Sudan), Muzafferabad (Pakistan) and Damascus (Syria).

Please find below the number of personnel working in these offices.

Offices	Permanent	Temporary	Total
Istanbul (Headquarter)	9	0	9
Ankara / Turkey	3	0	3
Kocaeli/ Turkey	16	0	16
Kahramanmaraş / Turkey	1	4	5
Ardahan /Turkey	0	5	5
Muzafferabad / Pakistan	2	4	6
Khartoum / Sudan	1	1	2
Damascus / Syria	2	4	6
Total	34	18	52

ACTIVITIES:

Relief and Rehabilitation

The activities within this field cover the post-disaster assistance for the victims such as water, nutrition, shelter, sanitation, psychosocial activities in order to alleviate the trauma of the disaster, especially on children and women. In addition to the relief and rehabilitation activities in post-disaster areas, activities aiming to alleviate the sufferings and to meet the needs of disadvantaged people especially living in underdeveloped regions and refugee camps are implemented.

Main projects implemented so far include;

- Emergency Relief Distribution to Iraqi Refugees in Syria
- Bam Post-Earthquake Emergency Relief Project
- India Post-Earthquake Emergency Relief Project
- Bam Temporary Shelter Camps Organization and Rehabilitation Program
- Bam Mother and Child Hygiene Kits Distribution
- Heater Distribution to the Victims of Afyon Earthquake
- Bingöl Post-Disaster Humanitarian Relief Project Reconstruction

Activities aiming to meet the transitional or permanent housing needs and to reconstruct the social infrastructure including health and education units, as well as activities to recover the means of livelihood and socio-economic life of the victims are implemented within the scope of this field.

Main projects implemented so far include;

- Aceh Housing and Recovery Project
- Bam Community Rehabilitation and Safe Building Project
- Düzce Beyciler Health Center Construction Project
- Beyciler Assisted Self-Help Housing Project
- Bingöl Gençler Health Center Reinforcement Project
- Yazlık Health Center Construction Project
- Additional Building Construction for Yazlık Tabosan Elementary School Rural Development

Activities in this field cover assistance to attain a holistic development process in rural areas, which support social development, through contribution to economic development by improving productivity of existing sustainable livelihood potential and by improving physical and social infrastructure, including education and health infrastructure.

Main projects implemented so far include;

- Ardahan Rural Development Project
- Kahramanmaraş Rural Development Project
- Civil Society and Community Development

The activities aiming non-governmental organizations, community based organizations and community groups to gain sustainable development by improving their financial and technical capacities, increasing effectiveness of their existing activities and developing new activities, organizing and establishing networks are implemented within the scope of this field. Main projects implemented so far include;

- Bridge for Reaching the Forgotten Smiles; Strengthening the Turkish-Romanian Civil Society Dialogue
- Anti-Trafficking Forum and Civil Society Network Project
- Disaster Preparedness And Disaster Management Trainings For Iranian Local Authorities and Government Officials
- Disaster Preparedness And Disaster Management Trainings Of Iranian Ngo Representatives
- Parent School Partnership Program Education & Training

Within the scope of this field, the activities aiming to support informal and formal education through vocational, cultural and skill development programs are implemented.

Main projects implemented so far include;

- Skills Development Trainings for Women in Aceh
- Posof Beekeeping Trainings
- Computer Lab for a School with Majority Roma Students
- Donation of Computers to the Orphans at the Bolluca Children Village - Donation of Medical Materials to Düzce Health Vocational School
- Physics and Computer Laboratories at Adapazarı Canadian Elementary School Health

This field covers the activities related to capacity building of existing service units, raising awareness of the society to benefit from these units and targeting ameliorating of public health, such as taking protective measures, preventing spread of contagious diseases, and improving personal hygiene.

Main projects implemented so far include;

- Improving of Services on Protection and Prevention from HIV/AIDS in Istanbul Bayrampaşa and Paşakapısı Prisons
- Middle and East Black Sea Region Public Awareness Project on the Prevention of STIHIV/ AIDS
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Project for Young People at High School Age in Ardahan
- Gaziosmanpaşa Reproductive Health Project
- Safe Behaviour and First Aid Trainings for Children and Adolescents in Five Orphanages in Ankara
- Ardahan Reproductive Health Project.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

UNANIMA International was created in 2002 as a Non Government Organisation (NGO) coalition of communities of religious women throughout the world who work in 67 countries in solidarity with others to bring economic and social advancement particularly to women and children living in situations of poverty, immigrants and refugees and to promote the welfare of the planet. It uses the expertise of its members in areas such as the eradication of poverty, the empowerment of women, migrants and refugees and work against human trafficking as the basis for its participation at the United Nations.

STRUCTURE:

UNANIMA International (UI) operates with a small office staff based in New York. There is a Coordinator, a Staff Officer, 2 Administrative Assistants and 4 volunteer interns. The organisation works members of the Board and with the Justice and Peace representative/offices of each of the 17 coalition partners. These are located in the United States, Canada, Nigeria, United Kingdom, France, Argentina and Australia.

ACTIVITIES:

The organisation has coalition members working in refugee and asylum seeker projects in Democratic Republic of Congo, Ontario Canada, California US, Dublin Ireland and Melbourne Australia. Refugees are also assisted in a number of countries where the organisation conducts immigration services. UI is a member of the NGO Committee on Migration (New York). The organisation is particularly concerned about the nexus between undocumented and unidentified refugees and human trafficking.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The United Nations Association of Georgia (UNAG) is a non-governmental organization that has worked since December 25, 1995 to promote the principles of human rights and democratic governance and to provide Georgian society with the necessary skills for successful integration into the international community. The UN Association of Georgia joined the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) in 1996, becoming the first new national UN Association to join the Federation after the break-up of the Soviet Union. Today, the UNAG Founding Director Mr. Ramaz Aptsiauri serves as a treasurer of the WFUNA. We cooperate with our partner UNAs to develop the capacity of people throughout the region to support the work of the UN at all levels. UNAG also works within the WFUNA mandate to energize a network of United Nations Associations in the South Caucasus. Mission UNAG aims to advance the development of democracy and civil society in Georgia and the South Caucasus. It works to enhance civil participation in decision-making on national and international levels. UNAG is committed to delivering cutting-edge expertise and professional consultation to its stakeholders and beneficiaries.

STRUCTURE:

UNAG employs 35 people in its head office in Tbilisi and its field offices in Gori, Batumi and Kutaisi. Staff members work in four main program areas: Democracy and Governance, Youth and Education, Refugees and Migration, and Information and Analysis. While the teams in each program area enjoy significant autonomy in project development, relevant external relations, and day-to-day operations, Senior and Operational Management oversee human resources, financial management, and reporting. The Executive Director is the chief of operations and planning, responsible for day-to-day management in coordination with the heads of programs. UNAG is governed by the Board of Directors, which approves strategy. Field Offices UNAG implements its activities throughout Georgia. We maintain an operational network of communication and collaboration with civil society counterparts in most major towns. UNAG maintains field offices in Gori, Kutaisi, and Batumi to ensure consistent quality of larger-scale operations and feedback from the beneficiaries of its programs in the regions of Georgia.

ACTIVITIES:

Democracy and Governance - Working independently and through partnerships with other national Civil Society Organizations UNAG strives to strengthen the organizational backbone of democratic institutions and promote good governance. UNAG encourages cooperation of public and civil institutions, supports transparency and promotes demand-driven civil development. UNAG focuses on further development of CSOs in Georgia so they can better respond to and advocate the needs of beneficiary groups. UNAG supports the government to operate in a manner consistent with democratic values of transparency, representation, and accountability. Refugees and Migration - UNAG works in coordination with relevant international agencies to advance understanding of both voluntary migration and forced displacement, helping to develop response tools of governmental and non-governmental organizations in Georgia. UNAG has been an implementing partner of UNHCR since 1998 and guided the Migration Sector Development Project, undertaken by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), through its implementation cycle in Georgia during 1999-2001. UNAG disseminates information on refugee-related national and international practices and legislation to the border police, judges, lawyers, staff of the Ministry of Refugees and Accommodation, and other representatives of the executive branch. UNAG also encourages public awareness on asylum and refugee issues through publication of the newsletter Refuge. Our lawyers provide legal counsel and court representation to asylum-seekers in Georgia. Our researchers collect country-of-origin information on the principal reasons that Georgians may seek asylum abroad. UNAG researches migration trends, including labor migration and works with youth and the general public to promote awareness of forced migration and trafficking. For additional information visit the webpage www.refuge.ge. Youth and Education - UNAG strives to offer all children and adolescents a safe and supportive space within which they can explore, discuss, and partner on issues related to human rights and social change. UNAG also seeks to develop youth awareness, leadership, community building, and critical thinking skills through active and substantive participation with peers and decision makers nationally and globally. UNAG offers a wide range of educational and practical opportunities through which youth may grow professionally. The UNAG Youth and Education Program aims to develop the analytical, research, and self-expression skills that young people need to think critically about their world and engage actively in democratic processes. Activities conducted within this area seek to advance opportunities and resources for youth through education initiatives, school reform, and extracurricular programs. Information and Analysis - The UNAG Information and Analysis service develops products based on research and experience accumulated in other UNAG programs. In addition, it creates original products directed at equipping local and international policy communities with accurate and updated information and analysis on political, economic, and social developments in Georgia. UNAG integrates its policy and operational capabilities. In shaping its projects and programmes, the organization relies on its research activities, which provide relevant qualitative and quantitative data. In turn, research is usually incorporated into project cycle management, so that each implemented activity brings in new data, which helps us improve our work to better address the needs of our target groups. Special Projects - "Confidence Building in South Caucasus" is the collaborative program of UNA Georgia and UNA Sweden, implemented with the Forum Syd Assistance. The main objective of the program is to contribute to confidence building and cooperation in South Caucasus region within and between Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia. The program addresses the issues of confidence building, networking, and promotion of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) country and Caucasus wide. "Confidence Building and MDG Promotion in South Caucasus" was two year joint development cooperation program of the United Nations Associations of Georgia and Sweden implemented with the Forum Syd assistance. The development objective of the project was to contribute to democracy and civil society development in Georgia and in the South Caucasus region. The program focused on three provinces of Georgia – Adjara, Imereti and Shida Kartli and the region of the South Caucasus. Aiming at role plays, workshops, educational programs, and trainings the beneficiaries of the program were youth, women, media, IDPs, and NGOs in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

UNICEF continues to safeguard the resources entrusted to the organization for the survival, development and protection of the world's children. Accountability is pursued through sound financial and administrative management designed to ensure efficient, cost-effective and transparent utilization of these resources.

Missions:

DEFEND children's rights, help meet their basic needs, ensure their survival and increase their opportunities to flourish.

RALLY political will to invest in the well-being of children.

RESPOND to emergencies and strengthen the ability of children and their families to handle crises, including armed conflict, natural disasters and HIV/AIDS.

ASSIST countries in transition to protect the rights of young people and to provide vital services to children and their families.

ADVANCE equal rights for boys and girls and encourage their full participation in the development of their communities.

WORK towards the human development goals adopted by the world community and the peace, justice and social

STRUCTURE:

UNICEF is governed by a 36-member Executive Board, an intergovernmental body that establishes policies, approves programmes and decides on administrative and financial plans and budgets. Members are elected by the United Nations Economic and Social Council for a three-year term.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

In 1978, when Habitat was established, after a meeting in Vancouver known as Habitat I, urbanisation and its impacts were less significant on the agenda of United Nations that had been created over three decades earlier, when two-thirds of humanity was still rural.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements.

It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

STRUCTURE:

The Executive Director of UN-HABITAT is United Nations Under Secretary-General, Mrs Anna Tibaijuka. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, with a team of some 200 international and local staff, the agency has regional offices for Asia and the Pacific in Fukuoka, Japan, for Latin America and the Caribbean in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and for Africa and the Arab States in Nairobi. The regional office for Eastern Europe and Transition Countries is also based in Nairobi.

The agency has three main divisions which each oversee a set of programmes:

The Shelter and Sustainable Human Settlements Development Division coordinates the agency's global advocacy functions.

The Regional and Technical Cooperation Division responsible for implementing the agency's technical cooperation programmes and projects around the world.

ACTIVITIES:

UN-HABITAT runs two major worldwide campaigns – the Global Campaign on Urban Governance, and the Global Campaign for Secure Tenure.

Through these campaigns and by other means, the agency focuses on a range of issues and special projects which it helps implement.

These include a joint UN-HABITAT/World Bank slum upgrading initiative called the Cities Alliance, promoting effective housing development policies and strategies, helping develop and campaigning for housing rights, promoting sustainable cities and urban environmental planning and management, post-conflict land-management and reconstruction in countries devastated by war or natural disasters.

UN-HABITAT also has some 154 technical programmes and projects in 61 countries around the world, most of them in the least developed countries.

These include major projects in post-war societies such as Afghanistan, Kosovo, Somalia, Iraq, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to name a few. The agency's operational activities help governments create policies and strategies aimed at strengthening a self-reliant management capacity at both national and local levels. They focus on promoting shelter for all, improving urban governance, reducing urban poverty, improving the living environment and managing disaster mitigation and post-conflict rehabilitation.

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HISTORY, PURPOSES:

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is a department of the United Nations Secretariat. It is mandated to promote and protect the enjoyment and full realization, by all people, of all rights established in the Charter of the United Nations and in international human rights

laws and treaties. The mandate includes preventing human rights violations, securing respect for all human rights, promoting international cooperation to protect human rights, coordinating related activities throughout the United Nations, and strengthening and streamlining the United Nations system in the field of human rights. In addition to its mandated responsibilities, the Office leads efforts to integrate a human rights approach within all work carried out by United Nations agencies.

OHCHR's priorities are set by the General Assembly and are contained in the Medium-Term Plan for 2002-2005. The plan follows the 1993 Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which was developed out of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights, and the Charter of the United Nations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The University Assistance Fund was established in 1948. An act triggered by the political turmoil in Eastern Europe: the communist 'take-over' staged in Czechoslovakia in February 1948. As political opponents were detained, scholars and students of the Karl University in Prague demonstrated - and were arrested themselves. Some were killed - many of them succeeded to get away and claimed asylum in the West, including the Netherlands. In April 1948, the Rectors of all Dutch Universities called a joint meeting. They established a Fund aimed at providing financial assistance to young Czech intellectuals wanting to complete their studies in the Netherlands. Since then, UAF has supported thousands of young intellectuals forced to flee their countries because of well-founded fear of persecution. The Czechs from '48 were followed by the Hungarians in '56, a new group of Czechs in '68, Chileans in '73, Ethiopians and Eritreans in the seventies, Iranians and Iraqi in the eighties, Somali and Yugoslav refugees in the nineties. Nowadays, UAF is a private foundation largely independent from government funding that support presently around 2600 higher educated refugees in the Netherlands. It is thanks to the donations of tens of thousands of private individuals -so thanks to civil society-, that refugee-students and scholars can be offered scholarships and grants.

STRUCTURE:

UAF is based in Utrecht and has around 60 staff (47fte). The main units are Student Counseling, Job Support, Communications and Fundraising, Internal Management (including finance), Front Office and Administrative Support.

ACTIVITIES:

UAF enables refugees to start or continue their studies and re-qualify for the Dutch labour market. Support consists of financial aid (including tuition fees, travel expenses, book allowances), legal aid, student counseling and job seeking assistance. This year UAF started a project in support of resettled refugees and another project aimed at providing sanctuary for persecuted academics. Apart from that as a refugee organization we are involved in advocacy work and do a lot of lobbying at the national and at a European level in cooperation with ECRE.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

University of Cape Town Law Clinic was established 35 years ago to provide free legal assistance for indigent South Africans. This service was extended to refugees in 1998 when the law clinic became an implementing partner for UNHCR. We assist refugees throughout the status determination procedure as well as ensuring that rights afforded to refugees are not violated. In addition we assist UNHCR with the implementation of their durable solution such as voluntary repatriation and resettlement programmes. The Law clinic also provides training and teaching of refugee rights and refugee law.

STRUCTURE:

The University of Cape town law clinic is situated within the Law faculty of the University. As a result we have an academic link with the university in addition to operating as practicing refugee attorneys. Currently, Fatima Khan-Allie is the director of the Refugee Rights project (Law Clinic) and five full-time attorneys with numerous volunteer students from the university. The University of Cape Town is in the Western Cape where the South African government has established a refugee reception office. The Law Clinic is UNHCR's only legal implementing partner in the Western Cape.

ACTIVITIES:

1. legal representation for status determinations
2. detention intervention of documented and undocumented asylum seekers
3. representing unaccompanied refugee children
4. undertaking strategic litigation to secure refugee rights
5. assist unhcr with voluntary repatriations
6. assist unhcr with resettlements
7. assist unhcr with family reunifications
8. awareness programmes regarding refugee rights
9. teaching refugee law - academic level - paralegals - practising attorneys

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

USCRI has been a leading advocate for refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers in the United States since 1911. We work closely with our network of community-based partner agencies in implementing domestic policy programs and recommendations. Internationally, USCRI conducts research and site visits to influence policies to protect refugees and internally displaced persons.

The mission of USCRI is to address the needs and rights of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide by advancing fair and humane public policy, facilitating and providing direct professional services, and promoting the full participation of migrants in community life. USCRI maintains a network of research contributors in refugee hosting countries and plays a leading role in the international civil society campaign against the warehousing of refugees.

STRUCTURE:

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, led and managed by a President and Vice-President. The agency President has 7 senior staff reporting to her who meet frequently to set priorities, communicate achievements and developments and coordinate activities. It is also the forum for devising internal protocols and allows advocacy, fundraising, communication and program to work in sync. USCRI has 63 staff in three locations – headquarters in Washington DC and field offices conducting refugee resettlement and immigration services in Vermont and Albany, New York.

ACTIVITIES:

USCRI decided as a long-term goal to mount a campaign against the warehousing of refugees – the practice of denying people their rights under the 1951 Refugee Convention. In the United States, USCRI's network of partners – many in existence since the early 1900s – depend on USCRI to advocate nationally for refugee resettlement levels, fair practices for immigrants and support for programs to help newcomers to America. This year we also established the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children to provide pro bono representation to minors undergoing legal immigration proceedings. USCRI is a strong advocate for UN overseas assistance accounts and works in partnership with UNHCR to highlight funding gaps.

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Organization Name: Migration & Refugee Services, US Conference of Catholic Bishops, 3211 4th Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20017, email: MRS@usccb.org, web - www.usccb.org/mrs History & Purpose: The Catholic Church in the United States has been assisting immigrants and refugees adjust to their new lives since the founding of this nation. Until the early twentieth century, these efforts were organized at the local diocesan and parish levels and, typically, involved the provision of social services, and education. In 1920, under the auspices of the National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC), the bishops established a Department of Immigration at the national level. Between 1920 and 1930, the Immigration Department, which had a presence at Ellis Island, had assisted more than 100,000 immigrants in their efforts to immigrate. Following World War II and the passage of the Displaced Persons Admissions Act of 1948, the Church assisted in the resettlement of more than 100,000 European refugees. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Committee for Refugees coordinated the provision of resettlement services. Throughout the 1950's, the NCWC Department of Immigration assisted in the preparation of documentation for visa applications for prospective immigrants and helped newcomers with their immigration processing necessary to remain in the country and to become naturalized U.S. citizens. The NCWC Immigration Department also provided the bishops with technical assistance regarding public policies affecting immigrants and refugees. This included monitoring and advising on legislative activity in Washington, DC; analyzing and communicating immigration law changes; and assisting the bishops to develop and advocate public policy positions. When the bishops established the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) in 1965, a new department called Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) was created within the USCC to be responsible for several functions, including refugee resettlement activities previously administered under the auspices of CRS, public policy development and advocacy, and the provision of legal immigration services. Since its beginning, MRS has administered an office in Miami to work with migrants and refugees arriving directly to the U.S. from Cuba and Haiti.

STRUCTURE:

MRS has three offices to carry out its mandate from the Bishops: the Office of Migration and Refugee Policy, the Office of Refugee Programs and Office of the Executive Director.

ACTIVITIES:

Since 1975, MRS has coordinated the resettlement of more than 800,000 refugees through dioceses throughout the country. Since 1999, MRS has expanded its work with unaccompanied refugees and minors and in 2002, began working with the victims of human trafficking, which includes a number of unaccompanied minors requiring specialized placements and services. Since its beginning, MRS has administered an office in Miami to work with migrants and refugees arriving directly to the U.S. from Cuba and Haiti. MRS assists the Bishops in the development and advocacy of policy positions at the national and international levels that address the needs and conditions of these populations. MRS engages in educational efforts designed to influence public, particularly Catholic, attitudes toward these populations and to being welcoming and supportive to the Church in the United States including arranging critical services to these populations in collaboration with government, Catholic partners and other allied organizations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Las Vicarias de Pastoral Social y de los Trabajadores son continuadoras de la tarea de la Vicaría de la Solidaridad y de la Pastoral Obrera, respectivamente. Ambas Vicarias son emblema de la defensa de los Derechos Humanos y la dignidad de las personas. La Vicaría de Pastoral Social fue creada el 18 de Agosto de 1992, día de la Solidaridad en nuestro país, en honor a nuestro patrono San Alberto Hurtado. Ambas Vicarías, que se integran a partir del año 2006, son instituciones de la Iglesia Católica que tienen como objetivo promover y animar personas y grupos de mayor pobreza

y al mundo del trabajo en la Arquidiócesis de Santiago. La acción de las Vicarías se funda en principios evangélicos que sustentan la doctrina Social de la Iglesia. Esta acción promueve una cultura solidaria, la acogida de la más amplia diversidad y la preocupación por los hermanos que la sociedad excluye, daña o discrimina.

STRUCTURE:

En conjunto las vicarías desarrollan su acción con personas en situación de riesgo y/o vulneradas en sus derechos. Se realiza a través de diversos programas sociales. Es común a estos programas la acogida, promoción y dignificación de las personas, organizaciones sociales y comunidades. El fin es que éstas desarrollen sus habilidades individuales y colectivas para asumir protagonismo en la generación de búsqueda de soluciones a sus problemas, desarrollen organizaciones sociales y generen y/o se incorporen a redes de apoyo social. En ambas vicarías trabajan más de 100 personas en conjunto con los equipos de Pastoral Social de 6 Zonas de la Arquidiócesis. La casa central de las vicarías está ubicada en Catedral 1063, 5º piso, Comuna de Santiago, Chile. Nuestra organización es una dependencia del Arzobispado de Santiago, su responsable, sacerdote Rodrigo Tupper, es nombrado por el Arzobispo de Santiago, Cardenal Francisco Javier Errázuriz. El Vicario, para la ejecución de todos los programas sociales cuenta con la asesoría de un Secretario Ejecutivo. El trabajo está diferenciado en áreas, a cargo de una jefatura. 1. Área Caritas Santiago. De acción directa: Atención y apoyo a organizaciones sociales, realización de Campañas como cuaresma de fraternidad, de emergencia y solidarias. Programa del Adulto Mayor, Asistencia a personas en situación de pobreza (asistencia en alimentos, medicamentos e implementos médicos) 2. Área de Formación. Ejecuta programas relacionados con Derechos Humanos y Ciudadanía, Formación de agentes Pastorales y Líderes Comunitarios 3. Área Animación Laboral. Desarrolla programas de Animación Pastoral de Trabajadores, Formación Sindical. Cuenta con un Organismo Técnico de Capacitación, que se ocupa de alfabetización y Nivelación de estudios, Capacitación Laboral, formación para la implementación de Actividades Productivas y otros cursos. 4. Área Refugio. Implementa proyectos financiados por el ACNUR: Integración Local dirigido a personas que demandan asilo en nuestro país y a refugiados y Reasentamiento Solidario dirigido básicamente a la atención integral de personas de origen colombiano. El Reasentamiento Humanitario es un proyecto reciente que acoge a 117 personas de origen Palestino. Ejecutamos dos proyectos en acuerdo con el Gobierno: Desarrollo Social y Apoyo a Actividades Productivas. 5. Área Animación Solidaria. Sus programas Rehaciendo Vínculos (con madres y padres recluidos), Participación Comunitaria en Campamentos, Colonias Urbanas. Comuna Segura: Educación para la Paz, apoyo a niños trabajadores, Apoyo a la Paternidad Adolescente. Prevención de Maltrato y Abuso Sexual Infantil y Programa de atención integral a la Mujer Víctima de Violencia Intrafamiliar. 6. Área de Comunicaciones. Soporte comunicacional. 7. Área Administración y Finanzas. Soporte administrativo de las Vicarías

ACTIVITIES:

Con relación al Área Refugio, las principales actividades están relacionadas con la promoción de las personas para que asuman protagonismo en el proceso de integración social. Para ello se realizan actividades de acogida, acompañamiento, información, habilitación de herramientas para la integración laboral y seguimiento de casos sociales. Nuestro trabajo para el logro de estos fines se desarrolla mediante la ejecución de programas de apoyo dirigidos a la protección jurídica de las personas, su acceso a las políticas sociales y su ejercicio de derechos ciudadanos. Programa Preventivos de Salud Mental, Programa de Género que se ocupa de las necesidades especiales diferenciadas por sexo y, finalmente, Programa de Inserción Laboral que facilita la habilitación para el acceso al trabajo mediante estrategias de Inducción a la realidad que afecta a los trabajadores en nuestro país, Capacitación Laboral y Preparación para actividades productivas de autosustento. El Vicario, en nombre del Arzobispo, desempeña funciones de representación y de conducción en la vida y misión de la Iglesia en la Temática Social. Conduce y apoya y es el responsable de las iniciativas desarrolladas por cada una de las áreas de la Vicaría. El Área Refugio mantiene permanente coordinación con el ACNUR quien aporta apoyo operacional y mantiene un rol asesor que favorece el accionar de la Vicaría en el ámbito gubernamental.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE

The Dutch Council for Refugees (DCR) was established in 1979 as a network of refugee-assisting organizations. DCR is an independent, broadly-based organization. It consists of an Association that decides its policy, and a National Office that puts policy into practice and supports the work of regional branches. Mission: The Dutch Council for Refugees defends the rights of refugees and helps them to build up a new existence. The Netherlands has an obligation to protect refugees and to offer them a decent existence. The Dutch Council for Refugees works to make sure that this actually happens in practice. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights conventions are the guiding principles for our work.

STRUCTURE:

The organization consists of a National Office in Amsterdam, 23 regional branches, and 100 local branches throughout the country. DCR's work covers 90% of all Dutch local municipalities and 84% of all asylum seekers that reside in centres (figures of 2007).

The Dutch Council for Refugees works with 7000 volunteers and employs around 400 paid employees in the local and regional branches and 130 in our national office. We also have a presence with 12 staff members at registration centres, assessment centres, border detention centres and temporary emergency accommodation (figures of 2007).

ACTIVITIES:

Many volunteers and paid staff assist asylum seekers during the asylum procedure. They help refugees who are allowed to stay in the Netherlands to find their feet and to integrate in Dutch society. In addition, the collective representation of interests is also part of our work. Refugees have a right to equal treatment under the law, access to adequate housing, education, training, health care, and work.

The Council for Refugees identifies problem areas in the law and makes proposals for ways to improve government policy. We advocate for a fair and effective asylum procedure in the Netherlands, access to asylum, and quality protection for refugees in the Netherlands and in the rest of the world. DCR also maintains an extensive database of legal and policy developments on asylum in the Netherlands and country of origin information. This database is used by judges, lawyers and local and regional branches throughout the country. With publicity campaigns, media releases, teaching packs, festivals, and social networking projects, we strengthen the community support for refugees and asylum seekers. Through its international programme the Dutch Council for Refugees also provides capacity building support to refugee-assisting organisations in South-eastern Europe, North and East Africa.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is the oldest women's peace organisation in the world. It was founded in April 1915, in the Hague, the Netherlands, by some 1300 women from Europe and North America, from countries at war against each other and neutral ones, who came together in a Congress of Women to protest the killing and destruction of the war then raging in Europe.

WILPF is an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with National Sections in 37 countries, covering all continents. Its International Secretariat is based in Geneva with a New York UN office.

Its aims and principles are:

- to bring together women of different political beliefs and philosophies who are united in their determination to study, make known and help abolish the causes and the legitimization of war;
- to work toward world peace; total and universal disarmament; the abolition of violence and coercion in the settlement of conflict and its replacement in every case by negotiation and conciliation;
- to support the civil society to democratise the United Nations system;
- to support the continuous development and implementation of international and humanitarian law;
- to promote political and social equality and economic equity;
- to contribute towards co-operation among all people;
- to enhance environmentally sustainable development.

STRUCTURE:

WILPF was established in 1915. WILPF members create the peaceful transformation they wish to see in the world by making connections that: - Provide continuity with the past so that knowledge of historical events and patterns informs current activities for change; - Create analysis and action that reflect and reinforce each other; - Link and challenge root causes of oppression, especially racism, sexism, heterosexism, militarism, economic disparity, and political disempowerment; and - Build and strengthen relationships and movements for justice, peace, and radical democracy

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Women's Refugee Commission is a U.S.-based nongovernmental organization (NGO) that advocates for policies and programs to ensure the rights and protection of refugee women, children and youth, including the provision of vital services such as health care, education and economic opportunity. The Women's Commission is instrumental in identifying and drawing to the attention of the international community issues that are of great importance to refugees and that are not receiving attention or being tackled in an effective way. These issues include reproductive health; preventing sexual violence related to firewood collection; the trafficking of women and girls; the special needs of youth; the right of all children to education; the need of all displaced people to have opportunities to earn a living and be self-supporting ("livelihoods"); and conditions of detention for asylum seekers.

STRUCTURE:

Documents and exposes abuses against women, youth and child refugees and asylum seekers, and makes recommendations and advocates for change. It does this through fact-finding missions, field research, reports and conferences. Develops manuals, tools and guidelines to promote systemic change in policy and programming at the field level in order to enhance the protection and well-being of displaced women, youth and children. Monitors international efforts to implement and revise UN policies and guidelines that have been developed to protect refugees and displaced persons. Advises the U.S. Congress and administration to pass and implement legislation for the protection, care and rights of women and children refugees and asylum seekers. Strengthens local women's and youth organizations working with refugees by providing technical assistance to foster growth and advocacy. Calls on the power of refugee women and youth to identify their priority concerns and contribute to solutions, by linking them to international organizations, governments and the UN. Joins with other international organizations to form coalitions, networks and working groups to initiate actions on behalf of refugee women and children. Organizes and hosts caucuses, panel discussions and consultations at major international conferences.

ACTIVITIES:

PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS Improving the Security and Well-being of Displaced Women and Youth Aims to improve protection, security and well-being of refugee women and youth in war-affected areas and to increase their participation in planning and managing assistance programs. ° Helped UNHCR launch new guidelines that require all UNHCR country offices to conduct focus groups with women, young people and other groups with special needs as part of the annual UNHCR planning process. ° Recommended to governments and law-enforcement agencies major changes in their approach that would recognize trafficked women and girls as victims of a crime, rather than as illegal immigrants. ° Launched a project to identify and promote sustainable livelihood interventions in refugee situations, with a focus on matching refugees' existing skills and experience with local market needs. ° Helped to initiate, and continues to monitor and campaign for implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, which addresses the impact of war on women, and calls for the equal and full participation of women in conflict resolution and peace building. Promoting Health Care Services for Displaced Women and Children Promotes quality, comprehensive reproductive health (RH) care for refugees in the areas of safe motherhood, family planning, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and gender-based violence. ° Ensures that RH service provision is standard practice among humanitarian assistance organizations, policy makers and donors. ° Publishes reports, training manuals and distance-learning modules that lead to measurable improvements in reproductive health care for conflict-affected populations. ° Conducts assessments of the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for reproductive health and advocates findings to highlight the importance of providing RH services in the earliest days of an emergency. ° Provided leadership in the completion of an unprecedented global evaluation of RH for refugees that documented

progress, gaps and challenges ahead; continues to advocate for advances in this field. ° Published Beyond Firewood: Fuel Alternatives and Protection Strategies for Displaced Women and Girls, a first-of-its-kind report on ways to mitigate widespread violence against displaced women and girls as they collect firewood. Protecting and Educating Displaced Children and Youth Youth have special needs that are not universally recognized or met, and millions of children affected by armed conflict have no access to formal education. The Women's Commission advocates for increased child- and youths-specific responses in policy, programming and humanitarian assistance with a focus on education in emergencies. ° Ensures that education in emergencies for displaced women, youth and children is on the agenda of governments, donors, the UN and humanitarian organizations. Raised awareness of the need for uninterrupted education for young people affected by conflict in the landmark report, the Global Survey on Education in Emergencies. ° Conducted the first-ever training in Africa on the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies' Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, in Darfur, Sudan; Women's Commission advocacy resulted in UNICEF inviting community participation in their education coordination meetings in North Darfur. ° Conducted and published first worldwide participatory studies on adolescents affected by armed conflict. ° Houses Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, a collaborative NGO initiative that advocates to the UN Security Council to improve monitoring, reporting and follow-up action to protect the security and rights of children in specific armed conflicts. (www.watchlist.org) Ensuring the Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the United States Advocates for fair treatment for refugees and asylum seekers in the United States and worldwide. ° Advocates and works with the U.S. Congress and Federal agencies to ensure access to asylum for women and children fleeing armed conflict and abuse, to limit the use of detention and—if used—ensure that conditions for women and children are humane, and to increase access to legal representation. ° Produced groundbreaking documentation of harsh and degrading treatment of women and children asylum seekers held in U.S. prisons and detention centers. ° Was a catalyst for the 1998 U.S. guidelines for treatment of children asylum seekers and helped train asylum officers and immigration judges in using the guidelines. ° Produced What Happens When I Go To Immigration Court, a short educational film aimed at orienting children to immigration court. ° Was instrumental in the passage of the Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act in the Senate by unanimous consent. The law extends legal aid to children fleeing to the United States alone by recruiting more pro bono lawyers to donate their time and expertise to help in asylum proceedings.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children was founded in 1989 to focus on the particular plight of refugee women and children. It is affiliated to and legally part of the International Rescue Committee and sees itself as an expert resource and advocacy organisation that monitors and speaks out on the situation of refugee and displaced women, children and adolescents, with a focus on safety, access to reproductive health care, education and livelihoods.

STRUCTURE:

Board of Commissioners

Executive Director (1)

Directors:

Protection (1), Reproductive Health Programme (1), Detention and Asylum (1), Advocacy and External Relations (1), Strategic Affairs (1), Development (1), Communications (1); Based in New York, Washington and Geneva

ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

World Vision is a Christian relief and development organisation working for the well being of all people, especially children. Through emergency relief, education, health care, economic development and promotion of justice, World Vision helps communities help themselves. Established in 1950 to care for orphans in Asia, World Vision has grown to embrace the larger issues of community development and advocacy for the poor in its mission to help children and their families build sustainable futures. Working on six continents, World Vision is one of the largest Christian relief and development organisations in the world. The heart of World Vision's work is in helping communities build stronger and healthier relationships. The absence of such relationships impoverishes communities. World Vision focuses on children because they are the best indicator of a community's social health. When children are fed, sheltered, schooled, protected, valued, and loved a community thrives.

World Vision Japan(WVJ) was established in 1987 as Japanese NGO with Board of directors by the support of World Vision International(WVI). WVJ is a part of WVI sharing the same mission and goals with WVI and other WV offices. WVJ raises funding from various donors to support relief and development programs. WVJ has been focusing on refugee/IDPs assistance since its establishment.

STRUCTURE:

WV has National offices which implement program on the ground and Support offices which support National offices to help implement program financially and technically. World Vision Japan is a Support office and its has International Programs Department with 20 staff to work together with National offices.

WVJ has marketing section, international programs sections, finance and administration section with total staff of 60.

ACTIVITIES:

Our main activity is to raise fund and support projects by sending qualified staff to the projects. we work very closely with the Japanese government for grant projects.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

World Vision is a long standing UNHCR partner. Both organizations have signed a memorandum of agreement. Participation in the meeting would be part of the overall commitment of WV to collaborate with UNHCR on a range of issues affecting refugee and displaced people, particularly children

STRUCTURE:

Wv is a relief and development organization that employs over 23'000 persons and has a presence in 96 countries. Both the departments on Policy and Advocacy, as well as Humanitarian Emergency Affairs (HEA) share interest in HCR affairs at policy setting and operational levels.

ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

See WVI Switzerland

STRUCTURE:

See WVI Switzerland

ACTIVITIES:

According to our strategic direction, the funds raised from child sponsorship are mainly used to facilitate the community to implement the following interventions in each of the 72 community based programs:

1. Promotion of primary school education,
2. Provision of water supply and improvement of sanitation,
3. Promotion of primary health care services,
4. Promotion of Agriculture and food security,
5. Environmental protection and preservation.

The funds raised from government grants and UN agencies are specifically used to support refugees, Advocacy, Emergence Food Aid programs, and other special funded programs such as Malaria, Food security, Orphans and HIV/AIDS. From 1996 to date, World Vision Tanzania has been an implementing partner with UNHCR in the management of the refugees camps in north western Tanzania.

From 1996 to end of 2004 World Vision Tanzania was managing only Nyarugusu refugees camp. From January 2005 up to mid 2007, under expanded partnership agreement with UNHCR World Vision Tanzania was managing 3 additional refugees camps, i.e. Muyovosi, Lugufu 1 and Lugufu 11, and 2 Way Stations at total budget of US\$ 3.2 million (2007 budget). Out of this total budget UNHCR funding to World Vision Tanzania was US\$ 1.2 million and World Vision Tanzania matching fund is US\$ 2.21 million. The balance US\$ 101,260 was funding from other donors (WFP, UNICEF, Quakers Geneva, and RET Geneva). The 2008 budget is expected to be below US\$ 3 million because of the reduced camps due to consolidation process. Between July and December 2007, the Muyovosi and Lugufu 11 camps were consolidated with other camps, leaving only 2 camps that are managed by World Vision Tanzania in 2008.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Yemen red crescent society year of establishment: 1970.

STRUCTURE:

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ACTIVITIES:
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HISTORY: PURPOSE:

In 1973, a group of Christian students decided to stand up and organise support for refugees in Indo-China. That initiative was the starting point of the current ZOA organisation. ZOA has summarised its vision as follows: "In a world full of conflict, injustice, poverty and disaster, we want to contribute to signs of hope and restoration. We see this revealing where people experience peace, justice and mutual trust again and where they regain personal dignity and confidence. ZOA acts and contributes in the Biblical perspective of Gods Kingdom, that will bring reconciliation and restoration to its full extent. Meanwhile, God calls us to do justice and be faithful to people that need our support." Our mission: the contribution we want to make In the contribution ZOA wants to make, it focuses on practical support to communities that are affected by armed conflict or natural disaster. In doing so, no difference is made on the basis of race, religion, sex or political orientation. Moreover, ZOA aims at connecting communities in the South with people in the North, thus promoting mutual involvement and understanding. (See also chapter 4 about the strategic focus.) ZOA has summarised its mission as follows: "ZOA Refugee Care supports people who suffer because of armed conflict or natural disaster, in rebuilding their livelihoods. We call on our constituency and partners, in the North and in the South, to take responsibility and get involved. We provide maximum added value to those we support and those who support us." We will support to the process of strengthening local civil society through enhancement of capacities of displaced people, returnees and 'host' communities involved in enlarging the variety of options available in the fields of livelihood, physical security and access to resources . ZOA's mission comprises the products: life saving (emergency) relief and support in restorative rehabilitation processes.

STRUCTURE:

HQ in The Netherlands, with about 11 contry offices in Africa (Liberia, South Sudan, North Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, DRC) and Asia (Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia). ZOA has almost 1000 staff worldwide. ZOA invests in reaching its constituency in the Netherlands and getting them involved.

ACTIVITIES:

Our focus is on Food Security and Livelihood, Water and Sanitation and Education, while we will concentrate on a limited number of transversal themes (Gender, Peace building) present in all activities throughout our programmes. Our strategy for rehabilitation is geared towards strengthening local civil society in order to stabilize livelihoods, raise resilience and support development processes. Therefore we seek partnership with local partners where possible (CBOs, NGOs).

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