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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 2008 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 to create and implement innovative solutions to critical social and economic problems. 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 American 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 crises, 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 Group 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's. 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:

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 Rational 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:

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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. The main objective of (ASHAD) is to boost the African American relationship for the benefit of the needy and vulnerable population all over Africa. (ASHAD) endeavors to create a harmonious working relationship with the International community and the United Nations system.

STRUCTURE:

(ASHAD) consist of the following:

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

ACTIVITIES:

During the last decade (ASHAD) continued to contribute to the following areas: peace building through conflict mediation basic services delivery poverty alleviation (ASHAD) is advocating the issue of human rights situation especially in conflict affected zones. The prime targets of (ASHAD) have been displaced and refugees populations.

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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:

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President: -H.E. Judge Bola AJIBOLA

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Chapters in Africa: -Benin / Liberia / Mali / Nigeria / Sierra Leone / Chad

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 organized 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:

Founded in 1970 as a partnership between Africans and African-Americans, Africare is guided by three basic principles:

Go where the need is greatest; Support local initiatives by Africans in conceiving and implementing projects; & Integrate activities across sectors.

Motivated by the devastating Sahelian drought of the early 1970s, Africare sought to find durable solutions to development challenges facing Africa in the wake of this humanitarian crisis -- as well as subsequent crises. Since then, Africare has channeled more than \$590 million in development assistance and relief assistance to Africa. Africare's initiatives represent more than 2,000 projects and over 6.5 million direct beneficiaries in 36 countries Africa-wide. Today, under the leadership of President Julius E. Coles, more than 150 Africare programs reach families and communities in 24 nations in every region of the African continent. More recently, Africare has engaged in democracy and governance and private sector initiatives. In the United States, Africare also has sought to increase public awareness and understanding of Africa. MISSION STATEMENT Africare works to improve the quality of life in Africa. VISION Africare works in partnership

with African communities to achieve healthy and productive societies. Our approach places communities at the center of development activities. We believe that only through strong communities can Africa feed itself, appropriately exploit its natural resources, educate, care and protect its children, promote the economic well being of African people and live in peace.

STRUCTURE:

Africare has its headquarters in Washington, D.C. USA, and field offices in some 24 countries in Africa. Its total staff complements is approximately 1,200 people with over 1,100 based in the field operations and under 100 based at HQ. In the US, centralized offices include the following: FRONT OFFICE: President & Sr. Vice President VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

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VICE PRESIDENT FOR MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT: Vice President, Director of Foundation & Corporate Relations; Director of Major Gifts; Media Relations Manager; Special Events Manager; Development Associate; Writer/Editor.

OPERATIONS: 3 Regional Directors: (Francophone West & Central Africa,

Southern Africa, Anglophone East & West Africa); and 2 Technical Directors: (Director of Health & HIV/AIDS and Director of Food for Development).

Human Resources has an independent Directorship.

ACTIVITIES:

Currently Africare supports some 150+ projects in 24 countries throughout Africa. Africare projects currently focus on two principal, interrelated areas: Food Security and Agriculture, and Health and HIV/AIDS. Africare also has programs in: Water Resource Development, Environmental/Natural Resources Management, Literacy and Vocational Training, Microenterprise Development, Civil Society Development/ Governance, Small Enterprise Development, and Emergency Humanitarian Aid. In the United States, Africare also works to increase public awareness and understanding of Africa.

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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 chargée 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 à 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 réinsertion d'enfants associés aux 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 réflexion 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 contre la Traite, le Travail et l'Exploitation des Enfants)

Le coordinateur est membre de la cellule de réflexion sur les orphelins et autres enfants.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Al Manar Mission

To partner with local communities, develop networks, provide training opportunities and build associations that would further reinforce sustainable development and conflict transformation.

Al Manar Vision

A society that upholds human rights, endorses gender equity and equal opportunity to achieve peace and development.

Al Manar, a women non governmental and non profit organization was established in 1991 to reverse the tide of deterioration in the overall socio-economic situation in general in Sudan and the basic rights of women in particular. (Annex 1 Organizational Structure) The main target groups were women in the rapidly growing number of IDPs from the South of Sudan trying to survive in makeshift camps and squatter areas in and around Greater Khartoum. Al Manar main funders are: ICCO, UNDP, NRC, UNHCR and SCHF as well as UNICEF. Al manar is a partner of UNHCR since the end of 2006.

Al Manar main policy theme is conflict transformation through four interventions: building peace and democracy; saving lives and healthy futures; building skills for self reliance and working together for change. Across the four themes, women are the point of entry of all activities. Collaboration with grass root organizations/ community-based organisations (CBOs) is maintained as well as creating linkages with national institutions and formal bodies providing forums that would work together to influence change and induce peace and development.

STRUCTURE:

Almanar has a General Assembly that consist of 65 members and meets once a year. Through a democratic structure the General Assembly select the Board of Director members that consist of the Chariman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Cashier and other five members. The Board of Director main responsibilities are to assist in drafting the constitution and assign the executive director and office staff to implement the organization plan. Total number of staff are 25 (administrative and field staff), including in Khartoum and in Kassala State. The organizational structure of Almanar is divided by thematic areas, the Head Quarter is in Khartoum and a Branch office in Kassala. The organization has Five units: Legal aid and Awareness, Income Generating Project, Nutrition & Health, Management & Follow up, Home Health Care Activities. Staff have thematic and geographical responsibility in the field.

ACTIVITIES:

•Building Peace and Democracy: community awareness on basic right and legal advice

The focus of the program is legal awareness, training on basic rights and legal aid. The target groups are community representatives, members of CBOs, women groups in the major IDP sites in Khartoum. AS for the legal advice/aid component, in Khartoum, Al Manar has a team of 4 volunteer lawyers and 62 paralegals (33 males and 29 females) who provide basic legal advice and legal aid to communities in the main IDP sites. Paralegals are engaged in consultation and peaceful disputes resolution. More complex cases (average of 40 cases a year) adopted annually from the Omdurman prison and from the communities in the IDP sites are referred to the lawyers for specialised follow-up and Court representation. (partnership with UNHCR)

In 2006, the Justice and Confidence Centre (JCC) was established in Kassala supported by UNDP as a legal aid center. The trained 62 paralegals cover 40% of Kassala suburbs providing legal awareness and legal aid.

•Saving Lives and Working for a Healthy Future

Al Manar carries out health, nutrition training as well as nutrition screening and feeding of children at the Community Therapeutic Centre (CTC) in one of the main IDP sites in Khartoum (Mayo Mandella), with an estimated population of 80,000 people. The direct beneficiaries of the CTC are about 1,000 children annually. Indirect beneficiaries are mothers of the 1,000 children.

A Nutrition Centre in the Omdurman Women Prison (Khartoum) serves an average of 60,000 children per year. The prison receives an average of 3,100 cases monthly and 90% of them are women arrested under the 'Public Order Act' and accused of brewing alcohol. 26% of these mothers bring along their children (children are admitted with their mothers daily).

Annually an average of 37,000 women benefit indirectly from the activities taking place in the prison (health education, skills training and awareness raising sessions). About 25% of them are mothers who bring along their children and are the direct beneficiaries of the Nutrition Centre. Activities cover awareness raising and education about health, nutrition, environmental and emergency issues, child feeding and malnourishment screening, in addition to provision of free access to quality primary health care for children and their mothers.

•Generating Income (for women)

The program covers skills training (planning, basic management skills, reporting) for groups of women in the IDP sites in Khartoum as well as the women released from Omdurman Women Prison. The objective is to avoid the continuous resorting to negative coping mechanisms. On completion of the training program, Al Manar provided these groups with a loan to start a small income generating activity. Al Manar monitors and follows up these women groups to ensure the sustainability of the activities adopted. Al Manar supports an average of 20 women groups amongst displaced communities with various projects, from tea making, to equipment rental for festivities, to small bakery and food processing activities. (Partnership with UNHCR)

With the aim of providing job opportunities and an alternative for alcohol brewing as a means of generating income, Al Manar started a skills training program for women from IDPs sites to be able to sell their service for a fee and join the main working force of the Capital Khartoum. Hence, a program for Home Health Care training started in 2007 with 56 women trained and nine are presently working with an average salary of 600 SGD (300 USD). After the course, Al Manar supports them in the job placement.

•Working Together for Change

Al Manar carried out a leadership and capacity-building program to assist local communities in organizing themselves to enhance the role of women and support local capacities. Al Manar assisted in the development of 9 CBOs from the main 5 IDP sites around Khartoum. Each CBO is run by an executive office of an average of 25 members and is supported by Al Manar in the registration process and with small in-kind support. The catchment areas of the CBOs range from 65,000 to 600,000 populations. Associated with and working within each CBO, there are paralegal workers, home health care providers, as well as trainers on health and book-keeping.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ARC was founded in 1978 by a Chicago businessman named Neal Ball. Asked by a friend to sponsor a refugee, Ball assumed he would be sending in a small check each month and receive a standard thank-you letter and photo each year. Instead, he received a call 30 days later, telling him that Phoungne Sananikone, a refugee from Laos, would soon be at the airport in Chicago.

ARC programs provide assistance in primary health care delivery, improved water and sanitation, shelter reconstruction, micro-credit projects, environmental rehabilitation and psychosocial services. ARC works with communities and their leaders to build capacity.

ARC beneficiaries are mostly women and children in Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Iraq, Pakistan, Thailand, Guinea, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Sudan.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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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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Arab Res Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO) Established 1975 Its purpose is to work as a body of communication, study and coordination between the Arab National Societies.

STRUCTURE:

The secretariat The General Assembly The Executive Committee The Advisory Committee.

ACTIVITIES:

* Assisting disaster stricken countries by launching appeals to member National societies.

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The Arakan Project, initially established with FORUM-ASIA in Thailand but now operating as an independent NGO. Chris Lewa has worked with Thailand-based NGOs for the last 13 years, documenting the human rights situation in Burma and carrying out advocacy for better protection of Burmese refugees in the Asian region. Since 1999, she has focussed her attention on the Rohingya minority of Burma, whose plight remains largely ignored. She travels extensively to Bangladesh and Malaysia to monitor the Rohingya refugee situation. She regularly speaks at international conferences and has contributed to reports published by international NGOs. She worked as a consultant for Amnesty International, Refugees International, the Norwegian Refugee Council as well as UNHCR. She also acts as an independent expert for appeal procedures of Burmese asylum seekers in the United Kingdom.

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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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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:

Fundada en 1991, nuestra organización se creó fundamentada en la experiencia que varios funcionarios de ACNUR adquirieron posterior a su participación humanitaria en el conflicto armado centroamericano y su deseo de conjuntarse. Su inicio abarcó la implementación de varios programas en el área legal y de trabajo social.

A inicios del año 2000 con la entrada masiva de población refugiada colombiana se inicia una expansión total en la agencia, creando nuevos programas, ampliando los ya existentes, tratando con ello de abarcar las necesidades prioritarias de una población numerosa y diversa.

El objetivo principal del ACAI es velar por la protección de las personas refugiadas y facilitar su integración local. Nuestra misión es desarrollar herramientas que promuevan la autogestión de la población creando para ello programas que estimulen mejorías en su calidad de vida.

STRUCTURE:

ACAI está ubicada en el centro de San José, en Ave 2 y 4 calle 24, la ubicación es urbana, debido a que la mayoría de nuestra población meta se ubica en esta zona. En la agencia laboran 17 personas con formación profesional en diferentes disciplinas (Trabajo Social, Derecho, Psicología y personal administrativo).

La jerarquía organizacional se encabeza por la dirección, seguido de la subdirección y cuatro áreas de Trabajo: administrativa, legal, social y crédito, las cuales trabajan de manera interdisciplinaria, predominando un estilo de liderazgo horizontal. Nuestra población meta es en su mayoría solicitante de refugio y refugiados de nacionalidad colombiana.

ACTIVITIES:

Desde el ámbito legal se promueve la protección de los solicitantes de asilo y refugiados, se brinda asesoría y orientación en materia migratoria, laboral, civil, familiar y penal. En el área social se brinda acompañamiento a la población por medio de la información, orientación en general y ayuda material, asimismo se les apoya en cursos vocacionales, necesidades médicas, apoyo psicológico, reunificación familiar, entre otros.

El área de crédito se divide en microcréditos para la población emprendedora y microempresaria y en créditos y subsidios para la adquisición de vivienda. El área administrativa realiza labores en recepción, línea de teléfono de cobro revertido y contaduría. Adicionalmente existe la Unidad de Inserción laboral, bolsa de empleo que facilita la integración laboral de la población. Desde cada una de las áreas existen algunos proyectos específicos, por ejemplo la conformación de grupos por edad, género y diversidad (adultos mayores, mujeres, niños y adolescentes).

Cada grupo se reúne mensualmente ejecutando actividades educativas, de apoyo, proyección comunal y recreativas. Asimismo existen los proyectos de corto impacto donde la población refugiada recibe en cursos cortos, materias tales como: panadería, arreglos florales, bisutería, manicure que les permiten aprender un oficio e incorporarse al mercado laboral. Igualmente existe una pequeña academia de cómputo donde se imparten conocimientos y programas básicos para la población refugiada de diferentes edades.

El área de crédito auspicia la participación de los microempresarios tanto en capacitaciones sobre gestión empresarial como en ferias donde pueden comercializar sus productos. Para niños (as) existe un proyecto de terapia de juego y una escuela de apoyo familiar para padres, así como tres hogares comunitarios para el cuidado de personas menores de edad cuyos padres deben laborar y no cuentan con redes de apoyo para este fin.

En el campo de investigación e insumos para la oficina recientemente se realizó un diagnóstico de campo con niños y adolescentes refugiados de todo el país. Finalmente tenemos el proyecto de "Casa de Derechos de la Municipalidad de Desamparados" ubicado en el segundo cantón con mayor cantidad de habitantes de la provincia de San José, el cual responde al modelo de comunidades solidarias. Estas actividades se implementan en coordinación y con aval de ACNUR y algunas de ellas en conjunto con otros socios.

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The International Public Association for Scientific Research, Information and Educational Programmes "Evolutio" is a non-governmental organisation, established by academicians, students and activists in the sphere of studying the UN activity and promoting the UN goals and objects. The organisation is a legal successor of the Centre for the UN Studies that was initially formed within a joint project of the UNDP, the UNHCR, and the Belarusian State University in 1998. Upon completion of the project on establishment of the Center in 2000, the NGO was set up and registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus on 7 February 2001. The amendments to the charter of the Agency were registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Belarus on 12 July 2005, since then the Agency has obtained its current title.

STRUCTURE:

IPA "Evolutio" consist of the Observation Board, Executive staff, Control Commission and also Volunteers group. Headquarters is located in Minsk.

ACTIVITIES:

(i) Joint Project with the UNHCR The project aims at the further development of the Belarus national asylum system through dissemination of comprehensive legal information among the government, education and public authorities on refugee related issues, thus building the foundation for informed and competent work of the mentioned professional groups with refugees and asylum seekers. The public information activities in the framework of the project promote tolerant and respectful attitude towards refugees, thus facilitating their acceptance and integration in Belarus. (ii) Belarusian Journal of International Law and International Relations The IPA "Evolutio" is the founder and publisher of the Journal, which is a leading periodical in the sphere of international law and international relations. (iii) Modeling the United Nations IPA "Evolutio" annually organises "Modeling the United Nations for students in Belarus", which is supported by several UN agencies present in Belarus.

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STRUCTURE:

There is an Honorary President, Robert Muller, Former Assistant Sec-Gen of the UN, a president, 5 vice presidents from different world areas, representatives to the UN New York, Geneva, Vienna and World Citizens Assemblies, usually every 3 years.. There are membership organizations in some 50 States.

ACTIVITIES:

While the member organizations work for the respect of human rights of all persons including refugees, displaced persons and migrants, it is in Africa where the most structures activities with refugees takes place; East Africa where there are member groups in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and West Africa with work for refugees from Sierra Leone and Liberia, including work in the Budubaran Refugee Camp in Ghana.

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Créé en 1955 pour la lutte des pays d'Afrique en quête d'indépendance. Refondé en 1974 pour aider des migrants, demandeurs d'asile et réfugiés en détresse. Partie prenante pour des projets de développement locaux. En partenariat avec le UNHCR depuis le 01/01/2007, renouvelé le 01/01/2008.

STRUCTURE:

Un bureau de 10 membres avec un président et un secrétaire général dirige l'association qui une centaine de membres. Les présidents d'honneur sont l'Archevêque d'Alger et l'Ancien président de l'Eglise Protestante en Algérie. Une permanence journalière est assurée à Alger pour l'accueil des réfugiés, demandeurs d'asile et migrants subsahariens urbains mais aussi pour les refoyés d'Europe. Une scolarisation d'enfants migrants est assurée ainsi qu'un relais através l'Afrique pour ceux qui rejoignent leurs d'origine. Une présence médicale est également assurée.

ACTIVITIES:

Accueil des migrants. Soins médicaux, visites hôpitaux et aide en cas de décès Scolarisations dans des établissements privés du pays Retour aux pays d'origine par un relais d'étapes d'Algérie, Congos, Cameroun, Benin, Mali, Niger etc. Visite des prisons.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Asylum Access envisions a world where refugees are seen as people with rights, not just people with needs. We believe that by empowering refugees in Africa, Asia and Latin America to assert their human rights, we can create effective, lasting solutions for refugees around the world.

Asylum Access makes refugee rights a reality by providing on-the-ground legal counsel and representation for refugees in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and by advocating for refugee rights worldwide.

Asylum Access is the only U.S. nonprofit that gives refugees the tools to assert their legal rights where they need it most: in their first countries of refuge. Asylum Access was founded to make legal advocacy available to the thousands of refugees who would otherwise face detention, deportation, torture or death -- and to help these refugees to assert their rights to work, send their children to school, and begin rebuilding their lives, free from fear.

STRUCTURE:

See Web Site

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Legal Aid

Asylum Access's legal aid program gives refugees the tools they need to navigate the unfamiliar systems of local and international law. Legal aid can include legal information, advice, representation and/or related assistance to refugees seeking to assert their legal and human rights, including rights to live safely, work, put children in school, move freely and access social services.

In most countries where we work, our legal advocates help refugees to understand their rights, and assist them in seeking asylum. Asylum-related assistance can include helping refugees to draft testimony statements or legal arguments, accompanying refugees to asylum or status determination hearings, connecting them with other service providers such as interpreters or psychologists, and advocating for those with special needs, such as unaccompanied children or victims of gender-based violence. In some countries, Asylum Access's legal advocates may also help refugees to assert other rights such as employment, education, equal protection or freedom of movement.

Everywhere we work, Asylum Access partners with local organizations to develop locally-appropriate refugee legal aid models. At the same time, we connect our legal advocates working locally with a growing community of refugee legal aid providers throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America. Our materials, methodology and experience are also available to those interested in developing their own refugee legal aid programs.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Austcare is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit Australian NGO whose mission is to work with people affected by conflict and natural disasters to build human security. Austcare was established in 1967 and has worked in over 30 countries in Africa, Middle East, Asia and the Pacific. Austcare specialises in emergency response, protection, mine action and livelihood recovery.

STRUCTURE:

Austcare operates from its Head Office in Sydney, Australia with over a 120 staff and volunteers working in Australia or overseas at any one time. Austcare operates Country Offices in Timor-Leste, Cambodia and Aceh (Indonesia), and has Representatives in Geneva and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Austcare works in partnership with UN agencies, international NGOs, local partner organisations and local communities to develop and implement projects.

ACTIVITIES:

Austcare operates international programs in Asia, the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East. Austcare is currently undertaking 28 projects in 10 different countries. Specific sectoral focuses for Austcare include food security, landmine action including the integration of mine clearance with community development, protection, capacity-building, education, health and vocational training. Austcare maintains a Rapid Response Register of Protection Officers who are seconded to UN agencies in emergencies or to fill protection gaps. Austcare has deployed Protection officers to UN agencies in Timor-Leste, Pakistan, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Sudan. Austcare's research and policy sector is contributing to conceptual thinking and policy responses to protracted displacement situations in Asia.

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Bethlehem

Occupied Palestinian Territory

HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Established as an independent local NGO in 1998, BADIL is mandated to promote the rights of Palestinian refugees and IDPs under international law to protection and durable solutions. BADIL networks and cooperates with refugee community organizations, international agencies, independent legal experts and NGOs worldwide for this purpose.

STRUCTURE:

BADIL is owned by its General Assembly composed of members of refugee community organizations and supervised by a Board elected from among this General Assembly. Executive staff is composed of the Director, Admin-finance Officer and Program Unit Coordinators and Responsible for Program implementation. BADIL is assisted by voluntary networks, including a community-based BADIL Friends Forum and an international Legal Support Network.

ACTIVITIES:

BADIL's program is composed of: Refugee Rights Campaign: workshops, media projects, fact finding visits, and advocacy capacity building are conducted with the refugee community and broader civil society.

Information and Media Campaign: press releases, reports and periodical magazine

Research and Legal Advocacy: publication of Annual Survey on Palestinian refugees and IDPs, presentation of reports to UN fora, networking and advocacy among and with the international human rights community.

BADIL also implements emergency projects (repair and construction of housing and public infrastructure in Palestinian refugee camps) outside and in addition to its regular advocacy program.

Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Brookings-Bern Project works within the international policy system to promote the protection of the rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs). This work is carried out through research, creating guidelines and benchmarks, organizing seminars, workshops and training sessions, and speaking to a variety of groups.

STRUCTURE:

The Project, established in 1994, is co-directed by Walter Kalin, the Representative of the Secretary-General on the Human Rights of IDPs and Elizabeth Ferris, a Brookings Senior Fellow.

ACTIVITIES:

The Project carries out activities in four areas: strengthening the normative framework to protect IDPs, enhancing the will to protect them, building the capacity to protect, and responding to new challenges.

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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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Cansuyu Charity and Solidarity Organization was founded in Turkey on 31 August 2005 for helping and serving to all needy people, refugees, affected of disasters in Turkey in all over the World. Cansuyu means water of life in Turkish Language so Cansuyu Organization willing to be 'cansuyu' for all

needy people.

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. A number of volunteers is participation 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 Côte d'Ivoire a été créée en 1955. Elle jouit de la personnalité juridique reconnue aux Associations par le Droit Civil et le Droit Ecclésiastique. Elle a pour but la promotion de l'esprit et de l'exercice communautaires de la charité et de la justice.

STRUCTURE:

Service Social de l'Eglise de Côte d'Ivoire, Caritas Côte d'Ivoire émane de la Conférence Episcopale (Assemblée Générale des Evêques) et est placée sous la tutelle de la Commission Episcopale de Pastorale Sociale. Sa structure se résume principalement en une Direction Nationale qui coordonne 15 Caritas Diocésaines, plus 400 Caritas Paroissiales et plus de 20.000 Communautés Ecclésiastiques de Base.

ACTIVITIES:

Caritas Côte d'Ivoire oeuvre dans les domaines d'activités suivants:

- * L'urgence (catastrophes guerres...)
- * L'assistance (situations aui urgent et ne peuvent attendre)
- * La promotion humaine (à moyen et long termes)
- * Le plaidoyer (défense des droits de l'Homme et des peuples).

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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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Caritas Lebanon Migrant center 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:

Name of projects:

Protection of the Detainees in the Retention Center for Foreign Persons in Lebanon

Protection for the Human Rights of Migrant Workers and Asylum Seekers in the North Region of Lebanon.

Protection and support for Migrants in Lebanon

Protection for the Human Rights of Migrant Workers and Asylum Seekers in Lebanon

Extremely Vulnerable Iraqis Humanitarian Assistance

Education for Iraqi Children, in partnership with UNHCR

Assistance for Elderly Palestinian Refugees in the Bekaa, Beirut and Tyre.

Peace building in Palestinian Camps in Lebanon Protection and Assistance for Victims of Trafficking in Lebanon Specialized School adjusted to the particular needs of Migrants' Children in educational rupture

Legal and social Assistance to Migrants in and outside of prisons in South Lebanon

Legal Aid Project in partnership with the UNHCR

Protection for the Human Rights of Detained Refugees in various Lebanese Prisons, in partnership with UNHCR

Education for Palestinian Children in Dbayeh Camp

Shelter for Migrant Women

Training for General security Investigators on Interview/Investigations Techniques
Repatriation, Emergency Assistance Emergency Stock for Lebanon, in Partnership with UNHCR.

Number of personnel : 85 Geographic location : We are located in all Lebanon

The General Assembly includes:

The Council members, the Bureau and the National Chaplain

Areas Directors

Sectors Heads

Six delegates from the Superior Majors Assembly, who deal with humanitarian work (Three for men, three for women)

Individual and organizational dues-paying members accepted by the Council

The Council:

28 members nominated by the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Lebanon.

Headed by the President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer General.

The Bureau:

Caritas' executive branch, consisting of the Council officers: the President, Vice-President, Secretary General, and Treasurer General.

ACTIVITIES:

Services and Activities

Social counseling and assistance

Legal counseling and assistance, Humanitarian assistance, Medical assistance, Emergency assistance, Orientation seminars for migrants, Awareness raising sessions, Temporary shelter, Safe house for victims of trafficking, Summer camps, Women's group activities, Vocational training, Reintegration programs, Capacity building trainings, Pastoral care, Peace building, Advocacy and Lobbying.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Caritas Uganda is one of the Commissions of the Uganda Episcopal Conference. It was established in 1971. Its vision is "improved livelihoods of all families in Uganda", while, its mission is to foster community based initiatives through: love; solidarity and reconciliation. It coordinates relief and development activities throughout Uganda.

STRUCTURE:

Caritas Uganda is one of the 13 Commissions of the Uganda Episcopal Conference. It has 19 main field offices located all over Uganda. The field Offices are found in each of the 19 Catholic Dioceses located throughout Uganda. A Diocese on average is made up of about three civil districts. To achieve quicker operational targets, some of the Dioceses have opened smaller field offices in each of the Districts in their jurisdictions. Caritas Uganda has about 30 Staff at the National office, but, country wide there are about 900 Staff in total - depending on the level and stage of the various Programmes being implemented at the grassroots. The Programmes are grouped into 4 main units: a- Relief & Emergency Programmes; b- Capacity Building Programmes; c- Research and Advocacy Programmes and d- Development Programmes.

ACTIVITIES:

The main activities are, but, not limited to the following:- a- HIV / AIDS related activities b- Relief & Humanitarian Support Programmes-both within Uganda and out side Uganda. c- Research & Advocacy mainly on the National Budget & the chronically poor. d- Agricultural development programmes [crop;livestock & afforestation].

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

CartONG is registered in France as an NGO numbered 490 816 345 000 14. It provides mapping and information services to the humanitarian aid community, promoting standardisations of data between donors, NGOs and the United Nations. It is independent and neutral. CartONG does not duplicate the work of Office for the the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA), which is mandated to coordinate, but aims to fill the information gap between different bodies. Humanitarian actors commission CartONG to gather and present quality information for population movements of displaced persons, refugee or IDP camp mapping and related issues such as tools for camp management.

STRUCTURE:

CartONG currently works as an association; the founders work both in the office and in the field. The association is composed of - 2 Copresidents. - Project Manager and field cartographer. - Co-project Manager, working in Uganda. - nationals who participate in the project management - Current volunteers - intern in charge of communication

ACTIVITIES:

The aim of the NGO is to promote the use of the Geographic Information systems in the context of the relief work, emergency and development. CartONG would like to develop the exchanges of geographic information between the NGO's, or association involved in the humanitarian work. CartONG proposes:

- * The provision and management of mutualized databases with geographic components, in order to feel the needs of the whole humanitarian community
- * The creation of a hub with mapping competencies and GIS expertises specialized in the problematic linked to the context and the field (projection, borders.)
- * An offer of formations and trainings, innovative solutions and mapping services for decision making, for the creation of standards frames and references or for dissemination of information. CartONG aims is to promote the use of Geographic Information Systems for emergency relief work and for development. It also aims to encourage humanitarian actors to share geographic information between themselves. To achieve these aims, CartONG * offers geographic database management to the humanitarian community * is creating a network of competent mapping and GIS people, focused on field work
- * trains field managers to best utilise Geographic data in decision making

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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 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:

ACTIVITIES:

CRS programs provide substantial support to refugees from the Iraqi conflict in Syria and Lebanon and is an active member of the Caritas International Iraq and Syria Working Groups which address issues of IDPs and refugees. CRS supports church institutions to provide front-line humanitarian support in addition to support for education and health care, and is actively thinking through how to optimize its work to address protection and psycho-social trauma needs." During 2007 and 2008 CRS is an Operational Partner of UNHCR in Egypt providing educational assistance to 7,000 refugee students.

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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:

Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS): 1983. Dedicated to promoting scholarly, student, and public understanding of international peace and conflict issues (the military, strategic, economic, environmental, cultural, and normative motives, processes, and consequences of both peace and conflict).

My own research in Geneva: to look at the inter-faith and inter-religious dimensions of humanitarian action, including how secular, Christian, Muslim, and other faith-based groups work together on these issues.

STRUCTURE:

CGPACS: headed by a Director ; a Faculty Board (4 Endowed Chairs plus 2 members from the Social Sciences and 2 members from outside the Social Sciences) and one staff person. Reports to the Dean of Social Sciences. Approximately 80 faculty affiliates from 8 schools across campus, and approximately 70 graduate student affiliates.-- My own research in Geneva is funded by an Andrew W. Mellon New Directions Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

ACTIVITIES:

Research and dissemination of research; providing venues for visitors (scholars, some activists and NGOs, Ambassadors) to speak about issues of global peace and conflict in which they are involved.

My own research: interviews with humanitarian activists and faith-based leaders.

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The Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) is an educational, non profit Non Governmental Organization founded in New York in 1964 to encourage the study of sociological, demographic, economic, historical, political, legislative aspects of human migration, refugee movements and ethnic groups relations worldwide.

In 2001 CMS was granted the Special Consultative Status by UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

With this interdisciplinary approach and international perspective, CMS conducts scientific research projects and publishes the International Migration Review, acclaimed "the flagship of scholarship in its field". It also publishes books and an Occasional Paper series.

The Center organizes national and international conferences dealing with immigrants and refugees and their impact on local communities and governments. It provides research opportunities in its specialized library and archives and serves as a resource to national and international communities. CMS fulfills its mission in close cooperation with other research centers, organizations and universities.

Resumption of massive immigration and refugee movements, set in motion by the collapse of the Soviet empire, decolonization in Africa and Asia and the global population explosion, on the one hand, and restrictionist immigration policies, xenophobic violence and new nations with multicultural populations, on the other hand, challenge the Center for Migration Studies to provide the knowledge base and understanding required for sound policy formulation and productive national and international debate. CMS was founded on the belief that understanding is the basis for constructive policy, and that understanding requires education.

The different dimensions of the CMS mission – research, publishing, documentation, conferences, consultation – have contributed to the fundamental objective of CMS from its inception: education about international migration. By generating and facilitating the dissemination of new knowledge.

CMS enhances understanding of the causes and consequences of voluntary and involuntary movements of people in both origin and destination countries. What has always distinguished CMS from all other organizations and institutions interested in migration is that the scope of its interest is global – international migration throughout the world – and its goal is to facilitate an understanding of the breadth and complexity of international migration so that people may live together in peace and mutual enrichment in a pluralistic environment.

CMS brings an independent perspective to the examination of the growing needs created by the circumstances which find 100 million people living outside their countries. As natural development of its traditional activity of studies and research, CMS is more and more engaged in the activity of scientific support to operational projects for helping migrants, refugees, sea workers and their organizations, all over the world; CMS' contribution has an active part in the phase of evaluation of social, geo-political and historical conditions concerning the project and in the operational stage by staff training and providing scientific assistance. Moreover CMS' support steps in in the phase of evaluation of action's effects and incidence, and so of its effective accordance to operating subject's aims.

The mission on CMS is guided by the basic values of the inherent universal dignity of each person, the interrelatedness of all human beings and countries, and meeting the needs of the whole human person as the goal of public policies.

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

COHRE is a Geneva-based, international non-governmental human rights organisation founded in 1994 as a foundation in the Netherlands (Stichting COHRE). COHRE's mission is to ensure the full enjoyment of the human right to adequate housing for everyone, everywhere.

Since its inception, COHRE has consistently and comprehensively applied a human rights approach to housing and living conditions throughout the world with a view to redressing violations of housing rights, promoting compliance with international standards and preventing future infringements of human rights.

STRUCTURE:

COHRE has a Board of Directors consisting of five highly respected leaders in their respective areas of expertise within the international human rights community, and is also able to call on advice from 10 experts on its Advisory Board.

COHRE maintains registered offices in the Americas (Brazil and US), the Asia-Pacific region (Australia, Cambodia and Sri Lanka), Africa (Ghana) and Europe (Switzerland and the Netherlands). These offices coordinate global, regional and local activities in pursuit of COHRE's mission.

COHRE established its International Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland in 1996 in order to most effectively engage with the human rights organs of the United Nations and to coordinate its global advocacy work.

In addition, COHRE has three regional and five thematic programmes:

-COHRE Asia and Pacific Programme (CAPP), established in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (November 2007) and Colombo, Sri Lanka

- COHRE Americas Programme (CAP) established in 1997 and based in Porto Alegre, Brazil, with an office in Duluth, USA
- COHRE Africa Programme (CA) established in 2004 and based in Accra, Ghana
- The Women & Housing Rights Programme (WHRP) established in 1998
- The Housing and Property Restitution Programme (HPRP) established 1998
- The Litigation Programme (LP) established in 2000
- The Right to Water Programme (RWP) established in 2003
- The Global Forced Evictions Programme (GFEP) established in 2003

ACTIVITIES:

As part of its regional and international advocacy work, COHRE works on the right to housing, land and property restitution. HLP restitution rights, as set out in the United Nations Principles on Housing and Property Restitution for Refugees and Displaced Persons (or Pinheiro Principles), are a core component of the right of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) to voluntarily return to their original countries and places of origin.

COHRE's work on housing, land and property restitution began in 1998 to strengthen the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons to the restitution of their original homes. COHRE has worked on these issues concerning Albania, Bhutan, Burma, Colombia, Croatia, East Timor, Guatemala, Georgia, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Kosovo, Sri Lanka, the United States and others. COHRE works closely with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and refugee groups themselves to promote greater attention to and enforcement of housing, land and property rights.

In 2008, in the Asia-Pacific region, COHRE is working on HLP restitution rights if displaced people in Sri Lanka (those displaced by the tsunami and conflict), Burma (those displaced by cyclone Nargis and by military operations and inappropriate development), Nepal (displaced Bhutanese of Nepali ethnic origin) and East Timor (those displaced by political violence since 2006).

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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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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 fulfill 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. In Eastern Europe and CIS countries, CCF has offices in Belarus, Ukraine, and Albania.

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:

The Christian Conference of Asia began as the East Asia Christian Conference, which was constituted by a decision of churches, national councils of churches and national Christian councils whose representatives met at Prapat, Indonesia, in March 1957. It was inaugurated at an assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in May 1959 Purpose Believing that the purpose of God for the Church in Asia is life together in a common obedience of witness to the mission of God in the world, CCA exists as an organ and a forum of continuing cooperation among the churches and national Christian bodies in Asia within the framework of the wider ecumenical movement. CCA is committed to the equal participation of women, men, youth, clergy and laity in church and society. To achieve this purpose, CCA shall have the following objectives and will act in accordance with the principles of policy on participation and representation

STRUCTURE:

The quinquennial General Assembly, where delegates chosen by member councils and churches meet for a time of fellowship and enrichment as well as to set forth the priorities and programs for the next five years, is the supreme policy-making body, under Christ. The General Committee is elected by the General Assembly. It is composed of the elected officers and one representative from each country represented in CCA. It has the powers of the Assembly between Assembly meetings and normally meets in the year of the Assembly, and thereafter at least once in eighteen months. The Executive Committee is elected by the General Committee and is composed of officers and three to five members of the General Committee is not meeting and at other times as required by the General Committee.

ACTIVITIES:

The Eleventh General Assembly in Tomohon, Indonesia on June 2-6, 2000 elected the members of the three Program Area Committees: 1. Program Area Committee on Ecumenical Formation, Gender Justice and Youth Empowerment 2. Program Area Committee on Faith, Mission and Unity 3. Program Area Committee on Justice, International Affairs, Development and Service These three program areas revolve administratively around the General Secretariat. The Executive Committee serves as the committee for programs that are directly under the responsibility of the General Secretariat. The Program Area Committee are responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing the programs in accordance with the mandate of the General Assembly and the guidelines provided by the General Committee. Each Program Area Committee is accountable to the General Committee, served by two executive staff persons and presided over by a moderator and a co-moderator chosen by the General Assembly. In addition there are Working Groups on: * CCA-China Concerns * CCA-FABC (Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences) Relations * CCA-WCC (World Council of Churches) Relations * CCA-WSCF (World Student Christian Federation) Joint Program * CCA-UNESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) Joint Program Financial Basis Contributions are received from CCA member churches and councils and other ecumenical partners. Ecumenical Relationships As the affiliate of the World Council of Churches for this region and in the context of the ecumenical task of the church, CCA continues to strive for mutual and reciprocal relationships with other ecumenical bodies, both global and regional, so that common witness of the churches in Asia is fostered for the benefit of the peoples of Asia.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The City Red Cross of Skopje is organizational part of the Red cross of the Republic of Macedonia. In fulfillment of its own tasks, it is guided by the provisions of the Geneva conventions and the Supplementary protocols, as well as by the basic principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement. The CRC is a voluntary, popular, independent, autonomous, humanitarian organization of the citizens of Skopje, which acts and works as a non-governmental, in accordance with the valid regulations of the state, the Red Cross Law of the Macedonian Red Cross, the statute of MRC. In order to realize the goals and tasks the CRC mobilizes and organizes human resources, financial and material funds, both in the country and abroad. Strategic goal of the Red Cross of Skopje:

- * Promotion of the basic RC principles and human values
- * readiness and acting in cases of disasters
- * Securing of humanitarian and social assistance to the population
- * Health care through protection of life, health and human dignity
- * Respect of people, non-discrimination on the basis of nationality, race, gender, religious or political conviction
- * Development and massive popularity of the voluntary service

STRUCTURE:

Macedonian Red Cross has 34 local Red Cross offices and 1 City Red Cross office. Total number of the professional staff is 120 persons.

ACTIVITIES:

City Red Cross of Skopje is active in the following sectors:

- *Health and prevention
- *Blood donation
- *First aid
- *Social Welfare Programme
- *Disaster preparedness and disasters response
- *Dissemination and Promotion of human values
- *International cooperation
- *Youth
- *Information and communication
- *Trafficking and migration

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Sant'Egidio ACAP is an international non-governmental organisation acting to implement social related projects in developing countries and towards peace mediation.

STRUCTURE:

The Community of Sant'Egidio works through its local offices in the field. It is mainly formed of volunteers (around 50,000) and is implementing and supporting various social and humanitarian projects in Europe, North America, Asia and Africa. It is present in over 70 countries in the world.

ACTIVITIES:

Peace mediation in various parts of the world including Mozambique, Guatemala, Algeria, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, and many other countries and parts of the world. Humanitarian work: refugees from Kosovo in Albania; DREAM Project in Africa to fight against HIV/AIDS; Legal assistance to immigrants in Italy and assistance to poor; Birth Registration awareness in Cambodia (Ministry of Interior, Plan International, Asian Development Bank and UNICEF Project); Initiators of the Advocacy for No Death Penalty (worldwide)

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Consortium of Humanitarian Agency CHA - Established in 1997 is a coordinating, facilitating, networking and representative agency for humanitarian sector to promote policy debate, advocacy, and lobbying on issues affecting the humanitarian sector and to promote and facilitate professionalism in the humanitarian sector. At present CHA serves a membership of ninety-seven international and local agencies in Sri Lanka.

CHA seeks to provide freedom and security to enhance the dignity of persons who are deemed vulnerable as a result of conflict, poverty, disasters and social inequity. Providing products and services to meet these needs to the entirety of the country, CHA's activities are underwritten by quality standards - being the first ISO certified NGO in Sri Lanka

CHA believes in the respect of diversity and the promotion and achievement of fundamental rights and freedom, which provides equal opportunities for development for all Sri Lankans.

STRUCTURE:

CHA has its main Base in Colombo with Offices in 12 districts, North, East, West and South of Sri Lanka. A permanent staff of 187 spread over the country and actively involves in coordination, facilitation, networking, advocacy and information collation/dissemination.

CHA is led by an Executive Director supported by a Chairman and Board of Directors. Operational staff involve the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Managers in respect of Coordination and facilitation, Information, Regional Projects, Peace Building and Conflict Sensitivity, Advocacy, Administration and Finance. District officers are led by District Officers and their respective staff.

ACTIVITIES:

Main activities are coordination, facilitation, networking, information collation/dissemination and Advocacy. CHA represents all International and Local NGOs on humanitarian and development issues. Member of the IASC, UN Working Protection Group and the apex body consisting of Government Heads, UN, ICRC, Diplomatic Representatives on humanitarian issues - The Consultative Committee on Humanitarian Assistance.

District based offices are field based who coordinate with international, local, UN agencies and the local government in respect of humanitarian assistance. Issues pertaining to humanitarian and Development are advocated at the district level and the national level by CHA. Information is disseminated through its 2500 strong network. Regular weekly and monthly meetings are coordinated and hosted at the district and national level providing a platform for agencies table their issues for advocacy with relevant authorities.

Work in partnership with the UN and looking forward to enhance the partnership.

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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 protocolos para la actuación administrativa y programática en un clima laboral acorde con los principios institucionales.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS), an Egyptian Christian development organization headquartered in Cairo, Egypt, is dedicated to social and cultural development, individual well-being, social justice, and inter-cultural harmony. It delivers its services regardless of gender, race, religion, or beliefs. As a Christian voice promoting pluralism and mutual respect in an Egyptian context, CEOSS encourages the participation of Egyptians from all segments of society—Muslim and Christian, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, powerful and powerless—to work together toward common goals.

CEOSS reaches out to more than 2 million Egyptians annually in more than 100 rural and urban communities. A private voluntary organization, CEOSS is registered with the Egyptian Ministry of Social Affairs under number 468 of 1960 and reregistered as an association of public utility under number 468 of 1967.

Our Mission The mission of CEOSS is to promote the sanctity, equity, and harmony of life. It seeks to contribute to the transformation of society by nurturing moral and spiritual awareness, enhancing a sense of belonging, promoting respect for diversity, addressing conflict, and advancing social justice for individuals and communities.

The mission of CEOSS is implemented according to the following major goals:

To improve the quality of life in impoverished communities

To empower communities and individuals with sustainable development

To promote a culture of dialogue based on pluralistic democratic approaches and respect for human rights

To promote religious and social enlightenment CEOSS uses the following methodologies to accomplish its work: Partnership Volunteerism Local resource mobilization Critical analysis and cooperative learning Experience exchange Capacity development of individuals and institutions Networking and alliances Advocacy.

The following principles and values underlie all of CEOSS' work: To promote justice and peace, respect pluralism and diversity

To cooperate and partner with national and local governmental agencies and with the institutions of civil society

To equip and encourage workers and leaders with practical, analytical, and creative skills that empower them to achieve their objectives

To encourage a culture in which freedom of expression, democratic decision-making, consensus-building, and gender equity are valued and practiced

To be transparent with partners and donor organizations

To encourage ecological conservation

General objectives and strategies:

- General Objectives:

1. To improve quality of life for the disadvantaged citizens in local communities.

2. To strengthen the institutional capacity of the CSOs, (community based, intermediary, tertiary), the elected committees in local communities, empowering and enabling them to design and implement development initiatives to reduce poverty and obtain their rights. Based on the previous objectives and the growing trends.

The Development Sector will utilize and use the following Main Strategies:

1. Improve the Civil Society Sector image in the media and Building the institutional capacities of CSOs, enabling them to design and implement community initiatives in order to improve the quality of life for the poor people. This includes:

- Enhancing public institution performance by promoting greater transparency, accountability and ethical norms and practices in the public and private sectors, mediating conflicts between agencies, extending public institution outreach to neglected areas and underserved citizens, and monitoring and reporting back to officials on public service impacts and effectiveness.

- Effective articulating of constituent views and shaping messages to politicians and public institutions, using the language of human rights approach.

- Building constituency and networks on issues of public concern.

- Catalyzing collective initiative by citizens- especially marginalized groups of women, youth and the poor – and empowering citizens to transform their communities as agents of change.

- Enhancing public agency knowledge and awareness of how effective civic partnerships with CSOs contribute to successful policy outcomes. -

Establishing public agency capacities and readiness to contract with CSOs.

- Promoting democratic norms and practices of internal practices of internal governance. This might include, for example, establishing systems and

procedures for enhanced CSO transparency and accountability, and broadening the organization's base of volunteer leadership.

- Building sustained membership and volunteer support for the organization. Establishing and strengthening the identity and public legitimacy of the organization to represent citizens – especially marginalized groups of women, youth and the poor

2. Improve the quality of live for the marginalized groups through establishing sustainable non discriminatory development programs, services delivery mechanisms working towards release of poor people rights. This includes:- Better communication of public institution plans, priorities and procedures to citizens. Public institutions that engage with civil society are more responsive to citizens, more nimble in their response, and more effective in satisfying citizen demands. Promoting alternative solutions and applying new knowledge to better address community needs, solve public problems and achieve positive change. Resolving tensions and meditating conflicts between different interests and groups in society, to facilitate and sustain responsive and effective governance by public institutions. Greater citizen inclusion and gender balance in public services planning, lobbying and design. Example: holding public planning meetings – jointly sponsored and organized by CBOs, local government and politicians, public service authorities, and business leaders – that are scheduled and publicized for greater attendance and citizen participation. Mediating conflicts between government and public services, on the one hand, and citizens, groups, communities or business. This might, for example, include CSO partnerships with the new Offices of Citizens Services in local government and public authorities. These partnerships might aim to provide ombudsperson services and strengthen Office capacities and performance. Negotiation and mediation with public institutions on behalf of citizens and constituents. Designing, implementing and monitoring large public services in civic partnership with local government.

3. Promote the democratic governance, practice and civic actions including building contractual partnership models between citizens, civil society organizations, public and private sector to enable the citizens to obtain their rights and demands, through expanding their participation opportunities, in decision making public policy formulations and public resources reallocations. This includes:- Promoting and legitimizing renewed attention to civic responsibility in the media, community organizations, and public services to reverse widespread apathy and neglect of citizenship. Educating future citizens – Egypt's children and youth in local communities – in civic values and norms of good citizenship and civic responsibility and supporting renewed attention in schools to civic education, through teacher training and awareness raising. Educational 'investment' in the social capital of good governance. Giving voice to marginalized citizens – women, youth, poor and low-income citizens, and persons of special need – whose rights, views and dreams are least respected and heard in public sector policy, planning and implementation. When civil society offers numerous effective channels (choice) for citizens to articulate clearly and coherently their views (voice). Disadvantaged citizens are better heard and better served by public institutions. Articulating citizen interests and organizing citizens to better pursue their interests with public institutions and decision-makers. Helping citizens shape a clear, lucid message and to organize both facilities their communication and aids the appropriate public institutions to respond effectively. Partnership with government in mobilizing citizen support and resources for investment in development and improvement of local public and private non-profit services as allies with government. Greater participation in good governance, development policy and planning at local levels by enlarging: i) citizen demand for decentralization, ii) meaningful consultation between local government and citizens, iii) citizen engagement with local structures of governance (e.g. local popular councils, citizen advisory boards to public institutions), and iv) the transparency and accountability of government, public sector and civil society institutions at local, regional and national levels. Increased practice of corporate social responsibility by larger private, public enterprise and multinational corporations in Egypt, as specified in the U.N. Global Compact on Corporate Social Responsibility, and active citizenship by small and medium enterprises. Effective organizing and managing of public hearings for local officials to hear from citizens. Creating, applying and sharing knowledge (lessons learned, best practice) for good governance and democratic practices. This includes the effective management and analysis of information for public education and feedback to government and public institutions.

STRUCTURE:

- General Assembly - Board of Directors - Executive Committee - Director General - Administrative Committee - Programs Council - Public Relations - Development Sector - Cultural Development Division - Small & Micro Enterprise Sector - Dar El-Thaqafa Communications House - Self Support Sector - Information Technology - Finance and Administration. No. of Employees around 520 full time employees. Geographic locations are Greater Cairo - Minia - Beni Suif - Qualiobia

ACTIVITIES:

Fields of work:

1. Local Development
2. Education
3. Economic Development
4. Health
5. Rehabilitating Persons with Disabilities
6. Eye Care Program
7. Children At-Risk
8. Agricultural Marketing
9. Animal Husbandry and Poultry Program
10. Integrated Approach to Solid Waste Management, West Minia
11. Environment and Housing Main activities:

- Poor citizens mobilization and organization.

- Building the capacity of community Based Organizations (CBOs) to play an active role in community development with different target groups, one of them is the refugees.

- Building the linkages between the poor people/marginalized (men&women) and the Government officials.

- Providing direct services for the poorest of the poor.

- Mainstreaming the poor into the available services (Government or Private Sector)

- Conducting advocacy campaigns at local and National level for the benefit of the poor/marginalized.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1965, Counterpart International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a just world through service and partnership. Counterpart

gives people a voice in their own future through smart partnerships, offering options and access to tools for sustained social, economic and environmental development. We have forged strategic partnerships in the public and private sectors to help people improve the quality of their lives and revitalize their communities in more than 60 nations. Counterpart International provides people access to the tools they need for a life of dignity for themselves, their communities and their countries. Counterpart is known as "the NGO which builds NGOs". Since 1993 Counterpart has built, developed and strengthened over 10,000 non-governmental organizations in the former Soviet Union alone. Working with local communities to build their capacity to act on their local problems in the way they want, Counterpart programs include humanitarian and relief assistance, education, healthcare, democracy and governance, food security, enterprise and business development, sustainable tourism and natural resource management. We have worked in more than 65 countries and currently have a worldwide staff of 350 and a presence in approximately 37 countries in Africa, Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. Corporations, individuals, foundations, governments and inter-governmental organizations provide the means for us to help people to help themselves. Counterpart Objectives: Counterpart is about empowering individuals, communities, and the institutions serving them. Counterpart Aims . . . To help communities to become economically self-sufficient. To promote democratic processes for identifying, prioritizing, and addressing multi-sectoral needs. To provide humanitarian and disaster relief to at-risk people and communities. To improve the delivery and effectiveness of health care and social services, especially to the marginalized. To facilitate and strengthen partnerships among communities, non-governmental organizations, and businesses to safeguard the environment and fulfill sustainable development goals. To respect the cultural and religious beliefs of those we serve.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Programs and Goals: Civil Society Supports individuals, communities, and institutions through access to partnership, knowledge and tools to build vibrant and sustainable civil societies, based on individual initiative, pluralism, civic consciousness and participation. Our key practice areas include institutional development, advocacy, community mobilization, community foundation development, and conflict prevention and mitigation. Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture Enhances the resilience of the world's most vulnerable populations affected by disease, hunger, and conflict. We achieve this through community-driven programming in Nutrition and Agriculture, emphasizing responses to HIV/AIDS. We express our solidarity with our participants' search for dignity, treating them as full partners in our joint struggle to achieve a more just world. Economic Development Increases incomes and improves lives by assisting micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises – producers, traders, service providers, and exporters – stabilize, grow, and create employment. Driven by the demands of the marketplace and implemented in partnership with local institutions, we strengthen businesses and communities by facilitating access to financial and business support services and building capacity to advocate for a business-friendly policy environment. Global Health and Nutrition Focuses on improving access to and quality of care for the most vulnerable. We work at both the policy and community level implementing urban and rural health programs in partnership with local Ministries of Health and NGOs. Through behavioral change approaches, we promote sustainable solutions in the areas of maternal health and child survival, reducing malaria and Tuberculosis, enhancing hygiene and sanitation, encouraging good nutrition and breast feeding, and managing diarrheal disease, acute respiratory infections and HIV/AIDS. Community and Humanitarian Assistance Bridges the gap between emergency help and long-term development. Through our Supply Chain Management System, we acquire, deliver and distribute goods to end users based on their needs. We have delivered and distributed more than 6,000 containers valued at \$800 million to 45 countries. Our database network allows us to report back to donors immediately with information on the location of every donated item, be it clothing and food, medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, household, agricultural and emergency relief supplies, or vehicles and equipment. Environment and Conservation Work with Total Ecosystem Management projects for poverty alleviation, biodiversity conservation, pollution control and sustainable economic development. The work includes Ridge-to-Reef and Local Environmental Action Programs, and our innovative Forest Garden and Coral Garden programs which tie into our pioneering use of sustainable tourism to enhance the environment. We have worked in more than 65 countries and currently have a worldwide staff of 350 and a presence in approximately 37 countries in Africa, Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Established since 1956. Tunisian Red Crescent is member of International Federation of Red Cross Societies. Mission: Alleviate human sufferings on the basis of principles and humanitarian values. Aim to deliver effective programmes and services, focussing vulnerables.

STRUCTURE:

National: 1 GOUVERNING BOARD-24 Regional branches-250 local branches. Regional: Member of the executive committee of the Arab Organisation of Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies. Partner with scout, youth organisations and governmental structures consensated by humanitarian and social activities 10 000 volunteers.

ACTIVITIES:

*Training national center for volunteers: basic training course on Red Cross principles and humanitarian values, international humanitarian law, education for peace, tolerance, non discrimination...

-youth programmes. -Health programmes focussing prevention: Aids...

-First aid training sessions. -Disaster preparedness and response.

-Social activities.

-Advocacy: promotion for diversity human dignity, reduction of intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion.

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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 Languages 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:

Developing Together (DT) is a non governmental organization (NGO) established in Prishtina - Kosovo in January 2004. Establishment of DT had been supported by UNHCR Kosovo as well as by an Irish NGO GOAL. DT's key staff have all worked with GOAL in the past and DT was established by the local GOAL managers in Kosovo. DT's mission is to assist all vulnerable communities regardless of ethnicity. From 2005 DT is UNHCR Implementing Partner in Kosovo for implementing Shelter Repair project which covers whole Kosovo. In the past four years DT has implemented more than 20 projects funded by UNHCR, UNDP, USAID, OSCE, British Embassy etc.

STRUCTURE:

DT is operating kosovo wide and all projects are centralized through DT's main office in Prishtina. At the moment DT has 25 employees and three main units. First unit dealing with UNHCR funded project Minor Shelter Repair Project. Second unit is dealing with house reconstruction project funded by Kosovo Consolidated Budget and managed by UNDP Kosovo and third unit deals with an USAID funded project. Each unit has its Project Manager

supported by the dedicated staff. The decision making body within DT is a board of directors consisting of 4 members.

ACTIVITIES:

Some of the main activities and projects completed by DT are as following: - Repaired 17 schools Kosovo wide (GOAL) - Assisted about 300 returnee families with minor shelter assistance (UNHCR) - Reconstructed about 200 houses cat 5 (UNDP SPARK IR) - Returned 20 families in 5 villages in Lipjan (UNDP SPARK OR) - Delivered more than 6000 food and non food packages for March IDP's (UNDP GAR) - Implemented some infrastructure projects (UNDP GAR/SPARK) - Sowing and health trainings (GOAL) - Monitoring Elections (Democracy in Action Network) - Built a pedestrian bridge in Viti (USAID) - Foster communication between citizens and municipalities (OSCE)

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Diakonisches Werk der EKD (DW EKD) Institution of social activities for the protestant churches in Germany, established after world war II.

STRUCTURE:

The structure follows the federal structure of the Federal Republic of Germany and the protestant churches in Germany. The DW EKD is the federation of the regional structures of the social work of the protestant churches in Germany at the federal level. At the federal office in Berlin over 100 persons are working, six of them in the field of migration.

ACTIVITIES:

Health care, care of the elderly, of disabled persons, youth and children, etc., also migrants and refugees. One of the main tasks of the federal office in Berlin are advocacy activities towards the German government.

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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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ECAC was established in Syria by american missionaries in 1923. Our main purpose is to continue the mission Christ started, caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people, targeting in particular the most needy.

STRUCTURE:

Pastor, Board of elders 4-5, heads of ministries 10, ministries' committees 3 for each. Located in needy communities in particular and in 17 different cities in the country.

ACTIVITIES:

Medical center, development activities like computer training, English teaching, Music. Counselling center, includes Psychiatrist, library, jim. Child care like nursery, recreational activity. Food distribution centers. Spiritual care and services. Home visitations.

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La FIFDU (Fédération Internationale des Femmes Diplômées des Universités) est un réseau international de femmes de toutes cultures, tous domaines universitaires, toutes professions et toutes générations.

Fondée en 1919, elle fut l'une des premières organisations féminines à jouir du statut consultatif au Conseil Economique et Social (ECOSOC) en 1947.

STRUCTURE:

Son secrétariat central est à Genève.

Présente dans 120 pays, elle regroupe 79 associations nationales de l'Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités.

En tant qu'organisation non gouvernementale (ONG), elle a des liens étroits avec l'ONU et ses institutions spécialisées comme l'UNESCO et l'OIT par exemple.

Des délégations de la FIFDU participent à toutes les grandes conférences de l'ONU et de ses institutions spécialisées portant sur des questions en rapport avec sa mission.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Finnish Red Cross was found in 1877. The main purpose was to care the wounded and sick. FRC has seven main principles which we value. We have activities in many areas, such as in Finland, overall in the world. The Finnish Red Cross is one of the largest refugee and migrant supporting organisations in Finland.

The activities focus on supporting the integration of migrants and promoting tolerance. The FRC maintains two reception centres for asylum seekers, receives resettled refugees upon their arrival to Finland, organises the travel arrangements for family members or refugees to be reunited in Finland and is also prepared to organise the emergency reception of large groups of unexpectedly arriving asylum seekers. The FRC also advocates for a human rights based refugee and migration policy. The Finnish Red Cross has an agreement with the Ministry of Labour concerning the operational reception of resettled refugees upon their arrival to Finland. Costs of these activities are covered by the Ministry.

The reception of resettled refugees in Finland is operated by the FRC staff and volunteers. Yearly the FRC receives ca. 700-750 refugees at the Helsinki-Vantaa airport and assists them with the registration formalities at the boarder and also with their continuation flights to possible other destinations in Finland. The FRC has also trained volunteers to take part in this activity and volunteers are used especially when larger groups of refugees arrive in order to have enough persons to assist them. The FRC has also focused on developing integration activities to resettled refugees organised by volunteers in the municipality where the refugees are settled.

STRUCTURE:

General Assembly, Council, the Board, secretary general, headquarter, youth shelters in four cities, kindergartens in seven cities, Blood Transfusion Service, 12 districts, 553 branches.

ACTIVITIES:

The main activities are: national preparedness and health, international activities, refugee work, organisational work.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Finnish Refugee Council (founded in 1965) is assisting refugees and returnees to be able to take better care of themselves. This is done by literacy training and capacity building of individuals and organisations in Finland and abroad.

STRUCTURE:

FRC has a total staff of 70. 25 works in Finland, and the rest in projects in Uganda, Liberia and Sierra Leone. In 2009 we plan to start to work also in Thailand.

ACTIVITIES:

Adult literacy courses, community development, business skills training, media training, Reflect, FAL, CBO capacity building are activities describing our field work. In addition to field projects, we do social work with immigrants in Finland as well as advocacy, fundraising and information work, and support also UNHCR programme.

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La Fondation peut d'une façon générale aider et assister moralement ou matériellement des établissements, associations, oeuvres et personnes poursuivant un objet similaire au sien. Son action s'oriente selon la vision chrétienne de l'homme, les valeurs de l'Evangile et la doctrine sociale de l'Eglise catholique. Dans le cadre de ses activités, la Fondation dispense son aide aux hommes et aux femmes indépendamment de toutes considérations d'ordre idéologique, philosophique ou religieux. Les bénéficiaires de ses services ont droit à la protection de leur vie privée ainsi qu'au respect de leurs convictions philosophiques ou religieuses. La Fondation Caritas Luxembourg fondée en 1990 a repris les activités de Caritas Luxembourg fondée en 1932.

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About FAWE RWANDA; The Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE), Rwanda Chapter, is a nonprofit membership organization that brings together people interested in promoting female education in Rwanda. Since its inception in November 1997, FAWE Rwanda has broadened its scope of assistance in Education throughout the country.

FAWE Rwanda currently assists girls in the country's five provinces, without discrimination. Since its founding, the chapter has provided educational opportunities to many deserving girls. FAWE's vision is that gender disparities in education will be significantly reduced and more girls will have access to school, complete their studies and perform well at all levels.

Strategic Objectives:

FAWE's mission is translated into six strategic objectives. Including: Policy and Advocacy, Replication and Scaling-up of intervention, Community Advocacy, Capacity Building of the Chapter, Organizational Restructuring and Institutionalize Monitoring and Evaluation.

STRUCTURE:

1. General Assembly which consists on all members and is the supreme body of the association

The general assembly elects members of the executive committee and it is the one which approves the new members, it meets once a year to approve or disapprove the budget of the organization and it is the one which approves the amendment of the constitution and it approves or disapproves the report of the executive committee which is presented at every annual general meeting.

2. Executive committee:

this comprises of 10 members; Chairperson, the first vice chairperson, the second vice chairperson, the secretary, the treasurer, the publicity secretary and 4 advisors. The executive committee term of office is 3 years and its main duties is to provide overall policy guidelines for the chapter, act as a spokesperson for the chapter in the international meetings and submit detailed program of the activities to the general assembly and help in preparing annual budgets of the chapter, the executive committee meets every quarter.

3. The Secretariat which is headed by the Coordinator is in charge of day to day running of the chapter. It submits the reports to the Executive Committee and Partners; it also liaises with collaborating agencies and donors in Rwanda as well as FAWE headquarters and maintains proper books of amounts of the chapter.

4. The Audit Committee, the members of the audit committee are elected by the general assembly for 3 years mandate which can be renewed and the main duties are to follow up the implementation of the plan of activities, audit anytime how the resources and funds are managed and audit and verify the assets inventory

ACTIVITIES:

participated in the formulation of the EFA national plan MINEDUC, UNICEF and FAWE constituted a task force to conduct a baseline survey on the situation of girls' education advocated for the formulation of the girls education sub sector policy and participated in the review of the PRSP Section sector to ensure the gender perspective is taken into account. There is a substantial increase in the number of scholarships and mentoring programme for around 5500 girls including 300 in refugee camps, the chapter has participated in community sensitization on girls education issues through TUSEME program. TUSEME is a swahili word which means speak out, this encourages girls to speak out on issues affecting their education and be able to look for solutions to overcome them. The chapter has a mentoring program where 200 young women from different universities visit younger girls in different schools, to empower them in study skills, HIV/AIDS, reproductive health they also share with them their experience and talk about career, we

believe that younger girls can be more open and free in discussing different issues which affect their education. Through these mentors, we have already registered successes, for example reduction of girls dropping out, and those getting early pregnancies. The chapter has developed different modules in education to ensure that girls' education issues are addressed at policy level, school level and community level among others, gender in education module, TUSEME module and peer counselling module to mention but a few. The chapter has participated in awarding prizes for the girls who have performed well in the national exams. This is done to encourage girls to perform well in exams, it also creates awareness to the parents and policy makers to give equal opportunity to girls in education, it also shows that girls can be high achievers in education. The chapter also supports vulnerable children infected or affected by HIV in schools. The chapter has registered some success in the abovementioned activities/programme, 5500 girls have benefited from FAWE scholarship scheme, 3000 refugee girls are back to school, 120 women are in literacy classes, over 200 women in vocational school and over 500 younger women are in different high institutions of learning.

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STRUCTURE:

1. General Assembly (12 members) in Addis Ababa / The capital city of Ethiopia / - composed of all registered members. It is the supreme authority of Gaia Association.
2. Board of Directors (5 members) in Addis Ababa - who are elected from members of the general assembly. The Board is authorized to attend to overall management of Gaia Association.
3. Management staff (2) at Addis Ababa head office - who are responsible for management, planning and implementation of the whole project program.
4. Finance Department (3) at Addis Ababa head office - we have 3 employees under this dept. serving as Finance head, Accountant and Cashier to control all of the financial flow of the project.
5. Project Office (2) at Addis Ababa head office - we have two project coordinators in the head office level who are in charge of leading and controlling all projects.
6. Camp level project office (3) at Kebribeyah camp / Eastern Ethiopia / and Teferiber camp / Eastern Ethiopia / project offices - we have 2 project leaders and 1 project supervisor who are in charge of the project implementation.
7. Other supporting staff (4) at Addis Ababa head office 8. Other supporting staff (10) at Kebribeyah and Teferiber camp project offices

ACTIVITIES:

Gaia Association main activities:

- Disseminating the ethanol CleanCook stoves and ethanol fuel to refugee households in kebribeyah refugee camp and Teferiber refugee camp. The stoves have a positive impact on the natural environment by reducing dependency on fuelwood and improve the quality of life for the refugees by increasing the security of women and girls who otherwise gather fuelwood, improving household health by reducing levels of indoor air pollution and reducing tensions between the settled community and the refugees who compete over fuelwood resources.
- Facilitating the local production of the stove in Ethiopia which will contribute to reducing the price of the stove a big roll on the price reduction of the stove to make it affordable for Ethiopian households.
- Stove dissemination includes stove and fuel training, IAP / Indoor Air Pollution / monitoring to compare the health impact of the cleancook stove to those of other used fuels and awareness raising on the health impact of dirty fuels
- Advocacy on the benefits of ethanol as a household cooking fuel and government lobbying

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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.

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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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Health Equity Initiatives (HEI) was started by individuals who aimed to develop a rights and evidence based approach to promoting the right to health of marginalized populations. In order to realize its vision, Health Equity Initiatives works towards the following goals:

- oPromote the right to health of marginalized communities
- oSupport community based groups and organizations to realize their right to health
- oMonitor and develop an evidence base to demonstrate links between social marginalization and health and develop options for promoting equity in health
- oAdvocate for the development of just, fair and inclusive policies that enable less advantaged communities to gain control over their health
- oEngage in national, regional and global partnerships that foster equity and justice in health

HEI focuses on the following areas of health:

1. Access to health services and information of disenfranchised populations
2. Particular areas of global health like – primary health care, TB, malaria, mental health, and HIV
3. Developing conceptual and empirical links between poverty and health
4. Integrating gender perspectives to demonstrate the impact and burden of disease on women.

HEI seeks to realize the above through,

1. Action-research
2. Community based interventions

3. Advocacy
4. Publications and tools

STRUCTURE:

The project implementation will be supported by 1 part time counseling psychologist, 1 part time counselor, 1 Assistant, and volunteers from HEI. The Executive Director is responsible for the overall implementation of the project, including programmatic, financial, and administrative aspects. One of the directors of HEI, a psychiatrist and psycho-therapist provides pro bono services in terms of oversight and capacity building needed with regard to oversight of training program on community health workers on mental health and counseling services. A Steering Committee, with advisory and oversight functions, has been set up comprising of two members of HEI who are not remunerated by the project, a representative from UNHCR, and 2-3 civil society members outside of HEI, to review progress.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Based Interventions - (1) Training of Community Health Workers in Mental Health (2) Counseling Services (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) (3) Training on Monitoring the Right to Health
2. Database - monitoring of refugee health in areas of intervention
3. Advocacy - policy advocacy through networking with national networks on refugees and migrants and health and global networks on health.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

HealthNet TPO a commencé son travail au Burundi en 2000 sous le nom de TPO qui était une ONG Internationale de Droit Néerlandaise. Sa mission était de fournir une assistance dans le domaine Psychosociale et Santé Mentale aux personnes de toute âge, victimes des conséquences de violences, (des personnes vulnérables, enfants en difficultés, rescapés du génocide, femmes victimes des violences sexuelles, réfugiées, déplacées). En 2005, la fusion de TPO avec HealthNet International aux Pays Bas a donné naissance à HealthNet TPO qui s'occupe de la reconstruction des systèmes de santé y compris l'aspect de Santé Mentale.

STRUCTURE:

HealthNet TPO Burundi, est un des antennes de HealthNet TPO International dont le siège se trouve aux Pays Bas. Au Burundi, une équipe de Direction est responsable de la gestion journalière des activités. Cette équipe composée d'un expatrié est coordonnée par un Directeur local. Elle s'occupe de la plupart des tâches que l'Organisation a la mission de remplir au Burundi avec un support minimum du siège social dans le domaine de recherche de financement, le monitoring, la supervision et l'appui technique. Au Burundi, HealthNet TPO gère huit projets et plus ou moins 250 staffs. Les huit projets sont : - Le projet Assistance Psychosociale et Santé mentale aux Populations Vulnérables - Projet Appui au Secteur de Santé de KIBUYE en Province de Gitega (TMF) - Projet Assistance Psychosociale et Santé Mentale aux Réfugiés Congolais - Projet Assistance aux victimes de Violences sexuelles basée sur le Genre - Projet Assistance psychologiques et Santé Mentale des Personnes refoulées et Expulsées - Projet Réintégration psychologiques et socio économiques des Ex Enfants associés aux groupes et Mouvement Armés. - Projet Assistance Psychosociale et Santé Mentale pour enfants souffrant des conséquences de la guerre (CBI) - Projet Renforcement des capacités des structures locales partenaires du Programme NZOKIRA en Assistance Psychosociale et Santé mentale des Orphelins et autres enfants vulnérables

ACTIVITIES:

Les activités principales concernent l'appui au Gouvernement dans le cadre de sa mise en place d'un système de santé viable y compris la mise en place d'un système de soins de santé mentale. Ces activités incluent l'appui psychosociale et santé mentale aux réfugiés et retournées d'exile et cela en collaboration avec l'Office du Haut Commissaire des Nations Unies et l'UNICEF.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

As a hundred-year old anti-poverty and immigrant rights organization, Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights has engaged in direct services as well as policy reform to ameliorate poverty and protect immigrants. Heartland's mission statement is to advance the human rights and to respond to the human needs of the endangered populations - particularly the poor, the isolated, and the displaced - through the provision of comprehensive and respectful services and the promotion of permanent solutions leading to a more just global society. Heartland is dedicated to ensuring that individuals' basic, fundamental human rights are respected by ensuring that housing, health care, social and legal services are available to all. Heartland strives to advance rights and reforms for vulnerable populations, to ensure that fundamental human rights are protected and to engage the public on issues of poverty and immigration.

STRUCTURE:

Heartland Alliance has various programs, including the National Immigrant Justice Center, the International Children's Center, the Refugee and Immigrant Services, the Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture and International Programs. Heartland employs more than 600 employees, including individuals with expertise in international and refugee law and policy, as well as health care professionals who provide services to survivors of torture, refugees and asylum seekers. Heartland's programs are primarily located in the Midwest of the USA, but also has offices in Guatemala and Iraq.

ACTIVITIES:

Heartland Alliance provides comprehensive services to refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable populations in the United States through its legal and social services, housing and health care programs.

Through the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), Heartland Alliance addresses detention policy and practice in the U.S. Through the NIJC, Heartland 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 federal government. Through its refugee resettlement program, Heartland resettles hundreds of refugees each year. Heartland provides mental health and medical services to survivors of torture.

Heartland also works with individuals detained in Iraq to ensure their legal and health needs are being addressed. Additionally Heartland has developed legal, social and health programs for Iraqi victims of gender persecution.

In Rwanda, Heartland Alliance is working with women who are HIV positive as a result of genocidal rape.

In Ecuador and Central America, Heartland Alliance is providing assistance to governments and non governmental organizations in working with victims of human trafficking.

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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:

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).
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:

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.

STRUTURE:

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 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, 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, clothed, sheltered, have good education and medical care. HAI sponsors over 33,000 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 in deprived communities through education health and social development. We believe that all people should have: Security of life - Security of property - Security of religious beliefs - Security of education - Security of family.

STRUCTURE:

Since Human Appeal works worldwide it depends largely on its organisational structure and administrative abilities. Offices based in 25 countries worldwide each have their own administrative system as suitable to the host country and Human Appeal's needs.

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, First Aid Kits 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, Family sponsorship and so on.

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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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Human Rights Watch was founded in 1978 under the name Helsinki Watch to monitor compliance with the human rights provisions of the landmark Helsinki Accords. In the 1980s several other regional committees were formed, including in Africa, Asia and the Americas. These were united in 1988 to form Human Rights Watch.

Human Rights Watch is the largest human rights organization based in the United States. The hallmark of HRW is the even-handedness and accuracy of research and reporting on human rights abuses. To maintain its independence, HRW does not accept financial support from any government or government-funded agency, but depends entirely on contributions from private foundations and from individuals.

STRUCTURE:

Human Rights Watch is based in New York, with offices in Cairo, Brussels, Berlin, Geneva, London, Moscow, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tashkent, Toronto, and Washington. In addition, HRW often sets up temporary offices in regions where we're conducting intensive investigations, and our researchers regularly travel to the countries they cover, unless security concerns prevent it. HRW tracks developments in more than 70 countries around the world. We also run thematic programs which focus on particular areas, such as refugee and displacement situations, women's rights, children's rights, HIV/AIDS, and the flow of arms to abusive forces. Other special projects include academic freedom, the human rights responsibilities of corporations, international justice, prisons and drugs.

ACTIVITIES:

Human Rights Watch researchers conduct fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses by governments and non-state actors in all regions of the world. We visit the site of abuses to interview victims, witnesses and others. HRW publishes its findings in dozens of books and reports every year, generating extensive coverage in local and international media. In moments of crisis, we seek to report up-to-the-minute information so as to maximize the impact of our work. HRW seeks dialog with international organizations, governments and non-governmental actors to encourage them to change abusive laws, policies and practices. For further information please visit www.hrw.org.

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The Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International (HAP-I) is striving to make humanitarian action accountable to its intended beneficiaries: those people whose lives are at risk due to armed conflict or other calamitous events.

The mission of HAP International is to make humanitarian action accountable to its intended beneficiaries through self-regulation, compliance verification and quality assurance certification.

The objectives of HAP International are:

To develop and maintain principles of accountability to beneficiaries through research, consultation, and collaboration;

To support members and potential members of HAP International in adhering to the principles of accountability to beneficiaries by providing training and advice;

To communicate, advocate, promote, and report on principles of accountability;

To monitor and report on implementation of HAP International's principles of accountability to beneficiaries and to accredit its members accordingly;

To assist members in finding solutions where concerns or complaints are raised about them.

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In El Salvador the primary indications of the Anglican Church dating from 1931 and relate to chaplaincies catering to diplomatic missions and commercial interests of England. A New Church, which began with a group of friends who met during the 30's, in the home of a Salvadoran bank manager, attending these meetings the families of illustrious surname, senior executives of the bank, foreign and domestic.

The year's 60 Church took shape, continued small, was never large membership. The existence of an English-speaking congregation gave him a special flavor. We have two congregations, "St. John "foreigners and" St. John "for Salvadorans. The Salvadorans were always like today on the lack of financial resources; to end the church maintained the English-speaking congregation.

Parallel to the Church, parishioners ladies of the time, most wives of diplomats and businessmen founded the Center for Reorientation family education and Christian (CREFAC), which acted as an arm of the Church in social support to families of scarce economic resources. Its function was to raise money for scholarships, apparel to young people who could not afford high school.

In the late 60's CREFAC be stopped creature of the Church became independent that was the idea. CREFAC grew; we very well mounted, with relations outside the country in the hands of people who would continue the work. Now called Centre for Family and Community Reorientation, and works with marginalized communities.

The Reverend Edgar Haynesworth, today Bishop, who was the first administered the Church in 1961 and began his ministry and stayed for more than three years. Subsequently, in December 1963 reaches the Reverend Jpety Jess, who inherited the stewardship the Rev. Luis Serrano in 1972.

At that time not even had our own bishop, only had a remote control that when he was meeting in the United States did scale in El Salvador for us. At that time there were only two priests Father Onel Soto and Father Luis Serrano, needed a captain in the ship.

Subsequently establishing CREDHO (Spiritual Awareness for Recovery and Economic Man), which was intended to raise awareness of how people were and why they were well. We work with community organizations; will give medical and psychological assistance. "Before we teach them to pray, give a little bread in a holistic manner, showing the path of liberation"

CREDHO was ferment of the Church, prepare land for planting, sown and harvested the Church. In 1975, derives its legal status and are legally independent of the Church, but morally continues to work with the Church in what may be helpful.

By 1992 it had a captain on the boat to seek new paths, new goals and new steps would continue. And we had a bishop, was with us the Reverend Martin Barahona, who was ordained, consecrated and installed as Prime Bishop of El Salvador. The church already has a "master".

To date, Bishop Barahona has served ten years in its successful episcopate. During 1994 was devoted to train their clergy and members of his office in need of work and practice planned. Always committed to broad themes as: women's rights, poverty, crime, immigrants, security, governance, and after the last earthquake, with national reconstruction.

MAIN PURPOSE

We believe in the church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic

The Anglican Church brings the good news of Christ to those most in need. The vitality of our life in communion focuses on Jesus Christ as head of the Church and our spirituality in the authority of the scriptures and the grace of the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Baptism.

The Episcopal Church in El Salvador was established in the decade of the 30's of last century and now has about 2 thousand members. We have eleven congregations and four missions nationwide. These congregations and missions remain open to those seeking a different option to live their spirituality

MISSION

Our mission at the same that Christ entrusted to us "bringing the good news of salvation to all parts of the world", so they're known such good news, especially our young men and women in El Salvador. To this end we seek constantly to support individuals and institutions related to facilitate spaces and conditions to develop youth work towards Evangelization, Liturgy, Diakonia Christian education, ecumenism and Stewardship.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Integral Health Program
Office of Human Rights and Legal Aid
Care Programme to Refugees in El Salvador
Comprehensive Community Development Unit
Diocesan Committee for Women
The Youth Programme
Music Program
Standing education program
Continuing education program

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE UN

The Episcopal Church gives lawyer and humanity assistance to the refugee persons and asylum seekers in El Salvador. Though the Care Programme to Refugees in El Salvador – PARES, like implementing partner of UNHCR.

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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:

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. InterAction 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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The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) is an open global network of non-governmental organisations, UN agencies, donors, governments, practitioners, researchers and individuals from affected populations working together to ensure all people the right to quality and safe education in emergencies and post-crisis recovery.

INEE was conceived in 2000 during the World Education Forum's Strategy Session on Education in Emergencies in Dakar.

INEE strives to ensure that:

- All persons in crisis-affected and fragile states have access to quality, relevant and safe education opportunities;
- Education services are integrated into all humanitarian responses;
- Governments and donors ensure sustainable funding and education preparedness, crisis response, mitigation and recovery;
- All education programmes responding to emergencies, chronic crises and reconstruction are consistent with the INEE Minimum Standards and are accountable for quality and results.

STRUCTURE:

INEE is made up of over 2,600 individual and organisational members working in the field, at policy level and as programme leaders. INEE's unique network approach fosters collaborative resource development, knowledge sharing and capacity building and informs policy through consensus-driven advocacy.

In consultation with the wider membership, the INEE Steering Group provides overall leadership and strategic guidance for the network. Current Steering Group members are: UNHCR, CARE International, Christian Children's Fund, International Rescue Committee, Norwegian Refugee Council, International Save the Children Alliance, UNICEF, UNESCO and The World Bank.

INEE has two Working Groups:

INEE Working Group on Minimum Standards: Works to ensure the utilization and institutionalization of the INEE Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, Chronic Crisis and Early Reconstruction.

INEE Working Group on Education and Fragility: Seeks to strengthen consensus on what works to mitigate state fragility through education and supports the development of quality education programmes in fragile states

INEE Task Teams focus on specific areas of interest to INEE members including: Adolescents and Youth, Gender, HIV/AIDS, Early Childhood Development, Disability and Inclusion.

ACTIVITIES:

INEE:

- Collates and disseminates information, learning materials, guidelines, and provides training opportunities
- Serves as a flexible and responsive mechanism which brings organisations and individuals together to share resources and experiences
- Facilitates the collaborative establishment of good practices and the development of tools and research
- Advocates for institutions and governments to work together to ensure the right to education for those affected by conflict and natural disaster

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The International Interfaith Centre was inaugurated in Oxford, UK on 6 December 1993, inspired by the 1993 Year of Interreligious Understanding and Cooperation. As a result of the increasing amount and variety of interfaith activity around the world, it was perceived that a need could be met by an international, interfaith centre which was informed about all these different efforts and able to encourage continuing interfaith understanding and cooperation.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

IBC-International Blue Crescent is established in 1999 and its main purpose is to provide humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction services to victims of man made and natural disasters

The organization mainly focused on refugees and immigrants in Turkey and neighbouring regions as Middle East, Balkans and Caucasus. Secondly IBC is dealing with disaster preparedness and management activities and trainings and community investment projects.

STRUCTURE:

IBC headquarter is in Istanbul.

It has offices in Ankara, Izmit, Ardahan, Kahramanmaraş and Şanlıurfa Turkey.

Worldwide offices are in Islamabad and Muzaffarabad Pakistan, Damascus and Aleppo Syria, Khartoum and Darfur Sudan, Bam and teheran Iran, Phristina-Kosovo.

Main units are Projects Planning and Implementation Unit (7 project coordinators)

Fundraising and Public Relations Unit (5 staff)

Financial and Monitoring Unit (13 staff)

Headquarter Operations Unit (12 staff)

Field Offices (64 staff), Mentally Challenged Rehabilitation centers (44 staff)

First Aid and Disaster Preparedness Centers (27 staff)

IBC President and Vice President are the authorized leading officials with direct contact with headquarter project coordinators and field operation managers.

ACTIVITIES:

--Chechnyan Refugees-Pankishi Gerogia(With UNHCR)

--Kosovan refugees Albania(WFP and UNHCR)

--Iraqi Refugeew Syria(Syrian red Crescent-UNHCR)

--Iraqi IDP s Northern Iraq-FAO

--Earthquake Victims-Safe Building Campaign-UN Habitat

--Iraqi IDP s Health and Food Relief Campaign

--Kosovo rehabilitation of Bakeries and Distribution of Bread(WFP)

--Bam Earthquake Rehabilitation activities-Running of Four Turkish Camps

--Turkey Earthquake-Emergency relief, rehabilitation-psyosocial treatment and reonctruction and sheltering activities

--Community Investment projects in Ardahan-Kahramanmaraş Turkey covering around 200000 people

--Mentally Challenged Rehabilitation centers(Izmit-Istanbul)

--First Aid Training Centers(Istanbul-Ankara-Izmit) etc

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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:

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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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.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Council on Human Rights Policy, established in 1998, is an independent institution committed to applied research, reflection and forward thinking on human rights matters.

The Council identifies themes of current and future relevance to human rights. Through its research, it develops approaches and strategies that advance understanding and recognition of human rights priorities. The Council stimulates co-operation and exchange across the non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental sectors, striving to mediate between competing perspectives and advance beyond them. It seeks to act as a forum to bring together human rights practitioners, scholars and policy-makers, along with those from related disciplines and fields whose knowledge and analysis can enrich human rights-related policies.

STRUCTURE:

The Council is composed of some 25 members reflecting a diversity of disciplines, fields of practice, and regional perspectives, who together provide the leadership that ensures quality, range and focus in the research undertaken.

The Council has evolved a distinctive methodology that is designed to produce research of a consistently high standard, broad range, and innovative character. Its work seeks to be independent, international, interdisciplinary and consultative.

Its reports are developed on the basis of progressive international consultation that brings together researchers, advisers, scholars and other consultants from across the world.

The process is managed by the Council's Secretariat, based in Geneva, under the overall direction of an Executive Board drawn from the Council's members.

The Council communicates its findings to a wide range of stakeholders. It engages in targeted follow-up activities with key institutions that can disseminate or operationalise the research findings.

ACTIVITIES:

The Council's published reports:

Assessing the Effectiveness of National Human Rights Institutions Beyond Voluntarism: Human Rights and the Developing International Legal Obligations of Companies Catching the Wind

– Human Rights, a Tenth Anniversary Reflection Climate Change and Human Rights: a Rough Guide Crime, Public Order and Human Rights Duties sans Frontières: Human Rights and Global Social Justice Ends and Means: Human Rights Approaches to Armed Groups Enhancing Access to Human Rights Hard Cases: Bringing Human Rights Violators to Justice Abroad

- A Guide to Universal Jurisdiction Human Rights after September 11 Human Rights Crises: NGO Responses to Military Interventions Human Rights Standards: Learning from Experience Journalism, Media and the Challenge of Human Rights Reporting Local Government and Human Rights: Doing Good Service Local Perspectives: Foreign Aid to the Justice Sector Local Rule: Decentralisation and Human Rights Negotiating Justice? Human Rights and Peace Agreements Performance & Legitimacy: National Human Rights Institutions The Persistence and Mutation of Racism Racial and Economic Exclusion: Policy Implications Taking Duties Seriously: Individual Duties in International Human Rights Law - A Commentary Talking about Terrorism: Risks and Choices for Human Rights Organisations

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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:

In 2007 IFMSA had 102 National Member Organizations (NMOs) from 100 countries on six continents representing more than 1 million medical students worldwide. IFMSA is a federation which respects the autonomy of its members, the NMOs. 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 GAs are held are different from year to year. Between the GAs the IFMSA team of officials and the executive board manage the organization. The headquarters are in Ferney Voltaire, France.

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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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 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:

The International Labour Organization is the UN specialized agency which seeks the promotion of social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights. It was founded in 1919 and is the only surviving major creation of the Treaty of Versailles which brought the League of Nations into being and it became the first specialized agency of the UN in 1946.

The ILO formulates international labour standards in the form of Conventions and Recommendations setting minimum standards of basic labour rights: freedom of association, the right to organize, collective bargaining, abolition of forced labour, equality of opportunity and treatment, and other standards regulating conditions across the entire spectrum of work related issues. It provides technical assistance primarily in the fields of:

- vocational training and vocational rehabilitation;
- employment policy;
- labour administration;
- labour law and industrial relations;
- working conditions;
- management development;
- cooperatives;
- social security;
- labour statistics and occupational safety and health.

It promotes the development of independent employers' and workers' organizations and provides training and advisory services to those organizations. Within the UN system, the ILO has a unique tripartite structure with workers and employers participating as equal partners with governments in the work of its governing organs.

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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 provide 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:

The International Refugee Rights Initiative is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-governmental organization based in New York, the United States, and in Kampala, Uganda. In the United States, IIRI has close ties with the Social Science Research Council. In Uganda, IIRI works collaboratively with the Refugee Law Project of Makerere University in Kampala. IIRI was founded in June 2004 by Olivia Bueno, Deirdre Clancy and Dismas Nkunda, all team members of the previous International Refugee Program of Human Rights First (formerly the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights). IIRI builds on the expertise and partnerships built by Human Rights First in its work on international refugee law and policy.

The goal of International Refugee Rights Initiative (IIRI) is to enhance the protection of the rights of the displaced worldwide. IIRI grounds its advocacy in the rights accorded in international human rights instruments to those who are forced to flee and strives to make these guarantees effective in the communities where the displaced and their hosts live.

IIRI aims to contribute to the improvement and creation of models of law and practice which best guarantee the rights of the displaced. We engage in legal and field-based research in order to better understand how policy affects refugees and we bring our findings to the attention of policy makers in national, regional and international fora.

IRRI recognizes that it is vital that the voices of displaced and host communities are heard—and heeded. IRRI works with local advocates to identify the key challenges facing those communities and collaborates with them to advance appropriate changes in law, policy and practice. IRRI acts a bridge between these local advocates and the international community, enabling local knowledge to infuse international developments and helping local advocates integrate the implications of global policy in their work at home.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The first AI group to start this work was founded in Denmark in 1974 and consisted of four voluntary doctors. This group was part of a network of some 4,000 medical doctors from 34 countries worldwide.

It quickly became evident that, in addition to documenting cases of torture for use in potential legal proceedings, it was also critical to identify methods to help treat and rehabilitate victims of torture.

This resulted in the establishment in 1978 of the first medical international working group to address the rehabilitation of torture victims, which held the first international medical seminar on torture, Violations of Human Rights - Torture and the Medical Profession, in Athens, Greece.

In 1979, members of the Danish medical group obtained permission to admit and examine torture victims at Copenhagen University Hospital, in Denmark. Three years later, in 1982, the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT) was founded in Copenhagen by Dr Inge Genefke, MD, as an independent institution with its own premises.

In response to a growing need for global support and assistance in the rehabilitation of torture victims, the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims was founded in 1985, initially as the international arm of the RCT, and, from 1997, as an international and independent organisation.

The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) is an independent, international health professional organisation that promotes and supports the rehabilitation of torture victims and works for the prevention of torture worldwide.

Based in Denmark, the IRCT works in collaboration with 136 members, which include rehabilitation centres and programmes worldwide. The IRCT also works in partnership with governments, human rights organisations, health professional organisations and intergovernmental organisations.

The IRCT strives to promote a world that values and accepts shared responsibility for the eradication of torture.

In support of this vision, the IRCT:

- raises awareness of the rehabilitation needs of torture victims,
- promotes and supports the establishment of treatment facilities around the world,
- works for the prevention of torture and an end to impunity,
- documents the impact and consequences of torture, and
- works to increase funding for rehabilitation centres and programmes worldwide.

STRUCTURE:

The IRCT is comprised of four bodies: the General Assembly, the Council, the Executive Committee, and the General Secretariat

General Assembly

The IRCT General Assembly is to meet every three years and is comprised of rehabilitation centres and programmes worldwide. The General Assembly provides a forum in which representatives of rehabilitation centres and programmes, and others working in related fields, may facilitate and press forward the global work against torture.

The first IRCT General Assembly was conducted as a Written General Assembly on 16 June - 6 July 2003. All rehabilitation centres and programmes which are members of the IRCT were eligible to participate in the General Assembly, the forum in which the IRCT Council is elected.

A total of 94 members participated in the 2003 IRCT Written General Assembly. The full list of member rehabilitation centres and programmes is available on the following web site address: <http://www.irct.org/Default.aspx?ID=14>

ACTIVITIES:

The IRCT works towards the vision of a world without torture. The organisation conducts a broad range of projects and activities on the prevention of torture and rehabilitation of torture victims.

As an umbrella organisation for 136 treatment centres and programmes worldwide, the IRCT seeks to strengthen the capacity of treatment centres and programmes through training and technical assistance.

Rendering these organisations' work visible to the international community of health professionals, international organisations, donors and the general public is one way of facilitating collaboration in the field and contributing to development towards a world without torture.

New initiatives

The IRCT speaks on behalf of the treatment centres and victims of torture in a variety of international fora, advocating for increased attention to the needs of victims of torture and increased support for the organisations that work to meet these needs.

The IRCT supports new initiatives to provide treatment to victims of torture in areas where such services are not currently available.

While recognising the special responsibility of the health professions in the rehabilitation and prevention of torture, the IRCT strongly advocates that the work against torture requires the efforts of all, at every level of society.

Challenges

The IRCT promotes democratic development in all states and international forums aiming at the full and equitable participation of all individuals, particularly the most vulnerable, which demands both recognition and rehabilitation for torture victims and effective legal and political measures to prevent acts of torture.

The IRCT is committed to increasing the funds available for the rehabilitation of torture victims. Yet, securing the necessary funding for the rehabilitation

of torture victims remains one of our greatest challenges.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

International Relief and Development (IRD) is a 501(c) (3) private NGO with extensive experience in designing, implementing and evaluating multi-disciplinary development and relief activities. IRD's overall mission is to reduce the suffering of the world's most vulnerable groups and provide the tools and resources needed to increase their self-sufficiency. Since its founding in 1998 IRD has provided more than \$1 billion to help vulnerable populations in more than 24 countries worldwide. Present countries of operation include Iraq, Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Georgia, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Laos, Niger, Sudan, Montenegro, Mozambique, Serbia, Sri Lanka, and Ukraine. IRD focuses on Civil Society, Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems, Health, Relief, Economic Development, Infrastructure and Special Projects.

STRUCTURE:

The IRD team consists of over 120 headquarter staff supporting more than 2500 field colleagues. The organization is managed by Dr. Arthur B. Keys, CEO and Founder, who is supported by a CFO, Director of Grants and Contracts, Chief of Program Development, Chief of Administration, Director of Program Operations, Director of Acquisitions and Logistics, Director of Relief & Humanitarian Assistance, Director of Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems, Director of Economic Development, Director of Health, Director of Program Resources, Director of Infrastructure, Director of Democracy and Governance, and Chief of Iraq Programs. Each Director subsequently supervises a Deputy Director, Senior Program Officer, Program Officers, and Program Assistants. Field offices are Regionally supported by Regional Directors in Colombia (LAC), Cambodia (ASIA), Kenya (AFR), Georgia (EE/Balkans), and Jordan (MidEAST).

ACTIVITIES:

Programs include: Sustainable Food & Agricultural Systems (Arid lands, conservation techniques) Relief, Rapid Response and Humanitarian Assistance Refugees/IDPs/Urban Refugees/Repatriates Conflict/Post Conflict Interventions Health Civil Society/Community Stabilization Infrastructure (Rehabilitation, Vertical Structures, Road Reconstruction) Economic Development Education/Vocational Training IRD/Jordan specifically is working with UNHCR on implementing approaches regarding urban refugee settings.

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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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International Social Service (ISS) is an international non-governmental organization without political, racial, religious or nationality bias. The ISS network of national branches, affiliated bureaus and correspondents in over 100 countries facilitate communication between social services that assist individuals and families with personal or social problems whose solution requires intercountry cooperation.

Missions:

1. Assist individuals and families with problems, including those arising from voluntary or forced migration, the solutions of which require coordinated actions within Hong Kong, Mainland China, and/ or with other countries.
2. Advocate for, protect and defend the rights of the child especially those suffering from the migratory phenomena.
3. Create and maintain a network of active local and international people and organizations that are able to meet the needs of those requiring the services of ISS.
4. Be proactive and responsive to the changing needs of the service users and society.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

La fondation du SSI en 1924 s'inscrit dans le cadre des grands mouvements migratoires qu'a connu l'Europe entre le 19ème et le 20ème siècle. Le SSI s'engage à protéger, défendre et soutenir les individus et particulièrement les enfants en situation difficile par suite de migration ou de circonstances ayant mené à une séparation des familles sur le plan international.

STRUCTURE:

Le réseau du SSI, constitué du Secrétariat Général, de Branches, de Bureaux Affiliés et de Correspondants, est actif dans 160 pays à travers le monde. Le Secrétariat Général est chargé de coordonner les activités du SSI, de soutenir les membres du réseau dans leur travail et de superviser le fonctionnement de ces derniers. Basé à Genève, le Secrétariat Général est une entité légale de droit suisse et est reconnu en tant que tel par les autorités du pays.

- Les 14 Branches nationales sont des organisations à but non lucratif, légalement indépendantes, qui, en adhérant aux Statuts et aux principes généraux de l'organisation, se sont engagées à promouvoir la vision, la mission et les principes du SSI. Les branches nationales sont membres de l'assemblée générale du SSI.
- Les 5 Bureaux Affiliés sont des entités gouvernementales liées au SSI par un accord spécial dont l'objectif est la mise en place d'une ou plusieurs activités de l'organisation. Les Bureaux Affiliés sont membres de l'assemblée générale du SSI et s'engagent à respecter ses principes.
- Les Correspondants actifs dans plus de 140 pays sont des institutions ayant conclu un accord avec le SSI visant la mise en place d'une ou plusieurs activités de l'organisation. Les Correspondants s'engagent à respecter les principes du SSI.

ACTIVITIES:

1. DOMAINES D'INTERVENTION

Le SSI veille à ce que les frontières ne constituent un obstacle ni à la prise de mesures de protection adéquates de chaque enfant, ni au maintien de contacts entre cet enfant, sa famille et ses proches. Ses interventions visent donc à mettre l'enfant au cœur des décisions opérationnelles, dans son intérêt.

Le SSI a ainsi développé une expertise psycho sociale et juridique relative aux domaines de réflexion et d'intervention suivants :

- 1.1. Conflits familiaux à dimension internationale • Prévention de la séparation des familles • Questions liées au droit de garde, au droit de visite ou à la pension alimentaire des enfants dans les cas où leurs parents se sont établis dans des pays différents • Enlèvements internationaux d'enfants par l'un des parents.
- 1.2. Prise en charge de type familial • Placement de l'enfant en familles ou foyers d'accueil • Adoption nationale ou internationale
- 1.3. Migrations volontaires ou forcées • Protection et prise en charge des mineurs séparés ou non accompagnés dans les pays de destination et d'origine

2. ACTIVITES Le SSI met en œuvre des activités de prévention et de soutien à composante psycho sociale et légale dont les bénéficiaires sont les enfants et les familles, les professionnels de la protection de l'enfance, ainsi que la société civile.

2.1. Traitement de cas individuels Le SSI propose son soutien dans le traitement des cas individuels tant au niveau social que légal en établissant un lien entre les services sociaux de différents pays, en s'assurant que ces derniers reçoivent des informations aussi complètes et fiables que possible qui permettront la prise de décisions allant dans le sens de l'intérêt supérieur de l'enfant et en agissant dans certains cas en tant que médiateur entre les personnes impliquées dans un conflit familial international.

- Exemple 1. Préparation d'un rapport social visant à s'assurer que la famille élargie d'un orphelin congolais réunit les conditions nécessaires à son accueil en Belgique.
- Exemple 2. Organisation de rencontres entre des mères britanniques et leurs enfants respectifs établis en Lybie où leurs pères les ont contraints à

s'établir.

2.2. Programmes et projets de développement Le SSI conduit des projets de développement visant essentiellement à sensibiliser sur les réalités de la migration, à aider les potentiels candidats au départ à rester dans leur pays d'origine ou à soutenir les immigrants issus de milieux défavorisés une fois arrivés dans leur pays de destination.

- Exemple 1. Programme en Afrique de l'Ouest visant à accompagner et encadrer le retour volontaire des enfants victimes de trafic entre pays voisins en cherchant à les réintégrer sur le plan social et professionnel dans leur communauté d'origine.

- Exemple 2. Projet ayant pour objectif d'aider les minorités ethniques non chinoises à s'intégrer à Hong Kong en leur offrant soutien psychologique, service d'information, hébergement temporaire et cours de langue.

2.3. Capacity building Le SSI s'engage dans la formation de professionnels d'institutions publiques et d'organisations non gouvernementales sur des sujets spécifiques relatifs à la protection de l'enfance visant à aider ces derniers dans la mise en œuvre de leur travail.

- Exemple 1. Diffusion de fiches de formation relatives à la prise en charge des enfants privés de famille ou en risque de le devenir conçues pour des professionnels de la protection de l'enfance des pays en voie de développement et en transition.

- Exemple 2. Formation de professionnels des autorités centrales en charge de l'adoption internationale en Moldavie et en Azerbaïdjan en collaboration avec l'UNICEF.

- Exemple 3. Formation de travailleurs sociaux, de psychologues et d'avocats relative à l'adoption organisée en Roumanie, en collaboration avec l'ONG suisse Children Action.

2.4. Recherche, analyse et dissémination d'information Le SSI élabore et met à la disposition de tout partenaire et représentant de la société civile s'y intéressant des informations et une expertise relative à la protection de l'enfance dont l'objectif est celui d'aider les professionnels dans leur travail quotidien.

- Exemple 1. Publications telles que le Bulletin Mensuel faisant l'analyse, tant sur le plan du droit que de la pratique, des derniers développements en matière de protection des enfants privés de famille ou à risque de le devenir tout en mettant l'accent sur l'adoption internationale.

- Exemple 2. Recherches relatives à des thématiques spécifiques telles que la Kafala dans les pays musulmans ou l'adoption des enfants grands.

- Exemple 3. Formation de niveau académique en Travail Social International en collaboration avec l'Université du Maryland

2.5. Assistance technique Le SSI met à disposition de ses partenaires son expertise psycho sociale et juridique relative à la protection de l'enfance sous forme d'assistance technique en répondant à des requêtes spontanées ou plus approfondies.

- Exemple 1. Rédaction de Lignes Directrices sur la protection des enfants privés de famille et lobbying auprès des gouvernements en partenariat avec l'UNICEF entre 2005 et 2007 en vue de leur approbation par l'Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies

- Exemple 2. Soutien et accompagnement de réformes législatives en matière de protection de l'enfance et/ou d'adoption en Moldavie, à Chypre et en Irlande. La formation, la dissémination d'information et l'assistance technique contribuent toutes trois à promouvoir les principes et les normes de la protection de l'enfance, ainsi qu'à enrichir la réflexion internationale en termes de migration. Ces activités servent également de base aux actions de lobbying du SSI visant à avoir un impact au niveau législatif international.

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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:

Interos 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 Interos is assisting UNHCR in the preparations of the Repatriation program as well as in the IDPs assistance.

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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. The 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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STRUCTURE:

structure

- 1 - Board of trustees (45) members.
- 2 - Board of Directors (9) members.
- 3 - Director General (1) by ellection.
- 4 - international Relational (Regional Offices) South Asia(Pakistan), East Africa(Keynia), West Africa (Chad) Sudan Region(Sudan).
- 5 - Planning,projects and research Dep. and Finance/Admins. Dep. Internal AUditor and External Auditor.

ACTIVITIES:

activities

- 1-Relief and emergencies, Refugees and social welfare programs.
- 2- Education: runing several schools and vocational training centers.
- 3- Health: primary health care, hospitals, medical equipments, feeding centers and vaccination.
- 4- constructions

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Japan Association for Refugees (JAR) was established in July 1999 in order to provide comprehensive care to asylum seekers/refugees (asylees) and to safeguard their human dignity. Since the establishment, and as an implementing partner of UNHCR Japan (since August 2000), JAR has helped approximately 1,500 people seeking asylum in Japan. JAR's support ranges from daily survival assistance to advice and necessary arrangement for resettling in Japan, based on refugees' various needs. JAR not only works on individual cases, but is also active in raising public awareness and advocacy, striving to make Japan a safe and hospitable place for asylum seekers and refugees. - To make Japan a safe and hospitable place for refugees seeking asylum - To help them to lead independent and sustainable lives in Japan

STRUCTURE:

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

- 1)Individual Support (Department of Individual Support),
- 2)Public Relations (Department of Publicity and Marketing) and
- 3)Research and Advocacy(Department of Research, Advocacy, and External Affairs). JAR's office is located at Tokyo and it has currently 15 paid staffs, including 6 full-time staffs) working there.

ACTIVITIES:

- Assist with legal procedures for Refugee Status Determination (in both administration and judicial processes)
- Provide social and legal counseling
- Provide limited financial and material assistance
- Provide assistance in finding housing, healthcare, employment skill development, and other important linkages
- Promote public understanding of "Asylum seekers and Refugees" in Japan ~symposiums, publications, trainings etc. ~ -Build network among NGOs, scholars and UNHCR -Lobby to politicians and advise Cabinet's Refugee Policy Coordination Council -Research on asylum/refugee policy and practices in other industrialized countries for advocacy -Act as a voice of NGOs and refugees in Japan at international conferences

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) is an international Catholic organisation with a mission to accompany serve and defend the rights of refugees and

displaced people. Founded in November 1980 as a work of the Society of Jesus, JRS was officially registered on 19 March 2000 at the Vatican State as a foundation.

STRUCTURE:

JRS undertakes services at national and regional levels with the support of an International Office in Rome. 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. Over 500 workers contribute to the work of JRS, the majority of whom work on a voluntary basis, including about 100 Jesuits (priests, brothers and scholastics), 85 religious from other congregations and more than 300 lay people. These figures do not include the large number of refugees recruited to take part in the programmes as teachers, health workers and others.

ACTIVITIES:

JRS' main areas of work are in the field of education, advocacy, legal assistance, health and nutrition, income generating activities, and social services.

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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:

The Jordan National Red Crescent Society was established on 27 December 1947, recognized by the IFRC in 1948 and admitted to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in 1950. The JRC works through a variety of projects at national and branch level and internationally through its active involvement with the Movement. It has its own legislation (No. 3) for the year 1969 as an independent organization and its statute was approved by the General Assembly in 1970. As a member of the International Movement the mandate of the JRC is to meet and comply with the established principles and aims of the Movement which include adhering to and upholding the seven Fundamental Principles on which the Movement is founded: Humanity, Neutrality, Independence, Unity, Voluntary Service, Impartiality and Universality. The Society focuses on Strategy 2010 of the Movement - emergency preparedness, emergency response, promotion of humanitarian values, healthcare and social services. The National Society enables the principles of the Movement to be upheld through other projects aimed at empowering Jordanian society through the development of community-based projects.

STRUCTURE:

The Jordan National Red Crescent Society, with its Headquarters in Amman is staffed with 16 employees and runs twelve branches in various parts of the Kingdom including a Student Branch which provides in-kind donations and material assistance (school materials, food, Ramadan meals etc.) to needy students using the funds raised either through the annual subscription fees or from other welfare activities. All branches are active in the following fields: dissemination of IHL and the Principles of the Movement awareness activities on Landmines and unexploded ordnance awareness activities on HIV/AIDS members of the National Intervention Team of the Disaster Management Unit variety of social welfare programs, e.g. financial assistance to an estimated number of 1,760 orphans around the country. organizing fund raising events e.g. charity dinners, trips, plays, and first aid training organizing Disaster Management training courses carrying out awareness lectures on different issues such as health, environment, road safety, etc and participating in social activities distribution of food and in-kind donations organizing free medical days and participation in training courses.

ACTIVITIES:

The JRC supports two rights-based Community Development Centers in the under-privileged area of Sweileh and Ashrafieh in Amman. These are community based university linked organization run by volunteers, with the aim of reducing inequality by promoting the entitlements of marginalized and disadvantaged groups and assist them in finding solutions to their collective problems. Partnership in Action: Supporting Iraqis Life is difficult for the majority of the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis who have sought a place of safety in Jordan because of the volatile situation in Iraq. The Jordan Red Crescent (JRC) has been working to provide relief since the beginning of the conflict, in line with its mandate to offer assistance to those in most need,

without discrimination. In June 2006 the JRC opened its first basic health care centre for Iraqis in Al Hashimi, -in cooperation with JRC partners- in an area to the east of Amman. The program has since been extended and developed further, in order to meet the increasing need. In 2007 the JRC opened three additional basic health clinics focused on providing services to Iraqis, one in Al Taj and Marqa, another clinic was opened on the existing Red Crescent Hospital premises with support from UNHCR. These centers, situated in areas of Amman that are densely populated by Iraqis, provide basic health services and medicines free of charge. The centers are staffed by doctors, nurses and social workers who see patients on a drop in basis 6 days a week. The JRC distributed hygiene packs to 9,000 Iraqi families. The packs contain items, such as soap and washing powder, which can make a vital difference to a family struggling to maintain their dignity in hard circumstances. JRC also arranges annual distributions to Iraqi families, food parcels and is currently planning further distributions of items including blankets, school bags and children's stationary, and facilitates regular courses to provide essential specialist training to medical staff from Iraq. This trained staffs then return to Iraq to promote best practice and pass on the skills learnt. Seriously injured patients are brought from Iraq to have orthopedic, plastic and maxillofacial surgery at the Jordan Red Crescent Hospital in Amman. JRC provides medical staff and a 40 bed ward and 2 operating theatres dedicated to the patients' treatment. Many of these patients spend several months in Amman, going through multiple surgeries and the slow process of recuperation before they are able to return to their homes in Iraq. The JRC is looking for partners to assist in addressing other needs by providing training on nursing, first aid, HIV awareness and the dangers of mines and unexploded ordinance. The JRC is also eager to further assist Iraqis in Jordan by establishing youth camps and community centers with internet access, library facilities, crèches etc.

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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-governmental 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 Afganistan 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 lawyers 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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Kuwait Red Crescent Society was founded in December 1965. It is a voluntary humanitarian society providing help and assistance to the most vulnerable people in the world without any discrimination as to nationality, gender, colour, race, or religious and political beliefs.

STRUCTURE:

The Society is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members elected by the General Assembly of the Society. The Board selects from its members an executive committee, this committee is fully empowered by the Board of Directors with the exception of those powers that the board decides to withhold.

ACTIVITIES:

The KRCS's objective is to achieve the principles of the International Red Cross and Red crescent societies in Kuwait and Abroad based on Geneva Conventions and its supplementary protocols. Our department are : 1- International affairs:- Its main task in the society is to coordinate, correspond and follow up with all international organizations whether inside or outside kuwait regarding all affairs related to the society. 2- Disaster Management and Relief - the formation of this committee was aimed at creating qualified teams for rapid and early deployment to disaster - stricken areas and to assist field teams under one command. 3- Youth Group and Volenteers, the Youth Group and Volenteers, the society depends on this group of volunteers and its members for carrying out its activities and programs. 4- Training and First aid program ; this mrogram aims at creating awareness in the field of first aid and rescue operations by offering training courses to volunteers and others,5- revenues and resource Generation , this office is deemed as te main element for financial resources generations, which are basically used in charity work. 6- Public Relations, this committee of public relations is concerned with bringing together the public and the society through regular receiving of visitors in addition to coordinating the society's committees.

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Lawyers for Human Rights is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation whose vision is to be:

- a leading, effective human rights and constitutional watchdog and advocate,
- an international force in the development and delivery of human rights, with a primary focus in Africa,
- a primary contributor to clear strategic policy on the delivery of socio-economic rights for the disadvantaged.

To this end, LHR strives to promote awareness, protection and enforcement of legal and human rights through the creation of a human rights culture. Started in 1979, LHR rapidly achieved a proud record of fighting oppression and abuse of human rights under apartheid. LHR later helped usher in the transition to democracy through its voter education and monitoring in 1994. Today it is recognised as being in the vanguard of civil society in our emerging democracy.

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 project team consists of 8 lawyers, a social worker, two paralegals and 2 administrators who operate from the project's legal advice offices in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

The project provides free legal services to indigent asylum seekers, refugees and migrant clients. Litigation is used as a tool to advance our client's rights and to develop African jurisprudence in the field of refugee and immigration law. The project's litigation programme focuses on impact litigation with precedent-setting value.

LHR also undertakes vigorous detention monitoring which documents the human rights abuses suffered by migrants in the detention and deportation process, and advocates for policy reform. Legal assistance is also given to those who have been unlawfully arrested and who are at risk of deportation. LHR is also an active member of the International Detention Coalition.

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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Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service was established in 1939 to respond to refugees fleeing Europe during WWII to "welcome the stranger, bringing new hope and new life through ministries of service and justice." Since then LIRS has established national networks of refugee resettlement programs, asylum and immigration programs and specialized foster care programs for unaccompanied minors. LIRS is also a strong advocate for public policies related to asylum and integration with the US government.

STRUCTURE:

LIRS has the President's Office and 4 departments: Protection, Community Partnerships, Mission Advancement & Finance & Administration. The policy and advocacy work carried out at headquarters and in Washington, DC report directly to the President's Office. LIRS has approximately 90 employees, all based in the United States with headquarters in Baltimore, MD and 12-15 staff deployed in other cities.

ACTIVITIES:

The Protection Department focuses on international and child protection concerns and includes processing and placement for resettled refugees, unaccompanied children in immigration proceedings (including asylum seekers) and unaccompanied refugee minors; rights presentations and legal representation for asylum seekers, detained torture survivors and other vulnerable immigrant populations. The Community Partnerships Department focuses on longer term integration services to refugees, asylees, other newcomer populations and services to strengthen the organizations and communities that welcome them.

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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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STRUCTURE:

Etant une Congrégation Internationale , nos services sont multiples en faveur des femmes , jeunes filles et enfants en danger.....!

ACTIVITIES:

Les soeurs du Bon Pasteur sont à Damas , depuis 1982. Nos activités actuelles, nous avons le seul foyer pour femmes et jeunes filles victimes de violence. Un centre spécial pour venir en aide aux familles Irakiennes (Barzé) nous sommes partenaires avec UNHCR . Nous avons le centre d'écoute avec hotline pour les femmes victimes de violence. Nous recevons au foyer les femmes Palestiniennes pour le temps de l'accouchement et du rétablissement de la santé du bébé . Nous avons un service dans les prisons des femmes et notre service s'étend spécialement aux femmes étrangères . Tous nos services sont offerts à toute personne sans distinction de race ou de religion.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Malawi Red Cross Society was established in 1932 as branch of British Red Cross. In 1966 through act of parliament it became independent as Malawi Red cross. It was recognized by IFRC and ICRC in 1971. Its vision is hope for those in need and the mission statement is "To Alleviate Human suffering and improve quality of life of the vulnerable people through relief, development activities and dissemination of movement's fundamental principles." In 1986 the country received an influx of Mozambicans of which the Malawi Red Cross Society played a big role that made it known to the world because of its efficient work.

STRUTURE:

The Patron of the Malawi Red Cross Society is the Head of State. It has a board and the Secretary General runs the day to day activities. He is deputized by two Directors - Programme and Finance. It has 28 branches scattered all over the country and has over 30,000 volunteers. It also has 125 members of staff working in all the programmes. Our head office is located at capital city of Malawi - Lilongwe and has got offices in some of the branches.

ACTIVITIES:

The activities of the MRCS are divided into three- Health, Disaster management and organizational development.

In Health we have HIV/AIDS, Community Based Programmes ,Water and Sanitation and Malaria programmes.

In Disaster Management we have food security, relief and Refugee programme.

The donors in refugee programm are UNHCR and WFP. The last section is organizational development where issues of the volunteers are promoted.

Apart from UNHCR and WFP the MRCS has other donors like partner National Societies like Danish Red Cross, Irish Red Cross, Icelandic Red Cross, Finish, Norwegian and Swedish Red Cross. We also have the IFRC and ICRC. DFID, UNICEF, FHI and have also assisted the Malawi Red Cross.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

MANDAT INTERNATIONAL is a foundation with public utility status, relying on a network of members covering the various fields of activity of international cooperation. We collaborate closely with most of the international organizations and we are independent of any political or religious affiliation. Our aim is:

To promote international dialogue and cooperation.

To welcome, inform and facilitate the participation of non-governmental representatives in international conferences.

To support and provide budget accommodation to delegates from developing countries.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 2005, Mapendo International works to fill the critical and unmet needs of people affected by war and conflict who have fallen through the net of humanitarian assistance. This commitment is expressed through targeting individuals, families and groups of people 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 and is staffed by eight individuals. 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 operations unit, which focuses on identifying and achieving durable solutions for refugees. The unit is staffed by three resettlement experts and operates out of the Nairobi office, working throughout Africa. The regional unit works in close cooperation with UNHCR and USRP, and is currently seconding resettlement experts to support UNHCR resettlement units in various sub-offices. The Kenya-based programming is supported by the USA office located in Boston, MA where approximately five staff manage operations, administration, fund-raising, and public relations under the direction of the Executive Director.

ACTIVITIES:

The health initiative provides free care to urban-based refugees, as well as counseling, housing assistance, supplementary food, and livelihoods support. The regional operations unit focuses on identifying and achieving durable solutions for refugees primarily through operational support to UNHCR resettlement units and targeted research, mainly addressing issues refugees face in the urban context.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international humanitarian aid organization that provides emergency medical assistance to populations in danger in more than 70 countries.

STRUCTURE:

19 sections 24000 personnel 70 countries of intervention.

ACTIVITIES:

humanitarian medical organization (independent, neutral and impartial) Deliver emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural and man-made disasters Speak out about the plight of the population it assists and the severe violations it witnesses in the course of its activities (eg. Niger, Darfur etc.)

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Mercy Corps' European headquarters has grown from its early origins as Scottish European Aid, a charity set up in 1990 in response to the crisis in the Romanian orphanages. Mercy Corps was founded in the United States in 1979 in response to the refugee crisis in Cambodia.

In 1996 we merged with Mercy Corps Europe, becoming the European headquarters for the international Mercy Corps network.

This merger helped us to extend our worldwide reach and work alongside communities in Central and South Asia, Africa and Russia.

Sometimes we work in partnership with others such as Peace Winds Japan and the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation, in pursuit of our common objectives.

Mercy Corps works amid disasters, conflicts, chronic poverty and instability to unleash the potential of people who can win against nearly impossible odds. Since 1979, Mercy Corps has provided £500 million in assistance to people in 82 nations. Supported by headquarters offices in North America, Europe, and Asia, the agency's unified global programmes employ 3,200 staff worldwide and reach nearly 10 million people in more than 40 countries.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Emergency relief services that assist people afflicted by conflict or disaster.

Sustainable economic development that integrates agriculture, health, housing and infrastructure, economic development, education and environment, and local management.

Civil society initiatives that promote citizen participation, accountability, conflict management and the rule of law.

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HISTORY, PURPOSES:

Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid (MH) is a young and dynamic Iraqi non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 2004 by a group of enthusiastic and committed Humanitarian Workers. Our aim is to heal the wounds of our people, relieve their suffering and contribute to the formation of a new civilized Iraqi community in cooperation with other local NGO's, the Iraqi Government and International humanitarian organizations. Mercy Hands

is a non-profit, non-religious and non-political organization that helps to facilitate the reach of humanitarian aid to people in need regardless of their ethnic, political, religious or sectarian backgrounds, by monitoring the situation with respect to the numbers of the populations and assessing their needs, aiming at having a better understanding, a more clear vision and ensuring accessibility to the vulnerable, and marginalized sectors of the community.

Mercy Hands recognizes the need for Iraqi NGOs operating in Iraq.

With a proper understanding of the society, culture, history and facts about the populations, Mercy Hands assists the international humanitarian community in forwarding humanitarian assistance and implementing appropriate developmental projects to assist in reversing the growing problems related to continuing conflict and poverty.

Mission: Mercy Hands acts to assist, hand in hand with other actors, the most vulnerable groups, mainly in crises, through advocacy, monitoring and supplementing community based coping mechanisms. Enthusiastically, Mercy Hands is contributing to the building and strengthening of Iraqi civil society through dissemination of Mercy hands knowledge and expertise in the humanitarian sphere to newly established national NGO's and active community groups.

Objectives:

- Crisis monitoring (human rights violations, protection issues, humanitarian intervention)
- Alleviating the suffering of conflict affected groups.
- Facilitation of the reach of humanitarian aids to the most vulnerable groups.
- Participation in building Iraqi civil society.

Target groups:

- Vulnerable communities, such as IDPs, Refugees, and Returnees, women, children, people at-risk, homeless and urban poor.
- Disaster affected population.
- Newly established civil society organizations.

STRUCTURE:

Mercy Hands is governed by a Board of Directors and a Code of Conduct. Fairness and equal opportunities are offered for staff promotion.

The achievement of objectives is paramount to the organization and staffs are encouraged to share ideas and methodologies in order to achieve the core goals of MH. Mercy Hands maintains internal neutrality by upholding the separation of professional and personal lives.

Mercy Hands is a transparent and democratic organization and is governed on numerous horizontal planes, which make up departments.

Building an Iraqi Civil Society is of great importance to Mercy Hands and its principles underpin our work and the way we work.

The 108 MH personnel are contributing daily to the humanitarian aid efforts in Iraq at MH HQ in Baghdad and other MH offices and centers:

- Legal Aid & Information Center (LAIC) – Baghdad, Iraq.
- Peace Activation and Conflict Transformation (PACT) Center – Baghdad, Iraq.
- Mercy Hands Satellite Office - Babel Governorate, Iraq.
- Mercy Hands Satellite Office - Amman, Jordan.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Crisis Monitoring: This is reflected in the monitoring that Mercy Hands has done and is currently doing:

- IOM/IDP Monitoring Phases 1,2,3 and currently Nationwide Emergency Monitoring (in 15 governorates).
- UNHCR/Returnee Monitoring in Baghdad and Diyala governorates, Assistance and monitoring for the Sudanese Refugees at K70 Camp at Rutba; Anbar Governorate.

2. Alleviating suffering of conflict affected and vulnerable groups:

- Emergency Assistance Program, including rapid needs assessments (which also isolate vulnerable groups) and the IOM Depot/Warehouse in Baghdad.

3. Facilitating the reach of humanitarian aids to the most vulnerable groups:

- Mercy Hands has access to all areas as illustrated by Nationwide Emergency Monitoring Program.
- Mercy Hands has provided different types of aid and assistance to beneficiaries in several Iraqi governorates throughout the last two years.

4. Participating in building Iraqi civil society:

- PACT Center – Peace Activation and Conflict Transformation Center in Baghdad.
- Legal Aid and Information Center - (LAIC) in Baghdad.
- Conflict Resolution Train the Trainers courses for the Palestinian Refugees and the Iraqi Communities in Baghdad.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Middle East Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches founded in 1974 relating itself to the main stream of the modern ecumenical movement, the same that gave birth to World Council and other regional ecumenical councils throughout the world. It brings together almost all of the region's Christians in a body that focuses on strengthening the relationship between churches, between Christians and non-Christians in the region, and between the members of the Body of Christ within and without the region. In bringing these different churches together, MECC also seeks to serve the needs of the broader society, by engaging in diaconal work, advocacy and training on behalf of the whole church, rather than one part of it.

STRUCTURE:

The General Secretariat office: Programs related directly to the office: Human Rights, Justice and Peace, Research & Studies. The Administration, Finance and Communication Departments. The program Units are: Faith & Unity, Education and Renewal, Life and Service. The number of employees is 81. MECC has several representative offices throughout Middle East, mainly in Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria and Oman.

ACTIVITIES:

Social and economic development programs, Human Resource Development programs, services to refugees, Displaced & Migrants, Community development programs - Socio- medical center, advocacy through workshops and seminars. The Refugee Program in partnership with UNHCR is

implemented within the Unit on Life and Service. The partnership was initiated in the early 80s and still goes on providing psychosocial, educational and health services to persons of concern to UNHCR. One of the most important services of the program is "prison ministry" which entails services for detained refugees and persons of concern in addition to advocacy and awareness raising workshops for prison officers and the community in general.

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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:

The Immigration Department is a Department within the Ministry of Home Affairs in Tanzania. It deals with Immigration issues of the Government including the granting/refusing of Tanzania citizenship.

STRUCTURE:

Within the Ministry of Home Affairs, there is the overall Minister for Home Affairs. The Ministry further includes various Departments such as the Department for Refugee Services, Department of Public Safety as well as the Immigration Department. Each Department is headed by a Director, in this case, our focal point will be the Director of Immigration Department.

ACTIVITIES:

The main activities to be undertaken under UNHCR project will be the granting of Citizenship to over 76,000 Burundian refugees currently in the Old Settlements. UNHCR will work closely with the Immigration Department to ensure all necessary procedures have been taken for the complete naturalisation of the refugees.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLCL) was formed in 1987 but was not incorporated until 1990. Its first staff were employed in 1993. The objects of the Association are to assist disadvantaged and marginalised people in the Australian community obtain access to legal services by: - supporting and assisting community legal centres to provide these services; - providing a national forum for community legal centres; - developing and coordinating national community legal centres policy; - advancing the interests of community legal centres within Australia.

STRUCTURE:

NACLCL is peak body of a federated structure. Its direct members are the 8 state & territory CLC associations. Its indirect members are the 200 community legal centres located throughout Australia.

ACTIVITIES:

NACLCL's main role is to provide services to assist community legal centres provide free legal assistance to disadvantaged clients & communities. In addition to this, NACLCL advocates & runs campaigns that will assist with the removal of the causes of many of our clients problems. NACLCL is an active NGO & coordinates the production of shadow reports to conventions such as CERD, CROC, CEDAW, ICCPR and ICESCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) is comprised of seventeen major Christian Churches that come together to fulfill common witness, mission and service and break down structures that create and perpetuate poverty, oppression, injustice and division. The NCCA has been involved in overseas relief and development work, and refugee resettlement and asylum issues in Australia, since 1948.

STRUCTURE:

Christian World Service, the humanitarian and development organization of the NCCA, has two main programs related to refugees:

- 1) The National Program on Refugees and Displaced People assists refugees and asylum seekers in Australia, advocates for refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people in Australia and 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 State Council member churches in education, awareness raising, advocacy and providing services to refugees and asylum seekers.
- 2) International Programs provides emergency relief and community development assistance to refugees and displaced people overseas. Emergency assistance is channeled to partners overseas through ACT International (Action by Churches Together). Community development, peace-building and capacity-building assistance is provided direct to CWS overseas partner organizations. The NCCA is a member of the World Council of Churches' Global Ecumenical Network on Migration, which brings together regional working groups on uprooted people each year in Geneva prior to UNHCR Pre-ExCom and ExCom to share information, determine advocacy priorities and provide input into WCC programs and advocacy.

ACTIVITIES:

The National Program on Refugee and Displaced Peoples

- engages in research, analysis, policy formation, education and awareness raising, domestic and international advocacy, service provision, pastoral care and community development.

It works closely with member churches and churches agencies.

Groups/issues of concern: Australia's Refugee and Special Humanitarian Resettlement Program, Australia's overseas aid, Australia's system of mandatory, indefinite and non-reviewable detention, Australia's 'Pacific Solution' (offshore processing and detention), refugee status determination, complementary protection, convention refugees with restrictive temporary protection visas, asylum seekers living in the community on restrictive bridging visas, warehoused refugees and internally displaced people.

International Programs - has aid and development programs assisting Burmese, Palestinian, Sri Lankan, East Timorese, Iraqi and Sudanese refugees and displaced people. Overseas partners include Action by Churches Together, Thai-Burma Border Consortium (Thailand), 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). The NCCA regularly participates in high-level meetings with the Australian government and each year attends, WCC GEM meetings, UNHCR's Annual Consultations with NGOs and UNHCR's Executive Committee.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1985, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to making a lasting, positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged people in Jordan.

Since 1985, NHF has been working with local communities to support their own efforts in achieving a better quality of life through programs and projects that foster sustainable development, governance and grassroots activism.

Our programs are designed to have the broadest reach possible, and provide people with the resources, tools and opportunities that enable them to take independent initiatives, and empower themselves socially, economically and personally.

With over 20 years' experience and the largest portfolio in integrated community development and economic empowerment programs in Jordan, NHF has directly and positively impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children.

Several NHF programs have grown to become leading institutions in the fields of family health, and microfinance, women's empowerment and sustainable community development in Jordan and the region.

Mission:

NHF promotes integrated, socio-economic development that is sensitive to traditional values yet responsive to the needs, talents and aspirations of the people with whom we work.

NHF's mission is to facilitate lasting change in underprivileged communities by creating economic opportunities, building capacity for self-reliance and improving the livelihoods of people through programs that promote:

- poverty alleviation and job creation
- access to microfinance
- governance, participatory decision-making, and advocacy
- income-generation enterprise establishment at the community level
- business development services

- sustainable community development
- women's empowerment
- family health care

STRUCTURE:

NHF OUTREACH and LOCAL PARTNERS end 2007
 129 partner CDCs, LDCs, CBOs nation-wide
 65,000 lives impacted by Quality of Life Project
 29 NHF Community Centers across country

INCOME GENERATION

50 IGEs established (18 women IGPs)
 40 being launched
 2,350 jobs created

MICRO-ENTREPRENEURSHIP

74,000 loans disbursed to micro-entrepreneurs
 9,000 people trained in business development

AWARENESS & EMPOWERMENT

26,000 women empowered
 4,200 youths empowered

HEALTH BENEFICIARIES

261,840 total beneficiaries mainly women and children

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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 1,300 employees in more than 20 country offices worldwide.

The annual turnover exceeded for the second time NOK 400 million.

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:

Established in 1998 by the Norwegian Refugee Council, IDMC is the leading international body monitoring conflict-induced internal displacement worldwide. At the request of the UN, IDMC runs an online data-base providing info and analysis on internal displacement in more than 50 countries.

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:

IDMC organises training workshops; raises awareness of the plight of IDPs through active advocacy pointing the gaps in national and international responses and promotes solutions reflecting international standards and best practices.

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OFADEC a été créée en 1976 au Sénégal, il a d'abord commencé par des activités de développement pour les populations rurales. Elle a commencée les activités humanitaires avec les réfugiés en 1989 et a travaillé en partenariat avec le HCR et d'autres ONG jusqu'à nos jours.

STRUCTURE:

OFADEC est dirigé par un conseil d'administration, un bureau chargé des affaires réfugiés et un bureau sur les affaires de développement. OFADEC dispose de 3 bureaux à Dakar, un bureau à Podor, Richard Tool, Ourossogui et Matam tous au Sénégal. L'effectif est de 30 personnes.

ACTIVITIES:

OFADEC est engagé au niveau international dans la défense et le plaidoyer en faveur des réfugiés.

OFADEC est membre du conseil d'administration de ICVA et de HAPInternational.

OFADEC est engagé dans redevabilité et une plus grande qualité de service pour les réfugiés.

OFADEC a reçu la certification de HAPInternational.

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The Open Society Justice Initiative, an operational program of the Open Society Institute, pursues law reform activities grounded in the protection of human rights, and contributes to the development of legal capacity for open societies worldwide. Aware of the fact that law reform tends to be a long-term process, the Justice Initiative combines litigation, legal advocacy, technical assistance, and the dissemination of knowledge to achieve the following objectives: give local meaning to global norms; universalize local norms; foster a legal culture for an open society; and catalyze a process of change.

STRUCTURE:

The Justice Initiative has offices in New York, Budapest and Abuja, with additional representation in Almaty, Amsterdam, London, Phnom Penh and Washington D.C. Approximately 40 people work across six thematic areas: national criminal justice reform, equality and citizenship, freedom of information and expression, international justice, anti-corruption and legal capacity development. Members of staff are located, where appropriate, in close vicinity to the communities they work with in order to increase efficiency and obtain optimal outcomes.

ACTIVITIES:

The Equality and Citizenship project of the Justice Initiative employs a combination of strategic litigation, advocacy and research to reduce statelessness by ensuring nondiscriminatory access to nationality and fighting arbitrary deprivation of citizenship. It works closely with national lawyers to bring cases before domestic, regional and international courts. It also cooperates with NGOs, UN bodies and other actors to mainstream the issue of statelessness within the international human rights regime.

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The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It is dedicated to developing a balanced and accessible international intellectual property (IP) system, which rewards creativity, stimulates innovation and contributes to economic development while safeguarding the public interest.

WIPO was established by the WIPO Convention in 1967 with a mandate from its Member States to promote the protection of IP throughout the world through cooperation among states and in collaboration with other international organizations. Its headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland

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Our mission is to assist asylum seekers who request asylum in the Czech Republic due to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, as well as recognized refugees and persons under the temporary protection regime.

To achieve this, OPU employs professional, experienced and friendly staff whose main goal is to provide effective help.

The Organisation for Aid to Refugees (OPU) was established in Prague, Czech Republic, in 1991. It is a non-profit, humanitarian organisation registered by the Ministry of the Interior as a civil association since 28 November 1991. Over the past ten years OPU has gradually gained sound expertise in matters related to the needs of asylum seekers, recognized refugees and migrants in the Czech Republic.

STRUCTURE:

Our office is situated in Prague. We have two regional offices in Brno and Ceske Budejovice. OPU has 28 employees. OPU consists of four departments: social counselling, legal counselling, department for minors and financial support dept.

ACTIVITIES:

We assist our clients by providing specific legal and social aid, information, advice, and assistance in dealing with the Czech authorities and organisations; informing asylum-seekers on their rights and obligations in relation to the asylum - seeking procedures; improving the quality of life of our clients in the camps for asylum-seekers. This is achieved through organisation of various cultural, social and free-time activities; informing both the Czech and the European communities of the plight of asylum-seekers in the Czech Republic, fighting discrimination and promoting racial harmony; Our professionals are ready to help to our clients every working day in the OPU premises in Prague and Brno (since 2005) during regular office hours. In addition to this we regularly visit asylum centres and special detention centres for aliens in the Czech Republic where we help asylum seekers to solve their problems. Our special attention will always be given to the disadvantaged asylum-seekers with special needs, especially to the disabled, children, unaccompanied minors, women, the elderly, and members of broken families.

OPU also organizes educational programs for university students, the purpose of which is to develop and train future professionals in the field of a legal and social help to refugees and migrants. Activities in the field of education include organization of seminars for various high schools in the Czech Republic.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Panos Institute was founded in 1986 and started its activities the same year. Panos uses information and communication to empower people living in poverty. Panos works particularly with the media to stimulate informed, inclusive public debate within developing countries on poverty related issues. We particularly focus on amplifying the voices of the poor and marginalised. The overall theme of Panos's work is sustainable development. Current activities are focussed on HIV/AIDS, Globalization, Information Society, Communicating Research and the Environment.

STRUCTURE:

Panos London is an independent non-governmental organisation established in 1986 and is registered as a Limited Company (Company number: 1937340) with Charitable Status (registered charity number 297366). It is governed by the UK charity law and its audited accounts are submitted to the UK Charities Commission.

Panos London has a Board of 13 Directors which meets annually. An Executive Committee composed of the UK-based board members meets quarterly to review Panos London's work.

ACTIVITIES:

The Oral TEstimony Programme of Panos London has been working with the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre since 2006 to facilitate life stories projects with the internally displaced in Colombia and Georgia. This work involves training IDPs to record in-depth interviews from other men and women displaced as a result of conflict. The resulting life stories are communicated to national and international audiences and are intended to strengthen the advocacy work of both IDMC and the Norwegian Refugee Council offices in-country who coordinate the projects in-country. In addition to this activity, Panos works on the following areas:

Panos London's work is focused around four key areas:

debate, voice, advocacy and media

Debate: generating public debate on key issues

We believe that sustainable development demands that people participate in the debates and decisions that affect their lives. They need to be able to receive information, but also to make their voices heard.

We foster debate on development issues, ensuring that new issues, new perspectives, and new voices are brought forward and engage with each other.

Voice: helping poor people to make their voices heard

Poverty, marginalisation, and voicelessness are mutually reinforcing problems. By ensuring that poor and marginalised people have a say in the policies that affect their lives, the cycle of poverty can be broken.

We create new spaces for people often sidelined from policymaking to be heard at local, national, and international levels. We also build the capacity of communities to put their own voices forward in a sustainable way.

Advocacy: communication at the heart of change

Communication is increasingly recognised by international development donors and institutions as an essential element of development, democratisation and poverty reduction. But more could be done to reflect this in policy and programme making.

We call on governments, national and international civil society organisations, development organisations and donors to put communication at the centre of all development thinking. Our landmark publication - *At the heart of change* - sets out what we believe should be the role of communication in long-term, sustainable development.

Media: strengthening local, national and global capacity

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The day to day management of the organisation is carried out by a Senior Management Team consisting of the Executive Director, Finance and Resources Director and Programme Director. The Executive Director oversees the work of the organisation and has direct management responsibility for the Finance, Fundraising and External relations departments. The programme director has direct management responsibility for the programme staff, who work on Panos's key programme areas of Communication for development, HIV/AIDS, Environment and Globalisation, Oral Testimony, Communication Research and the editorial activities of the Media development Programme. There are currently 30 Panos London staff. An organisational chart is attached.

Panos London is part of an international network made up of 11 offices around the world particularly in the regions of South Asia, Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, West Africa and the Caribbean.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Praxis is a national NGO, which aims to protect, improve and promote human rights of refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and members of minorities (Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian minorities).

It was established in June 2004, as a continuation of the Norwegian Refugee Council's (NRC) Civil Rights Project, which NRC conducted in Serbia from 1997. Praxis took over the Project, determined to continue to protect the rights of target groups through legal remedies and by raising public awareness about the problems the displaced and the members of minorities face.

Vision

A just and fair society governed by the rule of law, in which basic human rights are respected and opportunities equal for all.

Mission

We provide free legal aid, information and counselling to the displaced and members of minorities. By campaigning and lobbying for the rights of our target groups, we work on removing systemic obstacles, improving their quality of life, reducing poverty and level of social vulnerability. We raise awareness of individuals and institutions regarding the target groups and help them exercise their basic human rights and integrate into society.

Our goals

By providing free legal assistance, information and counselling, as well as by lobbying and organizing awareness raising campaigns, Praxis aims to:

- Enable the displaced to access documents needed for exercising their basic human rights and reaching durable solutions, i.e. integration or return;
- Enable the members of minorities (Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian) to access documents in order to exercise their basic human rights and thus reduce the number of legally invisible persons in Serbia;
- Protect the rights of the displaced in the country of origin related to: property repossession and reconstruction, compensation for occupied property, housing care, pension, etc;
- Protect rights of the displaced in the country of exile related to: IDP and refugee status, health care and social welfare, work, pension, education, etc;
- Protect the rights of victims of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) among the displaced;
- Contribute to removing systemic obstacles, which impede the displaced to exercise their basic human rights;
- Contribute to improving the quality of life, reducing poverty and level of social vulnerability of the displaced;
- Sensitise and educate state officers, Law students and general public about the problems the displaced encounter.

STRUCTURE:

Praxis operates from 2 offices, in Belgrade (head office) and in Kraljevo (field office), with a total of 35 staff members. In addition to working in the two offices, Praxis performs regular legal team field visits throughout Serbia, thus providing legal assistance to the most vulnerable categories of the displaced and conducting informative and counselling sessions throughout the country.

ACTIVITIES:

Praxis is aimed at providing legal protection to refugees, IDPs and members of minorities (especially Roma) through free legal assistance, information and counseling, as well as through advocacy, promotion of civil society values and raising public awareness on problems faced by these population groups.

Striving to enable refugees and IDPs to reach durable solution, return or integration, Praxis has been providing them with free legal assistance, information and counseling related to property and documentation issues. They have been assisted in solving a number of conflict-related legal issues, including property repossession and reconstruction, tenancy rights, compensation for occupied property, housing care, pension, employment, health care and social welfare rights, access to various documents, refugee and IDP status.

Praxis uses its experience gained in work on individual cases in advocating for easier access to property, as well as to personal and other documents that are crucial for exercising all other rights.

Praxis is implementing the Sexual and Gender Based Violence – Prevention and Response Project (SGBV), aimed at preventing and responding to this kind of violence among the refugee and IDP population groups.

Praxis provides legal aid, including in court representation and, as part of the raising awareness campaign, organises regional trainings and roundtables with the participation of a wide range of relevant actors dealing with this issue. The objective is to assist potential victims to identify SGBV, acknowledge it as a violation of human rights as well as to train professionals to adequately respond to such violence according to the specific vulnerability and needs of refugees and IDPs.

In order to reach out to the most vulnerable beneficiaries accommodated in collective centers, illegal Roma settlements and private accommodation, Praxis conducts legal mobile team visits, both independently and jointly with other interested national and international organizations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Psychology Beyond Borders (PBB) is an international nonprofit organization focusing on the psychosocial impacts of terror attacks, armed conflicts, and

natural disasters.

The organization was founded in 2005 as a recommendation from the First International Assembly on Managing the Psychology of Fear and Terror held in August, 2004 in the U.S. with 90 international experts in the area of trauma, disaster and terrorism. Several assembly members came together as founding members of PBB and now have a distinguished Board of Patrons which includes Australia's Bob Hawke, Britain's John Major, and Nobel Laureates, Desmond Tutu (South Africa) and Ahmed Zewail (Egypt). The International Advisory Board and the Board of Directors to include such exemplary members as Dr. Nomfundo Walaza South African clinical psychologist, former Director of South Africa's National Trauma Centre for Survivors of Violence and Torture, and now Director of the Tutu Peace Centre; Mark Entwistle, Vice President of International and Current Affairs at Exec Advice Corporation, formerly the Canadian Ambassador to Cuba and Press Secretary to Prime Minister Mulroney, Chilean Truth and Reconciliation psychologist, Dr. Elizabeth Lira; Cambodia's former Minister for Women and Children, social worker, Mu Sochuaster Mulroney, Norway's leading crisis psychologist, Dr. Atle Dyregrov; the head of Israel's Trauma Treatment coalition, Dr. Danny Brom; Palestinian Territory psychiatrist and other exemplary advisors.

PBB's objectives include the dissemination of information on the evidence based interventions around disasters, terror and armed conflict as well as supporting research to add to the body of knowledge to determine what helps vs. what harms. We support specific projects, partnering with agencies working towards mutual goals. PBB envisions a world where everyone regardless of nationality, race, religion, socioeconomic status or political views has access to the highest quality psychosocial interventions available to individuals, families and communities affected by the trauma of disasters, terrorism and armed conflict. Psychology Beyond Borders is committed to combining psychosocial service delivery and research to contribute to the body of knowledge about the most effective psychosocial strategies for prevention, preparedness and response to large-scale traumatic events. PBB's combination of research and practice is aimed at informing psychosocial programming, public policy and behavior about what heals versus what harms, with the ultimate goal of alleviating psychological suffering. Psychology Beyond Borders Mission therefore consists of five key areas:

1. Research to contribute to the body of knowledge about what psychosocial strategies heal (or harm) in prevention, preparedness and response large disaster, armed conflict or terror attacks;
2. Psychosocial service delivery, including Partnerships with response teams in communities impacted by large-scale traumatic events;
3. Education programs to raise awareness about the psychosocial impacts of disaster, armed conflict or terror attacks and build community competencies in best practice methods of preparedness and intervention;
4. Public policy recommendations to assist in community preparedness, response and recovery associated with large scale traumatic events;
5. Building a network to enhance international collaboration, knowledge sharing and systems for prevention, preparedness and response to disaster, armed conflict or terror attacks.

STRUCTURE:

Psychology Beyond Borders has a Board of 15 Directors, experts in their related fields and familiar with organizational operations. These directors serve as guides along with the International Advisory Board who are called upon to participate in task forces, committees and special projects where their expertise is needed. The organization currently has 5 employees in addition to several interns and an extensive network of affiliate members, contractors and associate fellows. Units are functionally divided into Administration, Research, Projects and Resources. The main offices are located at 1000 Rio Grande in Austin, TX USA with a satellite office in Montclair, NJ USA (15 miles from Manhattan, New York, USA) as well as global videoconferencing and teleconferencing capabilities.

ACTIVITIES:

Psychology Beyond Borders has been involved in several projects in the past two years:

-PSYCHOSOCIAL APPROACHES TO GENDER-BASED TRAUMA: ETHIOPIA Randomized comparative trial of psychosocial interventions for women experiencing gender related trauma.

-ROLE OF PARENTING IN HEALING TRAUMA: YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA Research and service project focusing on parenting-based intervention for children exposed to trauma from natural disasters.

-SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS IN HURRICANE KATRINA SURVIVORS: LOUISIANA, USA Small scale study of the impact of psychoeducation training on STS in public health responders of Hurricane Katrina.

Global Psychosocial Mission Awards 2008 supporting:

-AN EDUCATIONAL VIDEO PROGRAM: TSUNAMI THREATS. Work in Thailand using psycho-education to increase perceived control over the world and decrease the negative psychological impact of the 2006 tsunami. The current project involves the creation of a psycho-educational video designed to facilitate this work, and a study of its efficacy in reducing Thai residents' psychological trauma.

-TRANSCULTURAL USE OF TRAUMA-FOCUSED COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY IN A CAMBODIAN VILLAGE-A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRIAL IMPLEMENTATION Work in Cambodia with people suffering psychological trauma as a result of the wars in that area. This project involves the creation of culturally appropriate therapeutic interventions based on Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy to address the psychosocial needs of Cambodians.

Planned Projects: -PARENTING AND FAMILY INTERVENTIONS AS RELATED TO THE REINTEGRATION OF CHILD SOLDIERS POST ARMED CONFLICT. Planned project addressing families and community members affected by the severe aftereffects of armed conflict in East Africa.

-'RESOURCING THE RESPONDERS (RTR)' WORKSHOPS IN AUSTRALIA: SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS: Training, research and psychosocial service delivery with Australia's Salvation Army focused on secondary traumatic stress and burnout.

-OPPORTUNISTIC POST-DISASTER STUDY-Preparation for a large scale research study in the aftermath of a natural disaster or terror incident (USA and Australia). -Partnering with the UNHCR to address gaps in psychosocial service delivery addressing concerns re: secondary traumatic stress in staffs and/or psychosocial assessment and interventions with identified refugee populations. Global Psychosocial Mission Awards 2009-To Be Announced

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HISTORY: PURPOSE:

The Public Foundation Legal Clinic "Adilet" operates since May, 2002. During this period the Clinic has gained extensive experience in implementation of projects aimed at protection of human rights and freedoms in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Clinic has highly qualified legal staff with practical experience in protection field. Material and technical basis of the Clinic allows successfully implement various projects in the mentioned area. For the period from 2002 to the present, the Clinic rendered over 10,000 legal consultations on defense of human rights and interests in different spheres, performed over

500 representations of interests in courts, law and other state institutions, took part in drafting of a number of Kyrgyz Laws: On Citizenship, On Refugees, On HIV/AIDS, On Juvenal Justice. The Clinic regularly performs trainings for the employees of state authorities and nongovernmental organizations. One of the main goals of the activity of PFLC "Adilet" from the moment of its foundation and during the whole period of operation in partnership with UNHCR is legal service and social assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers in the Kyrgyz Republic.

STRUCTURE:

During five year period of activity PFLC "Adilet", being the only organization both in Kyrgyz Republic and in Central Asian region, rendering except social support, wide range of legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, has accumulated significant work experience on protection of rights and legitimate interests of the beneficiaries. The work in this direction is performed by the Heads of 3 specialized bureaus and the Assistant under the supervision of the Senior Lawyer and the Director of LC "Adilet". Staff composition is 17 persons. Our organization is located in Bishkek City, capital of the Kyrgyz Republic.

ACTIVITIES:

For these years the Clinic's activity has been performed on the following directions: - in partnership with UNHCR: "Rendering of legal, judicial and social assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers" - the project of UNDP "Support of Kyrgyzstan Government in Response to HIV/AIDS": "Assistance to institutionalization of social support and an improvement of system of defense of rights of persons, living with HIV/AIDS and of vulnerable groups" - the project of Albert Einstein German academic initiative fund on refugees: "Educational program DAFI" - on the project of Danish institute on human rights 9 publications, containing collections of normative-legislative acts and training appliances were developed and issued for: employees of Internal Affairs departments, Court, Public Prosecutor office, frontier service, and also devoted to legal aspects on Refugees issues, juvenal justice and etc.; - the project of OSCE: "Strengthening of potential on the issues of citizenship"; - the project of Central Asian Regional Program on HIV/AIDS (CARNAR): "Raising of legal culture and legal defense of injection drugs consumers"; - the project of "Soros-Kyrgyzstan" Fund : "Free access to informational and educational resources on the issues of warning of fight with HIV/AIDS"; - the project of EC/TACIS: "Strengthening of an educational component in the sphere of refugees rights defense"; - the project of Norwegian Helsinki Fund: "Re-socialization of convicted children, in places of custodial restraint.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Qandil is: • A Swedish Development \ Humanitarian Aid Organization • Non-governmental, non-political and non-religious organization • A membership organization registered and established in Sweden, 1991.

Mission: • Run humanitarian aid projects and development co-operations • Provide aid to Iraq by supporting economic and social development, peace and democracy in the country through development and rehabilitation programs including humanitarian assistance to refugees, IDPs and returnees. The core values of Qandil in executing this mission are first and foremost: • Full respect of Iraqi people's right to sovereignty, cultural heritage and religious integrity • Full neutrality and impartiality vis-à-vis people of different religion, gender, ethnic origin and political affiliation • Equal access to all services
Vision:

The vision of Qandil is to become a strong and respected actor of development cooperation, contributing to peace and democracy; shifting the focus from service provision to capacity development.

Watsan policy: Improve the livelihoods of poor people through improved health and environmental sustainability through protection and more efficient use of water resources as well as treatment of human waste and wastewater
Health policy: Improve health through sustainable and effective health system with universal access to and coverage of health services of acceptable quality, emphasizing social equity and gender equality. Sector Focus: • Health • Watsan • Shelter • Capacity Building

STRUCTURE:

Board (Sweden)- Policy and strategy HQ (Uppsala-Sweden) - Professional service & audit Central management office (Iraq)- Program management & audit Field Offices- Program implementation

-The main units in the central management office are: Finance department, Technical dep., IT/Database dep., Administration and Human resources dep., Health dep., Procurement unit, Security unit, warehouse and Transportation unit

- Number of personnel is 126 - Qandil has four field offices in Iraq located in Dohuk, Erbil, Sulaimaniya and Makhmour

ACTIVITIES:

Major Performances during 15 years in Northern Iraq:

• 3,514 IDPs and refugees Houses • 182 Water projects • 27,150 m.l of Sewerage channels • 840 Sanitation units • 67 Schools • 23 Hospitals and Health centers • 10,800 m.l of Irrigation channels • 104 km Access and internal roads • 35,560 m.l of Electricity lines • 205 staff houses, deep wells ...etc
Qandil's on-going projects in Iraq during 2008: • Support to L.A with regard to standardization and quality control system.

Funded by Sida • Development of water network management in Erbil. Funded by Sida • Support to new IDPs in Erbil, Dohuk and Suli with regard to improving their living conditions and community based projects.

Funded by UNHCR

- Provision of Kerosene and Diesel to the refugees in Makhmour and Kawa camps.
- Construction of water project in Fayda IDP camp.
- General and routine Care & Maintenance of basic services in Makhmour, Kawa and Barika refugees camps.
- Garbage Collection in both Makhmour, and Kawa refugees camps • Primary Health care and Medical referrals for refugees.
- Support to Vulnerable and disabled refugee people. Funded by UNHCR • Support to refugee and IDPs Students.
- Five water projects.

Funded by IOM • Construction of 5 new schools and rehabilitation of six schools funded by UNHCR, DANIDA and IOM • Procurement and distribution of food and NFIs upon IDPs and vulnerable host families in Ninewa governorate. Funded by IOM • Support to social and women activities in the three northern governorates. Funded by DANIDA

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The basis of Save the Children Sweden's work is the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child(CRC) and the United Nations' Declaration on Human Rights. These build on the principles that: all people are equal; children have special rights; everyone has a responsibility - but governments have a special obligation.

SC Sweden influences public opinion and supports children at risk - in Sweden and in the world.

SC Sweden works both nationally and internationally supporting national projects and making use of people's own will to improve their situation.

Save the Children works for a world which respects and values each child; where all children participate and have influence; and where all children have hope and opportunity.

SC Sweden is part of the International Save the Children Alliance, an association of some 30 Save the Children organizations around the world.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

SC Sweden works for children's rights in Sweden and internationally supporting 450 projects in about fifty countries with ideas, competence, experience and financial support. SC Sweden applies four methods of working in all its projects:

1. A good knowledge of children's rights and conditions is a prerequisite
2. Spread knowledge and experience further to those who have influence over children's conditions
3. Influence public opinion and exert an influence on those in power to see to the best interests of the child
4. Give direct support to children, particularly in disasters

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Reach out to Asia (ROTA) was established in Qatar in November 2005 under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. Its focus is primarily on community development projects in the Middle East and Asia with specific emphasis on promoting global responsibility for quality primary and secondary education.

STRUCTURE:

ROTA has three four programmatic pillars through which it implements projects in the Middle East and Asia: Programs Department (responsible for development projects in the Middle East and Asia), ACT ROTAsia Department (responsible for educational relief in the aftermath of natural or man-made disasters), Connect ROTAsia (responsible for connectivity of educational projects) and the Volunteer Department (in charge of volunteer and youth development as well as community development projects in Qatar, the home base of ROTA. The programmatic side of ROTA is supported by a Business Development Department (strategic planning and monitoring and evaluation) and by an Operations Department in charge of Communications, Marketing, Media, Events, Finance and Administration. Further, ROTA has field presence in 4 countries so far (Lebanon, Indonesia, Cambodia and Pakistan) and it will establish presence in Syria (Iraqi refugees), Palestine, Iraq, Yemen, Nepal, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

ACTIVITIES:

ROTA implements sustainable, community-based educational projects fulfilling primary and secondary education needs of the most disadvantaged communities.

ROTA projects involve school reconstruction and renovation, especially after natural or man-made disasters, critical training to enhance quality through developing training modules in cooperation with local partners and the government. In addition, ROTA undertakes rigorous needs assessment process of development challenges in the areas where it intervenes and provides sustainable solutions for livelihood and income generation in cooperation with local stakeholders. Further, it integrates its projects into an online knowledge network, which is a platform for training and skills transfer as well mutual understanding and exchange.

Finally, ROTA volunteers play an important role by providing general and specialized skills for the project completion. ROTA has cooperated with UNICEF in the aftermath of the Cyclone Sidra in Bangladesh in 2007 and has participated in UN consultative processes (UNESCO Education for All NGO forum in Dakar in Sept. 2007 and Midterm Review of Education for All for the Arab Region in Doha in February 2008).

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

Established in 1992, RedR Australia's vision is a world in which sufficient competent and committed personnel are available and responding to humanitarian needs. Its related mission is relieve suffering in disasters by selecting, training and providing committed personnel to humanitarian relief agencies.

The philosophy centres upon being ready to respond when humanitarian need is greatest, being ready to make a difference, and keeping faith with people in great need by providing the most capable personnel possible.

RedR Australia exists to address humanitarian needs in conflict situations creating massive disruption, and distress associated with natural disasters.

Development activity is not part of the mandate, and while attention is given to health-related disciplines, formal medical tasks are not included.

STRUCTURE:

Governed by a Board of 11 members, and operating as a community-based, not-for-profit organization, the programs and services are delivered by a professional staff based in Melbourne Australia. The organization attracts the support of the Australian Government's aid program known as AusAID.

ACTIVITIES:

Training services involves courses held within Australia for individuals willing to be listed on effective standby for field deployment in the name of RedR Australia.

Training is offered to other NGOs and government instrumentalities for individuals who may ultimately be deployed in the name of their parent organizations.

Training services are provided to other authorized institutions outside Australia, including to UN-auspiced training activity.

Training courses include relatively fixed curricula, together with customized courses as requested.

Deployment services (nominations of approved personnel) are supplied following specific requests by UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and OCHA, among others. Those placements are then funded in accordance with a range of specific arrangements.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Reformed Church in Hungary has been in existence since the Reformation. Aiding the asylum seeker and refugee however, has been an activity performed by the church since this time as well.

In the 20th century following the collapse of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church provided aid to ethnic Hungarians arriving from Romania and the former Yugoslavia.

In 2000, the refugee ministry took on a new shape as Hungary was then receiving asylum seekers from Africa and Asia. The main purpose of our organization is to provide assistance, comfort and fellowship to anyone in need regardless of nationality, race, religion or social position.

Our overall vision is and strategy is to assist Hungarian society in "welcoming the stranger" and accepting "newcomers" as brothers and sisters. We aim not only to help with material needs but also with helping people with their spiritual, psycho-social needs, welcoming them into a supportive community.

STRUCTURE:

The Refugee Mission is a mission set up by the Reformed Church. We are supported and are held accountable to the General Synod which held several times per year. The synod is composed of clergy and laity who have been entrusted with decision making power on behalf of the whole church body. The Refugee Mission working downward is part of the Mission office of the Church. The mission office coordinates activities of all of the "social" missions of the church i.e. Refugee mission, Homeless ministry, Roma Mission etc. The Refugee Mission is also informally subdivided into two departments.

One working strictly with two ERF funded projects (see below) and the other working on more general matters related to this ministry (administration, PR, collection and distribution of aid). Our office is located in Budapest where the bulk of our work done but we make regular visits to regional detention centres as well (there are three main ones in Hungary).

ACTIVITIES:

Our two main activities assist refugees with accessing housing and education. We have been operating a housing assistance project and a school integration project since 2005.

The housing project provides a rent subsidy to families and individuals for one year enabling people to leave refugee camps/centres and begin life in a Hungarian community. The school programme offers high school education and intense Hungarian language instruction to youth between the ages of 13 and 18.

This age we feel is particularly at risk and a gap within the Hungarian educational system does not meet the needs of these individuals, denying them their legal right to and education.

Through working these projects we have discovered and exposed gaps within the Hungarian refugee integration policy. We continue to address these issues to the relevant bodies and organizations and after three years, we have noticed a common approach developing among the other NGO's working with asylum seekers and refugees. This is making the raised voice advocating in the interest of equality and human rights louder.

We are actively a part of gatherings NGO's, conferences and seminars.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Refugee and Migrant Services in Albania (RMSA) is a non-government NGO that provides social and legal service to refugees and asylum-seekers in Albania. It was legally registered on 12 September 2001 at Tirana court. The mission statement of the NGO is to assist refugees and asylum-seekers to smoothly locally integrate in the country of asylum.

STRUCTURE:

The NGO has its office in Tirana and legally has the right to open other field offices in other areas in case needed. The organizational structure of RMSA is as follows: The Board of Directors (composed of five non paid members) and the Executive Board (composed of seven paid member). The Executive Board is composed of: Mariana Hereni Executive Director Andi Pipero Legal Representative Miranda Kume Social Worker Keidor Rustemi Social Worker

ACTIVITIES:

RMSA carries out the following community based activities in the interest of refugees and asylum seekers:

Provide social services and community based assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers (EVIs comprising single women head of household, unaccompanied children, elderly) of concern to UNHCR; Provide appropriate accommodation to the cases granted refugee status in compliance with the law in force.

Develop and promote, in close collaboration with UNHCR's implementing partners in other sectors, the future self-reliance of refugees and their social capacity to locally integrate into the Albanian society.

Where necessary, provide individually tailored assistance to EVIs taking into account the special needs of women, elderly and children; and to cases with particular psychological needs.

Conduct needs assessment of refugees and asylum-seekers through regular visits as well as review the number of EVIs in need of support.

Fully support the registration of refugee and asylum seekers' children at schools, guarantee their full access to education and provide them with all the necessary school materials.

Provide legal counselling and represent the foreigners who seeks asylum in Albania, upon their request, during the Refugee Status Determination (RSD) procedures throughout all the stages (pre-screening, application, hearing, etc) both in the administrative and judicial instances.

Ensure that rejected cases are informed on their case according to the law and have the possibility of exercising their right to appeal.

Provide legal representation in other state administrative bodies.

Provide legal counselling to all persons of concern to ensure their rights are respected and they are aware of their rights and obligations provided for in the Albanian legislation.

Organise social activities, re-creational and entertainment once with all persons of concern aiming at building self-confidence feeling among them and socialization with the host community.

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In July 1979, the Coordination Council for Indo-Chinese Refugees and Displaced Persons was set up at the Cabinet Secretariat and it entrusted the work of the resettlement to the Refugee Assistance Headquarters (RHQ). RHQ has carried out various projects (Settlement Support Program, Counseling Services for Daily Life, Support for Japanese Language Education, Support for Community Activities, Vocational Counseling Service) for refugee assistance to promote settlement of Indo-Chinese refugees, Convention refugees etc. RHQ also provide financial assistance for living expenses, accommodation expenses, medical expenses, prepare for Emergency Shelter for Refugee Applicants and advisory service on daily life for asylum seekers.

STRUTURE:

We have the Head Office in Tokyo, Kansai Branch in Kobe and RHQ Support Center in Tokyo. In the Head Office, we have three Divisions (Planning and Coordination Division, Operational Division, Assistance Division).

We have 54 staffs.

ACTIVITIES:

RHQ offers Japanese Language Education, Guidance for Japanese Life, Vocational Counseling Service for Convention Refugees and Counseling Services for Daily Life, Support for Japanese Language Education, Support for Community Activities, Vocational Counseling Service for Convention Refugees and Indo-Chinese Refugees and Project for Asylum Seekers, Project for World's Refugees and Project for Volunteers.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Refugee consortium of Kenya was started in 1998.

Our mission is to assist in the protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of refugees and displaced persons in Kenya and the wider Eastern Africa region from a rights and advocacy perspective.

Our 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.

Our 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 running for the secretariat

1. The Legal Aid Programme- has three 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 Administration Programme- Has two professionals and 3 support staff

ACTIVITIES:

1. provision of legal aid services to refugees and asylum seekers as
2. Advocacy for progressive policies and development of a legal framework to address the refugee problem in Kenya
3. Advocacy for better protection and adherence to international standards in refugee management in Kenya and the region
4. Empowerment of refugees to enable them access 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 over 160 member that work across the full 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.

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STRUCTURE:

The Board of the Refugee Council, elected by the members, has a broad geographic spread, bringing to the Council issues from the various states and territories of Australia and from the various sectors of refugee assistance.

ACTIVITIES:

The priority activities for the Refugee Council are as follows:

- research, policy analysis, advocacy, training and community education.

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The Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust, headquartered in Geneva, with offices around the world, was founded in December 2000 by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, then United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in response to a crying but barely addressed need for greater access to and quality of post-primary education for refugees, returnees and the internally displaced. The RET is an independent, impartial, non-partisan organisation, with no religious or political affiliation, purposefully set up to be independent from UNHCR. Although financially independent from UN agencies, we have strategic alliances with both UNHCR and UNESCO - IBE, and welcome other opportunities to deliver our mission with greater strength and magnitude.

"We, at the Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust, believe that all adolescent youth have the equal human right to education. We are committed to:

facilitating and promoting international cooperation in post-primary education for refugee youth,
advancing human dignity, achievement, and self-reliance,
serving as a resource and advocate for innovative approaches in post-primary education for refugee youth.

It is also our commitment to ensure equal access to post-primary education for all refugee youth, including girls and those with special needs. We are driven to expand education and understanding of conflict prevention, reconciliation, social harmonisation and integration, in an effort to encourage reconstruction and repatriation.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 multidisciplinary 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/outreach activities (workshops, conferences, publications). The Centre also prioritises 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 32 members of staff and is located in Oxford, UK

ACTIVITIES:

Research at the RSC is both multidisciplinary and inclusive. We collaborate with institutions in the developing world and draw upon the knowledge and experiences of both practitioners and forced migrants themselves. Research is organised around three broad analytical areas: Forced Migration, Global Economy and Governance; the Experience and Management of Displacement in Conflict Situations; and Institutional and Normative Responses to Forced Migration.

The RSC's two main vehicles for information sharing with the wider humanitarian community are the RSC's 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, lessons learned 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. Published in English, Arabic, Spanish and French, it is distributed without charge to a global readership of over 13,000 organisations and individuals. All issues are also freely available online. www.fmreview.org
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Forthcoming issues are on Climate change, Statelessness and Protracted crises. Forced Migration Online (FMO) 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 linkages with policy makers and practitioners.

A Senior Policy Officer is promoting evidence-based policy development by coordinating policy-relevant research, helping to identify the practical implications of lessons learned from ongoing research and improving the dissemination of these outputs to key decision makers. He is doing this through a programme of situation analysis, a policy affiliates programme, publishing policy dialogues and briefing papers and development of research. The programme of meetings and seminars is at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/conf_conferences.html

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Refugees International is a Washington-based humanitarian advocacy organization founded in 1979. Our mission is to advocate for lifesaving assistance and protection for refugees and internally displaced people and promote solutions to displacement crises. RI is completely independent, receiving no government or UN funding for its programs.

STRUCTURE:

Refugees International has a staff of 28, all based in Washington, with the exception of a single person in New York covering the United Nations.

ACTIVITIES:

Refugees International conducts assessments of humanitarian crises involving large-scale displacement, and based on the findings of these assessments, advocates for timely responses to the needs of displaced people. These assessment missions involve close cooperation with operational NGOs, as well as with UNHCR, WFP, and other multi-lateral humanitarian actors. Our follow-up advocacy is focused primarily on the U.S. government and United Nations agencies.

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La Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO) est une Organisation Non-gouvernementale (ONG), non partisane et laïque qui fut créée à Dakar le 21 avril 1990 par un groupe d'intellectuels africains, constitué en majorité de chercheurs et enseignants à l'Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar. Elle pour buts de promouvoir, défendre et protéger les droits de l'homme au Sénégal et en Afrique en :
veillant au respect de la vie et de la dignité humaine
promouvant l'exercice plein et entier de la citoyenneté notamment l'égalité effective des droits entre citoyens
contribuant à l'émergence et à la consolidation de l'Etat de Droit et de la Démocratie en Afrique
contribuant au rapprochement des peuples africains, en favorisant entre eux, la paix, l'amitié et la solidarité.

STRUCTURE:

La RADDHO est structurée aux niveaux national, régional et international en Assemblées générales dont l'organe fonctionnel est l'Observatoire décentralisé des droits humains. Les Assemblées générales régionales comprennent tous les membres de la RADDHO à quelque titre qu'ils soient affiliés. L'Assemblée générale se réunit au moins une fois par an. Elle élit :

Un (1) Coordonnateur ;
Un (1) Secrétaire Administratif ;
Un (1) Secrétaire Trésorier.

ACTIVITIES:

La RADDHO a fortement contribué à l'émergence et au développement d'une culture des droits de l'homme, de la démocratie et de la paix au Sénégal. C'est ainsi qu'elle a pu se forger une réputation d'objectivité, de neutralité, d'impartialité et d'indépendance d'action et de pensée à travers ses multiples domaines d'intervention quant à la défense et la protection des droits de l'homme.

La RADDHO joue un rôle pilote au sein du Comité Sénégalais des Droits de l'Homme dont elle alimente les rapports par des plaintes sur les violations des Droits de l'Homme au Sénégal. La RADDHO est membre Observateur auprès de la Commission Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (CADHP), où elle joue un rôle actif par des interventions et a suscité des missions de membres de la Commission au Sénégal et à Nouakchott. Pour la Zambie, la plainte de la RADDHO a créé la première décision de la Commission dans un contentieux opposant une ONG à un État. De plus, la RADDHO est membre de l'Union Interafricaine des Droits de l'Homme (UIDH), membre affilié à la Commission Internationale des Juristes (CIJ) et à la Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH).

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Introduction of SACH:

SACH-Struggle for Change is basically a Non-governmental, non-profitable Organization, established in 1994 and registered under 1860 Societies' Act. SACH has recognition as NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, NY (ECOSOC).

Vision Of SACH-Struggle for Change:

To see a Society free of violence/torture where human beings especially the marginalized sections of the society can practice their Rights without any fear of being exploited.

Objectives of SACH:

= To work with a multidisciplinary approach to provide full services program to the victims/survivors of traumatic human rights abuses through center based and out reach efforts.

= To commence actions for the elimination of all forms of Human Rights Abuses

= To raise consciousness against torture, violence and cruel inhuman treatment and punishment.

= To initiate public debates on human rights issues under the mandate of the organization.

= To provide policy feedback to the Government on human rights issues.

STRUCTURE:

Org. Structure;

Founder Members

Executive Board

Programing Committees.

Project based personnel, currently five projects/units are in progress and factually fifty personnel are working in said projects, they are Doctors, Lawyers, Physiotherapist, Education Counselors, Social Counselors, Interpreter, Data Operators, Finance and Admin officers and other support staff.

SACH is working in the province of N.W.F.P, Punjab and Federal Capital having its offices there as well as mobile teams of Doctors and Psycho-Social Counselors are regularly visiting in remote areas of Pakistan.

ACTIVITIES:

Community Services for Non-Afghan refugees, Advice and Legal Aid Program for EVI and other Afghans, Torture Treatment programme, Capacity building regarding UN Treaties, Capacity building of NGOs and GOs and IOs regarding CEDAW, CRC and CAT. Development of promotional material and dissemination in public Seminars, Advocacy and lobbying with international and national Governments

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The main objectives of Salvati Copiii Moldova (Save the Children) are to provide:

- 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 Copiii 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:

The Salvation Army is a Christian church, registered charity and recognised International NGO.

It was founded in 1865 in London, UK. Through its Christian belief, it engages in a programme of practical concern for the needs of humanity, actively serving the community and fighting for social justice. A core element of TSA mission is to meet human needs without discrimination (Salvation Army Act 1980), as such its work is offered to all, regardless of race, religion, colour, age or sex.

TSA has a strong commitment to the poor and vulnerable. This is reflected in the quantity and variety of work and programmes designed to support some of the poorest people in the world.

STRUCTURE:

The Salvation Army has its International Headquarters (IHQ) in London, UK. Operational presence is established in 115 countries worldwide. These country or regional units are supported by zonal offices at the IHQ. The organisation has been established since its very inception on quasi military style. The International leader is the General, and ordained ministers given officer titles. Worldwide, the church has approximately .6 million members, and 26,000 ministers (officers). Employees number 108,000.

ACTIVITIES:

The Salvation Army has extensive emergency and development experience worldwide. We currently operate in 115 countries. Within the Program Resources department the International Emergency Services section has responsibility for the implementation of emergency/relief interventions in countries where there is no established Salvation Army presence. During the past 10 years, this has resulted in operations in Bosnia, Albania, Kosovo and Turkey. In addition, our support and technical assistance to established Salvation Army units has enabled large humanitarian relief programmes to be implemented in the Republic of Georgia, Mozambique, Kenya, Malawi and Lesotho. Recent Activities Following the floods in Mozambique, we provided emergency shelter and non-food items to 1,000 families.

This resulted in a longer-term housing and mitigation program and the building of over 300 brick built homes was completed in 2002. During 2004-6, we have been implementing partners with the UN WFP, distributing food rations in Lesotho and Malawi to over 110,000 individuals in each country.

In 1996, we established a community recovery program in the town of Sipovo, Republic of Serbia, Bosnia. This program was operational for 3 years, implementing recovery and rehabilitation programs of more than US\$7.5million. This included school reconstruction, agricultural, micro credit and humanitarian aid components.

During 2004/5, TSA and ISHO implemented a US\$3 million multi-sectoral program targeting schools, health, shelter and livelihoods in Al Amarah, Iraq and surrounding villages for 10,000 families on behalf of UNHCR. This included the renovation of schools, establishment of clinics, construction of homes, provision of livestock and training veterinary technicians, and the establishment of lifelong learning opportunities through the provision of sewing and computer workshops.

Support for the formation of ISHO (an indigenous NGO, with capacity to play an integral and continuing role in the development of Iraq) was based upon the extremely successful model employed by The Salvation Army on the Afghani Border during the 1980s.

During 2004 The Salvation Army with its Iraqi staff who now comprises the management of ISHO partnered to implement a number of emergency relief operations. These included the relief for Iranians following the Bam earthquake and supported by UNHCR there were a couple of high-profile relief operations in the Arab Marshlands following severe flooding there. There were other smaller humanitarian relief distributions that have given the combined forces of ISHO/TSA a belief in their ability to carry out the type of distribution envisaged here. These include a relief distribution carried out in Safwan following more severe flooding, by ISHO on its own initiative, which also involved a number of other national NGOs.

Through 2006, 2007 and into 2008, ISHO, partnered by TSA, have been responsible for the physical implementation of eleven IOM-funded projects that have all been viewed as successful in achieving their aims, including medical treatment and education, NGO capacity building and large-scale relief distributions and especially water provision and maintenance.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Saudi Red Crescent Society (SRCS) was founded in 1963. Internally, it provides emergency medical services and helps in evacuating victims of accidents and disasters, while externally, it is a member of the international federation for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

STRUCTURE:

The SRCS operates in five administrative regions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It's divided into 7 departments: Public relations and media, legal department, communications and transportation department, Hajj department, medical supply department, IT department and planning and budget department.

ACTIVITIES:

The SRCS participates in many relief works and provides assistance during natural disasters.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Save the Children fights for children's rights. We deliver immediate and lasting improvements to children's lives worldwide. We work for a world which respects and values each child; a world which listens to children and learns; a world where all children have hope and opportunity. Save the Children is the world's largest independent organization for children, making a difference in children's lives in over 120 countries. From emergency relief to long-term development, Save the Children helps children to achieve a happy, healthy and secure childhood. Save the Children listens to children, involves children and ensures their views are taken into account. Save the Children secures and protects children's rights - to food, shelter, health care, education and freedom from violence, abuse exploitation.

STRUCTURE:

The International Save the Children Alliance is made up of 28 national organizations, working together to improve children's lives in over 120 countries. As an Alliance, we respond to the needs of children by sharing expertise, co-ordinating activities and pooling resources. Every Save the Children organization contributes to our long-term strategies. Save the Children has a Secretariat in London to support and co-ordinate major joint initiatives, ensuring we achieve the greatest possible impact for children. We also have staff based in New York, Geneva and Brussels to influence United Nations and European Union policies for the benefit of children.

ACTIVITIES:

In all areas of our work, we look for sustainable solutions that will benefit children and their communities for years to come. We support and strengthen schools, healthcare systems and other infrastructures in the long term by giving people appropriate skills and resources such as specialist training and quality equipment. Save the Children works with and on behalf of children to make sure their rights are respected internationally, nationally and locally. We help children to communicate their needs to community leaders, parents, teachers and government officials, and persuade adults to take children seriously. We make every effort to convince those with power and influence to create a better world for children. Save the Children uses many different approaches to improve the lives of girls and boys. In all our programmes, we encourage children and their families to participate in research, planning, and decision-making, and we find solutions together. These contributions are invaluable in ensuring our activities meet children's needs. We firmly believe that children should be active members of society and have a right to be involved in matters concerning their well-being. Save the Children is an independent organization with no religious or political affiliations. This gives us a strong, impartial voice. However, we cannot act alone. We work with governments and with local, national and international organizations to improve children's lives directly and to influence the policies and practices of others. Our commitment to building the capacity of local organizations is core to our beliefs and way of operating.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The SAJE is an association which provides legal advice and assists asylum seekers in their asylum procedure in Switzerland. The SAJE is a non-lucrative association and was created in 1998. We are financed by four charitable associations and are independent from the government. We are advising and defending asylum seekers who are attributed to the canton de Vaud.

STRUCTURE:

We have two offices. One is in Lausanne and the other one is in Vallorbe. Vallorbe is a small town on the border with France. The Registration centre for the asylum seekers (CEP) is in Vallorbe. Our association employs a director, 5 legal counsellors, one country analyst, 2 interns, a secretary and many volunteers.

ACTIVITIES:

Our main mandates are:

- Giving free legal advice on the asylum procedure to asylum seekers in our region in Switzerland (including handling of appeals and research for their cases)
- Studying the evolution of the law and its application by the Swiss Authorities.
- Creating a network of NGO's, lawyers, doctors...etc abroad able to help us get information on specific case/and or assesment. We study the political evolution in the country of origin. We are researching information for specific cases, thematic subjects or general information about Country of Origin Information (COI).
- Sharing with all interested parties information, knowledge, experiences and documentation about asylum poiltics in Switzerland.
- Increase the Swiss population's awareness about problems related to migration.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Sin Fronteras I.A.P. is a Mexican non-profit, secular, and non-partisan civil organization working to contribute to change the conditions under which international migration and asylum occur, in order to give full force to the human rights of international migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and their families. Sin Fronteras was founded in 1995 by a group of social activists, journalists and academics to promote the human rights of migrants and refugees. The founder Executive Director was Sociologist Fabienne Venet, one of the most high profile migrant rights advocates in Mexico and consultant for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' Office in Mexico (UNHCR). Since its foundation, Sin Fronteras has worked hard to strengthen its institutional structure, professionalize its personnel and increase and diversify its funding sources. This effort is reflected on the fact that Sin Fronteras' staff passed from seven persons in the year 1996 to 22 in 2008. To fulfill its mission, Sin Fronteras offers a variety of specialized services relating to two broad strategic objectives: First, it provides direct services to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, such as education, legal and social assistance, to promote their empowerment and facilitate their integration to recipient communities. Second, it promotes changes in public policy and legislation to better protect the human rights of migrants and refugees, through national and regional networks, research, publications and educational programs for civil society organizations, students, law enforcers and officials of various branches and levels of government. In early 2008, Diego Lorente was appointed as the new Executive Director by the Board of Directors, of which Ms. Fabienne Venet is now a member.

STRUCTURE:

Sin Fronteras is divided into three working areas: 1. Advocacy and Outreach promotes information, policy and legislative reform through national and regional networks, publications, media, and educational courses for civil society organizations, students, law enforcement and other government officials. 2. Direct Services provides legal and social services to migrants and refugees and engages in impact litigation, thereby promoting self-reliance skills and providing a basis for advocacy and public awareness strategies. 3. Institutional Development is responsible for Sin Fronteras' administrative and financial operations, including its fundraising activities. To date, 22 persons work full-time in the organization, but numerous advisors, volunteers and community service students periodically support the organization's efforts. Sin Fronteras' office is located in Mexico City, but its direct services work extends to the southern Mexico-Guatemala border and its outreach and advocacy work to other countries in the region, especially in Central America.

ACTIVITIES:

Some of the main achievements of Sin Fronteras are:

- Considered a leading reference organization for migration issues in Mexico and the region.
- Instrumental in the formation of a national network of organizations focusing on migration, Foro Migraciones.
- Represent Foro Migraciones in the Comité de Enlace, a group of leading Mexican human rights organizations advocating within the context of Mexico's Technical Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) to promote the creation and implementation of a National Human Rights Program.
- Campaign that helped lead to the ratification of the 1990 Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families and current project to monitor its implementation.
- Ongoing reporting to the Special Rapporteurs for Migrant Rights of the Inter-American Commission and the UNHCHR.
- Participation in the formation of the Regional Network of Civil Organizations for Migration (RNCOM), a network of more than 300 organizations from Canada, U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and the Dominican Republic that work together to promote migrant human rights on a regional level. Sin Fronteras has been instrumental in the elaboration and promotion of Regional Human Rights Guidelines for Migrants within the Regional Conference on Migration and beyond.
- Member of INternational Detention Coalition.
- Member of OCIM (Observatorio Control Interamericano) Santiago, Chile.
- Participate as civil society observer in the Working Group of the Eligibility Committee of the Mexican Refugee Commission, since 2002.
- Initiated the first pro bono legal defense program for migrants in detention and the first public interest law clinic focusing on migration with a leading Mexican university.
- Advocacy, monitoring and litigation strategy which helped lead to an overhaul of the Mexico City detention center in terms of personnel, physical conditions, access to medical care, and due process guarantees for detained migrants.
- Created an electronic newsletter in Spanish summarizing migration news throughout the region --- with distribution to 1,200 organizations and individuals.
- Initiated ongoing seminars and publications addressing issues of migration and security and the model uses of remittances.
- Direct legal and social services to over 2,000 refugees from 50 countries.
- Legalization of more than 1,000 migrants residing in Mexico.

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Scientific-Education Organization "Society and Law" of Tajikistan is Public Association, which was established in 1996 by the initiative Lawyers-researchers of the Department of State and Law of the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan. During 1997-2007 Lawyers and students of the different legal organizations and Universities take part in the "S&L" work. The main objectives of the NGO "Society and Law" is : legal information, training, expertise and research; supporting of new legislation; promotion of human rights; protection of refugees rights , migrants, women, NGOs rights as well as every days legal consultations and assistance on promoting their rights through legal aid in court. Society and Law is one of those NGOs, whose work touches directly upon human lives. 3 of the main projects of the NGO are TILAC(Tajik Information and Legal Aid Center) with the sponsorship of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Representation in Tajikistan (UNCHR) and the other one is Development of the Non-Commercial Legislation and NGO development and the third one Human Right Education for Tajik government law enforcement bodies with supporting of Danish Institute on Human Rights.

STRUCTURE:

or fulfilling mentioned tasks, NGO has qualified specialists, who can develop knowledge and experience, like: • NGO Board (1 Board Chairperson and 4 members on voluntary basis) • 3 Program coordinators for each project ; • Specialist for technical support of seminars and publications; • Referent-librarian; • 4 legal-consultants for TILAC project, 3 Lawyers for ICNL project, 1 Lawyer for DIHR project; • 4 contracted Advocates for TILAC project ; • 2 Accountants for TILAC and ICNL projects; • 6 Instructor-trainers (by contract)

ACTIVITIES:

Exercises on daily legal consultation by the 2007-2008 schedule; • Legal protection of beneficiaries via Tajik government bodies and court system. • during 2001-2007 NGO "Society and Law" conducted about 300 seminars and roundtables on different themes on human rights and refugee rights protection; • Education Course on International Refugee Law in the Tajik State University. • preparation and development databank of current legal system; • preparation and development databank of current number of beneficiaries within Republic of Tajikistan and interested organizations with addresses and phone numbers; • monitoring on human rights conditions and cooperate with local state authorities and International Organizations for finding solutions for the beneficiaries' problems; • Preparation of catalogue on all educative programs; • Printing of publications on human rights issues; • Distribution on needed information or informational NGO bulletin and other NGOs publications • NGO "Society and Law" maintains a library containing over 1330 titles of books and reference materials on a broad range of subjects, including human rights literature.

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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:

Solar Cookers International assists communities to use the power of the sun to cook food and pasteurize water for the benefit of people and environments. Founded in 1987, since 1995 SCI has managed projects in Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, and in several refugee camps in Kenya.

STRUCTURE:

SCI has 2 offices:
Sacramento USA
Nairobi, Kenya.

SCI is composed by a Board of Directors, Professional Staff (6 in USA and 5 in Kenya), 700 international promoters and 3000 SCI members.

ACTIVITIES:

International information exchange network

SCI built and maintains a network of nearly 1,000 independent promoters of solar cooking worldwide. Information is gathered and shared through two web sites, conferences, the Solar Cooker Review and eastern Africa's SUNews newsletters, individual correspondence and an international directory.

Education resources

Tens of thousands of people have learned how to make and use solar cookers for cooking, water pasteurizing and many business uses through SCI's publications. Other products include teaching curricula, training guides, a Water Pasteurization Indicator (WAPI) and various solar cookers.

Community projects

Thirty thousand families in eastern Africa have added solar cookers to their kitchens, freeing women from fuel gathering and fire attending. Projects are typically 6-8 years from start to local sustainability through local businesses. Widespread public awareness, quality consumer education and local adaptation and production of attractive, affordable and accessible cooker supplies are essential project components.

Technical assistance

Technical assistance helps local groups introduce and adapt solar cookers, design consumer education tools and produce solar cookers locally in new regions. Local groups may include women's programs, businesses, government agencies, development programs, energy and environmental groups, education institutions and youth programs.

Research

Research adapts solar cooker devices and dissemination methods to diverse regions, and measures outcomes of all programs against goals and objectives.

Advocacy

Working with other members of the international solar cooking network, advocacy builds awareness and support for solar cooking among policy makers in government, business and humanitarian agencies at local, regional, national and international levels.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Netherlands Refugee Foundation (Stichting Vluchteling) is an NGO based in The Netherlands and founded in 1976. Our mission is to provide relief and support to refugees and internally displaced persons in Africa, Asia and Latin America and Eastern Europe on humanitarian grounds. Once refugees can return safely homewards, the Netherlands Refugee Foundation implements programmes to improve provision of basic social services such as education and medical care. We also implement Community Driven Reconstruction programmes in which returnees play a major role in the reconstruction of their own environments.

STRUCTURE:

The Netherlands Refugee Foundation is mainly a fundraising organisation and implements projects through its partners in the field. We work with five international organisations and many other local NGO's. The office is located in The Hague, The Netherlands where 15 people work. Programme Officers and their assistants constitute the largest part of the working force, followed by Public Information and Press officers, a fundraising officer and a policy advisor. The office is managed by a director.

ACTIVITIES:

The Netherlands Refugee Foundation (SV), through its partners, provide humanitarian aid in and around refugee camps. As far emergency aid is concerned we provide food & NFI's to refugees and IDP's in emergency locations. We help reconstructing and setting up health care facilities and clean drinking water facilities. In the medium and longer term SV helps in the reconstruction (community driven) of the places from which people have fled in order to help refugees and IDP's to return to their original environment. In The Netherlands SV informs the public about the problems and challenges of refugees and IDP's. SV also raises funds to be able to execute its activities. Furthermore SV has an advocacy department to approach policy makers at the Ministry of Foreign affairs, other relevant NGO's and (inter)national institutions and the Dutch parliament to influence policy affecting refugees or set the agenda for a particular topic. We depend on donors for our work. The largest share of our funds is donated by private donors.

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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.

The mission of the Sudan Health Association 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 South Sudan- extended after the CPA was signed between the GoS and the SPLM/A. The locations of these offices bring SUHA close to the real and genuine beneficiaries for whom its services are intended. 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 Kworjik Bungu. 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 care in the PHCCs, where some secondary health care services are provided, where UNICEF and the Ministry of health also provide 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 2006) 149 CHW trainees have been trained by SUHA and are now working in various health facilities in parts of South Sudan. They have been sponsored by agencies that include UNICEF, UNHCR and GOAL. Those trained to work in the health facilities of SUHA have been sponsored by funds from UNHCR and OFDA/USAID. Currently (2007) there are 46 students undergoing the same training. They include 8 students sponsored for SUHA by UNHCR, 30 sponsored for 5 counties in Central Equatorial by UNICEF, 6 sponsored for Galwak in Malakal by the International Medical Corps (IMC), and 2 self-sponsored ones for the County Health Department (CHD) in Kajo-Keji.

Another aspect of training that SUHA is carrying out takes a dimension that includes both the health workers and members of the community. This is supported by the World Food Program (WFP) where SUHA gets food for training (FFT). Administrative staff and Health workers organize sessions of training for community members on selected health topics and other topics related to community mobilization on matters related to health that include mobilization of women and children for immunization etc.

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 3PHCCs and 12 PHCUs. Among these, 11 of them (10 PHCUs and 1 PHCC) were funded by UNHCR. SUHA also got a number of health equipment such as delivery beds, microscopes etc including furniture from UNHCR for running these health facilities. 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, the repair of bore holes, and carrying out campaigns for community members to construct household pit latrines. This is calculated to provide services that the returnee population needs to come home. UNHCR has also started repatriating returnees to areas in Juba and so the need for these services. SUHA program in Juba County is funded by UNDP under the Recovery and Rehabilitation Program (RRP) where SUHA is part of six other agencies working as a consortium.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) is an Istanbul-based think tank supported by private sector funding from Turkey and abroad and is wholly independent of government. Established in 1994, TESEV receives no contributions or support from the Turkish government, and all its activities are non-governmental. TESEV's roots date back to the Economic and Social Studies Conference Board (ESSCB), which was founded in 1961 by late Dr. Nejat Eczacibasi, a prominent businessman and philanthropist. During the early 1990s, members of the academia from different universities, members of NGOs and leading officials from the Turkish Foreign Ministry decided to collaborate to establish a fund raising foundation for the purpose of promoting applied policy related research. What emerged from these collaborative efforts was the merger of ESSCB with various other initiatives to establish TESEV.

TESEV is comprised of three programs: "Foreign Policy," "Good Governance" and "Democratization." Within the scope of its Democratization Program, TESEV aims to develop research towards greater understanding of Turkey's main problems that obstruct its democratization process as well as to develop research-based policy proposals.

STRUCTURE:

TESEV has decided on a semi-autonomous structure as the best way for the three programs to pursue their interrelated yet independent agendas. Thus, TESEV does not have a general director. The democratization and foreign policy programs resemble each other in that they employ a director, two program officers and project assistants. The good governance program is currently in transition and employs a program director and a part-time assistant only.

In addition to the abovementioned project staff, TESEV also employs administrative staff, which brings the number of personnel up to 25.

The office is located in Istanbul and does not have any other branches.

ACTIVITIES:

TESEV's work can best be described as research based advocacy. Within the scope of TESEV projects, in-house or independent experts engage in literature reviews, field work (usually qualitative) which then results in books or reports that are released to the public and disseminated as widely as possible, nationally and internationally.

In its works, TESEV tries to include concrete policy proposals for the government, recommendations for international organizations and also tries to share the knowledge it has towards empowering local and more grassroots actors.

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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:

OCHA's mission is to mobilise and coordinate effective and principled humanitarian action in partnership with national and international actors in order to:

- alleviate human suffering in disasters and emergencies
- advocate for the rights of people in need
- promote preparedness and prevention
- facilitate sustainable solutions.

In December 1991, the General Assembly adopted Resolution 46/182 (click here for English version - click here for all official languages), designed to strengthen the United Nations' response to both complex emergencies and natural disasters. In addition it aimed at improving the overall effectiveness of the UN's humanitarian operations in the field.

Relief Web is a project of OCHA and was launched in 1996. Relief Web is the global hub for time-critical humanitarian information on Complex Emergencies and Natural Disasters.

STRUCTURE:

Quick Facts About OCHA

Staffing

- Total International staff - 540
- Total local/national staff - 1,045
- TOTAL OCHA STAFF 2008 - 1,585

More information in OCHA in 2008

A list of vacancies can be found in the UN's Galaxy Staffing System and on ReliefWeb.

Budget Facts

OCHA's 2008 requirements for implementing its activities at HQ and Field amount to USD 213 million. OCHA expects to finance this through:

- Regular Budget - USD13.8 million
- Extrabudgetary - USD181 million
- Programme support costs - USD18 million

More information in OCHA in 2008

ACTIVITIES:

How is OCHA set up?

OCHA, a department of the UN Secretariat, operates through a network of field offices which support UN Humanitarian Coordinators and country teams. It also maintains regional support offices and Regional Disaster Response Advisors in Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific.

How is OCHA funded?

Although a part of the UN Secretariat, OCHA receives only a small percentage of its funding from the regular budget of the United Nations. OCHA relies largely on contributions from Member States, either directly for Headquarters functions or through the Consolidated Appeals for country offices and

activities. Such contributions cover the operational expenses (staff and non-staff costs) of core activities, Headquarters projects, the Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), and field offices.

How does OCHA coordinate humanitarian relief?

OCHA facilitates the work of operational agencies that deliver humanitarian assistance to populations and communities in need. The UN Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) has overall responsibility for ensuring coherence of relief efforts in the field. OCHA supports the HC in needs assessments, contingency planning and the formulation of humanitarian programmes. OCHA also provides response tools, and advocacy and information services. The head of OCHA, as Emergency Relief Coordinator, chairs the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), which comprises all major humanitarian actors, including the Red Cross Movement and three non-governmental organization (NGO) consortia. By developing common policies, guidelines and standards, the IASC assures a coherent interagency response to complex emergencies and natural and environmental disasters. OCHA also chairs the Executive Committee for Humanitarian Affairs (ECHA), which develops common UN positions on humanitarian issues.

What is OCHA's role in raising funds for emergencies and disasters?

OCHA solicits donor support mainly through the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) and issues emergency appeals on behalf of countries affected by disasters. The CAP, through the consolidated humanitarian action plan (CHAP), is the UN's foremost tool for coordination and strategic planning during complex emergencies. It also provides an opportunity for advocacy. The UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator and country team are responsible for preparing, implementing and reviewing the CAP. On average, some 15 appeals are launched annually to meet the requirements of nearly 40 million people. In sudden-onset disasters OCHA may issue flash appeals for a three to six-month period.

In addition, OCHA manages the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), established by the United Nations to enable agencies to jump-start relief activities and ensure more timely and reliable humanitarian assistance to victims of natural disasters and armed conflicts. The CERF is funded by voluntary contributions from around the globe from Member States of the United Nations, private businesses, foundations and individuals. The CERF is intended to complement not substitute, existing humanitarian funding mechanisms such as the UN Consolidated Appeals.

How does OCHA help affected populations?

In today's complex emergencies, civilians are often the direct targets of violence. OCHA works with key stakeholders to develop policies and advocacy strategies designed to ensure the protection of civilians in armed conflict and respect for international humanitarian law. It also seeks to draw attention to "neglected crises" that are not in the media spotlight. Finally, OCHA works with operational agencies to aid an estimated 24 million internally displaced people in the world.

How does OCHA respond to sudden onset crises?

OCHA maintains an in-house emergency response capacity, supported by a 24-hour monitoring and alert system, to deploy staff at short notice to disaster areas. In addition, OCHA supports several "surge capacity" mechanisms and networks that enable the humanitarian community, as a whole, to respond quickly to emergencies and disasters. These include:

- The United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination System (UNDAC) can dispatch teams within 12 to 24 hours of a natural disaster or sudden-onset emergency to gather information, assess needs, and coordinate international assistance.
- The On-Site Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC), run by the UNDAC team, assists local authorities with coordinating international response teams during disasters. In addition, an internet-based virtual OSOCC facilitates information exchange between responding governments and organizations throughout the relief operation.
- The Environment Standby Experts, a joint venture with the UN Environment Programme, that functions in environmental disasters the same way UNDAC does in natural disasters.
- The Civil-Military Coordination Section (CMCS) ensures military resources, when available and appropriate, are effectively used to respond to humanitarian emergencies.
- The International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) is a global platform for developing standards for urban search-and-rescue teams and coordinating international rescue operations.

What information services does OCHA offer?

An important part of OCHA's work is to gather, analyse and disseminate information from the field to key stakeholders. OCHA monitors and issues situation reports on natural disasters on a 24-hour basis. The tools used to collect and share information include:

- www.ReliefWeb.int – provides comprehensive information on emergencies on natural disasters to the global humanitarian community on a 24-hour basis.
- www.IRINnews.org – offers accurate and impartial reporting of humanitarian crises in sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia.
- www.humanitarianinfo.org – the gateway to humanitarian information centres and other field-based sources which provide accurate information and data to relief workers and decision-makers.
- www.ochaonline.un.org – a corporate platform for advocacy, information sharing, a repository of humanitarian and OCHA-related information and a donor solicitation platform. The site includes an online guide to help businesses identify ways to support UN emergency relief efforts.

Relief Web: Provision of humanitarian information on complex emergencies and natural disasters around the world in support of OCHA's coordination role.

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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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UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programmes to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

- * Universal access to reproductive health services by 2015
- * Universal primary education and closing the gender gap in education by 2015
- * Reducing maternal mortality by 75 per cent by 2015
- * Reducing infant mortality
- * Increasing life expectancy
- * Reducing HIV infection rates

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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 unhr with voluntary repatriations
6. assist unhr with resettlements
7. assist unhr with family reunifications
8. awareness programmes regarding refugee rights
9. teaching refugee law - academic level - paralegals - practising attorneys

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The University of Nottingham's Human Rights Law Centre is committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and the establishment and

strengthening of the rule of law worldwide. It carries out its mandate by means of research, publications, training, and capacity building. The HRLC conducts a number of large and medium-sized research projects, and advises and trains governments, international organisations, and non-governmental organisations on a range of human rights issues.

More information can be found at: www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/hrlc

STRUCTURE:

The Forced Migration and Human Rights Unit operates as one of several units within the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham. It is based at the School of Law, University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom.

The Unit is headed by Alice Edwards, Lecturer in Law at the University of Nottingham and formerly legal, protection and gender officer/adviser to the UNHCR, Refugee and Migrants' Rights Officer at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, and Communications Officer, Food for the Hungry International. She has previously worked in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Geneva (at UNHCR HQ), London, Mozambique, Morocco, Rwanda, and Pakistan. The Unit is supported by the Human Rights Law Centre, which is co-directed by internationally renowned law scholar, Emeritus Professor David Harris, and Professor Michael O'Flaherty, current member of the UN Human Rights Committee. The Unit also benefits from the expertise and advice of Emilie Hunter, Research and Programmes Coordinator and a number of research assistants (number varies depending on the projects).

ACTIVITIES:

The Unit undertakes legal and policy research, capacity building and training, and advisory and consultancy services relating to displacement and migration issues. The aim of the Unit is to contribute meaningfully to legal and policy discussions for the advancement of the rights of forced migrants. The Unit works in all areas of forced migration, including international protection/asylum, human trafficking, internal displacement, statelessness, and migration. It has particular interest in cross-cutting themes, such as the gender dimensions of displacement. Falling under the umbrella of the Human Rights Law Centre, the work of the Unit benefits from analysing and studying forced migration within a broader context of international human rights.

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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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Catholic Church in the United States has been assisting immigrants and refugees adjust to their new lives since the founding of the nation. 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. In 1965, a new office called Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) was created to be responsible for several functions, including refugee resettlement activities public policy development and advocacy, and the provision of legal immigration services.

STRUCTURE:

MRS currently has four offices to carry out its mandate from the bishops: the Office for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, the Office of

Migration and Refugee Policy, the Office of Refugee Programs, and the Office of the Executive Director. In 2008, the MRS Office for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees will be assumed into a new USCCB office for Cultural Diversity in the Church.

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 refugee and alien children 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 create a welcoming and supportive 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 Vicarías 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 Vicarías 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 organizations. DCR is an independent, broadly-based organization. Its mission is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and consists of representing the interests of asylum seekers and refugees in the Netherlands, from the moment of their arrival until their full integration into Dutch society. At the international level, DCR aims to ensure access to asylum and quality protection.

STRUCTURE:

The organization consists of a National Office in Amsterdam, 28 regional branches, and 214 local groups throughout the country.

With this network, the DCR has reach in 85% of municipalities in the Netherlands.

The National Office provides services to the local groups, and works with some 8,400 refugees throughout the Netherlands. In the future, DCR hopes to share its expertise with NGOs outside the Netherlands, via capacity building initiatives for sister organizations.

A number of capacity building initiatives are currently being undertaken to this effect.

ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy for fair and effective asylum procedures in the Netherlands, access to asylum, and quality protection for refugees in the Netherlands and in the world.

- Legal Aid/Advice for refugees at all stages of the asylum procedure.

- Knowledge Centre: DCR 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 groups throughout the country.

- Integration: the provision of guidance to introduce refugees to Dutch society, and to enable them to function independently as quickly as possible. This includes a job offensive for refugees

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children 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 youth-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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The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), established in 1910, is the largest international organization providing non-formal education for girls and young women to develop leadership, life skills, and responsible global citizenship through self-development, challenge and adventure. WAGGGS' vision is to be a growing worldwide movement and the voice of girls and young women who influence issues they care about and build a better world.

STRUCTURE:

WAGGGS is an organization with 10 million girls and one voice. WAGGGS has 144 National Member Organizations, divided into 5 global regions for administration. WAGGGS' structure is based on three main bodies: the World Conference, the World Board, and the World Bureau.

The World Conference meets every three years in a different area of the world, and is attended by all Member Organizations.

The World Conference determines organizational policy and standards, approves National Organizations as Full Members of WAGGGS, and elects the World Board.

The World Board is composed of 12 members (not representing their own National Organizations), serving rotational terms of 6 years, who consider the interests of WAGGGS as a whole, develop policies and delegate tasks.

The World Bureau, located in London, UK, is the secretariat of WAGGGS with a staff of around 50 professionals. WAGGGS also has staff throughout its five regions working as administrators and Development Executives. WAGGGS' work is conducted in three official languages: English, French and Spanish.

ACTIVITIES:

WAGGGS' strength lies in the millions of girls and young women we serve and the impact they have amongst their peers, their families and the wider communities in which they live. Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting is open to all girls and young women whatever their religion, ethnic group or background. We are involved in a number of advocacy issues such as education, prevention of trafficking of girls and women and adolescent girls' health, including food, drugs, smoking, sex education and HIV/AIDS. WAGGGS is working with global partners, such as UNAIDS in a project to develop a new HIV prevention training programme for girls and young women in countries around the world. UPS is another partner, in the Global Signature volunteer programme which spans countries in several regions around the world, such as Mexico and Malaysia.

Many of WAGGGS' 144 Member Organizations work with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and UN agencies on national projects. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have helped refugees in Darfur (Sudan), victims of the tsunami and young people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. They carry out vaccination programmes, learn vocational skills, improve their communities and the environment.

WAGGGS offers international experiences that promote cultural diversity, peace-building and international understanding. WAGGGS' current theme, 'Our Rights Our Responsibilities', involving human rights, particularly children's rights, aims to raise awareness about basic human rights and to help people take responsibility for claiming those rights for themselves and others.

Member Organizations have programmes on six themes – the right to be me; to be heard; to live in peace; to be happy; to learn; to work together.

WAGGGS works closely with several agencies of the UN.

WAGGGS has ECOSOC General Consultative Status, and has signed memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with agencies such as UNICEF and the FAO. WAGGGS has UN teams in New York, Geneva, Paris, Vienna, Nairobi and Rome, working with agencies such as UNEP, UNDP, UNIFEM,

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is the broadest and most inclusive among the many organized expressions of the modern ecumenical movement, a movement whose goal is Christian unity.

The goal of the World Council of Churches is not to build a global "super-church", nor to standardize styles of worship, but rather to deepen the fellowship of Christian churches and communities so they may see in one another authentic expressions of the "one holy, catholic and apostolic church". This becomes the basis for joining in a common confession of the apostolic faith, cooperating in mission and human service endeavours and, where possible, sharing in the sacraments. All these acts of fellowship bear testimony to the foundational declaration of the WCC that the Lord Jesus Christ is "God and Saviour according to the Scriptures".

STRUCTURE:

The WCC brings together more than 340 churches, denominations and church fellowships in over 100 countries and territories throughout the world, representing some 400 million Christians and including most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of denominations from such historic traditions of the Protestant Reformation as Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed, as well as many united and independent churches. While the bulk of the WCC's founding churches were European and North American, today most are in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific.

For its member churches, the WCC is a unique space: one in which they can reflect, speak, act, worship and work together, challenge and support each other, share and debate with each other. As members of this fellowship, WCC member churches:

- are called to the goal of visible unity in one faith and one Eucharistic fellowship;
- promote their common witness in work for mission and evangelism;
- engage in Christian service by serving human need, breaking down barriers between people, seeking justice and peace, and upholding the integrity of creation; and
- foster renewal in unity, worship, mission and service.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Networking

- Regional working groups in most of the regions meet regularly to share information about regional developments, develop common advocacy priorities, meet with UNHCR, IOM and other inter-governmental organizations, carry out advocacy vis-à-vis governments in their regions, develop common awareness-raising tools and provide mutual support to one another. These regional working groups all work in close collaboration with the regional ecumenical organizations.
- Global Ecumenical Network (GEN) once a year, two representatives from each of these regional working groups, together with other participants from the network who are able to participate, including funding partners, meets in Geneva at the Global Ecumenical Network meeting. This meeting builds on the work done at the regional level. Information is shared, common advocacy priorities are developed, meetings are scheduled with UNHCR and/or IOM, and participants are able to support one another, get new ideas for their own work and provide guidance to WCC's advocacy work. The meeting is usually held immediately prior to the annual UNHCR/NGO consultations which enables participants to attend the UNHCR meetings where they are both informed of global developments and are able to raise their issues in a global forum. Between annual meetings, the network communicates through a GEN listserv where participants can share information on developments in their country/region with the whole network and WCC can send information on global developments.
- WCC's role is to accompany the regional working groups - attending the meetings, working with partners to shape the agenda, and provide financial support for the meetings. WCC organizes the GEN meeting, liaises with UNHCR in ensuring the network's participation in the UNHCR meetings, and provides financial support to participants from the South. WCC also provides accompaniment and financial support for inter-regional exchanges, such as the Amman process, or enabling a representative from one regional working group to participate in another regional working group.

2. Advocacy

- WCC staff are active advocates vis-à-vis UNHCR, participating actively in meetings organized with UNHCR staff, talking with individual UNHCR desks on issues raised by the network, facilitating meetings of partners with UNHCR, participating in broader NGO coalitions, such as ICVA and SCHR, and formulating WCC public statements on issues of refugees, migrants and displaced people.
- The advocacy priorities for WCC's work with uprooted people are developed by the wider network. In other words, they come from the regions, rather than being developed in Geneva and then sent out to the network for support. Without the network, WCC's advocacy work would be more similar to that of Amnesty International rather than building on the strength of the constituency.

3. Financial support

- Financial support is provided to churches and ecumenical organizations to support their work with uprooted people. This includes such activities as support to Hong Kong Christian Action for the legal services they provide to foreign domestic workers, MECC's training programmes for churches in working with refugees and others who experience trauma and torture, and FEDEPAZ's work to lobby their government on legislation affecting migrants and refugees and to 21 Christian National Councils implementing different activities across Africa.

- Proposals are received by WCC by 15 September. Staff review the proposals and consider expected income for the following year and notify partners of the minimum they can expect to receive the following year. Some donors designate funds for specific projects while others designate by region (often in consultation with WCC staff). WCC is able to balance these various restrictions to ensure that the needs of most partners are met (although there is never enough money to meet all the need, of course). A transfer schedule is worked out and, after an ecumenical partnership agreement is signed, funds are transferred in accord with that schedule. Reports are received in January - February, are edited and formatted, and are then shared with the funding partners. The process is transparent in that all partners know where the funds go and receive the reports from all partners (which is also a learning tool.)

• In most cases, staff work with partners to review their overall financial needs to consider alternative sources of funding, and to support them in their efforts to diversify their funding base. This work has included, for example, writing supportive letters to funding partners suggesting bilateral support, advocating with UNHCR to support partners as implementers of UNHCR programmes, and suggesting ways the partner can generate more income locally.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Rev. Bob Pierce, an American minister profoundly moved by the poverty and hunger he encountered in Asia, founded World Vision in 1950. In 1953, he established a programme of child sponsorship to assist children orphaned by the Korean War. Now WVI has grown to work in 100 countries serving over 2.5 million children and their families in a full range of sustainable development area programs.

STRUCTURE:

World Vision International functions as a partnership of interdependent national offices, overseen by their own boards or advisory councils. A mission statement and shared core values bind the partnership. By signing the Covenant of Partnership, each partner agrees to abide by common policies and standards. Partners hold each other accountable through an ongoing system of peer review. Twenty-four board members, from 19 different nations, comprise the Board of WVI. The Board oversees the international President, approves strategic plans and budgets, and determines international policy. More than 98 percent of WVI's 22,500 staff members serve in their home countries. World Vision helps transform the lives of the world's poorest children and families in nearly 100 nations around the world.

ACTIVITIES:

World Vision has been working in Georgia since 1994, has been a pioneer in leading deinstitutionalization programmes which have placed hundreds of infants and children in homes rather than state institutions, and prevented hundreds more from abandonment. WVG's child focus has extended to innovative projects with street children, children with disabilities, youth from ethnic minorities, and other Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances. WVG has also been a NGO leader in economic development, including food security projects, vocational and business training, and enhancing access to credit for the most vulnerable in Georgia. In 2005, WVG began providing relief and rehabilitation response in the breakaway region of Abkhazia, and programming has now grown to encompass a wide range of development activities. Furthermore, WVG has become a lead agency in the anti-trafficking sector and other human rights programming. WVG has recently launched longer term Transformational Development through multi-sectoral Area Development Programmes via child sponsorship.

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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.

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.

ACTIVITIES:

Fund raising, program support, government relation and Advocacy

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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:

As mentioned above.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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STRUCTURE:

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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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