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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Action by Churches Together (ACT) International is a global alliance of churches and related agencies working to save lives and support communities in emergencies. ACT's members are Protestant and Orthodox churches and their related agencies, drawn from the membership of the World Council of Churches [members] and The Lutheran World Federation [members].

STRUCTURE:

ACT is governed by a General Assembly/Emergency Committee of 30 elected members from around the world who meet annually to shape ACT policy. An Executive Committee comprising eight of those members meets several times a year to oversee the implementation of policies and mandates of the ACT Coordinating Office. ACT International is registered as a legal entity in Switzerland. ACT's founders, the World Council of Churches and The Lutheran World Federation, are members of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response. The emergency network of the Catholic Church, Caritas Internationalis, is an observer to the ACT Emergency Committee. 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. ACT emergency funding is based on actions and information from its members, presented in alerts and appeals to assist people caught in emergencies. ACT can also respond with its Rapid Response Fund to meet urgent Humanitarian needs.

ACTIVITIES:

activities

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 people in need across front lines, national borders, and other ethnic, political or religious divides, ACT 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 has strong local roots within populations affected by humanitarian crises and is therefore able to provide locally based knowledge, analysis, and understanding of emergencies. ACT recognizes that, as vital as the identification of vulnerabilities and providing for people's immediate needs are when crises occur, these are only two links in a much longer chain. With its local roots, members of ACT are equipped and well-placed to lift up communities' own priorities and available coping mechanisms. Strengthening and developing local capacity lies at the heart of our responses to emergencies. ACT members have expertise in a range of humanitarian emergency sectors: camp management, shelter, food and non-food distribution, health care and trauma counseling, water and sanitation, disaster preparedness, de-mining, protection, and the transition from relief to development, conflict resolution, and peace and reconciliation initiatives.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) was established in November 1956 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide humanitarian relief and welfare. Originally called Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service or SAWS, the name was changed to Seventh-day Adventist World Service in 1973.

By the mid-1970s, the organization began to broaden its mission from disaster relief into programs leading to long-term development. In 1983 SAWS underwent yet another name change to better reflect its overall mission and activities, becoming the "Adventist Development and Relief Agency" (ADRA).

ADRA is currently one of the leading non-governmental relief organizations in the world. In 1997 the agency was granted General Consultative Status by the United Nations, a unique opportunity giving ADRA added voice in the international community. In 2004 it assisted nearly 24 million people with more than US\$159 million in aid. More than 4,000 ADRA staff members currently work in 125 countries. As new challenges and needs arise, ADRA continues to strive to realize its mission of reflecting God's love through compassionate acts of humanitarian service.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE

See ANCB Afghanistan.

STRUCTURE:

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ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Afghan NGOs Coordination Bureau (ANCB) established on the 27th of November 1991, is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profitable organization, operative to function as an advocacy network to coordinate the activities of Afghan NGOs with the Government and the Donor Agencies which are working toward emergency, rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan, through which develops the capacity of its members.

ANCB is trying to promote the spirit of peace, and cooperation among its member NGOs. To achieve this goal, it has been holding periodic meetings, gatherings, workshops and seminars. Currently ANCB has over 300 member NGOs actively working in different sectors such as Agriculture, Irrigation, Health, Construction, Education, Relief Operation, De-mining, Water Supply, Gender and Human Right programs in various regions of Afghanistan.

STRUCTURE:

General Assembly is the highest organ of ANCB, which holds its sessions quarterly a year determines and approves the basic activities of ANCB. The Assembly, conducted at the end of the year elects the new presidium (comprising chairman, members of the board of directors and members of the supervisory body). Working structure - Chairman - Vice Chairman - Treasurer - Board of Directors - Executive Director - The Administration Staff - Evaluation and Supervisory Committee Election is being held for the posts of: - Chairman - Board of Directors (Consisting of eleven members) - Evaluation and Supervisory Committee The Vice Chairman and Treasurer are nominated from the eleven members of Board of Directors by the chairman, and elected by getting the majority of votes from the members of the board of Directors. The Board of Directors holds meetings monthly, in the event that decisions are made in state of emergency, meeting is held urgently, the outcome of which is conveyed to member NGOs. ANCB runs all its activities through its main office in Kabul, Afghanistan and its Sub-Offices in Jalalabad and a liaison office in Peshawar, Pakistan.

ACTIVITIES:

ANCB has a partnership system with donors. In such a system we are partners of UN, donors and other international organizations, the position of the National NGOs is to learn from them and mobilize themselves according to the demands of time and step up great measures, in reconstruction of Afghanistan and saving the Afghan people from horrible effects of fighting, poverty, drought and other natural disasters. The joint collaboration conference between the Islamic Transitional Government of Afghanistan and NGOs, which took place in Kabul on Nov-2002, was a positive step to improve and promote joint coordination among the Government and NGOs for reconstruction and development of Afghanistan. The people of Afghanistan should realize their rights, defend of their rights, and struggle for human rights and peace in the country. They should struggle to over the warlords and avail living conditions according to their rights. ANCB, in International level, due to its positive and productive policy and strategy is a member of Afghanistan Program Body (APB) which National and International NGOs, UN and Donors are its members, through APB we have had coordination with Donor agencies and organizations, that each of them represent a country. Realizing the reality that the issue of Afghanistan is an International issue, attracting International assistances and co-operations for Afghanistan have been very important and vital for the country. ANCB, in this process tried its best to get the membership of an International Organization, fortunately the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), based in Geneva, welcomed our membership. Through ICVA, ANCB has strengthened its relations with the other International organizations. In the same time a cooperation agreement between ANCB and Peace Waves, based in Italy was signed in Kabul. Regarding this agreement, Peace Waves opened its office in Kabul and further strengthened its relation and desires to play its productive role in reconstruction of Afghanistan especially in education sectors. ANCB publication, (PAIWASTOON Magazine, ANCB publication organ) has also reflected these objectives and has raised its voice for peace and prosperity of the people through out the world. ANCB has the honor that its professional and experienced staff has strengthen its relationship with the donor agencies and reflects their humanitarian activities in the national and international level, such relations and contributions have provided ANCB the opportunity to obtain the trust, help, assistance and cooperation of National and International NGOs particularly the donor agencies. ANCB as a Coordination Body between Afghan NGOs and foreign donor agencies, desires to play its active and positive role in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the war-torn country, we request our international friends to assist us to save Afghan people from hunger and adversity and rebuild them a developed society in order to live the Afghan nation in a developed, independent and democratic situation, therefore we urge that as Afghan NGOs are the strong pillar of the Afghan Civil Society, they should be involved in all future programs related to peace and development especially of Afghanistan.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA) was registered as a British charity in January 2003. The aim of AMERA UK is to fill the unmet need for legal aid for refugees in Africa and the Middle East.

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:

Founded in 1994 in the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide, AHA is a pan-African non-governmental humanitarian organization. AHA is committed to restoring Africa's self-esteem – to change its image from that of a global backwater to a continent capable of dealing with crisis through a credible African-designed agenda. Africa Humanitarian Action believes that Africans have the skills and resources to deal with crises that are facing the continent and as such advocates for African renaissance. Alleviating crisis in Africa is, first and foremost, the responsibility of Africans. The mission of Africa Humanitarian Action is to provide effective humanitarian assistance to lessen human suffering through applying African solutions to African problems. AHA implements multisectorial relief and rehabilitation programmes laying the foundation for recovery and sustained development for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) as well as host communities. AHA's mission is to: Deliver emergency and recovery health and related services; Build and strengthen local capacities in disaster preparedness and conflict prevention; Contribute to the fight against HIV-AIDS, TB, Malaria, and other communicable diseases of poverty and Promote the role of African organizations in humanitarian action.

STRUCTURE:

Africa Humanitarian Action has grown into a pan-African organization, with the goal of providing humanitarian assistance and human security to communities and persons affected by conflict, instability, disasters, and poverty in Africa. AHA is governed by a Board of Trustees that assess accountability to both affected populations and donors. The Board of Trustees appoints a Board of Directors, which sets strategic priorities and monitors performance, standards and results. The Group of Friends of AHA provides, on an ad hoc basis, information, advice and support for strategic developments and fundraising purposes. AHA is present in 14 countries. It has 1,423 staff representing 18 nationalities. 19 at the Head Office and the rest at the Country Offices and field levels. 43 are in management positions of which 7 are at the Head Office. The male to female ratio stands at 3 to 1 on the average. About 85% of our field staff are recruited from local communities and affected populations.

ACTIVITIES:

AHA activities are divided in six domains of intervention:

Capacity Building; Emergency Response; Infrastructure and Rehabilitation; Medical services; Training and Water and Sanitation. Better responding to humanitarian crises for AHA means better understanding how humanitarian action fits into and complements indigenous people's coping mechanisms and livelihood practices. AHA firmly believes that building local capacity is the key to capturing indigenous inputs and to efficiently enhance effectiveness of humanitarian action. AHA advocates for more equitable partnerships, mutual accountability, capacity-building and burden-sharing.

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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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ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 that 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 it's 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 unde 100 based at HQ. In the US, centralized offices include the following: FRONT OFFICE: President & Sr. Vice President VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

Vice President, Director of Management Services, Director of Management Information Services 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:

Air Serv International was established in 1984 as a non-profit humanitarian organization in response to the humanitarian crisis in Africa.

Air Serv provides safe, reliable and cost-effective air transport, logistics and communications support to the humanitarian community.

Responding to the needs of emergency relief and development agencies during crises and global disaster, Air Serv ensures that

humanitarian staff and cargo gain safe access to otherwise inaccessible areas around the world. Air Serv specializes in single- and twin-engine aircraft. Larger or rotary-wing aircraft are used for high value airlifts and emergency cargo. Air Serv is dedicated to the highest standards of professional performance and reliability in all areas and considers safety paramount. Air Serv flies where no one else can - or will - fly.

Among Air Serv's partner agencies are the UNHCR, USAID and the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, DFID (UK), Save the Children, Doctors without Borders (MSF) and World Vision. Air Serv is a member of InterAction.

STRUCTURE:

Air Serv is organized as a non-profit corporation (charity), governed by a board of directors. The organization's Home Office is located in Warrenton, Virginia, approximately 50 miles southwest of Washington D.C. Staff at HO number 35, and total global staff 380.

Currently, the organization has field offices in the following countries:

Iraq (based Amman, Jordan), Afghanistan, Chad, DRC, Uganda, and Mozambique. Air Serv's programs in Indonesia (tsunami relief) and Pakistan (earthquake relief) closed earlier this year.

All Air Serv aircraft are based overseas and are a mix of owned and leased aircraft.

ACTIVITIES:

Since 1984, Air Serv has completed more than 140,000 flights and covered 16 million miles throughout the world in support of relief and development operations in areas torn by civil strife and natural disasters. Current programs include: CHAD - Air Serv is a donor and implementing partner in Chad with bases in N'djamena and Abeche, supporting the humanitarian response of UNHCR, the Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM), and other agency partners in the border region between Chad and Sudan. AFGHANISTAN - Air Serv's program in Afghanistan began in March 2002. Currently, Air Serv provides helicopter assistance in support of vital road construction and supports UNOPS with two King Air 200's. DRC - Through a US Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) grant, Air Serv provides relief worker safe access to remote villages and carries out emergency medical and security evacuations. Air Serv also supports the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the US Agency for International Development (USAID) on the Congo Basin Initiative project, and - most recently - the European Union (EU) during the DRC elections. IRAQ - Air Serv provides transport for aid workers and cargo from Amman, Jordan to Baghdad, as well as critical medical and security evacuation. MOZAMBIQUE - Air Serv's longest running program. Since 1985 Air Serv has provided aviation services for relief and development operations in Mozambique. Flights support mainly agricultural, medical, and educational development projects funded by USAID. UGANDA - Air Serv's 25,000 sq foot hangar and maintenance facility at Entebbe supports the organization's aircraft fleet in Africa. Air Serv is an active member of InterAction.

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HISTORY;PURPOSE:

Founded in 1963, The All Africa Conference of Churches is an ecumenical fellowship representing more than 120 million Christians in 39 African countries working to make a difference in the lives of the people of Africa through ministries of advocacy and presence on the continental, regional, and local levels.

STRUCTURE:

The All Africa Conference of Churches has two offices: the Head Office is in Nairobi, Kenya and the Regional Office is in Lome-Togo, West Africa. It works through its member churches in the continent.

The Regional Office is in charge of the AACC Nepad Programme and relations with churches in the Francophone Africa.

The Head Office is led by a General Secretary who is the Executive representing the Organization and giving the necessary orientation to the AACC.

The programmatic thrust of the organization can be summarized as follows:

Theological Reflection (provide a forum in which the churches can grow together in their understanding and proclamation of the Gospel) .

Local/National Initiatives of member churches (encourage occasions for encounter and growth in mutual understanding with people of other faith, facilitate churches locally in building greater co-operation for mission.

Partnership for Development . Social Justice (focus on issues of justice and equity for all people as God's image bearers. Seeks to uphold the integrity of God's creation, responding to environmental and ecological needs. Engage in advocacy).

The different units that we have to carry out the programmatic trust are:

The General Secretariat that spearheads the activities namely our international affairs with initiatives for peace building .

Programmes (HIV/AIDS, Uprooted ness, MDGs, Youth, Women, GCAP) . Administration, Finance and Resource development.

ACTIVITIES:

The AACC is involved in capacity building of its member churches and councils, peace building, training, advocacy and coordination of refugee programmes of member churches. The AACC is the voice of the African churches at continental and global levels.

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The AMAR International Charitable Foundation was established in 1991 to assist Marsh Arabs Refugees. The Organization was registered

as a charity in London and extended her activities to south Lebanon and in recent years to Iraq. Main purpose of the organization is to work on Health, Education and the environment.

STRUCTURE:

Headquarter is based in London. there are country offices in Iran and Iraq and also sub-offices in Dezful (sough Iran) and Basra in Iraq. The Organization has established 3 polyclinics and five clinics (In camps) for Marsh Arabs Refugees and two PHC networks for Afghan Refugees in Iran.

ACTIVITIES:

Main activities of the Foundation is Health, Education, Environmental Health and sanitation. The achievements so far is establishment of 3 polyclinics, 5 clinics, two PHC net work in Iran and 8 clinics in south Iraq, three clinics in Baghdad, a training center for nurses in sough Lebanon and many water and sanitation projects.

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Amnesty International (AI) is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. AI's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards. In pursuit of this vision, AI's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights. AI is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. It does not support or oppose any government or political system, nor does it support or oppose the views of the victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights. AI has a varied network of members and supporters around the world. At the latest count, there were more than 1.8 million members, supporters and subscribers in over 150 countries and territories in every region of the world. Although they come from many different backgrounds and have widely different political and religious beliefs, they are united by a determination to work for a world where everyone enjoys human rights. AI is a democratic, self-governing movement. Major policy decisions are taken by an International Council made up of representatives from all national sections. AI's national sections and local volunteer groups are primarily responsible for funding the movement. No funds are sought or accepted from governments for AI's work investigating and campaigning against human rights violations.

STRUCTURE:

structure

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 Bangalore, India. All administration goes through this office, and they also focus on Prostitution and Dalit women. The CEO is Corrine Kumar. In addition there are several regional desks; ANCORW hosts the Australian desk. There is a desk in the Philippines, with a focus on "Comfort Women", a desk in China focusing on Trafficking, a desk in Bangkok focusing on Trafficking and Prostitution. The Pakistan desk has a focus on honor 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, I am currently working on the preparation of a Human Rights Court of Testimonies for Refugees to be held in November, and in the preparation of advocacy documents on a wide range of refugee issues.

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HISTORY;PURPOSE:

ACCEM is an NGO that dates from 1951. The purpose of this organization is to provide for social services and to perform the social and legal actions that will benefit asylum seekers, refugees, displaced and migrants in Spain.

ACCEM offers different services from its Social and Legal Departments in order to respond to the needs related to this type of users.

The social services and the legal counseling offered at ACCEM intends to assure a complete and personalized assistance to all those who might need our services.

ACCEM main office is in Madrid, but this organization has offices in different areas of the Spanish territory.

These offices are located close to the Refugee Reception Centres, Migrant Shelters and other assistance programs.

STRUCTURE:

ACCEM General Manager is Ms. Julia Fernández Quintanilla. The ACCEM's Executive Committee is composed by six members: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Tesorero and two Vocales.

The Executive Committee composition is the following:

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Treasurer-Salvador Batalla Gardella, Member- Vicente Riesgo, Member- Clemencia González .

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Asturias- Gijón, Asturias- Oviedo, Andalucía, Castilla-La Mancha, Guadalajara, Cuenca, Burgos, León, Catalonia, Girona, Valencia, Melilla.

The number of person working in the organization is more than 236 workers and 130 volunteers.

ACTIVITIES:

The main programmes are: Information and Guidance/ Interpreting and Translation/ Legal assistance/ Psychological Services

Social support/ Emergency Aid/ Sheltering centres for refugees and immigrants/ Social, language, volunteer, occupational training/ Social

and labour market integration/ Family reunification/ Voluntary repatriation (for refugees and immigrants)/ Resettlement in third countries

information, Documentation and Resource Centre on asylum and migration/ European programmes/ Non accompanied Minors/ Ethnic

Minorities and Social Emergency/ social awareness and mobilization.

All the programmes are addressed for economic migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

Asociacion de Mujeres en Situacion de Desplazamiento Forzado yo Mujer

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Yo Mujer es una asociación de mujeres en situación de desplazamiento forzado, creada en Diciembre de 2003. Es una entidad jurídica sin ánimo de lucro que desarrolla labores con mujeres cabeza de familia víctimas de la violencia social y el conflicto armado y se unieron con el fin de buscar soluciones a los problemas comunes. Al igual desarrollan una labor de acompañamiento y apoyo con familias recién llegadas a Bogotá como consecuencia del desplazamiento forzado. Las mujeres que conforman la asociación Yo mujer han sido gestoras y promotoras de proyectos comunitarios en sus ciudades de origen, y cuentan con experiencia en el trabajo y la organización comunitaria, por esta razón ven la posibilidad de organizarse y constituirse como asociación para ayudar a otras mujeres desplazadas, que en muchos

casos son quienes asumen la responsabilidad de sus núcleos familiares ante la falta del cónyuge por razones diversas (secuestro, desaparición forzada, muerte, reclutamiento forzado por grupos armados, abandono, separación entre otras). En Diciembre de 2003 deciden alquilar una casa ubicada en el barrio Sierra Morena en la localidad de Ciudad Bolívar en Bogotá, con el ánimo de establecer un Hogar de paso (refugio), que funciona como albergue provisional para la población en situación de desplazamiento que no ha recibido el reconocimiento de su situación por parte del Estado. En el mes de Enero de 2004, la asociación adquiere legalmente su estatus jurídico. La experiencia propia de Teresa Díaz de Ortiz y las otras mujeres de la asociación comprenden la situación por la que atraviesan las personas y las familias que llegan al Hogar de paso.

STRUCTURE:

Representante legal Teresa Díaz de Ortiz.

Junta Directiva integrada por 11 mujeres.

Comité de Ética

Comité de atención al hogar de paso

Se ha diseñado una estrategia organizativa con tres clases de equipos administrativos, operacionales y de atención con distintas funciones para la puesta en marcha del modelo de apoyo al interior del Hogar de Paso. Los equipos están integrados por mujeres asociadas a Yo Mujer con participación de los beneficiarios del Hogar de Paso (albergue).

A. EQUIPO ADMINISTRATIVOS

Estos comités tienen a su cargo la responsabilidad de gestión, distribución y regulación de los recursos y servicios con los que cuenta el Hogar de Paso (albergue).

COMITÉ DE ADMINISTRACIÓN

Encargado de tomar decisiones y dar informes sobre los resultados del trabajo y el funcionamiento del Hogar de Paso.

De este equipo se desglosan funciones como el manejo de recursos su registro y regulación.

Este comité se encuentra integrado por integrantes de la asociación Yo Mujer y cuenta con el acompañamiento de un profesional del programa de Atención a La Población desplazada de la Universidad Nacional.

EQUIPO DE ADMISIONES

Las funciones de este se encuentran resumidas en dos acciones: la aprobación de la solicitud de ingreso de las personas que lo soliciten al Hogar de Paso y la inducción para las personas que son albergadas.

Este comité estará integrado por tres integrantes de la asociación Yo Mujer.

B. EQUIPO OPERACIONAL Y DE ALIMENTOS

Este equipo estará encargado de la oportuna ejecución de las actividades, recursos y servicios necesarios para el buen funcionamiento del Hogar de Paso.

Se encuentran integrados por 3 mujeres de Yo Mujer quienes son coordinadoras y habitantes de Hogar de Paso quienes prestarán un apoyo a sus labores.

Encargadas de la provisión, compra, preparación y distribución de los alimentos necesarios en la nutrición de las personas que trabajan y habitan en el Hogar de Paso, así como el desarrollo de actividades de autosostenimiento.

C. EQUIPO DE ATENCIÓN

Es el encargado de realizar las actividades de apoyo contenidas en cuatro grandes componentes: Adaptación al entorno, conexión de redes y orientación sobre el Sistema Nacional de Atención a la Población Desplazada.

Este comité estará integrado por doce mujeres integrantes de la asociación Yo Mujer que han recibido una capacitación previa sobre los temas correspondientes brindada por los profesionales en formación de las disciplinas de Trabajo Social, Psicología y Derecho que hacen parte del programa de Atención Integral a la Población Desplazada de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

D. EQUIPO DE MANTENIMIENTO

Se encuentra encargado de las actividades de rutina para la conservación y buena presentación de las instalaciones físicas del Hogar de Paso.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Suministro de alimentos diarios para 40 personas albergadas mensualmente en el Hogar de Paso.
2. Suministro de implementos de aseo e higiene personal para 40 personas necesarios para alojarse en el Hogar de Paso por dos meses.
3. Realización de talleres y conversatorios sobre temas como la orientación sobre el Sistema Nacional de Atención Integral a la Población Desplazada - SNAIP, el autosostenimiento y la salud integral.
4. Realización de recorridos barriales y locales con 40 personas mensualmente.
5. Orientación y apoyo básico en situaciones emocionales.

* La asociación Yo Mujer participa como beneficiaria del proyecto ACNUR - UNIFEM: "Fortalecimiento de las Organizaciones de Mujeres de Soacha con énfasis en Altos de Cazucá".

* El convenio ACNUR - Universidad Nacional habilitó un equipo de Consultorios Jurídicos en el hogar de paso de la asociación para atender a la población desplazada en tres disciplinas: Trabajo Social, Asesoría Jurídica y Psicología.

* El hogar de paso ha recibido familias y personas que han buscado apoyo en ACNUR de otros lugares del país y que requieren desplazarse a Bogotá y no tienen albergue. Ofreciendo protección y orientación a dichas personas.

* La asociación Yo Mujer es fuente de información para ACNUR de manera directa y a través de los Consultorios Jurídicos, sobre la situación de la Población Desplazada, el reconocimiento de su condición de desplazamiento por parte del Estado, el respeto de sus derechos y en general el funcionamiento del Sistema Nacional de Atención Integral a la Población Desplazada - SNAIP.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

L'association compte actuellement six bureaux répartis comme suit: Bujumbura, Gitega, Kayanza, Kirundo, Muyinga et Karuzi.

ACTIVITIES:

-Les activités des cliniques juridiques fixes et mobiles

•Écoute, orientation, médiation

•Suivi des dossiers et recours en exécution des jugements rendus

•Assistance judiciaire des catégories vulnérables

•Ateliers de formation et de réflexion des para juristes auxquels sont associés des rapatriés et des déplacés.

•Formation des bashingantahe, des administratifs et des leaders communautaires sur les droits et sensibilisation à l'égalité du genre

-Les activités de lobbying et plaidoyer en partenariat avec les autres organisations de la Société civile notamment :

•Débats électoraux durant la campagne électorale

•Étude sur le plaidoyer pour la promulgation de la loi sur les successions, régimes matrimoniaux et libéralités.

•Participation à l'élaboration d'un guide pour la lutte contre l'impunité au Burundi.

-Organisation d'un forum ouvert sur la problématique de la succession de la fille burundaise

-Contribution de l'AFJB dans l'élaboration du Cadre stratégique de lutte contre la pauvreté complète.

-L'implication de l'AFJB dans les activités de promotion des droits politiques de la femme burundaise.

-Élaboration des outils de formation

-Élaboration de l'étude de l'impact de l'institution traditionnelle d'Ubushingantahe sur le statut socio-économique, politique et juridique de la femme.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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The Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants is a non profit humanitarian organisation concerned with refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons regardless of race, religion, nationality or political conviction and it is also to defend human rights of migrants in Turkey. ASAM established on 22 December 1995. The purpose of ASAM is to deal with problems of refugees, asylum seekers, temporary asylum seekers and migrants, to find solutions to these problems and to help these people.

STRUCTURE:

structure

Main Office is in Ankara, capital of Turkey and we opened a representative in Kayseri. We have ten recruited officers.

ACTIVITIES:

To raise public and governmental awareness and obtain political support to make necessary changes in the country's refugee policies and legislation. to conduct, support and publish research concerning refugee related issues. to advocate the rights of refugees and asylum seekers, to provide counselling for those people and to help them establish communication with authorities to establish networks with NGOs, academic and governmental institutions for capacity building activities

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1977, the APT has always focussed on ways to prevent torture and ill-treatment rather than denounce State practices or help to rehabilitate victims. This enables the APT to have a unique access to and cooperation with authorities on issues of transparency, implementation of relevant legal norms and training to reform the way in which detained persons are treated.

STRUTURE:

The work of the 17 person international Secretariat is supervised by a Board elected by the annual General Assembly of members of the Association.

ACTIVITIES:

Advocate for States to ratify the OPCAT in order to bring it into force during the first half of the year.
Provide advice on the establishment of competent, independent and effective National Preventive Mechanisms.
Assist the OHCHR and OPCAT States Parties to establish a competent and efficient international Subcommittee on Prevention.
Generate a more robust advocacy for the application of norms that prevent torture and ill-treatment.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Establishment in 2001. The purpose is to prevent, and help the social vulnerable category (especially children, and women)

STRUCTURE:

The office location is in Timisoara. We have branches in Bucarest, Galati, Calarasi, Iasi, Bacau, Constanta, and shelters in Timisoara, Bucharest, Recas, Calacea.
The number of the personnel is 31. And we work with 150 volunteers.
The association is located in the south -east of Romania.

ACTIVITIES:

Trafficking in human beings, trans-frontalier assistance for the victims of the trafficking. We collaborate with ISS General Secretary from Geneva, ISS Italy, France and international networking against the human trafficking. We provide assistance in social area, (resocialization and reintegration to the defavorisate persons). Family support and reunification.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Across is an NGO serving in Southern Sudan. Across was founded in 1972 at the end of Anyanya war which lasted for 17 years from 1955 to 1972.

At that time Across was an acronym for "Africa Committee for Rehabilitation of Southern Sudan." Later it changed to "Association of Christian Resource Organisations Serving Sudan." This has since changed and Across is no longer an acronym
The mission of Across is to build the church and communities leading to Sudan being renewed.

Core Competencies

In 2002 Across celebrated 30 years of serving in Sudan, and over these years it has built core competencies within the organization. These are:

- Organizational focus on Southern Sudan
- Skills and experience in training and capacity building
- Good relationships with the local church in Southern Sudan
- Capacity to work in the difficult environment of Southern Sudan e.g. logistical structures, staff, bases – and to remain on ground despite formidable challenges and set-backs
- Ability to mobilize resources from outside Southern Sudan including funds and skilled personnel
- Skills training for Church Empowerment, Health, Media and Education.

Across works solely in Sudan and is registered in Colorado USA and also in Kenya and Uganda as an NGO. It has a field Office in Juba, Southern Sudan and head office in Nairobi, Kenya.

The primary emphasis of Across is on developing the capacity of Sudanese nationals through four strategic areas of focus namely, Capacity Building of the Church, Education, Health and Media

STRUCTURE:

Across is the headquarter in Nairobi, Kenya. It has a field office in Juba, Sudan as well as five field bases in Yambio, Boma, Mayendit, Rumbek and Yei. We have staff of Sudanese, Kenyan nationals who are salaried and seconded staff from overseas. The total number of staff is 165. We have a logistical base in Loki. The four areas of focus are Education, Media, Church Empowerment and Health as follows:

ACTIVITIES:

Education

Teacher Training and School Support, Accelerated Learning Programme, School Construction, Micro Enterprise Development (MED)

Health

Community Based Health Care:

HIV/Aids, Household Food Security (HHFS)

Media

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Established in 1984 in Okayama, Japan, AMDA (Association of Medical Doctors of Asia) is a relief and development organization dedicated to providing humanitarian support around the world, from emergency to long-term scope, with emphasis on medical assistance. Responding to emergencies, providing medical care and recovery assistance, implementing community development project for the people suffering from the damages of natural disaster, ethnic warfare and poverty, AMDA has grown to be an active international agencies, whose objective is to promote health and well-being of those underprivileged or marginalized in the global community. AMDA believes its mission as an advocacy of peace in the world, through humanitarian activities while working with rural communities in need in the spirit of "sogo-fujo" or mutual assistance.

STRUCTURE:

AMDA, registered in Japan as non-profitable organization, is an international entity that functions in partnership with chapters, sister organizations, staff, members, and volunteers around the world. There are 28 chapters (Asia, Africa, Europe, South America) besides headquarters in Japan, and 35 sister organizations in 11 countries.

There are four principle organs: the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee, and the Secretariat General. General Assembly, the highest decision-making body, is made up of AMDA's full members and meets every other year. Dr. Shigeru Suganami, president / Dr. Sarath Samarage, vice president.

Headquarters in Okayama, Japan, has three operational bodies: Department of Project Operations and Community Services (mid to long term project management), Emergency Response Division (emergency and recovery relief management), and Administrative Department (domestic and international administrations, public relations).

ACTIVITIES:

AMDA provides both emergency and mid-to-long-term humanitarian support activities around the world. While keeping its strength in medical/health sector, it has developed the capacity in a wider community service/development work, including facility/capacity building, education and micro-credit financing. Conflict prevention through equal medical support activities has been an important asset in the work of AMDA.

In partnership with UNHCR, since 1992, AMDA has worked on various refugee support activities in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Angola, Congo, Rwanda, Djibouti, and Nepal.

Its role is both an advocacy for the developing countries and an implementing body for the UN agencies to realize the global well-being and ultimately the world peace. With field experience and methodological base through its inter-national/cultural work, AMDA develops and proposes strategies for healthy social development to the UN from a perspective of civil society.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

International peace organization with branched in 50 countries initiated in 1975. The goal is to create a new civilization based on respect for life and the environment. The key to achieve this goal is for people to think and act as responsible citizens of the world. In practice concern conflict resolution, disarmament, human rights, development, health, education for peace especially in Africa, work with refugees, internationally displaced persons.

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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Points-Cœur offre à des jeunes, de tous pays la possibilité de vivre pendant au moins 14 mois au sein d'une communauté de 4 ou 5 volontaires (les « amis des enfants »), dans un quartier particulièrement défavorisé ou un bidonville, en Europe ou à l'étranger. S'appuyant sur une vie de communauté et de prière, les bénévoles cherchent à : o accueillir et écouter les enfants et les familles en détresse, tels qu'ils sont, leur apporter amour, aide et consolation ; o tisser des liens d'amitié et de confiance en allant à la rencontre des personnes délaissées ou souffrantes, là où elles vivent ; o être un relais entre la rue, les familles et les structures sociales locales. Présente en Asie, en Amérique Latine, au Sénégal (Afrique), aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique, en Europe ainsi qu'au Moyen-Orient, l'organisation est financée par des parrainages et des dons. Les Points-Cœur ne sont ni un orphelinat, ni une garderie, ni un dispensaire, ni une école. Ils sont un humble complément des familles où les enfants savent qu'ils seront à tout moment accueillis, écoutés, consolés. Une simple maison dans un espace défavorisé, un lieu de prière et de paix.

STRUCTURE:

Depuis 1990, Points-Cœur compte :

o 34 communautés réparties dans 19 pays o 1200 volontaires de 14 nationalités différentes (150 par an)

o 3 prêtres et 7 séminaristes o 55 permanents engagés à vie dans le cadre de l'œuvre (laïcs consacrés)

ACTIVITIES:

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Atlas Logistique est une association de solidarité nationale et internationale fondée en 1993 à l'initiative de professionnels de la logistique et de volontaires de l'action humanitaire. Son objectif est d'apporter directement et indirectement une aide technique et logistique à des projets d'aide humanitaire.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

AUSTCARE is an Australian, independent, non-profit, non-sectarian NGO established in 1967. AUSTCARE's mission is to assist refugees, displaced people, returnees and those affected by landmines rebuild their lives and to reduce poverty through the expert delivery of development programs in partnership with local communities and other agencies. Since its formation, AUSTCARE has specialized in work with refugees, displaced persons, returnees and landmine victims. Over the past forty years, AUSTCARE has developed from a fundraising body to a fully-fledged implementing agency. AUSTCARE's work is undertaken both as emergency response to humanitarian crises and as defined development programs in the sectors of health, education and vocational training, food security, mine action, capacity building, protection and research and policy development.

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 organizations 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 23 projects in 11 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 arrangements with UNHCR, UNOCHA and UNICEF. Protection Officers are currently deployed to field assignments in Timor-Leste, Pakistan, Kenya and Sudan. AUSTCARE's research and policy sector is contributing to conceptual thinking and policy responses to protracted refugee situations in Asia.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Formerly the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA), the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) formed in 1965. ACFID is the coordinating body for Australian NGO in the field of international development and is principal Australian advocate for international social and economic justice.

ACFID's vision is to achieve sustainable human development in which people are able to enjoy a full range of human rights, fulfill their needs free from poverty, and live in dignity.

ACFID provides a forum for consultation and cooperation between its member organizations (currently over 80) and a means for making common representation on their behalf to the Australian Government, overseas governments, the United Nations and international organizations.

ACFID has developed a Code of Conduct to promote shared ethical standards for the development community. All ACFID members must be compliant to the Code of Conduct.

STRUCTURE:

ACFID has a 12 member Executive Committee who oversee carriage of ACFID's policies and programs. ACFID has a number of committees and working groups to facilitate discussion and cooperation on issues of common interest to the membership. The Executive Committee is elected by the membership at the annual ACFID Council.

The ACFID secretariat is staffed by 15 people, headed by an Executive Director. Staff are divided into four sections: Campaigns and Advocacy Coordination; Development Policy and Practice; Code of Conduct Secretariat; and Support Services.

The ACFID secretariat is located in Canberra, the capital city of Australia.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Act as a focal point for information, coordination and dialogue on policy and practice in the Australian NGO sector
2. Develop and promote standards of ethical and effective practice to maintain a strong non government aid and development sector in Australia
3. Represent the views and interests of member organizations to the Australian Government and other key stakeholders so as to effectively influence policy and practice related to international aid and development
4. Support the achievement of other strategic objective by maintaining a well governed and well managed organization based on active member participation

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Australian National Committee on Refugee Women (ANCORW) was established in Australia in 1989.

ANCORW is a lobbying, advocacy and research group which works with and for refugee women and their families in order to bring about change in the refugee system and to enhance their ability to rebuild their lives. At the national level, ANCORW, lobbies for changes in domestic law, social policy and for improved service provision. At an International level, ANCORW lobbies at the United Nations for changes in International law and United Nations Declarations. ANCORW is committed to undertaking research into issues which adversely affect the lives of refugee women and their dependant children and to use this research to lobby for change. ANCORW is also committed to empowering refugee women to have control over their own lives and to advocate on their own behalf through the provision of advocacy training and by providing opportunities for refugee women to participate in national and international forums.

STRUCTURE:

Although based in Sydney, Australia, ANCORW has strong links with refugee organizations around Australia and internationally.

As a not for profit cooperative based organization, the ANCORW Board includes a Chairperson – Dr Eileen Pittaway, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a number of other Board Members drawn together by their extensive experience working with refugee women.

ANCORW also hosts the Australian desk of the Asian Women's Human Rights Council.

ACTIVITIES:

ANCORW has a long standing history of working with refugee women and women in post conflict situations in Australia and overseas. ANCORW works closely with the Centre for Refugee Research, an interdisciplinary Centre at the University of New South Wales, which focuses on refugee flows and resettlement issues internationally. Over the last three years, ANCORW has been a major partner in the Centre's research on Refugee Women at Risk, working with refugee women and service providers to identify issues of risk and to develop and implement appropriate responses to these protection concerns. In late 2005, ANCORW co-sponsored a major international conference on resettlement which drew together academics, service providers and refugees from around Australia and internationally to identify the strengths, challenges and next steps forward for resettlement in Australia. Currently ANCORW is working to further expand the highly successful ANCORW African Women's Advocacy Unit. Developed in 2005, this program is designed to provide refugee women with capacity building training to support their self-representation and build their lobbying and advocacy skills.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Austrian Integration Fund was founded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Ministry of the Interior under the name of „Austrian Refugee Fund of the United Nations“ (‐Österreichischer Flüchtlingsfonds der Vereinten Nationen‐). In 1991 the Fund was legally outsourced from the Ministry of the Interior and got the name ‐Fund for the Integration of Refugees“ (‐Fonds zur Integration von Flüchtlingen‐). Since 2002 the Fund has not only been taking care of refugees but has also been responsible for migrants in the course of the integration agreement.

Refugees who have been granted the right of asylum receive aid by the Fund during the first three years of their integration process. It is the aim to assist them with words and deeds and not to leave them alone in their new homeland.

The Fund offers professional support and care through social workers, lawyers and teachers and covers the necessities of life through accommodation possibilities and financial aids. The Fund is the only institution in Austria which extensively takes care of the concerns of refugees who have been granted the right of asylum through which it fulfils a substantial part in the integration of refugees.

In addition to the work with refugees the Fund is also responsible for ensuring the migrants' linguistic competence in German within the scope of the integration agreement.

The Austrian Integration Fund is financed by the Ministry of the Interior and the UNHCR.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Integration homes since January, 1st, 2004

The integration home in Kaiserebersdorf (11th district) was built in 1998 with the support of the Ministry of the Interior and the city of Vienna. Since then it has been managed by the Austrian Integration Fund.

Starting with January 1st, 2004, the Fund has taken over management of three more integration homes whose organization and services are adapted according to the successful model of Kaiserebersdorf. They are situated in Nussdorferstraße (9th district), in Vorderbrühl (district Mödling/Lower Austria) and in Kapfenberg (Styria). Since the May 1st, 2004, the Austrian Integration Fund has been managing 16 integration apartments in Haid (Upper Austria), where the residents receive the same service and support offered at the integration homes.

Apartments

After completion of the German course and a successful job search, refugees who have been granted asylum can apply for an apartment from the Austrian Integration Fund. The Fund has the right to allocate over 6500 apartments in 51 different places throughout the country to applicants. The apartments are the property of the Austrian Integration Fund, of the Ministry of the Interior and of the UNHCR.

Financial Help

Living in Austria is expensive - also for refugees. As a help to start a new life, the Fund offers support in the shape of subsidies or interest-free loans. Especially concerns that serve the integration process such as acquisition housing space, restoration of apartments, basic furnishing, house rent payments, temporary accommodation possibilities as well as vocational and extended training are promoted. Neediness of the applicant is a prerequisite. Interest-free loans are only granted if a permanent employment and creditworthiness exist. Refugees can apply for financial aid within the first three years after asylum has been granted. However, a legal claim does not exist.

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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.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Belarusian movement of medical workers (BMMW) was registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus in 1996. It is non-political, non-commercial organization. Main object of BMMW is rendering social assistance and protection of people in need and refugees. Since January 1999 BMMW is working on UNHCR joint project "Refugee counseling service" (RCS). The aim of RCS is to provide consultative and social aid for refugees and asylum seekers in the Republic of Belarus.

STRUCTURE:

There are 2 Refugee counseling services - in Minsk and Vitebsk cities. Project personnel: project manager, 3 legal consultants (2 legal consultants in Minsk and one legal consultant in Vitebsk), accountant, 4 Dari/Farsi interpreters (3 interpreters in Minsk and one interpreter in Vitebsk). The addresses of the offices are the following: Minsk, Olshevskogo street, 74; Vitebsk, Pushkina street, 6

ACTIVITIES:

Refugee Counseling Services provide consultative assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, as well as stateless persons through individual interviews and community meetings. RCS legal consultants conduct interviews with refugees and asylum-seekers; assess the credibility of the applicant's claims and prepare recommendations to be submitted to the Protection Unit of UNHCR Office in Belarus; provide assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers when they apply to government authorities for a refugee status, asylum, non-deportation and appeal against illegitimate decisions in question to the supervising authority or court; keep statistical records of the persons registered in UNHCR database; assist refugees and asylum-seekers when they apply to government authorities and appeal against unlawful decisions of government authorities and government officials to the supervising authority or court; provide consultative assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers for resolving their problems of integration: search for housing, employment, sending their children to pre-school institutions and schools; provide consultative assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers in exercising their right to medical care; help to resolve problems facing separated and unaccompanied minors and seek asylum. The affiliated branch office of Refugee Counseling Service functions in Vitebsk and perform the similar functions. The work of the RCS in Vitebsk also involves regular visits to the Temporary Accommodation Centre and counseling of its inhabitants.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

A brief history of Tzu Chi On April 14, 1966, Venerable Master Cheng Yen founded the Tzu Chi Merits Society in Hualien, Taiwan. The fledgling Tzu Chi Merits Society, with the support of only thirty housewives who set aside NT fifty cents (USD 0.013) of their grocery money each day, established a charity fund to provide relief and assistance for the poor. Within its first 5 years, the Tzu Chi Merits Society helped 15 families, serving a total of 31 elderly and ailing impoverished people. Support and participation for the program grew as word about compassion and relief spread beyond Hualien. The program gathered strength in numbers and drew support from other parts of Taiwan and its nearby islands to eventually form the Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation millions of volunteers partake in today. A heart filled with kindness, compassion, joy and unselfish giving inspires the ideals of Tzu Chi. For over 30 years Tzu Chi has concentrated its four missions in Charity, Medicine, Education and Culture. Over the decades, Tzu Chi has expanded its volunteer activities to include environmental conservation, bone marrow donation, and international disaster relief. Our Objectives-Purity in our minds, Peace in the society, and a disaster-free world Our Principles-Kindness, Compassion, Joy and Giving through helping the poor and educating the rich. Our Missions-As Tzu Chi enters its thirty-seven year, every inch of path Tzu Chi members have traveled has been paved with love. Tzu Chi's four missions are a network of universal love. We work in missions of charity, medicine, education and culture with the spirit of sincerity, integrity, trust and honesty. We believe in the equality of all beings and the Buddha-nature potential in every person. Through charitable hearts, the privileges obtain blessings and joy, and the impoverished receive security and peace. Tzu Chi members strive to bring forth the pure world Tzu Chi envisions; a world without suffering and obtained through love, compassion, joy and selfless giving. We invite all people in their goodwill to join us in purifying our minds, pacifying our society and working towards a disaster-free world.

STRUCTURE:

Today our non-profit organization has over four million supporters, with having 184 Tzu Chi Chapters or operation offices in 32 countries worldwide, by providing our services to over 61 countries. The global headquarters for Tzu Chi still remains in its origin of Hualien, Taiwan. In Malaysia, there are 3 Tzu Chi Chapters hosting a total of 31 offices, 2 free clinics, 1 hemodialysis center and 3 kindergartens across the country.

ACTIVITIES:

Charity Mission In 1966, Tzu Chi began to reach out to others with charity work. Now, after more than 40 years, as the major foundation of Tzu Chi missions, Tzu Chi has expanded from 30 members in Hualien to hundreds of thousands of volunteers all over the world by contributing their service in term of - Home visit & Living Aids, Long Term Assistance, Emergency Relief, Mobile Clinics, Medical Assistance & Institutional Care. Tzu Chi Medical Mission From the beginning of the 1st Tzu Chi hospital in HuaLian, Taiwan, 1986, Tzu Chi has moving forward in Medical mission by having another 5 hospitals in Taiwan, several numbers of free clinics, mobile clinic worldwide. To enhanced the medical service to the needs, TIMA (TzuChi International Medical Association) was formed by the medical staffs to provides international disaster relief. In October 1993, The Tzu Chi Marrow Donor Registry was launched by the period of three years, the

registry was able to collect data on more than 140,000 volunteer donors, a world speed record. When we look back at this miracle, we realize that its success came from the support of many people. It is currently the largest Chinese marrow donor data bank in the world today. Tzu Chi Culture Mission Tzu Chi foundation uses 4 visible missions to purify the invisible spiritual sphere and to promote social harmony and peace. During the last 40 years, the tireless efforts of Tzu Chi members have helped to pave the way for a pure paradise in this world. Tzu Chi culture aims at seeking truth, goodness and beauty. In the area of mass media, the Tzu Chi Monthly Magazine, which was first published in July 1967, aims at reporting the good side and the good deeds of mankind. Therefore, Tzu Chi Humanitarianism Culture Centre was established in 2005 for the purpose of magazines, & books publishing, enhanced by the launched of Tzu Chi Da-Ai radio and TV broadcast center. Tzu Chi Education Mission Before the Tzu Chi Hospital had even opened, Master- Cheng Yen already planned to set up colleges of nursing and medicine to produce medical specialists for the hospital, since it was difficult to attract doctors and nurses to Eastern Taiwan. After the hospital was opened, she actively began to make preparations. With support from all sides and through the Master's own hard work, the Tzu Chi Junior- College of Nursing was opened on September 17, 1989, and the Tzu Chi College of Medicine on October 16, 1994. These events wrote new pages in the history of Tzu Chi education. The nursing college and the medical college are the foundation of Tzu Chi education. On July 2000, Tzu Chi had completed set up kindergartens, elementary schools, secondary schools, and a university. It is clear that the Tzu Chi education emphasizing both humanitarianism and professional expertise has been a good model for education in Taiwan. Further more, the seeds of Tzu Chi education has spread further by setting up schools, enhanced education center, vocational training center in Asia, United States of America, South America as well as South Africa.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The CCVT is a non-profit, registered charitable organization, founded by several Toronto doctors, lawyers and social service professionals, many of whom were associated with Amnesty International. They had begun to see victims of torture in their practices as early as 1977. Many of the victims were in the process of claiming refugee status in Canada. The doctors saw the need for specialized counseling for the social and legal problems faced by this particular client group. Lawyers, social workers and community groups saw clients who were survivors of torture, often badly in need of treatment by doctors and other health professionals.

The CCVT was incorporated in 1983 as the Canadian Centre for the Investigation and Prevention of Torture.

The name was changed in 1988 to better reflect the Centre's mandate.

The Centre was the second such facility in the world to be established.

The first was in Copenhagen in 1982. In 2003, CCVT was accredited to the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT).

STRUCTURE:

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) has its office in Toronto and is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors who is elected by the membership. The CCVT provides its holistic services by at least 20 professional staff members under the leadership of the Executive Director who is responsible to the Board. In addition, there are at least 200 volunteers who help the CCVT clients as escorts, befrienders, tutors and interpreters.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The CCR was created in 1978 and has come to be recognized as a key advocate for refugee and immigrant rights in Canada. We currently have over 180 member organizations across Canada.

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 Canadian Council for Refugees is guided by the following organizational principles:

- * The membership of the Canadian Council for Refugees reflects the diversity of those concerned with refugee and settlement issues and includes refugees and other interested people in all regions of Canada;
- * The work of the Council is democratic and collaborative;
- * Our work is national and international in scope.

STRUCTURE:

The Canadian Council for Refugees, has its head office in Montreal and is governed by an Executive Committee and President who are elected by the membership. In addition, there are three Working Groups through which the CCR addresses issues: 1) Overseas Protection and Sponsorship, 2) Inland Protection and 3) Immigration & Settlement. All members are encouraged to participate in any or all Working Groups. Three Core Groups, one on Gender Issues, one on Anti-Racism and one on Communications, ensure that the issues after which they are named receive high profile in all the

work of the CCR.

The CCR meets four times a year. Two of these meetings are Consultations, held in the spring and the fall. The Consultations move around to different cities. A General meeting is always held at these Consultations, where the resolutions that drive CCR policy are moved and adopted. The other two meetings are those of the Working Groups, which are held in Toronto in February and in Montreal in early September.

ACTIVITIES:

- * Providing opportunities for networking and professional development through conferences, working groups, publications and meetings;
- * Working in cooperation with other networks to strengthen the defense of refugee rights;
- * Advancing policy analysis and information-exchange on refugee and related issues;
- * Advocating for the rights of refugees and immigrants through media relations, government relations, research and public education.

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

See Care Switzerland

STRUCTURE:

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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.

Care facilitates 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 Refugee/IDP Programming: CARE is an implementing partner with UNHCR in Chad and Kenya as well as partnering on the development of environmental tools for refugee/IDP response with roll out in Ethiopia and Uganda.

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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.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC) is the Regional Ecumenical Organization. It was founded in 1973 and has a current membership of 34 churches in 33 countries across the Dutch, English, French and Spanish Caribbean. It operates in all 4 linguistic constituencies in the region and has a mandate which calls for the: Promotion of Ecumenism and Social Change in Obedience to Jesus Christ and in Solidarity with the Poor.

STRUCTURE:

The CCC is governed by a General Assembly which comprises representatives of its member churches and it includes women and youth representatives. The body meets every 5 years to review the work and policies of the Organization. It elects officers and appoints a 15 member Continuation Committee (or Board of Management) to manage and direct the work of the Organization between Assemblies. The Committee meets twice yearly. It is headed by a Presidium which is appointed by the Assembly and which comprises 3 Presidents, one of which must be a woman. A small Finance Committee comprising members of the Continuation Committee is also appointed to address financial matters. A General Secretary manages the day to day operations of the Organization and has overall responsibility for its various offices and programmes. The Organization's operational structure comprises a Regional Head Office located in Trinidad and Tobago and two Sub-regional Programme Offices located in Antigua, and Barbuda, and Jamaica and headed by Senior Programme Officers. The General Secretary is supported by two Associate General Secretaries with responsibility for Organizational Development, Planning and Administration, and Ecumenical Relations and Theological Affairs respectively, a Chief Financial Officer, and a Programme Executive, responsible for International Relations and Regional and Cultural Affairs and Regional Programme Coordinators, responsible for the management and coordination of the Organization's programmatic initiatives. The General Secretary, the two Associate General Secretaries and the Chief Financial Officer form a Staff Executive Group (SEG) which serves as the internal management and decision-making body. The structure and posts are not only consistent with the current direction of the Organization but are needed to ensure its sustainability and to adequately address the needs of its constituency.

ACTIVITIES:

The CCC has been serving the people of the region for 3 decades through its various programmatic initiatives and other mechanisms in striving to be faithful to its mandate: Promotion Ecumenism and Social Change in Obedience to Jesus Christ and in Solidarity with the Poor. Programmatic initiatives are designed to address theological, social, economic and cultural issues and concerns and manifests the Organization's dedication in working towards the holistic development of the Caribbean region.

The current activities comprise:

* A cluster of Priority Regional Initiatives (PRIs) focusing on Drug Demand Reduction, Food Security, a Faith-based Response to HIV/AIDS, Uprooted People, and the Reduction in Crime and Violence, poor family life and other gender related issues.

* A Cluster of Sustainable Socio-economic Development Programmes focusing on Poverty Reduction, the administration of a special Development Fund and Disaster Management. * Advocacy and Communications. * International relations and Regional and Cultural Affairs.

* A Caribbean Ecumenical Institute, a mobile and non-physical structural facility for continuing education and dialogue on major theological and developmental issues such as Social Justice, Faith and Order, Inter-Faith Relations and Culture. It carries out many of its activities with the support, assistance or cooperation of regional and extra-regional church and other organizations. It has entered in cooperating agreements with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), UNAIDS, the British Government's Department for International Development (DFID) among others. It is affiliated to the World Council of Churches (WCC) and participates in a number of activities of the organization. It attends and participates in the annual meeting of the Global Ecumenical Network (GEN) on Uprooted People which the Organization sponsors and also represents the Organization, a member of ECOSOC and ICVA, at the annual UNHCR-NGO PreExCom Consultations.

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STRUCTURE:

President, Director Father or priest, Financial Lay, Logistic Lay, 1 warehouse Supervisor Lay, 2 secretaries Lays, 1 Project coordinator Lay and 1 treasurer Lay.

ACTIVITIES:

Logistic and Assistance - Assistance to Returnees - Reintegration activities to the Returnees - Health area
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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

Caritas main activities are related to social projects for vulnerable groups such as people living in low-income, violent areas of Rio de Janeiro: children, elders, communities affected by natural disasters and emergency calamities, refugees etc.
Our current projects include: food program based on alternative ingredients (mainly using rests of food and parts usually throw away during meals preparation), alternative income generation projects, health fares, centers for children and elderly people with educational and leisure activities, legal and social assistance for refugees and asylum seekers, and other social works in neighboring communities.
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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 Interantionalis as leading region for migration and refugee related issues on behalf of the confederation

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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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Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Our mission is to assist the poor and disadvantaged, leveraging the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to alleviate human suffering, promote development of all people, and to foster charity and justice throughout the world. Working through local offices and an extensive network of partners, CRS operates on five continents and in 99 countries. We aid the poor by first providing direct assistance where needed, then encouraging people to help with their own development. Together, these approaches foster secure, productive, just communities that enable people to realize their potential.

As the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community, CRS is also committed to educating the people of the United States to fulfill their moral responsibilities toward our global brothers and sisters by helping the poor, working to remove the causes of poverty, and promoting social justice. CRS is committed to serving and helping those in need without regard to race, creed or nationality.

STRUCTURE:

As noted above, CRS currently has programmes in 99 countries.

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

ACTIVITIES:

Our main programming areas overseas are: agriculture; education; emergency response; health; HIV/AIDS; microfinance; and peace building. CRS' policy and advocacy work address a range of issues that, among other things call for US government policies that prioritize the needs of the global poor. The US program serves to educate American Catholics about the reality of the poor in the world and link them in solidarity with the people we serve. As the Protection Policy Advisor, my role is to liaise with relevant NGOs, US governmental offices and intergovernmental agencies, as well as to help CRS develop and strengthen protection programmes overseas.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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:

Catholic Cross-cultural Services and CENITO (Centre for Newcomer Information - Toronto) are NGOS working for refugees in Canada. The main focus is integrating newcomers and to bring refugees to Canada under the Resettlement (Sponsorship) Program.

STRUCTURE:

The Board of Directors are the main decision makers, they appoint the executive director, who is the operational chief. We operate in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), in the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Toronto. From our offices we facilitate overseas work.

ACTIVITIES:

I am an Elected Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) representative to the NGO -Government Committee on Refugee Sponsorship in Canada.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

A community based humanitarian non profit organization. Founded in 1981 Help protect the legal, civil, and humanitarian rights of all Chaldeans from the local and international level to consider the plight of more than 100.000 Iraqi Christians who have sought refuge in 31 countries.

STRUCTURE:

The CFA is a Farmington Hills-based umbrella organization that together with its affiliates represents more than 250.000 Chaldean-Americans in Michigan, Illinois, California, and Arizona. Affiliate organizations of the CFA are: the Chaldean-American Ladies of Charity, the Chaldean-American Chamber of Commerce, the Chaldean Iraqi American Association of Michigan, Chaldean-American Bar Association, the Arab American and Chaldean Council, the Chaldean Community Center, the Chaldean American Health Professionals, the Chaldean American Foundation and the St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Diocese of United States.

ACTIVITIES:

Over the 25 years of our organizational life, the CFA's vision has focused on the needs of our immediate community within which we have sought to:

- Promote racial harmony and improve the quality of community life for all people.
- Assist Chaldeans assimilate into American society, while maintaining and cherishing the Chaldean language, heritage and traditions;
- Represent and defend the legal and civil rights of all Chaldean-American citizens;
- Promote public awareness and understanding of the Chaldean family, history and culture;
- Provide basic humanitarian assistance and social services to Chaldean and the general public; and,
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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Charity Centre for Refugees (CCR) was created in October 1999, with the support of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

It was incorporated in the Registration Chamber of the Ministry of Justice in the Republic of Moldova as an NGO in November 1999. (CCR)' s objectives are to provide cultural, social and moral assistance to refugees and asylum seekers living in the Republic of Moldova and to offer them a place where they can meet, discuss their common interests, share their opinions, and find solutions to common problems. The average number of visitors/beneficiaries of the CCR during the first half of 2006 rose up to 35-40 persons daily. The CCR's work is focused mainly on facilitation of the pre-integration of vulnerable categories into the society, i.e. organizing cultural orientation and extra-curricular activities. In co-operation with other NGOs, the CCR implemented various cultural and social activities for refugees/asylum seekers with a view to integrate them into the Moldovan society, and also to encourage their community building and self-sufficiency. Starting with 2004, the CCR is carrying out Romanian language courses in order to promote the integration of refugees/asylum seekers into the local society. In the framework of the 2004 sub-project, the CCR also provided the interested refugees with Vocational Training in order to improve their skills and to increase job opportunities on the local market.

STRUCTURE:

CCR organization has staff members which consist of 8 persons and volunteers: Director/ Activities Coordinator; Project Co-coordinator; Accountant; Social assistant; Assistant/Extra-curricular activities; Teacher of Romanian language.

ACTIVITIES:

CCR provides/ensures the following:

- Provide cultural, social and moral assistance to refugees/asylum seekers living in the Republic of Moldova and to offer them a place where they can meet, discuss their common interests, share their opinions, and find solutions to common problems
- As the number of services provided to refugees and asylum seekers significantly increased, the number of visitors/beneficiaries of the CCR raised up to 35-40 persons daily.
- Facilitate of the pre-integration of vulnerable categories into the society, i.e. organizing Romanian language courses, cultural orientation and extra-curricular activities.
- Implementation of various cultural and social activities for refugees/asylum seekers with a view to integrate them into the Moldovan society, and also to encourage their community-building and self-sufficiency.
- Implementation of income generation activities, including vocational training, business plan training to build and develop self reliance strategies and integration through disbursement of in kind grants to start up micro-enterprises.

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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:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Spanish commission for the Aid of Refugees is a Non Governmental Organization, established in 1979 to promote the solidarity of spanish society in favor of refugees.

CEAR's objective is to defend the right of asylum and to provide legal and social assistance for asylum seeker, refugees and displaced persons in Spain. The organization is of a markedly plural nature and its assembly is made up of diverse insitutions: Political parties seated in parliament, trade unions, religious denominations, human rights and solidarity organizations. CEAR links its work in Spain to the European dimension, mainly through its participation in the European Council of Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) and the European Network on Integration of Refugees.

STRUCTURE:

CEAR's main office is in Madrid and other offices are located in Barcelona, Bilbao, Las Palmas, Sevilla, Valencia, Extremadura.

ACTIVITIES:

Since 1979 the CEAR has been implementing programmes, aimed at integrating refugees. Through this time CEAR has carried out a variety of different programmes bearing in mind, in particular, the personal circumstances and countries of origin of the refugees.

Activities: With regards to social programmes aimed at enhancing the integration of refugees in Spain, MTAS is mainly the body which financed programmes at a national level in collaboration with NGOs acting as implementing partners. Regional governments and local councils may also provide social benefits for refugees and displaced persons in accordance with their own regulations and programmes.

The following services and programmes currently managed by CEAR are: Legal Services, Public Awareness Department, Volunteers Programme, Information and Documentation Centre, Translation of Documents.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

CARDEV trabaja en Ecuador en la defensa y promoción de los derechos humanos de los migrantes, refugiados y desplazados en Ecuador. Es miembro de la red ecuménica para los refugiados, migrantes y desplazados de América Latina, y forma parte de su comité directivo.

STRUCTURE:

Brinda asesoría legal y asistencia humanitaria especialmente a ciudadanos colombianos solicitantes de refugio o refugiados en Ecuador. Trabaja en la formulación de propuestas legislativas en favor de los desarraigados. Brinda asesoría y protección a migrantes ecuatorianos víctimas del coyoterismo.

ACTIVITIES:

Es un referente importante en Ecuador sobre los temas del desarraigo, en la formulación de políticas respecto a los temas del refugio, la migración y el desplazamiento forzado. Participa como parte de la red ecuménica de Latinoamérica y miembro de su comité coordinador en diálogos regionales e internacionales, en la búsqueda de propuestas e implementación de políticas de protección a los desarraigados.

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HISTORY:

Croatian Law Centre (CLC) is a non-governmental and not-profit organization founded in 1994 with the main goal to establish and promote rule of law in Croatia. Since its establishment CLC acts as an independent think-tank, gathering legal experts and acting towards general public.

During the last decade the CLC has bravely protected human rights in the Republic of Croatia and has consistently and persistently supported and promoted the idea of the rule of law. CLC has kept its focus on the needs of vulnerable and marginal groups by providing free legal aid in cases of violations of human rights and freedoms, as well as by reacting against the discriminatory regulations and practice and lack of their compliance with the international standards by proven methods (submitting Constitutional Court initiatives, drafting amendments, organizing training and public forums).

During the last several years the CLC is implementing various special projects. Within the activities of those projects free legal aid was provided to the asylum seekers (co-operation with UNHCR) and the victims of trafficking (co-operation with IOM) and Roma people (co-operation with the Croatian Helsinki Committee and B.a.B.e.). Knowledge and experience of the CLC was utilized by many other NGOs that provide free legal aid, as well as by the state bodies during the process of preparation of relevant legislative.

Also, the CLC implemented several projects aimed at the improvement of the efficiency / effectiveness of the Croatian judiciary. CLC has influenced several significant amendments of the Croatian legislation. The most important changes include annulment of several unconstitutional articles. As a result of that, the CLC possesses a rich experience in that field (Constitutional Court has accepted several CLC initiatives).

During its consistent and determined advocacy for the promotion of the rule of law in Croatia the CLC has been actively engaged in several public campaigns and played a significant role in the election campaigns "Glas '99" and "Glas 2000".

STRUCTURE:

The governing bodies of the Croatian Law Centre are the following: the Assembly, the President, the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of the Centre. CLC Executive director is the legal representative of the CLC, who is also accountable for the work of the staff to the CLC Management Board and CLC Assembly. He/she also supervises and steers the implementation of all projects in conformity with long-term strategy, and coordinates it with other CLC activities.

Currently there are 10 persons employed at the CLC as full time staff and 2 persons as part-time staff. Also, several volunteers are working for the CLC.

The CLC office is located in Zagreb.

ACTIVITIES:

CLC is active in four main areas: protection of human rights, justice, public administration and education.

In the area of human rights protection, activities are focused on the critical observation of the work of legislative, executive and judicial power, on influencing the legislative process, and on influencing the application and implementation of the law. The main activities include drawing up drafts of legal regulations and proposals to the Constitutional Court to annul certain legal regulations, and the provision of free legal aid to citizens and NGOs.

In the area of justice, activities are mainly focused on drawing up a proposal for resolving the issue of exercising the right to a fair trial (lengthy legal proceedings) and on the training of judges and state attorneys.

In the area of public administration the activities are focused on the realization of the concept of "good governance" at the local self-government level.

In the area of education the activities are focused on increasing the knowledge and skills of the legal practitioners.

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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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Developing Together (DT) is a Non Government Organization (NGO) established in Prishtina (Kosovo/SMN) in January 2004.

Establishment of DT had been supported by UNHCR as well as by an international NGO GOAL Ireland.

DT's key staff have all worked with GOAL in the past and the organization was established by experienced former managers of GOAL in Kosovo.

The mission of DT is to assist in the improvement of living conditions of the most vulnerable communities in Kosovo, regardless of ethnicity. Providing specialized shelter, water and sanitation assistance mostly for the displaced population, DT developed as a humanitarian agency and has managed to operate in whole Kosovo. In 2003 and 2004 GOAL Kosovo was UNHCR Implementing Partner.

In 2005 UNHCR transferred from GOAL to DT implementation of the UNHCR Emergency Shelter Repair Project. In 2006 DT continues to independently conduct same project. Over the past two years, DT has worked in partnership with a number of core donors to provide

emergency relief and rehabilitation assistance to some of the most marginalized and poorest communities in Kosovo. DT's core donors include: UNHCR, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) /Government Assistance to Returns (GAR) funded by Kosovo Consolidated Budget, OSCE and GOAL Ireland.

STRUCTURE:

DT is operating Kosovo wide and all the projects are centralized through DT's main office in Prishtina. For the moment DT has 18 employees and has three main units. First Unit deals with Shelter Projects, mostly funded by UNHCR. Second unit is the Multi Sectoral Returns Projects unit, and Third unit deals with Democratization projects, funded by OSCE. Each unit has its Project Manager supported by the dedicated staff. The main decision making body within DT is Assembly of Members consisting of 7 members. The members of the Assembly are all Kosovars consisting of 2 female representatives as well as 1 minority representative. 3 out of 7 assembly Members serve on the DT Executive Board.

ACTIVITIES:

UNHCR is for the second year funding DT, as an independent NGO, to conduct the 2006 Emergency Shelter Repair Programme (ESRP), This Programme is Kosovo-wide and involves assisting spontaneous returnees with minor shelter repair. ESRP acts to quickly stabilize new arrivals in their place of origin, preventing further displacement by providing core living conditions. As such returnees are provided with at least one warm-dry-room to live until further reconstruction assistance is secured, if necessary. In 2005 DT managed to assist more than 120 returnee families.

DT has so far implemented four United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) projects funded through Kosovo Consolidated Budget.: GAR 0018 and GAR 0042: Humanitarian Food Assistance for IDP's.

GAR 0037: Electrification Support to the Central Inter Ministerial Commission's (CIMC)

GAR 0043: Infrastructure Support for Sustainable Return and Reintegration in Dragas/h Municipality.

DT has completed reparations of 17 schools Kosovo wide. This project was funded by GOAL Ireland. In addition, DT is engaged in democratization projects, funded by OSCE. At the moment DT is engaged in identifying minority return areas as well as in developing Concept Papers for the Multi Sectoral Returns projects.

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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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The European Council on Refugees & Exiles (ECRE) is a pan-European network of refugee-assisting non-governmental organizations. 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. 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 organizations in Europe. Developing the institutional capacity of refugee-assisting non-governmental organizations in Europe.

STRUCTURE:

ECRE is its membership, nearly 80 full and associate member agencies, comprising key NGOs working in the European refugee field.

ECRE welcomes applications for membership from NGOs "which play a national role in any European country in working on behalf of refugees and/or in promoting a humane and liberal asylum policy for refugees and exiles" (Article 5 of ECRE's Articles of Association). 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. The Secretariat, which services and represents the ECRE membership, is based in Brussels and London. ECRE also maintains an office in Brussels, responsible for activities vis-à-vis the institutions of the European Union. Interns provide vital support to ECRE's policy, legal and advocacy work, in both offices.

ACTIVITIES:

policy development & research ECRE's policy work aims to demonstrate that the needs of refugees and the interests of European host states are not mutually exclusive, but can be realized simultaneously through policies which are principled as well as pragmatic. This work ranges from immediate reactions to governmental and intergovernmental policy to longer-term research and discussion projects. It is "action oriented", aiming always to make specific recommendations. It is firmly based on international human rights and refugee law. ECRE has developed more than twenty policy positions which provide wide-ranging guidance for decision-makers. They are used extensively in ECRE's advocacy work. advocacy in the EU ECRE monitors developments in asylum and refugee policy within the institutions of the European Union. The Secretariat undertakes advocacy initiatives aimed at influencing the evolution of existing policy and the future EU agenda. It informs the ECRE member agencies on refugee-related developments in the EU agenda. It furthermore co-ordinates the ECRE Advocacy Network (ECRAN), consisting of policy advocates in the ECRE member agencies. This network carries out advocacy activities on European refugee issues at the national level. ECRAN meets biannually to discuss advocacy techniques and to devise strategies. European legal network on asylum (ELENA) ELENA is a forum for legal practitioners who aim to promote the highest human rights standards for the treatment of refugees, asylum seekers and other persons in need of international protection in their daily counseling and advocacy work. The ELENA network extends across 25 central and western European states and involves some 2,000 lawyers and legal counselors. ELENA in collaboration with Asylumlaw.org runs a private discussion forum for asylum lawyers to facilitate networking and exchange of information between legal practitioners around the world.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

FilmAid International uses the power of film to promote health, strengthen communities and enrich the lives of the world's vulnerable and uprooted. FilmAid was created in the year 2000, and has programs in Kenya, Tanzania and the United States.

STRUCTURE:

FilmAid has its headquarters in New York, and offices in Nairobi, Kenya.

ACTIVITIES:

Over the past six years, FilmAid has brought films for inspiration and information to refugees and displaced people in Macedonia, Afghanistan, Louisiana and--in our current programs--Kenya and Tanzania.

FilmAid's ongoing programs in refugee camps in East Africa draw up to 33,000 people at a time for outdoor evening screenings. In 2005, FilmAid screenings reached total audiences of over one million.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Finnish Red Cross was founded 1877, Recognized by the ICRC in 1920. Member of the IFRC since 1921. Involved in the International relief assistance since its foundation and development cooperation since 1964. FRC main purpose in 2007 is to strengthen the Red Cross principles and preparedness to help people in need both in Finland and internationally, to continue planning relief assistance, the cooperation between different generations, to recruit new volunteers and members, to support activities in the branches.

Main activities: first aid, national disaster relief and preparedness, voluntary social and health services, refugee assistance and multicultural work, professional health care services, blood transfusion service, youth activities, youth shelters, Recycling Warehouse Chain.

STRUCTURE:

The FRC structure from the top :General Assembly, Governing Board, Secretary General, Management team, and four main Lines (Communications, organization, programmes, Finance and Personnel) and each lines has from two-five teams, Blood Transfusion Service, District Managers (in 12 biggest cities), Shelter Houses, Recycling Warehouse Chain, Number of Personnel 1173 in 2006.

Branches 583, members in 2005 95248.

ACTIVITIES:

Finnish Red Cross is one of the largest refugee and migrant supporting organizations in Finland. The FRC maintains two reception centres for asylum seekers, receives resettled refugees upon their arrival to Finland, organizes the travel arrangements for family members of refugees to be reunited in Finland and is also prepared to organize 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 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 organized by volunteers in the municipality where the refugees are settled.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Finnish Refugee Council is an independent non-governmental organization, without political or religious affiliations, that was founded in 1965. FRC's mission is to promote and contribute towards the realization of the basic rights of the refugees. Its most important tasks are to carry out refugee work in Finland and abroad, and to provide information, arrange training and schooling, and raise funds. In FRC's work outside Finland, adult education is the most important means of encouraging refugees, and displaced people returning to their homelands to play active roles in society and take control of their own lives. In addition to adult education and community development work FRC has had projects aiming to increased food security in returnee areas as well as women's empowerment projects.

STRUCTURE:

1. Board (consists representatives of member organizations and individual members)
2. Secretary General
3. Finance (1,5 persons), Domestic Unit (7 persons), Information Unit (2 persons); International Unit (21 persons) Offices in Finland: Helsinki (HQs), Turku, Tampere and abroad: Sierra Leone (Freetown & Bo), Liberia (Monrovia), Uganda (Hoima & Kyangwali)

ACTIVITIES:

Abroad: adult education (mainly functional adult literacy training), community development, capacity building of local partner organizations.
In Finland: education work and social work

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Franciscans International works at the UN and international organizations to influence decision makers on behalf of the most vulnerable. We are men and women who are committed to the ideals of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. As St. Francis once addressed the social leaders of his time with the challenge of peace, so today we are called to engage policy makers and world leaders at the United Nations for the work of justice, peace, the care of creation, and the promotion of human rights.

STRUCTURE:

Franciscans International consists of members of franciscan religious congregations of both men and women throughout the world, as well as franciscan lay organizations. It is financed by contributions from these many organizations, known as the Conference of the Franciscan Family. Franciscans International is governed by an International Board of Directors consisting of men and women, religious and lay people.

ACTIVITIES:

Franciscans International Issues: Development/Environment/Human Rights/Peacemaking In response to requests of Franciscan sisters and brothers, Franciscans International: Voices local concerns regarding poverty, human rights, and environmental injustice to the United Nations; Facilitates discussion between Franciscans and States on issues of peace, creation, and human rights; Animates and informs franciscans and our grassroots partners on issues of importance through seminars and publications; Researches and closely follows development, human rights, and peacemaking issues at the United Nations in both New York and Geneva, Switzerland.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

FASIC, Fundación de Ayuda Social de las Iglesias Cristianas, es una institución de carácter ecuménico, comprometida en la práctica cotidiana de los Derechos Humanos e inspirada en la perspectiva cristiana de liberación y dignidad de las personas. Fundada el 01 de abril de 1975.

Se planteó su misión en una concepción ecuménica amplia, en la que participan no sólo miembros de diferentes iglesias, sino también personas que expresan diferentes opciones en lo religioso.

El régimen político vigente en Chile de septiembre de 1973 a marzo de 1990, fue caracterizado como una dictadura militar y fue sancionado internacionalmente por haber utilizado el terrorismo de Estado, que afectó gravemente la garantía de las personas. En ese contexto surge FASIC asumiendo la defensa de los derechos humanos de las personas más vulneradas, oprimidas y marginadas por el sistema imperante.

Construyó su tarea con una concepción evangélica, enfatizando la realización de acciones que revistieron muchas veces el carácter de emergencia con el fin de proteger la vida y la libertad. Sin perjuicio de lo anterior, conjuntamente desde su inicio se desarrollaron programas de promoción y defensa de los derechos humanos en el ámbito social.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Fedepaz, es una institución que trabaja en la defensa y promoción de los derechos humanos de los migrantes, refugiados y desplazados en el peru, forma parte y coordina la red ecumenica para refugiados, migrantes y desplazados de america latina, organización integrada por diez organizaciones que representan a quince países de america latina.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Fedepaz trabaja específicamente brindando asesoría legal y asistencia humanitaria a refugiados y solicitantes de refugio en el país, coordina con entidades del estado y con la comisión católica de migraciones, órgano oficioso del acnur en el peru. En su calidad de coordinador regional de la red ecumenica para refugiados, migrantes y desplazados de america latina, participa en espacios regionales internacionales, en la construcción e implementación de propuestas en favor de los desarraigados.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Fundación Esquel fue creada el 31 de agosto de 1990, con la misión de contribuir al desarrollo humano sustentable del Ecuador, al mejoramiento de la calidad de vida de los pobres y a la construcción de una sociedad democrática, responsable y solidaria.

En nuestros 15 años de trabajo en el Ecuador, hemos ejecutado 457 proyectos con más de 500 contrapartes de la sociedad civil, habiendo beneficiado a alrededor de 800.000 personas de todas las provincias del país. Esto ha profundizado nuestro conocimiento en los temas sociales de mayor impacto, en los grupos vulnerables del país y en el quehacer institucional en el país. En todos nuestros proyectos promovemos la creación y fortalecimiento de redes, que difundan y promuevan el ejercicio de los derechos humanos y ciudadanos en Ecuador. Con este trabajo poseemos importantes lecciones aprendidas que fortalecen nuestras acciones. Nuestro principal activo es nuestra alta capacidad de gestión y el capital humano que trabaja con nosotros. Es así como hemos podido crecer, madurar y diversificarnos.

El trabajo de Esquel se orienta a partir de dos ejes motores: el COMBATE A LA POBREZA y el FORTALECIMIENTO DE LA DEMOCRACIA. El axioma es construir una sociedad responsable donde cada uno de sus actores, desprovisto de sus intereses particulares, asuma el bienestar colectivo como un bien superior.

Durante década y media, hemos puesto en marcha diversos modelos de intervención, creando y perfeccionando metodologías orientadas al desarrollo humano sustentable, buscando la racionalización en el manejo de recursos y aumentar la capacidad de incidencia en políticas públicas.

STRUCTURE:

PRESIDENCIA EJECUTIVA: Presidente Ejecutivo

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DIRECCIÓN DE PROGRAMAS

Directora

VICEPRESIDENCIA

Vicepresidente

DIRECCIÓN ADMINISTRATIVA FINANCIERA

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Consultores

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Programas y

Proyectos

Especiales

Area

Financiera

Area

Presupuesto

Area

Contable

ACTIVITIES:

LINEAS DE ACCION

Partimos de una clara convicción: el desarrollo no será posible sin un esfuerzo compartido. Esto define nuestras líneas de acción:

COMBATE A LA POBREZA

El combate a la pobreza no puede hacerse sin los pobres. Estamos convencidos que con estrategias adecuadas los pobres pueden convertirse en verdaderos protagonistas del desarrollo. Pero, el camino hacia el desarrollo es colectivo y todos los actores sociales tienen la responsabilidad de colaborar y participar en la solución de los problemas del Ecuador.

LUCHA POR CONSTRUIR UNA SOCIEDAD DEMOCRATICA Y SOLIDARIA.

No hay desarrollo sin democracia. Por ello, impulsamos nuevas formas de participación que favorezcan la gobernabilidad y el buen gobierno, que se orienten al diálogo y a la búsqueda de acuerdos en torno a objetivos y estrategias de interés nacional.

ÁREAS DE TRABAJO

A partir de esto, nuestro trabajo se orienta hacia los siguientes programas, donde se sitúan nuestros proyectos:

- DESARROLLO Y EQUIDAD: Consorcio de Desarrollo Local para el fortalecimiento de gobiernos locales y descentralización
Turismo sostenible, codesarrollo y migración, inclusión social.
- CODESARROLLO: Orientado a la vinculación de la movilidad humana con el desarrollo de las sociedades. Trabajamos con inmigrantes ecuatorianos en el mundo, con sus familiares en Ecuador, y con inmigrantes y refugiados en Ecuador.
- DEMOCRACIA: reforma a la justicia, formación ciudadana y educación para la democracia, construcción de consensos, seguridad ciudadana.
- NIÑEZ Y JUVENTUD: fortalecimiento de oportunidades juveniles, calidad de la educación, empleo juvenil, salud sexual y reproductiva
promoción de Tecnologías de Información y Comunicación.
- DESARROLLO EMPRESARIAL: Desarrollo de una cultura empresarial, microcréditos, asistencia técnica y emprendimientos.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Established in 2000, the centre's mission is to support states and the international community in efforts to strengthen democratic and civilian oversight of armed and security forces, and to promote security sector reform in accordance with democratic standards.

STRUCTURE:

DCAF consists of three departments: research (or Think Tank), operations and special programmes. The Think Tank is the analytical branch of the centre but also offers services in policy advice, training and seminars. The programme in West Africa and the planned programme in Middle East and North Africa are handled by the Think Tank. The Operations Department is essentially responsible for all other operational programmes. The department is divided into the "Border Security Programme", the "South Eastern Europe Programmes" and the "NIS Programmes". The Special Programmes department currently concentrates on three main areas of interest all related to DCAF's core activities, namely: the Partnership for Peace initiative; the Women in an Insecure World project; and the Children in an Insecure World project. The centre has a staff of 50 employees, with an additional 20 research assistants.

ACTIVITIES:

DCAF realises its mission through:

- supporting the international community in the development and promotion of relevant norms, standards, rules and procedures at both the international and national level;
- systematically collecting, analysing, documenting, networking, debating, and publishing policy relevant knowledge and expertise (the "lessons learned") and good practices in security sector reform and governance;
- offering, at the operational level, tailor-made assistance programmes on the ground in order to put the knowledge thus accumulated at the disposal of all those who need it – be it governments, security sector structures, parliaments or civil society actors

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Global Detention Project was established in 2006 at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, as a joint initiative with various Geneva-based international organizations to study and track the phenomena of migrant detention across the globe.

STRUCTURE:

The Project is based at the Political Science Department of the Graduate Institute (Geneva) and includes two main operational personnel: Prof. David Sylvan is the project coordinator and Michael Flynn is the lead researcher. Outside project stakeholders include representatives from the International Detention Coalition, UNHCR, and the ILO.

ACTIVITIES:

The Project has two main components: It is undertaking a comparative study of the growth of detention in so-called transit states, and it is undertaking a mapping project aimed at comprehensively documenting the phenomenon of migrant detention across the globe.

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The Greek Council for Refugees was founded in 1989. It is a non-governmental, non – profit organization with special consultative status with the U.N. ECOSOC. GCR's president of the governing board Mrs. Iro Nikolakopoulou Stephanou is a member of the ECRE executive committee. The mission of GCR is to contribute to the solution of problems faced by persons who have valid claims to be considered as refugees according to the 1951 Geneva Convention and the relevant supplementary New York Protocol, both ratified by Greece.

STRUCTURE:

GCR is governed by an eleven member Governing board elected by its members, who volunteer their services. The Governing Board in close cooperation with the Administrator set out the strategic objectives of the organization for pursuing the attainment of our mission. GCR provides legal and social services through the respective departments and ensures its operational financial viability through the program development and funding department. GCR also runs a daycare and a shelter for asylum seekers and refugees who suffer from mental illness. The offices of GCR are in the center of Athens and in the Peristeri area, -a municipality adjacent to Athens- in which a high number of refugees concentrates. GCR currently employs approximately 60 employees who along with numerous volunteers carry out our normal activities.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Provides orientation services and offers direct psycho-social and material assistance to refugees aiming at self-sufficiency and social integration.
- 2) offers assistance for seeking, obtaining and maintaining employment.
- 3) Provides legal counseling to migrants, asylum seekers and offers legal assistance to refugees, also advising them about their rights and obligations. It also assists officials to identify justifiable asylum applications at points of entry/border areas.
- 4) Advises and facilitates refugees and persons in refugee - like situations seeking repatriation or resettlement.
- 5)advocates, vis-à-vis the Greek Government, Parliament and the Judiciary, measures for the protection of refugee and human rights.
- 6) endeavours to raise the awareness and tolerance of the public for refugees, organizes colloquia
- 7) Undertakes missions to border areas of Greece for immediately assisting potential asylum seekers, ensuring that the asylum procedure/law is followed and for assisting local authorities/officials become acquainted with developments in the field of refugee protection.
- 8) offers its expertise in training programs nationally and internationally.
- 9) collaborates closely with the UNHCR acting also as its implementing partner, with the E.U., Council of Europe, ECRE e.t.c.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

Steering Committee, Executive Director, Deputy Director.

Program Coordinator for direct support.

Program Coordinator for empowerment of beneficiaries and education.

Program Coordinator for Advocacy and Policy.

Each Program Coordinator runs respective Unit.

Apart from that Group 484 have Administrative-logistic Unit, Financial Department, PR, Volunteer Center that gathers over 100 young volunteers.

Group 484 have 25 fully employed people and over a hundred associates throughout Serbia.

Group 484 is based in Belgrade and operates throughout whole Serbia.

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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

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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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OVERALL OBJECTIVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Capacity Building, with a special concentration on women and grass root organizations.\$
2. Poverty alleviation
3. Food Security
4. Internally displaced persons (IDPs)
5. Community Development
6. Education
7. Eradication of Harmful Traditional Practices (HTP)
8. Peace building and conflict resolution
9. International relations with similar NGOs.

STRUCTURE:

(HSW) STRUCTURES CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MAIN BODIES:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. WOMEN DEVELOPMENT
2. HUMAN RIGHTS
3. IDPS AND RETURNEES
4. PROJECTS
5. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
6. ADMINISTRATION
7. FINANCE

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS OF OFFICES IN SUDAN:

1. KHARTOUM STATE
2. SOUTH KORDOFAN
3. NORTH KORDOFAN
4. NORTH DARFUR
5. SOUTH DARFUR

ACTIVITIES:

activities

1. Women training centres in El Dajo, El Hagra, Wariel, El Banjadeed, and Hieelmaz Alfeen. (Adult Education, Food security, Eradication of harmful practices, Capacity building) (1983)
2. Assisting in immunization campaign with UNICEF in Shiekan Rural Area (1993-1996)
3. Organizing and executing gender planning training with UNICEF in North, South and West Kordofan. (1994-1997).
4. Organizing and executing workshops, conferences, and seminars on health, education, women's rights, motherhood and safety in Kordofan.
5. Food security in Shiekan Rural Area (jabareek) (1987-1989) 6. HAWA Organization assisted with digging a well in Umashira Rural Area Elideed at 1993.
7. Training Needy women in El Obeid prison.
8. Provide needy women in El Obeid prison with clothes, medicine, and food from 1983-1994.
9. Assist women farmers by providing them with hand tools and seeds, with FAO, at South Darfur.
10. Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation, under processing, funded by Rainbow. May 2005-May 2006. North Kordofan.
11. Capacity building in(a. Empowerment of NGOs. b. Women Economic Empowerment).
12. Food Security Project with FAO. May 2005. North Darfur. Kordofan (Jabareek).

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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 Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights 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 Center, 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. Heartland Alliance also operates the National Center on Detention and Democracy to address detention policy and practice in the U.S.

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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:

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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:

Human Rights First believes that building respect for human rights and the rule of law will help ensure the dignity to which every individual is entitled and will stem tyranny, extremism, intolerance, and violence. Human Rights First protects people at risk: refugees who flee persecution, victims of crimes against humanity or other mass human rights violations, victims of discrimination, those whose rights are eroded in the name of national security, and human rights advocates who are targeted for defending the rights of others.

These groups are often the first victims of societal instability and breakdown; their treatment is a harbinger of wider-scale repression.

Human Rights First works to prevent violations against these groups and to seek justice and accountability for violations against them.

Human Rights First is a non-profit organization, based in New York and Washington DC, that was established in 1978.

STRUCTURE:

Human Rights First has several programs, including its Refugee Protection Program. Other programs focus on Crimes Against Humanity, Human Rights Defenders and Law and Security. The organization has a staff of 65, and hundreds of volunteer attorneys that represent refugees on a pro bono basis. The organization's offices are in New York and Washington D.C.

ACTIVITIES:

Main Activities include pro bono representation of refugees, public education, and advocacy on refugee and other human rights issues.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Institute of Applied Humanitarian Researches is a public Organization, a juridical person according to the legislation of Ukraine, was established in 1998.

The Institute is the UNHCR Implementing Partner from 2001. According to its Statute, the main purpose of the Institute's activity is support and development of science and information in order to provide for the development of civil society in Ukraine and a fastest integration of Ukraine into the world community.

STRUCTURE:

The Institute is composed of the following functional Centers specializing in the priority directions: The Expert-Consulting Center (including the Center of Legal Assistance for Refugees) and The Analytical Center. The President of the Institute – prof. Mykhaylo Buromenskiy; Director of The Expert-Consulting Center and the Center of Legal Assistance for Refugees - dr. Volodymyr Steshenko; Director of The Analytical Center - dr. Olexander Serdiuk. Geographic locations of offices: Kharkiv (main office), Kiyiv, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk.

ACTIVITIES:

The Institute has profound experience of professional activity in the field of human rights protection, in the preparation of fundamental analytical studies on the issues of economy, law, and also in conducting major sociologic research. The Expert-Consulting Center provides free professional consultations to citizens, including lawyers (advocates, judges) in the field of human rights protection. The Expert-Consulting Center includes the Center of Legal Assistance for Refugees which renders free legal assistance in the protection of rights of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers in Eastern Ukraine. The Center is also the basis for study and internship of the Legal Clinic students. The Expert-Consulting Center also holds professional trainings for judges, advocates, public officials and journalists – in total more than 170 trainings were held in all the regions of Ukraine. The Analytical Center conducts social and legal studies of the problems modern Ukraine encounters with. During the last five years the Center prepared and published 17 analytical materials, in particular, those devoted to the correlation of Ukrainian legislation and the Convention on protecting human rights and substantial freedoms; combating corruption; legal status of HIV/AIDS infected; legal status of refugees in Ukraine etc. In the framework of the Center law drafting activity and drafts expertise are held. The Institute has involved into law drafting process on refugees issues. The publishing activity of the Institute is concerned with providing methodical recommendations to lawyers concerning the application of legislation on the protection of human rights, and also with the preparation of manuals. During the years 2001-2006, the Institute has published 22 manuals, comments, inquiry books, and analytical reports, also concerning refugees problems: Buromenskiy M. International Protection of Human Rights and Rights of Refugees. Kyiv: UNHCR, 2002. 160 p. ; International and National Protection of Human Rights and Rights of Refugees in Ukraine. Manual. Kharkiv, 2004; Buromenskiy M., Steshenko V., Kuts V. International and National Protection of Human Rights and Rights of Refugees. Manual. – Kharkiv: Yashma, 2004. – P. 150.; The Social and Legal problems of preventing crimes in the sphere of migration. Kharkiv: Yashma, 2004. – P. 195. Buromenskiy M.V., Pletchko D., Steshenko V.M. Law of Ukraine «On Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons». Scientific and Practical Comment / Under the editorship of . M.V. Buromenskiy. Kharkiv: Yashma, 2005. – P. 268.; Legal Protection of refugees and Stateless Persons in Ukraine. Collection of standard legal acts / Under the editorship of . M.V. Buromenskiy. Kharkiv: IAHR, 2005. – P. 400 .

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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 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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HISTORY; PURPOSES:

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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International Aid Services (IAS) is a relief and development organization established in 1989. The organization has independent registrations in Denmark, Germany, Norway and Sweden. Each IAS European Headquarters has its own board and a partnership agreement is signed between them. The role of the partnership agreement is to combine the different country's goals and vision to assist people in need.

IAS mission is 'to save lives, promote self-reliance and dignity and enable people to invest in their future, regardless of race, creed, gender or nationality of the recipient'.

IAS goal is to help people help themselves and believes that every human being should be respected for his/her dignity. No one wants to be a beggar, but certain reasons have forced people to beg for help. Several of these people are well educated and they also have a desire to help their people. We assist these motivated people with different kind of support so that they can be of help to suffering people.

International Aid Services Sweden is a Sweden based humanitarian organization, which aim at assisting in disaster areas and to bring aid and development into third world countries. The organization is registered as an association in Sweden and is active in many nations.

STRUCTURE:

IAS is non-profit making, non-political with the objective to start and/or support emergency relief and development projects in countries where needs exist. IAS works under the principle 'Help people to help themselves'. Further, IAS encourages and strengthens local initiatives by local groups and organizations in countries where IAS operates. This is done by providing financial, material and spiritual assistance. IAS has about 450 employees and operates in Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somaliland, Paraguay, Nigeria, Romania and Sri Lanka.

ACTIVITIES:

IAS is involved in the following Sectors of Operation: Water and Sanitation, Agriculture, Education, Health and Church Support. In Partnership with UNHCR, IAS since the year 1997 has worked in the area of Water and Sanitation in Northern Uganda and now (2005) in Southern Sudan.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The IARLJ was formally established and incorporated in Warsaw, Poland, when twelve asylum and refugee law judges met there on September 15, 1997, and passed a resolution and a provisional constitution. The IARLJ Constitution was adopted in its final form at the 1998 Ottawa IARLJ World Conference. Hence, the IARLJ, as a formal organization, is not yet ten years old. In less than a decade, the IARLJ has not only established itself as the sole international organization that is exclusively devoted to supporting and advancing the

work of asylum and refugee law judges and decision-makers in the world today, but it has achieved an extensive list of accomplishments. The IARLJ's objectives are:

The International Association of Refugee Law Judges seeks to foster recognition that protection from persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion is an individual right, established under international law, and that the determination of refugee status and its cessation should be subject to the rule of law.

To these ends the Association commits itself: To promote within the judiciary and among quasi-judicial decision-makers world-wide a common understanding of refugee law principles and to encourage the use of fair practices and procedures to determine refugee law issues; To foster judicial independence and to facilitate the development within national legal systems of independent institutions applying judicial principles to refugee law issues; To encourage the sharing of information and databases relating to conditions in countries of origin and countries of transit of asylum seekers; To encourage the development of norms of access by asylum seekers to judicial systems that are compatible with international law standards; To promote or undertake research initiatives, publications and projects that further the attainment of the objects of the Association; and, While keeping in mind the independence of the members of the Association in their judicial functions, to co-operate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other agencies, both international and national, that are concerned with the promotion of an understanding of refugee law issues. One of the primary objectives of the IARLJ is to promote the harmonization of international asylum and refugee law principles and practices and to contribute to the resolution of difficult and problematic areas of international asylum and refugee law.

In this regard, it is worth noting the words of The Honorable Mr. Justice John Laws, who chaired the IARLJ's first international conference on asylum law: It was and is the responsibility of nearly all the judicial delegates present to administer within their own jurisdictions the provisions of the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. Unlike the European Convention on Human Rights, this Treaty does not provide for an international judicial body charged with its enforcement; the responsibility for giving its provisions legal effect lies with the judges and tribunals of the signatory states.

STRUCTURE:

The governance of the Association is clearly delineated by its Constitution. Generally, the "running" of the Association lies with a core of 10-20 members. The General Meeting is held during World Conferences, thus, in practice no more than once every two years.

Council meetings are held more frequently. In practice, Council meetings are held two or three times per year.

At present, they are held mostly by way of teleconference. The Association's Officers meet more frequently.

For reasons of expense saving, these meetings are also often organized through teleconferencing. Where possible, (full) Council meetings and Officers (Executive) meetings are combined with regional conferences/seminars or workshops, so as to enable face-to-face meetings.

In practice, the "daily business" of the IARLJ is dealt with by the "Executive" officers. They are in frequent email contact about all sorts of ongoing business. Teleconference calls are, if desired, coordinated by the Secretariat in Haarlem, or from elsewhere.

Regional matters are dealt with by the board of the relevant Chapter, often in meetings combined with the "worldwide" Association.

There are four active IARLJ Regional Chapters: Australasia; Americas; Africa; and Europe. Apart from the secretarial assistant provided by the Haarlem Court, the IARLJ presently has no staff member apart from the Executive Director.

The absence of staff provides a severe limitation on the expansion of the activities of the IARLJ. Despite this, the IARLJ has organized large scale world conferences by using the generosity of host countries which have made full time staff available for the organization of the conference.

ACTIVITIES:

IARLJ has established a continuous co-operation with the following regional and international bodies:

• European Commission (EC); • Organization for African Unity (OAU), now the African Union (AU); • Academy of European Law (ERA); and • Council of Europe (CoE).

Other international organizations have recognized IARLJ's expertise and have routinely requested the IARLJ to participate in workshops and seminars: • ECRE (European Council on Refugees and Exiles); • Odysseus academic network for legal studies on immigration and asylum in Europe; and • Immigration Law Practitioners Association (ILPA). In 1999, the IARLJ and the UNHCR entered into a formal Memorandum of Understanding.

The Memorandum of Understanding calls on the two organizations to collaborate, "insofar as their respective resources, mandates and other priorities reasonably permit." Initial steps for co-operation have been taken with other international humanitarian or juridical organizations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association (CMJA), the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ), the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ), and the International Law Association (ILA). Since it was formally established in 1997, the IARLJ has provided judicial training and professional development opportunities for refugee and asylum law judges and decision-makers at all levels, from first instance to final appeal. Since the IARLJ was formally founded, the IARLJ has engaged a large number of its members in various Working Parties that address problematic areas of international asylum and refugee law, particularly, in those areas where there is a growing divergence in the legal interpretation of the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. The purpose of the IARLJ Inter-Conference Working Party Process is to study problematic areas of international asylum and refugee law in order to discern the nature and extent of the problem and to recommend how these areas of concern might be resolved. The IARLJ Working Parties have presented their observations, findings and resolutions in the form of conference research papers that are presented at biennial IARLJ World Conferences. IARLJ Working Parties' conference research papers are posted on the IARLJ's website and are also usually published as part of the IARLJ World Conference proceedings. The Association brings refugee and asylum law judges and decision-makers together to discuss common issues and concerns. The IARLJ has also sought to promote the use of "best practices" in international asylum and refugee law by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and opinions of its members. The informal network of support and assistance that has naturally emerged through the IARLJ's activities, among asylum and refugee law judges across international boundaries, should not be underestimated as a positive consequence of the IARLJ's activities. Although this is difficult to document and quantify, by its very nature, it can not be ignored in terms of how it has contributed to promoting the ideals and objectives of the IARLJ, as found in Part 1 of its Constitution.

All IARLJ World Conference proceedings and some Regional Chapter Conference proceedings have been published and given wide circulation. In addition, a number of papers presented at IARLJ conferences have also been published in academic law journals, such as the International Journal of Refugee Law (IJRL), American Journal of International Law (AJIL) and The Georgetown Law Journal (GLJ). In this way, the IARLJ has contributed to the development of international asylum and refugee law theory and practice and national refugee law jurisprudence.

Currently, the IARLJ has a catalogue of six publications to its credit. It also has an active Publications Committee, which is considering the feasibility of publishing occasional papers, monographs and an on-line journal. At the IARLJ's World Conference in Stockholm, Sweden in April 2005, the IARLJ officially launched its multi-lingual, multi-national on-line case law database, the first of its kind in the world today.

Although the database is still in the early stages of its development, it has a tremendous potential to help to disseminate asylum and refugee case law to judges and decision-makers, in a number of different languages, throughout the world. The case law database will require ongoing refinement and development to make it more readily accessible and usable to more asylum and refugee law judges and decision-makers. Presently, the IARLJ case law database is entirely operated by volunteers who submit interesting asylum and refugee law cases from their countries' courts.

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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:

ICMC's 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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ICJW is made up of 52 Jewish women's organizations in 47 countries, covering between them almost the whole spectrum of the Jewish world. For most of them the main focus of their work is the services they offer to the community, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The core purpose of ICJW is to bring together Jewish women from all walks of life in order to bring a driving force for social justice for all races and creeds.

Most of the work is done by volunteer members of ICJW's affiliates, although help is occasionally sought from professionals to cover particular specialized needs. It is a matter of pride, however, that our volunteers are trained to work to high standards, as nearly professional as they can achieve.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

International Jewish Women's Human Rights Project

Women in Enterprise or Professions
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Work for the Disabled
Work in Support of Women
Special Programs
Health-Linked Projects
Work for Israel
Work with Older People
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STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

Humanitarian relief including varied and extensive socio-medical Programs, refugee protection including support for acceptance of the principle of right to asylum for bona fide refugees and asylum seekers (AJDC and INTERCO), promotion and encouragement of the development of international human rights law, humanitarian law and refugee law (IAJL).

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) is an independent, non-governmental and non-political federation of medical students' associations, representing 88 countries throughout the world.

The 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. It exists to serve medical students all over the world. IFMSA was established in the Netherlands as a charity organization throughout the world.

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."

Aims:

- To be a forum for medical students throughout the world to discuss topics related to health, education and medicine; to formulate policies from such discussions and to carry out appropriate activities;
 - To promote humanitarian ideals and medical ethics amongst medical students;
 - . To be a body through which cooperation and contacts with other international organizations are established.
- The goal of the Federation is to serve society and medical students all over the world through its member organizations by:
- . Empowering medical students in using their knowledge and capacities for the benefit of society.
 - . Providing a forum for medical students throughout the world to discuss topics related to individual and community health, education and science and to formulate policies from such discussions.
 - . Promoting and facilitating professional and scientific exchanges as well as projects and extracurricular trainings for medical students, thereby sensitizing them to other cultures and societies and their health problems
 - . Providing a link between members, medical students' associations and international organizations, and to encourage co-operation between them for the ultimate benefit of society.

ACTIVITIES:

The experiences in the IFMSA show that ideals of a better world are not just illusions; dedication and perseverance can achieve anything. In IFMSA the

emphasis is that the students return in their local environment with the ideas and skills to implement them.

True to its foundation, student exchanges remain the backbone of the Federation. Every year IFMSA enables around 7 000 students to experience the practice of medicine in a different culture, within the different IFMSA schemes of exchange. The exchange activities during the last 52 years have created a continuity and atmosphere of stability, in which the organization has been allowed to grow and in which activities have developed also in other fields.

By involvement in Public Health activities, students seek to contribute to the health of the people of the world, both through health education and by directly supportive projects in areas of need.

Through Medical Education activities, IFMSA acts as a forum for medical students to discuss their own education, primarily during the two annual meetings and in separate seminars and conferences. Also aims to further medical education by means of creating a database of medical curricula in the world, also collecting medical books for libraries in the developing countries.

Projects in the field of human Rights and Peace aim to relieve and prevent the medical repercussions of war by advocating disarmament, promoting tolerance, and enhancing the building of peace after a conflict.

Another major focus in IFMSA is Reproductive Health, with the goal of increasing the awareness of the problems related to AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, both among medical students and the population at large, through workshops, summer-schools, and public educational programs. All activities of the federation have the ultimate goal of promoting increased awareness of global health and well being, contributing actively to improve intercultural understanding and preventing violent conflicts through the promotion of human rights.

Examples of the activities within the Standing Committee on human Rights and Peace:

Locally: * Arrangement of lectures by guest speakers at universities, libraries or community centers about refugee health, human rights and health or conflict prevention. * Visits to local refugee camps and speaking with local officials, NGOs and refugees about their needs. * Providing personal services to refugees in the community (Preferably in cooperation with other NGOs).

Nationally: * Trainings on human rights and refugee topics for students. * Awareness campaigns on specific days i.e. about Human Rights, Refugee Health, The war in Iraq at all universities in the country.

Internationally: * International training on refugee health.

* Study session on health and human rights of refugees, immigrants and minorities in Europe.

* Workshop on natural disasters and relief aid.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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.iasw-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:

Terre des Hommes was established in 1960 in Switzerland. In 1966, the existing national Terre des Hommes organisations formed the International Federation Terre des Hommes (IFTDH), with a headquarters located in Geneva. The aim of Terre des Hommes is to work

for the improvement of conditions on living of children in need through development and humanitarian aid field programmes (currently 1215 in 64 countries) and advocacy activities.

STRUCTURE:

There are 11 national organisations of Terre des Hommes running operations in 64 countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. The national organisations of Terre des Hommes are gathered in a network, the International Federation Terre des Hommes to run joint activities in fields such as advocacy. Common standards are used by members of the IFTDH. All together the TdH organisations employ 377 paid staff at headquarters and about 1500 in the field. The International Secretariat of the IFTDH is composed of three staff persons and two interns.

ACTIVITIES:

implementing the rights of the child especially regarding education, health and protection from exploitation, discrimination and violence (through field projects and advocacy).

Terre des Hommes believes that children are the main participants in their own development, with inherent rights and vital social, economic and cultural roles. Terre des Hommes helps them realise their full potential in the world of today.

Terre des Hommes supports 1164 development and humanitarian aid projects in 72 countries and campaigns for the rights of children, to generate public mobilisation, political will and effective improvement at field level.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

International Islamic Relief Organization is very active since more than 20 years in the humanitarian relief fields as well as in education, health's sustainable development projects throughout the world without any distinction based on religion or beliefs. We are member of ICVA and CONGO and collaborate with IOM, WHO and UNHCR.

STRUCTURE:

We have a consultative status with ECOSOC.

The Headquarters is in Jeddah, with 100 offices around the world, 1000 persons are working for IIOOSA.

ACTIVITIES:

Health Care, Emergency Relief, Social Welfare, Human Resource Development, Well Drilling Project (Water wells)

Educational Care.

International Medical Corps

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 Organization was established in July 12th 1999, with the aim to promote fair international peace that considers people's 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, defend and strengthen the rights of individuals that guarantee them a home country to live peacefully, to oppose the production and use all forms of weapons, to provide protection to refugees, to sensitize world opinion about environment damages and their impact on human health, to cooperate with all organizations and institutions that have similar objectives.

STRUCTURE:

The International Organization for Peace Care and Relief renders a high priority to humanitarian situations in Libya, especially those related to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. In this respect, two major sections in the organization's 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 a/m two Departments 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:

Among other national and international activities, providing humanitarian assistance (kind/in kind) to countries afflicted by war or natural catastrophes. Contributing, through a Specialized Committee, in drafting a National Law for Asylum in Libya in coordination with UNHCR Office in Libya for having assistance of professional and specialized expertise. Assist the Office of UNHCR-Libya in raising public awareness of the policy and mandate of UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue committee is a world leader in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression. At work in 25 countries, the IRC delivers lifesaving aid in emergencies, rebuilds shattered communities, cares for war-traumatized children, rehabilitates health care, water and sanitation systems, reunites separated families, restores lost livelihoods, establishes schools, trains teachers, strengthens the capacity of local organizations and institutions, develops civil society and good-governance initiatives and promotes human rights. For refugees and asylum seekers afforded sanctuary in the US, the IRC offices across the country provide a range of assistance aimed at helping new arrivals get settled, integrate and acquire the skills to become self-sufficient. Committed to restoring dignity and self-reliance, the IRC is a global symbol of hope and renewal for those who have taken flight in search of freedom.

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

The IRC helps people fleeing racial, religious and ethnic persecution, as well as those uprooted by war and violence. At the outbreak of an emergency, we provide sanctuary and lifesaving assistance: For refugees driven from their homes, we provide emergency assistance: water, food, shelter, sanitation and medical care. Where the emergency has subsided, we enable people to rebuild their lives by providing education, training and economic assistance. We help thousands of refugees resettle in the United States every year. Our 22 offices across the US offer initial placement services including housing; medical exams; enrolling children in schools; orientation including cultural orientation to the community, introduction to public services and public safety. Early employment is the hallmark of the US resettlement program and our offices offer job-readiness training, and job upgrading services in addition to assistance in finding initial employment. English language training, and help in attaining financial literacy. We assist families with family reunification and offer assistance in adjustment of status and obtaining US Citizenship (5 years after arrival). We actively work in communities to educate people on the plight of refugees and to introduce them to the people resettling in their neighborhoods. With the rise of human trafficking we administer an active Anti-trafficking program. We are vocal public policy advocates, calling attention to critical issues affecting refugees around the world.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Save the Children's Vision Save the Children works 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's Mission Save the Children fights for children's rights.

We deliver immediate and lasting improvements to children's lives worldwide. 28 Save the Children organisations make up the International Save the Children Alliance, the world's largest independent movement for children, making improvements for children in over 111 countries.

STRUCTURE:

There are separate Save the Children organisations in 28 countries working together to improve children's lives in over 111 countries.

The organisations range in size from offices with only few staff members to those employing thousands of people worldwide.

The International Save the Children Alliance is a network of all Save the Children organisations, focusing on pooling resources, establishing common policies and carrying out joint projects. All Save the Children organisations work with children in their own countries as well as through international programmes. Save the Children has a Secretariat based in London, United Kingdom, which supports and coordinates the efforts of all Save the Children organisations.

ACTIVITIES:

Save the Children works in different fields and carries out different activities. On a global level we have identified five main thematic areas which constitute our foci: Education, HIV/AIDS, Exploitation and Abuse, Conflict and Disaster, Emergencies and Campaigning for Change.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) promotes the development, strengthening, effective use and implementation of international and regional law and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights.

It achieves this purpose by:

- empowering individuals, non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and international and regional human rights systems, in particular through the provision of information and training;

- monitoring, reporting on and promoting human rights discussions and debates and the development of international and regional law and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights; and
- promoting the effective protection of human rights defenders.

ISHR was established in 1984 by members of various non-governmental organizations in Geneva. For 20 years, it has given human rights defenders from around the world information, training and support. Today, through its offices in Geneva and New York and its worldwide network of human rights activists, it offers:

- analytical reports on the UN and other international and regional human rights mechanisms;
- training on how to use the international and regional norms and procedures;
- strategic advice for effective lobbying;
- contributions to standard-setting; and
- practical information and logistical support to enable human rights defenders to take full advantage of international human rights law and procedures.

ISHR does not generally campaign on country or individual cases but through its work helps human rights defenders take more effective action to protect and promote human rights in their own countries, regionally and internationally.

STRUCTURE:

The ISHR has three operational units: Education and Training, Information; and a Human Rights Defenders Office. ISHR has 15 staff and at different times up to 10 interns working in offices in New York and Geneva.

The policy-making body of ISHR, which oversees the work of the Secretariat, is the Board. The Board is elected by the General Meeting of the international association. A larger and active Advisory Council is also elected by the General Meeting.

As provided for in the statutes of the international association of ISHR, the General Meeting defines the main orientation of the organization.

The Board, elected by the General Meeting, defines priorities and the programme of action. It also reviews the work of the Secretariat.

It meets at least twice a year. The Board is assisted by 25 experts of the Advisory Council. The Board and the Secretariat call upon them for advice on policy, programmes and projects. Members of the Advisory Council are also invited to provide training in the courses and workshops of ISHR.

ACTIVITIES:

Information Programme, Education and Training Programme, Human Rights Defenders Office (HRD).

The work of the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) is to empower and protect human rights defenders in implementing human rights in their respective countries. This is done through four units, namely: the Information Unit; the Education and Training Unit; the Human Rights Defenders Office (HRDO); and the Planning and Administration Unit.

Information Programme

The aim of the Information Unit is to produce, publish and distribute throughout the world analytical information on UN meetings and procedures and to explain the use of international procedures. Since few NGOs can afford to attend human rights meetings held by the UN in Geneva or New York, the Information Unit helps enable human rights defenders to follow the deliberations and initiatives of intergovernmental organizations from a distance.

To implement its mandate, the Information Unit monitors key human rights and other relevant meetings and produces a variety of publications, such as the "Human Rights Monitor"; the "HR-Documentation-DH"; the "HR-Dossiers-DH"; and human rights manuals.

Education and Training Programme

The Education and Training Unit seeks to empower human rights defenders worldwide to make effective use of the UN human rights procedures.

Training activities include courses, workshops and lectures on international human rights law and the effective use of international human rights procedures, principally in the UN, but also in other intergovernmental and regional bodies. The main training course - the annual "Advanced Geneva Training Course in International Human Rights Law and Advocacy" (AGTC) - on international human rights law and procedures is held in Geneva for four weeks through March and April, and coincides with the annual session of the Commission on Human Rights. The Education and Training Unit trains approximately 30 active members of grassroots, regional human rights organizations.

More than 350 human rights defenders, primarily from the South have participated in this course. Training sessions are also co-organized with local, regional and national NGOs in the regions for human rights activists. The sessions cover international, regional and national human rights mechanisms. Annually ISHR holds a minimum of six training sessions in the South. Recent courses have been held in the Gambia, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Turkey and the USA.

Human Rights Defenders Office (HRDO)

HRDO was created in October 2000 to actively protect human rights defenders. Its work focuses on:

- providing advice on and facilitating access to international human rights mechanisms that protect the rights of human rights defenders, in particular the mandate and work of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders;
- promoting the development of regional and sub-regional protection mechanisms;
- disseminating information on practical means to enhance the protection of human rights defenders;
- developing analytical studies on issues related to the protection of human rights defenders;
- organizing seminars and other events to enable human rights defenders (including the Special Representative on human rights defenders and other relevant universal or regional protection mechanisms) to analyze the dangers and obstacles to their work and find appropriate solutions;
- promoting the development, supporting and strengthening networks of human rights defenders and NGOs at local, regional and international levels.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Intersos is an emergency oriented organization created in 1992. It operates in man made and natural disaster situations. It is intended to manage refugee camps as well as to address the first phases of natural disaster situations. Water and sanitations, shelter, community services, primary education and social-cultural activities are the main expertise of the Agency.

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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The Iraqi Refugee Aid Council (IRAC) was founded in its present organizational set-up in 1995 by a number of expatriate Iraqis with the aim of extending humanitarian assistance to Iraqi refugees in Iran. Because of the great need among Afghan refugees, IRAC began to include them among its beneficiaries from 1998 onwards. IRAC is registered as a charity in London (UK).

STRUCTURE:

IRAC's main location of activities at the time of foundation was Iran. A board of trustees of five members determines the aims and strategy of IRAC's activities during a certain period of time, responding to the needs of the refugee community in Iran. IRAC obtains its funding from international donors like ACT Netherlands, DfID, Christian Aid, Merlin and UNHCR as well as private donors. The central office in Tehran under the management of IRAC's managing director directs and coordinates IRAC's activities in different locations. At present, IRAC has local offices in Qum and Ahwaz. However, IRAC will open local offices in response to needs of groups of refugees. In addition to its local offices in Qum and Ahwaz, IRAC has had offices or representations in downtown Tehran, Yazd, Andimeshk, and Himmert camp at different points in time. In addition, IRAC had representatives in 14 camps for Iraqi refugees, which are now closed due to repatriation. From the central office in Tehran, IRAC directs activities in different locations all over Iran through field visits, employing temporary representatives as needed. After the toppling of Saddam Hussein's Baathist regime in 2003, IRAC was one of the first NGOs to enter Iraq, beginning its activities as early as April 2003. IRAC's sister organization, the Iraqi Aid Council (its acronym also is IRAC) established a central office in Karbala and a local office in Basrah to offer humanitarian assistance to needy Iraqis.

ACTIVITIES:

activities

IRAC's activities aim at addressing all important humanitarian needs of the refugee community in Iran. IRAC's activities include emergency relief distributions, distribution of NFI, medical assistance, skills training and cultural activities. After realizing that the single most important difficulty facing refugees in Iran was their inability to pay for medical treatment, IRAC focused on medical relief for Iraqi as well as Afghan refugees from 1998 onward. Since then, IRAC runs a medical referral project that varies in scope according to funding. Apart from assisting with the cost of medical treatment, IRAC focuses on creating a network of sympathetic specialists and medical centers. IRAC's staff also offers health advice to applicants. Since UNHCR-assisted repatriation of Afghan and Iraqi refugees from Iran began, IRAC works in partnership with UNHCR to assure that refugees return in safety and dignity by offering medical services in the voluntary repatriation centers. In Iraq, IRAC's sister organization continued IRAC's commitment to health and medical care by establishing charity eye clinics in Karbala and Basrah. Apart from this, IRAC-Iraq cares for orphans, implements income-generating projects and offers relief assistance to the poorest strata of society.

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Islamic Relief is an international NGO created in England in 1984. Islamic Relief is dedicated to alleviating the poverty and suffering of the world's poorest people.

STRUCTURE:

Islamic Relief is active in some forty countries, and has more than 1300 employees. Since 1993, Islamic Relief has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

ACTIVITIES:

Islamic Relief works in humanitarian aid (emergency relief for the victims of wars, famines and natural disasters; refugees' crises) as well as in sustainable development (rehabilitation; water and sanitation; health and nutrition; education and vocational training; micro-credit).

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ISRA established in 1981 - the main purposes are providing basic services to people effected y war and natural disasters and poor societies through empowerin them to gain self-reliance and secure their basic needs, ISRA contributed tremendously in collaboration with other sisters organizations.

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).
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:

Despite the fact that the Japanese government ratified the Refugee Convention and Protocol in 1981, the overall environment surrounding the refugees and asylum-seekers requires much more improvement. Except for Indo-Chinese refugees in 1980's, admitted exceptionally on an annual quota basis through Cabinet Understanding, those who make an asylum claim and go through the Refugee Recognition Procedures were facing difficulties in getting social services i.e. accommodation, education, health and vocational training.

Against this, the issue of refugees and asylum-seekers has not received considerable publicity in both public administration and civil society.

Under the circumstances, Japan Association for Refugees (JAR) was established in September 1999, to improve protection for asylum seekers and refugees arrived in Japan.

STRUCTURE:

JAR consists of a little more than 300 members and 11 Board members, which regularly hold the meeting to decide all the organizational matters. Also, Jar has secretariat which consists of 10 staff, belonging to one of the four units, which are Admin&Finance Unit, Operations Unit, Public Relations Unit, and External Relations Unit.

JAR is located in Tokyo, Japan, since established.

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ACTIVITIES:

JAR's main activities are: * facilitating the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers to provide relevant legal and social assistance as an IP of UNHCR in Japan; * advocating for the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers through government bodies, local authorities and media relations; * advancing policy analysis and information-exchange on refugee and related issues to build more active and effective network with concerned parties and NGOs.

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The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organization with a mission to accompany, serve and defend the rights of refugees and forcibly 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 fields of education, advocacy, legal assistance, health and nutrition, income generating activities and social services.

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STRUCTURE:

Jesuit Refugee Service is an international Catholic non-governmental organisation, at work in over 50 countries, with a mission to accompany, serve and defend the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people.

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, was established in November 1991, in response to a century long history of widespread human rights abuses and injustices accentuated by the war which began in 1989.

STRUCTURE:

- A. Liberian Catholic Bishop Conference
- B. The National Board of Directors
- C. The National Office (Monrovia)
- D. The three regional Offices (Monrovia, Harper, Gbarnga)
- E. The local Committees.

Activities:

- a) Human Rights
- b) Civil Education
- c) Human Rights Monitoring, Fact finding, documentation and reportage
- d) The provision of legal aid to indigent
- e) Peace building and conflict resolution.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Law Center of Advocates (LCA) is a public, non-governmental and not-for-profit organization from the Republic of Moldova. The LCA was registered at the Ministry of Justice on February 24, 1997. Our mission is to strengthen the Rule of Law in Moldova by enhancing and maintaining the professional level of legal professionals and by promoting legal knowledge in our country. The LCA has implemented several important projects, among which the establishment of a national on-going legal training program for lawyers, which included organizing more than 140 seminars and involved over 3500 legal professionals, 5 international seminars for young specialists (with over 230 people involved), contributed to the organization of a number of seminars for judges, prosecutors, policemen, border guards, and government officials. Accomplishing its goal of promoting legal knowledge, the Law Center has published over 40 titles of legal books and over 70 issues of a national monthly newsletter for legal professionals, "People's Lawyer", which is distributed to over 1000 lawyers. The LCA implemented the different projects together with UNHCR, UNDP, SOROS Foundation, EURASIA Foundation, the Center for Documentation and Information of the Council of Europe, the Council of Europe, ABA/CEELI, the German Embassy in Moldova, and the USA Embassy in Moldova.

STRUCTURE:

A General Committee composed of eight persons founded the organization. The supreme body of the organization is the General Committee of the founders, which meets no less than once a year. During the period between the meetings the supreme organ is the Administration Council, composed of four persons. The Council is re-elected once in three years from the members of the General Committee. The president of the organization, who is re-elected once in three years, performs the supreme operational function. The organization has a Strategic Committee, composed of seventeen persons, experts in law, judges, lawyers, members of international organizations, members of non-governmental organizations, professors at universities. The Committee examines the organization's activity plans and makes recommendations.

ACTIVITIES:

LCA provides/ensures the following:

- Provides legal representation in courts
- Legal counseling and advice
- Training for decision-makers, judges, police, border guards, etc
- Legal publications

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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's Johannesburg office operates a vigorous detention monitoring campaign 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.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

The project's programme includes: - free legal services through its law clinics and advice offices - strategic litigation - detention monitoring - policy advocacy - training and education

1. Strategic litigation Refugee law jurisprudence is slowly emerging, mostly originating from litigation brought by legal NGOs such as LHR. The registration of LHR's Pretoria and Durban law clinics has given momentum to the project's litigation programme enabling us to represent refugee clients in court and to litigate in precedent-setting matters. The project, in collaboration with the LHR Strategic Litigation Unit, has successfully taken a number of precedent-setting and high impact matters to court in 2005, addressing the following problems: - Inaccessible asylum procedures; - unlawful deportation and refoulement of asylum seekers and refugees; - failure to issue and renew valid refugee and asylum seeker permits; - Inadequate and harmful deportation practices of both children and adults; and - statutory prohibitions on access to social assistance, including access to social grants for vulnerable groups.

- Access to employment in the private security industry. The project has also represented a number of refugees and asylum seekers in criminal matters that relate to their immigration status.

2. Detention monitoring The detention monitoring programme, which operates from the project's Johannesburg office provides legal assistance to people who are being detained under immigration legislation and monitors the detention conditions at the Lindela Repatriation Centre (South Africa's main immigration detention centre), police stations, prisons, border posts and airports. Numerous studies have shown that refugees and asylum seekers live under constant threat of arrest at the hands of sometimes corrupt police who demand bribes for their release. Even those who hold asylum papers are not immune from arrest and there are reports of police tearing up the documents of asylum-seekers. The fate of those arrested is detention at Lindela Repatriation Centre and deportation. There has been a catalogue of complaints about overcrowding and ill-treatment at Lindela and police stations. The deaths in July 2005 of two Zimbabwean detainees in Lindela prompted a Committee of Enquiry into conditions at Lindela by the Minister of Home Affairs. LHR presented a report to the Committee which highlighted problems regarding the treatment of detainees. The Committee concluded in its report that detention conditions at Lindela, especially regarding medical care, were not as it should be. The Minister declared the report "an indictment on our Department (Home Affairs)". LHR has also made a submission on the arbitrary detention of refugees and migrant workers to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on its first visit to South Africa. In its subsequent report, the working group found that foreigners and refugees are sometimes unlawfully detained at Lindela and recommended improvements to be made in the detention facility. The project, in collaboration with the Wits Law Clinic is currently involved in litigation against the Department of Home Affairs regarding the persistent unlawful detention and deportation practices at the Lindela Repatriation Centre. This case was brought in response to DHA's decision to deport 58 Congolese asylum seekers and refugees in contravention to the Refugees Act.

Research 2006 State of Refugee Protection in South Africa - The project was commissioned by the National Consortium for Refugee Affairs to conduct a comprehensive survey on the state of refugee protection in South Africa. The report was co-edited by the Wits Forced Migration Studies Programme at Wits University and launched to commemorate World Refugee Day 2006. World Refugee Survey 2006 - The project did a short survey on behalf of the US committee for Refugee and Immigrants for their annual report. Report on the treatment of Zimbabwean asylum seekers.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Public Fund legal Clinic Adilet was established in 2002 under the auspices of the UNHCR, UNDP, ABA/CEELI for rendering aid to vulnerable groups of the population, such as asylum seekers, refugees, children, HIV-infected. Since then the clinic has carried out a number of project in close cooperation with the UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, Danish Institute for Human rights, Danish Refugee Council, Counterpart Consortium.

STRUCTURE:

The Clinic has 19 staff members selected on competitive basis. In addition, graduating students from law departments attend practical training according to the program specially developed by the Clinic.

In August 2005, the Public foundation Osh-Adilettulugu, a branch office of the Clinic, was established in Osh to render the legal and social assistance to refugees and asylum seekers registered in Osh, Jalal-Abad, and Batken provinces.

ACTIVITIES:

The clinic carried out the activities by the following directions:

- Rendering free legal services to HIV-infected, refugees, juveniles, asylum seekers, including representation of beneficiaries in the government authorities and courts;
- Development of education materials for cadets and students of the Police school and Academy, judges, border guards on human rights issues;
- Development and publishing of compilation of national and international legal acts on issues of refuge, juvenile justice, human right
- Conduct of training activities for NGOs, law enforcement agencies, judges, teachers, students of law departments.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

LIFE for Relief and Development (LIFE) was established in 1992 by Iraqi Americans after the first Gulf war, from inception LIFE has been working in Iraq and in 1996 LIFE expanded operations to include work in Lebanon, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Syria, Jordan, Israel/Palestine and the UAE. LIFE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering regardless of race, color, religion or cultural background. This global organization strives to offer humanitarian services including health, education, social and economic services to victims of hunger, natural disasters, wars and other catastrophes.

STRUCTURE:

The organization is driven by the Board of Directors, then the Executive Committee which includes the CEO, Programs Director, Marketing Director, Human Resources Director, Legal and Media Director and the CFO. LIFE has 30 staff members in the headquarters, 5 staff members in Sierra Leone, 4 staff members in Jordan, 4 staff members in Syria, 3 staff members in Israel/Palestine, 40 staff members in Iraq, 4 staff members in Pakistan and 2 staff members in Afghanistan.

ACTIVITIES:

LIFE activities in the field include, community development, educational outreach, emergency response, healthcare, social development, human development and water/sanitation rehabilitation. We are also active in the distribution of medical supplies, university textbooks, emergency relief supplies, food and clothing to needy people in all countries of operation.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), the U.S. Lutheran expression of service to refugees and migrants in America, has been bringing new hope and new life to newcomers since 1939. In partnership with a national network of affiliates, partners, congregations and volunteers, LIRS resettles refugees, protects unaccompanied refugee children, advocates for fair and just treatment of asylum seekers, and seeks alternatives to detention for those who are incarcerated during their immigration proceedings. With initiative and sound stewardship, LIRS seeks creative and lasting solutions to the needs of uprooted people regardless of their race, ethnicity or religious beliefs.

STRUCTURE:

LIRS is a cooperative agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Representatives of these church bodies govern the agency on a 15-member board of directors. The organization's staff of about 80 includes those who work at our home office in Baltimore, Maryland and various deployed individuals and units. Organizational structure: Board of Directors President Executive Vice President Vice Presidents A total of approximately 80 staff, including managerial, professional and support staff.

ACTIVITIES:

LIRS bridges borders to welcome newcomers to America and to help families still separated by international boundaries. We assist those who are putting down new roots and reaching for new opportunities throughout our nation. Our local resettlement affiliates, our asylum and immigration partners, our network of international partners, and our enthusiastic circle of congregations and volunteers are the hands, feet and heart of our mission. LIRS extends a welcome to uprooted people in need, regardless of their race, ethnicity or religious beliefs.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of Christian churches in the Lutheran tradition. Founded in 1947 in Lund,

Sweden. At that time, the LWF began serving those in need, primarily Lutheran refugees who had been displaced as a result of World War II. Through more than five decades, assistance to refugees, internally displaced persons and those affected by disasters has continued as a major emphasis. 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.

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 members are engaged in the service programs implemented by the Department for World Service (LWF/DWS). DWS works in 37 countries through four regional, 15 country and seven associate programs and emergency operations, providing the operational means for humanitarian assistance and implementing development strategies throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Central and Latin America as well as the Balkans. These programs are aimed at assisting victims of natural and human-made disasters to survive, recover and restore their lives, rights, dignity and self-reliance. The international field staff work alongside 5,800 local staff.

ACTIVITIES:

The DWS organization and staff within the LWF secretariat in Geneva provide the infrastructure and relationships to enable planning, coordination and accountability for the effective and efficient program management of humanitarian and diaconic work. On behalf of the partnership network and local communities, the functions of DWS Geneva include the formulation of policy and strategic direction for approval by the Standing Committee for World Service; overall management, administration and fundraising in relation to the country programs; and coordination of efforts in the following designated focus areas:

Emergencies, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Sustainable Development and the Environment
Advocacy and Communications Human Resources Development

Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation DWS works closely with other humanitarian organizations in carrying out its work and bringing its experience into public policy debate. It gives particular attention to its relationships as founding member of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR), and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA).

As a member of SCHR, DWS is also part of the management committee of the SPHERE Project (Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response). DWS has long enjoyed a partnership relationship with UN agencies involved in humanitarian response, especially UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF and UNDP as well as OCHA and through the SCHR, the UN Interagency Standing Committee. The depth of these partnerships is reflected in the fact that DWS is the second largest operational partner of UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR) came into being in December 1977, when the will of George N. Marangopoulos, President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Greece, took effect. However, the initial idea for the creation of such an institution in Greece had developed earlier, out of the bitter experiences of military rule imposed in Greece in 1967.

The MFHR commenced its operations in 1979 and its charter, which provides the framework for its organization and activities, was approved by Presidential Decree No. 252/1980. The basic purpose and objective of the MFHR are the research, study, defense, protection and promotion of the fundamental human rights and freedoms. Within this framework, the Foundation takes a special interest in the advancement of human rights education and raising public awareness in all matters affecting human rights, peace and the development of democratic institutions.

STRUCTURE:

The Headquarters is based in Greece.

The MFHR is governed by a five-member Governing Board, directed by a scientific director and has an International Advisory Committee comprised of human rights law experts.

The Foundation's staff, presently 9 employees, works in departments focusing on specific fields, as follows:

- Scientific and Research Department
- Judicial and Extra-judicial Department
- Administrative Department, including the Library. Experts and external researchers collaborate on a temporary basis, according to MFHR the needs and on certain special issues as well.

ACTIVITIES:

MFHR is an NGO collaborating with various UN and Council of Europe human rights bodies. Since 1991, the Foundation holds observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. In May 1998 it acquired consultative status with the ECOSOC.

The MFHR has also been admitted to the "Official Relations" with UNESCO. It has a "special relationship" with the United Nations Department of Public Information and collaborates closely with the UN Information Centre in Athens. Moreover, the Law establishing the Greek National Commission for Human Rights foresees the participation of the MFHR in the Commission's works.

The MFHR activities include publications, colloquies and conferences on human rights issues, organizing courses and seminars, providing pro bono legal assistance to people whose fundamental human rights have been infringed upon.

The MFHR also maintains a library, which is considered to be one of the most complete and up-to-date human rights documentation centres ever established in Greece.

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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:

Menedék is:

representing the interests of migrants, providing legal counseling,
representing migrants, refugees before authorities,
editing regularly leaflets, newsletters on migration issues, rights of migrants,
influencing policies concerning migrants and their families (including such specific groups as asylum-seekers, refugees, temporary protection seekers, migrant workers, students)

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

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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.

Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid

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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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The Middle East Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches 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, through workshops and seminars.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Mission Armenia is a non-profit, non-governmental organization which works for the interests of disadvantaged older and disabled people, refugees, and other vulnerable groups to improve the quality of their lives through community-based assistance. The organization was established in Yerevan, Armenia, in 1993 and is currently active in Yerevan and nine Marzes, implementing social and health care services and community development programs for approximately 8,000 older persons and 7,000 refugees living without permanent shelter. The NGO has earned national and regional recognition for its contributions to, and experience in, community care. It plays a significant role in national poverty alleviation initiatives and continues to have a direct impact on the development of social welfare programs and systems in the Republic of Armenia.

Mission Armenia has been the main initiator and promoter of community-based social and health care assistance in Armenia. The organization's activities are being implemented among various socially and demographically vulnerable groups, and a group-specific approach is used to address the particular needs of the physically incapacitated and the socially incapacitated. The major beneficiary groups served by Mission Armenia in these two categories are disadvantaged older persons and refugees living in temporary shelter.

Respectively, the scope of this assistance revolves around two main concepts:

- To meet the critical health, nutritional, and social needs of the most vulnerable older persons without segregating them from their homes and communities;
- To switch to activities that build capacity and self-sustainability among the vulnerable beneficiaries so they can independently address their own needs.

STRUCTURE:

For the implementation of community-based assistance, Mission Armenia has created and operates the following infrastructures:

- 32 Soup Kitchens providing hot meals to about 5000 recipients
- 16 Community Centers that provide various community-based social, health, and care services to approximately 8,000 older and disabled persons
- 40 Health Posts
- 16 Resource and Training Centers
- 2 Health Recovery Centers with 24-hour health care
- Regional Branches
- Numerous Social Rooms
- Libraries, etc.

ACTIVITIES:

Mission Armenia's activities include but are not limited to:

- Social and health services
- Soup Kitchens
- Training Sessions
- Consulting
- Self-help/self-advocacy group activities
- Health services
- Food in the form of hot meals and groceries
- Individual care/personal hygiene
- Household services (repair/renovation of apartments, household appliances, response to public utilities needs, etc)
- Consulting that has certain educational components as well
- Leisure activities/socialization
- Soliciting and advocacy services

As a fervent promoter of elderly support initiatives in Armenia and the whole Caucasian region, Mission Armenia has made considerable contributions to the development and implementation of international documents aimed at solving such social issues. The organization has participated in international conferences and discussions on older and refugee issues both as a non-profit organization and as the representative of the Government of Armenia.

In April 2002, Mission Armenia got accredited to and participated in the Second World Assembly on Ageing held in Madrid, Spain.

The participants of the Assembly - the UN member states - approved the Second International Action Plan on Ageing and a Political Declaration under the motto "A Society for All Ages."

In September 2002, with the participation of 55 UNECE member states, the Berlin Ministerial Conference adopted the Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid Action Plan thus committing themselves to reviewing their social policies and implementing the Action Plan in their countries.

One of the most important accomplishments of the Berlin Conference was the publicizing of the NGO Declaration on Strategy. The 4,000 participant NGOs selected Mission Armenia, represented by its President Hripsime Kirakosyan, and gave her the honor of presenting the Declaration. The Declaration included collective suggestions and recommendations on the Regional Implementation Strategy of the International Action Plan on Ageing.

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National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) 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:

NACLC 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:

NACLC's main role is to provide services to assist community legal centres provide free legal assistance to disadvantaged clients & communities. In addition to this, NACLC advocates & runs campaigns that will assist with the removal of the causes of many of our clients problems. NACLC 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 fifteen 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 work, and refugee resettlement and asylum issues in Australia, since 1948.

STRUCTURE:

Christian World Service, the aid 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 to direct to CWS overseas partner organizations. The NCCA is a member of the World Council of Churches' Global Ecumenical Network for Uprooted People, 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. Between annual meetings information is shared via GEN list serve.

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. Its main refugee-related overseas partners are the Thai-Burma Border Consortium (Thailand), the Middle East Council of Churches' Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees (Gaza and Lebanon), the New Sudan Council of Churches, the 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 GEN meetings, UNHCR's Annual Consultations with NGOs and UNHCR's Executive Committee.

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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:

NRC's overall objective is to work towards the improvement of international protection and humanitarian aid to refugees and people displaced within their own countries. NRC is the only Norwegian humanitarian organization that specializes in the protection of displaced persons.

The great majority of the conflicts that are fought in the world today are internal conflicts, but frequently foreign interests are in place, lending support to one or more of the groups. The conflicts have resulted in incomprehensible human suffering, and nearly 40 million people are currently displaced due to war and injustice. As opposed to during earlier times, the majority of people who have fled are displaced within their own countries. Since they have not crossed any borders, the UN Refugee Convention does not protect them.

Even though the world has changed, and the actual programs are regularly adapted to meet new challenges, NRC bases its efforts on the same basic principles they have always done. Assistance is rendered regardless of race, religion, nationality and political views. All efforts are based on the same underlying concept: All human beings have the right to a life in peace, liberty, safety and dignity, and all human beings who are forced to leave their homes have the right to receive help and protection and assistance to return home.

NRC's most important resource is the knowledge that has been accumulated through 55 years of working for displaced people throughout the world. NRC is well aware that a long time may pass before the effect of the efforts can be seen, and that problems and conflicts may never completely be solved. On the other hand, everyone involved experiences great satisfaction when the help reaches its destination, and are able to witness people returning to their homes and start the reconstruction of a society, which hopefully can be founded on peace, liberty, safety and equality.

STRUCTURE:

Currently, NRC executes programs in over 20 countries in many parts of the world. The program activities are concentrated on four key activities.

-Distribution

-Legal aid, information and counselling

-Education

-Shelter

-By being specialized, the quality of the programs are strengthened, while it enables NRC to react even faster during emergencies

ACTIVITIES:

The Global IDP Project of the Norwegian Refugee Council is an international non-governmental body working for better protection and assistance of people who have been displaced within their own country by conflict or because of human rights violations. The Project, which is funded by a variety of international donors, aims to help improve the response to the needs of, and increase respect for, the rights of millions of the world's most disadvantaged and vulnerable people. It seeks to find solutions that ultimately lead to their safe return or resettlement and reintegration.

In pursuit of this goal, the Project monitors internal displacement worldwide, as mandated by the United Nations, and makes relevant information and analysis available to decision-makers, humanitarian practitioners and the general public. In doing so, the Project seeks to enable key actors at the international, national and local levels to make timely and informed decisions on responses to the needs and rights of internally displaced people (IDPs), in line with international standards such as the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

Through its work, the Global IDP Project strives to raise awareness of the plight of internally displaced people and advocate, on their behalf, for durable solutions based on the Guiding Principles. It aims at strengthening local capacity to effectively address internal displacement by organising training workshops which bring together government officials, local authorities, security forces, aid workers and IDP communities.

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OFADEC is a n NGO working in the Humanitarian sector since 1977. OFADEC is an operational partner of UNHCR since 1989 working with Refugees in Senegal.

STRUCTURE:

OFADEC is located in Senegal, West Africa, working in two refugee programs. One in Dakar with Refugees in urban setting and in the north region with refugees in rural setting. OFADEC have 18 staff involved in refugee programs.

ACTIVITIES:

OFADE is working in assistance, education, advocacy and protection. OFADEC is also involved in Accountability toward beneficiaries and is member of HAPI

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The Open Society Justice Initiative, an operational program of the Open Society Institute (OSI), pursues law reform activities grounded in the protection of human rights, and contributes to the development of legal capacity for open societies worldwide. The Justice Initiative combines litigation, legal advocacy, technical assistance, and the dissemination of knowledge to secure advances in the following priority areas: national criminal justice, international justice, freedom of information and expression, and equality and citizenship. Its offices are in Abuja, Budapest, and New York.

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L'organisation de la Charité pour un développement Intégrale - OCDI, Caritas Togo- est une Institution d' l'Église Catholique du Togo, mise en place en 1987 par la Conférence Épiscopale du Togo. C'est la structure spécialisée de l'Église Catholique du Togo en matière d'appui au développement et d'aide humanitaire. elle veut une société nouvelle inspirée des valeurs évangéliques dans laquelle règnent la solidarité agissante et la paix basée sur la Justice. L'OCDI travaille prioritairement avec et pour les pauvres. Son but fondamental est le rayonnement de la charité et de la justice selon le Christ pour la promotion de tout Homme et de tout l'Homme.

STRUCTURE::

Les organes qui assurent le fonctionnement de l'OCDI Archidiocèse de Lomé sont :

- L'Assemblée Générale • Le Comité Directeur • Le Bureau Exécutif
- Le Secrétariat Permanent Composition des organes :
- L'Assemblée Générale diocésaine : • Les membres du Bureaux Exécutif, • Les Directeurs des œuvres et de l'Enseignement Catholique
- Les curés des paroisses • Les Présidents des Conseils Pastoraux Paroissiaux • Les responsables des OCDI Paroissiales
- Le Comité Directeur comprend • Les membres du Bureau Exécutif • Le Directeur des œuvres • Le directeur de l'Enseignement Catholique
- Les personnes ressources de divers secteurs sociaux et de développement. (Santé, Sida, Agriculture, Micro crédit...)

Le Bureau Exécutif est composé :

- Du Président (l'Archevêque) • Du Secrétaire Général • Des Curés doyens • D'un délégué des Présidents des Comités Paroissiaux par Doyenné. Le Secrétariat Permanent Il fonctionne avec les Chefs de Services techniques sous l'autorité du Secrétaire Général
- Animation et formation permanente • Assistance et secours d'urgence • Promotion humaine et Développement • Service HCR pour l'assistance et l'intégration des réfugiés • Service Administratif et financier OCDI Paroissiale comprend : Un Responsable, Un Rapporteur, Un Trésorier Un Conseiller Un Animateur Un Responsable de Projet, Un Responsable de l'Assistance Les délégués de tous les groupes de base constituent la commission OCDI de la paroisse. Par groupe de base comprendre les diverses associations de dévotion, les

chorales, les mouvements et organisations de la jeunesse et de l'enfance. L'OCDI est présente dans toutes la 41 paroisses de l'Archidiocèse.

ACTIVITIES:

L'OCDI est une institution pluridisciplinaire et plurisectorielle. Elle intervient dans les domaines qui sont les priorités des populations (vie économique, sociale, culturelle...) Les domaines de présence : La santé, le VIH/Sida, l'hydraulique villageoise, l'agriculture, l'environnement, la formation, l'éducation, l'artisanat, la promotion féminine, l'accompagnement de jeunes pour l'auto création d'emploi, l'accompagnement des communauté à se prendre en charge, l'assistance aux nécessiteux et sinistrés, l'assistance aux prisonniers, le secours d'urgence en cas de catastrophe, promotion de la justice et la paix. L'assistance et l'intégration des réfugiés avec le HCR.

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Founded in 1991 as a civic association, OPU is a non-governmental and non-profit organization providing refugees and other foreigners in the Czech Republic with legal, social and psychological help. As an implementing partner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), OPU regularly provides statistical and relevant information to key international and national actors in the refugee field. Significant supporters of OPU activities are the City of Prague, the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, European Commission, law firm Linklaters, the City of Brno. OPU is an active member of the European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), which brings together 80 refugee assisting organizations in Europe and is an invaluable source of new information from the asylum law area.

STRUCTURE:

OPU is led by the Executive Director and the Board consisting of 4 members. The internal structure includes the legal unit, social unit and unit concerned with protection of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in the Czech Republic.

ACTIVITIES:

OPU regularly visits asylum centres and special detention centres for foreigners, where we help asylum seekers to solve their problems. We pay particular attention to vulnerable groups of refugees, including children, women, the ill and the handicapped. OPU focuses also on non integration of recognized refugees as well as foreigners permanently staying in our country. In addition to the above mentioned activities, we implement educational programmes for university students. Programmes are focused at theoretical and practical preparation of the future professionals in legal and social work with refugees. By these educational activities, including organizing lectures at many secondary schools, we aim to achieve our general goal – to become a bridge between newcomers and the host country.

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Oxfam International is a confederation of 12 organizations working together with over 3,000 partners in more than 100 countries to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice. With many of the causes of poverty global in nature, the 12 affiliate members of Oxfam International believe they can achieve greater impact through their collective efforts.

Oxfam International seeks increased worldwide public understanding that economic and social justice are crucial to sustainable development. We strive to be a global campaigning force promoting the awareness and motivation that comes with global citizenship while seeking to shift public opinion in order to make equity the same priority as economic growth.

Oxfam International was founded in 1995, formed by the group of like-minded independent non-government organizations, who wanted to work together internationally to achieve greater impact in reducing poverty by their collective efforts. The name "Oxfam" comes the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, founded in Britain during the second world war in 1942. This group of Oxford citizens campaigned for grain ships to be sent through the allied naval blockade to provide relief for women and children in enemy-occupied Greece.

The Oxfams are working to become part of a movement, which is capable of global responses to global issues. We are aiming to create ways of working and structures appropriate to global action in a complex and closely-knit world.

STRUCTURE:

The twelve Oxfam organizations are based in: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Quebec, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Ireland, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain and the United States. A small Oxfam International secretariat is based in Oxford, UK, and the secretariat runs advocacy offices in Washington DC, New York, Brussels and Geneva.

ACTIVITIES:

Oxfam works with communities, allies and partner organizations, undertaking long-term development, emergency work, research and campaigning for a fairer world. Oxfam works on a broad range of issues, including trade, conflict, debt and aid, and education.

What does Oxfam do?

- Development programs: Oxfam and our partners are working toward long term development to eradicate poverty, focusing on issue such as education, gender, HIV/Aids and human rights.
- Emergency work: Oxfam has been working in humanitarian disaster or emergency situations for over 60 years and is internationally recognized for our expertise in water and sanitation.
- Research and lobbying: Oxfam's experience of the real issues confronting poor people is linked to high-level research and lobbying

We aim to change international policies and practices in ways to ensure that poor people have the rights and opportunities they need to improve and control their lives.

- Campaigning: Oxfam undertakes popular campaigning, alliance building and media work designed to raise awareness among the public of solutions to global poverty, to enable and motivate people to play an active part in the movement for change, and to foster a sense of global citizenship.
- Oxfam takes a rights-based approach, aiming to help people living in poverty to exercise five main rights: Right to a sustainable livelihood, Right to basic social services, Right to Life and security, Right to be heard, Right to an identity.
- Our annual program expenditure is around \$528.03 million globally.*
- Oxfam works with approximately 3250 partner organizations in around 100 countries, including: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, English-speaking Caribbean, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Laos, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories & Israel, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Island, Somalia/ Somaliland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Winward Islands, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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in 2006, Novib changes to Oxfam Novib.

Oxfam Novib is and will remain an independent organisation, rooted in the Netherlands. Twelve independent Oxfams are collaborating, dedicating their efforts to the five basic rights of people throughout the world: the right to an honest income, to drinking water, to healthcare and education, to safety and to one's own opinion, for women and minorities too. Co-operation takes place in development projects, emergency aid and campaigns that bring a just world without poverty closer.

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

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Le Conseil Portugais pour les Réfugiés (CPR) a été créé le 20 septembre 1991 avec l'objectif de promouvoir et défendre la le Droit d'Asile. C'est la seule organisation non gouvernementale, au Portugal, qui concède l'appui juridique et social aux demandeurs d'asile et aux réfugiés en toutes les phases du processus d'asile (après l'arrivée en territoire national jusqu'à l'intégration).

Le CPR a été fondé par un ensemble de 20 personnalités, de différentes aires de la vie politique et sociale portugaise.

Le CPR a toujours eu le support inconditionnel du Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés (HCR). En Juillet 1993, le CPR et le HCR ont signé son premier Accord de Coopération qui se maintient jusqu'au présent. À partir de décembre 1998, depuis la fermeture de la délégation du HCR au Portugal, le CPR représente ses intérêts au Portugal.

Le travail du CPR a toujours été reconnu par les autorités portugaises. À partir de 1996, cette collaboration est devenue plus efficace et l'organisation a vu son rôle consacré dans la Loi d'Asile 15/98, du 26 mars, en tant qu'entité qui donne le soutien juridique aux demandeurs d'asile et réfugiés (article 52°).

Le CPR a été distingué par l'Assemblée de la République, le 12 décembre 2000, avec le Prix «Droits Humains 2000».

Le CPR est membre du Conseil Européen pour les Réfugiés et Exilés (ECRE) depuis 1992 et fait parti de la Commission pour l'Égalité et Contre la Discrimination Raciale – créée à travers la Loi 134/99, du 28 août.

STRUCTURE:

L'intervention du CPR couvre essentiellement trois grands lignes d'action: - la réception des demandeurs d'asile; - l'intégration des réfugiés et – la sensibilisation de la société d'accueil pour les problèmes spécifiques auxquels cette population doit faire face.

Vingt trois fonctionnaires salariés font partie de la structure du CPR. Le siège se trouve à Lisbonne (où fonctionne la plus part des services) et son Centre d'Accueil se trouve à Bobadela (municipalité de Loures).

Les principaux services sont les suivants:

- 1.Appui juridique
- 2.Aide sociale
- 3.Le Centre d'Accueil de Demandeurs d'Asile à Bobadela
- 4.Le service d'Emploi et de Formation Professionnelle
- 5.Formation en langue Portugaise et en Informatique

ACTIVITIES:

- 1.Protection temporaire - Opération "Kosovo"

En 1999, le CPR a participé activement à «l'Opération Kosovo», sous la responsabilité du Service National de Protection Civile (SNPC), en collaboration directe avec différents organismes.

Cette opération a eu comme objectif l'évacuation et concession de protection temporaire à des citoyens yougoslaves originaires du Kosovo, dans la plupart, des Albanais.

- 2.Groupe de Consultation des Demandeurs d'Asile et des Réfugiés

Ce groupe a initié ses activités en mars 2003, dans le cadre du Projet «Accueil et Intégration des Demandeurs d'Asile» (financé par l'Initiative Communautaire EQUAL). Son principal objectif visait la participation des demandeurs d'asile et des réfugiés dans les activités du projet, étant un espace de dialogue et d'échange permanente conduisant à l'inclusion.

- 3.Bourse d'Interprètes et des Médiateurs Socioculturelles

L'objectif commun était de: - rassembler des contacts des professionnels d'interprétariat (lesquels sont passés par une formation spéciale, organisé par le CPR), dont les services pourraient être réquisitionnés par d'autres institutions qui travaillent avec des demandeurs d'asile et des réfugiés; - rendre disponible des contacts des volontaires avec des connaissances dans la médiation (lesquels étaient disponibles pour accompagner les demandeurs d'asile et des réfugiés aux services de santé et d'autres – facilitant, ainsi, le processus d'accueil et l'intégration).

- 4.Actions de Formation

Depuis 1995, le CPR organise des actions de formation dirigées aux avocats stagiaires dans les sections régionales de l'Ordre des Avocats de Lisboa, Porto et Coimbra.

- 5.Congrès Internationaux et Réunions

Les congrès internationaux biannuels du CPR ont commencé en 1994. Ces congrès comptent avec la participation des spécialistes nationaux et internationaux, permettant, ainsi, une divulgation plus large de cette problématique à travers la communication sociale et de la participation des publics très différents (étudiants universitaires, journalistes, parlementaires, ONGs et agences gouvernementales).

- 6.Information publique

Depuis 2001 que le CPR fête le 20 juin, Journée Mondiale du Réfugié. Portant cette date comme une référence, le CPR a essayé de lancer pour le débat public la question des réfugiés. En 2005, le CPR a organisé une série d'évènements, lesquels ont culminé avec une soirée de fête avec la participation de quelques musiciens et du groupe de théâtre composé par des réfugiés.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

PDA is the emergency response office of the Presbyterian Church USA. We respond to crises and refugee situations worldwide in collaboration with local partner churches and non church organizations to respond to humanitarian need, regardless of race, creed etc.

STRUCTURE:

PDA has a national office responding to crises within the US and international workers based in three locations to respond elsewhere. Work is coordinated through the Louisville office. Currently we are working in Africa (Liberia, Malawi, Uganda, Sudan, Darfur, Congo); Mideast (Lebanon, Iraq, OPT), Asia (Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, N Korea, Myanmar), Latin America (Nicaragua, Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia). Our responses are usually through implementing partners though sometimes we are the implementer.

ACTIVITIES:

Our primary focus is in psychosocial care though we also contribute to material assistance.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

QATAR CHARITY was founded early 1980s. It operates in more than 30 countries through its offices, representatives and in partnership with local civil society organisations. QATAR CHARITY aims towards the realisation of a well balanced and a responsible societies, promoting the sanctity of human rights and guaranteeing the provisions of primary human needs.

STRUCTURE:

1. General Assembly.
2. Administration Council.
3. Executive Director.
4. Specialised Departments:
 - Department of Projects & International Relations, Department of Social Welfare, Department of Donor and Public Relations, Department of Finance and Administration, Department of Planning and Quality.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Health: supporting primary health by establishing and furnishing primary health facilities and funding of medical care campaigns and drives.
2. Water: Providing safe drinking water for poor communities by digging shallow wells and boreholes.
3. Culture: supporting the local cultures through establishing community cultural centers.
4. Education: Supporting primary education through the establishing, repairing and rehabilitating schools and education institutions as well as supporting students through educational scholarships and monthly support.
5. Income generating Activities: Empowering women and the poor by building the production capacity through micro-finance activities.
6. Social Welfare: Establishing multi purpose community centers.
7. Seasonal food supplies: Providing food ration for the needy people.
8. Family and Childhood: helping the destitute families by sponsoring orphans and whole families.
9. Students and Teachers: providing support for the needy students and teachers in poor and illiterate communities.
10. Relief: Intervening and providing relief aid in disasters.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

In July 1979, the Coordination Council for Indo-Chinese Refugees and Displaced Persons was set up at the Cabinet Secretariat and 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.

STRUCTURE:

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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Refugee Council USA is a coalition of U.S. non-governmental organizations focused on refugee protection. The Refugee Council USA provides focused advocacy on issues affecting the protection and rights of refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, victims of trafficking and victims of torture in the United States and across the world. Particular areas of concern are adherence to international standards of refugee rights, the promotion of the right to asylum, political and financial support for UNHCR, and the promotion of durable solutions, including resettlement to the United States.

The Refugee Council USA serves as the principal consultative forum for the national resettlement and processing agencies as they formulate common positions conduct their relations with the U.S. Government and other partners, and support and enhance refugee service standards.

STRUCTURE:

The Refugee Council USA has one office in Washington, DC, and has a staff of two: the Coordinator and an Assistant Coordinator. The Refugee Council USA is lead by the Chair and a Vice Chair. Our membership comprises 20 national NGOs, who are very active in the coalition.

The work of the Refugee Council USA is conducted by the direct participation of our members' executive directors, and their staff in our standing committees, working groups and taskforces. These include the Committee on Protection, Resettlement & Refugee Services Committee and the Washington Liaison Group; and we have multiple working groups on specific topics, as well.

ACTIVITIES:

The Refugee Council USA activities are related to our purpose and mission statement. Our work is guided by annually adopted goals. The members of Refugee Council USA are program implementers in the field. Our office focuses on the overall coordination, communication, and collaboration efforts with our federal partners and the UNHCR. The Refugee Council USA has excellent working relations with UNHCR Washington, D.C., as we work together closely on issues related to protection and asylum in the US and the Western Hemisphere.

Through the work of the Washington Liaison Group, we monitor legislation and advocate on behalf of the US contributions to the UNHCR through the Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) and Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA) accounts. UNHCR Washington, D.C. is invited and welcomed to our meetings on a regular basis.

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

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:

RSC was established in 1982 as part of Queen Elizabeth House, the University of Oxford's Centre for Development Studies. It has since won an international reputation as the leading multidisciplinary centre for research and teaching on the causes and consequences of forced migration.

STRUCTURE:

The RSC currently has a staff of 32 consisting of 11 teaching and research staff, 14 documentation and publications personnel and 7 administration staff. The Centre's work is also supported by a number of associates who contribute on an ongoing basis through collaboration on joint research projects and by teaching and supervising students on RSC courses.

ACTIVITIES:

Research relating to ethics, politics and regional dimensions of forced migration.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Refugees International generates lifesaving humanitarian assistance and protection for displaced people around the world and works to end the conditions that create displacement. RI acts first and foremost as a witness to the suffering of the displaced. RI advocates spend weeks in the field interviewing and meeting with war-affected populations, non-governmental organizations and aid agencies. RI advocates assess humanitarian problems, identify the most urgent needs and move quickly to develop immediate solutions to those needs. RI's contribution to the humanitarian field lies in its unique combination of advocacy and action, both with hands-on expertise in crisis situations and with policymakers in Washington, New York, Geneva and other centres. Refugees International conducted field assessments in over 20 countries in 2005. Recent missions have included the Darfur region of Sudan, Northern Uganda, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, and Bangladesh.

FINANCE

RI describes the impact of its work with a single word-leverage. RI's advocacy generates increases in resources and policy changes by governments and UN agencies that improve conditions for refugees and displaced people. RI does not accept any government or UN funding. Rather, RI leverages donations from individuals, foundations and corporations into hundreds of thousands of dollars of lifesaving assistance and protection. This, along with its early warning/early action mandate, allows RI to be a powerful, respected and unfettered voice.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RaDO) is an indigenous, non-governmental, humanitarian, organization with legal registration No. 66 was established to work in the area of disability prevention and rehabilitation of Persons With Disabilities. RaDO was established in 1997 by few likeminded Ethiopian working in the areas of disability. Eventually, it undertook its first project in 1998 in partnership with Handicap International France by establishing basic physiotherapy and orthopedic services in 13 hospitals found in seven administrative regions of the country. Same year it began its program of intervention with the Somalis and Sudanese refugee community both in Eastern & Western part of the Ethiopia in partnership with UNHCR and ARRA.

RaDO came into existence as a national NGO by taking into account the existing gaps created the rise in the number of Persons With Disabilities and the lack of disability prevention and rehabilitation services in the country.

RaDO's mission is to prevent disability, strive to improve the living standard of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups in the target operational areas by:

- Promoting access to basic social services and facilities
- Mainstreaming the issues of disability with other integrated development programs
- Establishing and providing physical and social rehabilitation services in hospital refugee camps, among internally Displaced people and surrounding local communities.
- Providing social and vocational rehabilitation to PWDs
- Engaging in Mine Action Activities in the country

IV.Principles

RaDO has the following guiding principles:

- oStake holder's participation – participation of all stake holders as a key component for sustainable and integrated development
- oGender sensitivity – enhancing gender mainstreaming by promoting gender equality.
- oNetworking/Collaboration with relevant bodies (government, donors, beneficiaries, NGOs and other stake holders)
- oAwareness creation – Creation of awareness among the target population and the public at large
- oMutual respect and trust – belief in respect and trust as the basis for all relationships
- oEqual opportunity to all–encouraging the creation of favorable environment with equal opportunity and participation to all and encouraging partners to do likewise.

STRUCTURE:

The Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RaDO) has the following organs:

- oGeneral Assembly as the highest and the last decision making body
- oBoard of Directors, which is an executive body, mandated by the general assembly to implement the objectives of the organization stipulated in the constitution.
- oSecretariat (management Team) is accountable to the Board of Directors and charged with the responsibility of executing the day-to-day operations of the organization. The Secretariat is composed of an Executive Director as the head of the organization and other prominent Department Heads. Project managers, Technical Coordinators, trained professionals staff and other support staffs are subordinates to each perspective members of the Secretariat. Including the branch offices at the regional level and Five satellite offices at the camp level, currently the organization manage and administer 30 personnel.

ACTIVITIES:

Providing the services right at the place of the disadvantaged i.e. at the Refugee Camp or Mine affected areas.

The Sudanese Refugees at the five refugee camps in Western parts of Ethiopia, Gambella namely Bonga, Dimma, Phugnido, Sherkole and Yarenja and also in the Eastern part with Somali Refugees in Kebribayah Refugee camp.

The field activities given include:

- Promoting access to basic Physical Rehabilitation services and facilities for PWDs
- Integrating issues of disability with other development programs
- Establishing and providing physical and social rehabilitation services in hospitals, refugee camps, among internally Displaced People (IDPs) and surrounding local communities.
- Providing awareness raising on the cause, prevention of Disability and advocate to Persons with Disabilities and the vulnerable
- Engaging in Mine Action Activities and providing Mine Risk Education (MRE) in the Northern part of the country Afar & Tigray, and for the Sudanese refugees repatriating from the five refugee camps.

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Rissho Kosei-kai is a Buddhist organization composed of ordinary men and women who have faith in the Buddha and strive to enrich their spirituality by applying his teachings in their daily lives. At both the local community and international levels, they are very active in promoting peace and well-being through altruistic activities and cooperation with other organizations. With headquarters in Tokyo, Rissho Kosei-kai now has some 2.05 million member households in 245 churches throughout Japan as well as in other countries.

The organization was founded by the late Nikkyo Niwano and Myoko Naganuma in 1938, guided by the teachings of the Lotus Sutra in which the innermost spirit of Shakyamuni Buddha is incorporated. In 1991, Rev. Nichiko Niwano succeeded his father as president. Under his continuing leadership, members have been active in sharing the Buddha's compassion in their communities, their places of work, and also at the international level.

STRUCTURE:

Within the HQs of RKK, the External Affairs Dep is in charge of peace activities. Locally in Japan, there are 239 branches in which members have carried out various peace activities.

In New York and Geneva, each has a liaison office in order to collaborate with UN and its organs.

ACTIVITIES:

Peace activities which are associated with UN and UN organs as follows.

Donate one meal campaign Sharing blankets people in Africa (associated with UNHCR field offices)

Little bags of Dreams, Fundraising campaign for UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP participation in the refugee day.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ROKADA was established in 2003 as a non-government and not-for-profit organization to provide social assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in Kiev and Kiev Region.

The key objectives are:

- To provide asylum seekers with the immediate support on social-related issues.
- To facilitate the integration of recognized refugees into the Ukrainian society.

STRUCTURE:

ROKADA consists of two Centers: Counseling Center and Integration Center. Both are located in Kiev. ROKADA Counseling Center employs 11 persons, i.e.: four social workers (who provide counseling on social issues and conduct vulnerability assessment and home visits); Logistics clerk, Counselor on TB issues; Counselor on employment, Lawyer-counselor on social cases, Psychologist, Psychiatrist, Accountant. ROKADA Integration Center employs seven persons.

ACTIVITIES:

ROKADA Counseling Center implements multi-sectoral assistance to vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers residing in Kiev and Kiev Region, including:

- Social counseling to refugees and asylum seekers, identification of cases to be provided with monthly subsistence allowances and provision of targeted in kind assistance. • Community development activities. • Counseling on medical issues. • Employment counseling.
- Facilitates access to social and economic services provided by the state. ROKADA Integration Centre organizes Russian and Ukrainian language courses for refugee adults as well as English and computer courses for refugee children. To develop different talents of the children the Centre established esthetic education studio and the theatre school. Women enjoy visiting dress-making courses.

The Centre organizes and carries out together with the refugees various cultural events, helps them to keep their national customs and traditions, promotes establishment of Sunday schools. The special task of the Centre is to employ refugee women from Asia. Aiming to help such a category of women the Centre created embroidery and beads-work courses. The work of Integration Centre is focused on involvement of different refugee communities (Afghan, Kurdish, Angola, Chechnya communities, which are registered as public organizations in Ukraine).

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The Salvation Army is a Christian faith-based International NGO. Established in the UK in 1865 the organization now works in 109 countries worldwide. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

STRUCTURE:

The world leader of The Salvation Army is General John Larssen. He is based at the organization's international HQ in London, UK. Operating through territorial offices, The Salvation Army has established churches, social centres, schools and hospitals. With over 1,000,000 members worldwide, the Church has its strongest numerical presence in Africa and Asia.

ACTIVITIES:

Salvation Army is currently implementing partners of UNHCR in Iraq, and have built over 500 houses, schools and water pumping stations during the last 2 years.

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Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating real and lasting change for children in need in the United States and around the world. It is a member of the International Save the Children Alliance, comprising 27 national Save the Children organizations working in more than 100 countries to ensure the well-being of children.

SC-USA works in 19 states across the United States as well as in over 40 countries in the developing world. It has some 3,000 staff worldwide. SC-USA's headquarters is in Westport, Connecticut

STRUCTURE:

ACTIVITIES:

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Save the Children was founded in 1919, as a response to conditions in Europe immediately following the First World War. Initially Save the Children allocated money to organizations working with children in Germany, Austria, France, Belgium, the Balkans, Hungary and for Armenian Refugees in Turkey. It was not anticipated that it would be a permanent organization and its first workers were taken on six-week contracts. But in the immediate post war period, Save the Children had to deal with emergency after emergency.

Save the Children works in the UK and across the world. Emergency relief runs alongside long-term development and prevention work to help children, their families and communities to be self-sufficient. We learn from the reality of children's lives and campaign for solutions to the problems they face. We gain expertise through our projects around the world and use that knowledge to educate and advise others.

STRUCTURE:

Save the Children UK has a main office in London and then 6 regional offices in Africa, Asia and Latin America to manage our programmes in 50 countries.

We work very closely with the Save the Children Alliance in our advocacy work, particularly the offices in New York, Geneva and Brussels. The Save the Children Alliance is one of the largest groups of humanitarian agencies, and the largest NGO alliance focused on children's rights and needs.

ACTIVITIES:

There is a wide range of activities, including programmes in health, education, protection, HIV-Aids prevention, hunger alleviation, and child rights.

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"Save the Children" Moldova (SCM) is a stand-alone non-governmental, democratic, independent, non-profit, non-conditionally religious and non-political organization. It was founded in 1993 to protect and promote the rights of the children in the Republic of Moldova pursuant to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and since that time remains devoted to its fundamental goal. During 13 years of continuous activity the organization has implemented numerous projects to tackle various problems of children in Moldova. Among the most impressive and important are: rising public and governmental awareness on the rights of the children; alignment of national legislation in regard to children to international standards; lobbying and monitoring the observance of children rights; assessments on situation of families and children at risk and social assistance in Moldova lodged to international organizations and institutions; deinstitutionalization campaigns; prevention of the infant children abandonment campaign (creation of a Maternity Center); promotion of the domestic adoption campaign; resocialisation and summer camps for disadvantaged children; "Aschiuta" Home (family-based alternative to institutionalization); social assistance to refugee and asylum seeker children; fight against children trafficking, etc.

STRUCTURE:

The Supreme Organ of NGO Save the children is the General Assembly consisting of 85 organization members enabled to elect the Committee of Directors (9 persons) and Censor's Commission (3 persons). The Committee of Directors designates the Secretary, Vice-President and the President of the Organization (Administrative Function). NGO Save the children currently implements 5 basic projects:

1. Implementation and monitoring of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (on voluntary base)
2. Center of resocialization and reintegration for children at risk – "AȘCHIUȚA" Home (23 employed persons)
3. Fight against children trafficking (social assistance to trafficked victims) (5 employed persons)
4. Social assistance to asylum seeker and refugee children and their families (5 employed persons)
5. Community development (on voluntary base) All projects are implemented in collaboration with the state institutions.

ACTIVITIES:

SC provides/ensures the following:

- 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 counseling, 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.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The foundation for Save the Children Norway's work is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Save the Children Norway is a committed and distinct advocate for children's rights at local, national and international level.

Save the Children Norway is a child rights organisation governed by its members, and we are a committed and active member of the International Save the Children Alliance.

Save the Children Norway's values are based on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child and the UN Declaration of Human rights

- The best interest of the child is our top priority
- All humans have equal value, and all children have equal rights

STRUCTURE:

Save the Children Norway is a voluntary, child rights organisation governed by its members, with no political or religious affiliation.

Save the Children Norway's values are based on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child and the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Save the Children Norway is based on individual membership, and is a national organisation (in Norway) where members are organised in local branches, local activity groups, or they are members in the separate organisation PRESS – Save the Children Norway Youth.

The National Congress is the highest authority of Save the Children Norway

The Council of Representatives shall ensure the realisation of Save the Children Norway's aim by exercising supervision within defined areas, be a consultative body for Save the Children Norway's development work in Norway and internationally, and contribute to the active engagement of the members.

The Board of Directors shall provide strategic direction, ensure sound administration and organisation of work, and decide on plans, policy guidelines and budgets for Save the Children Norway.

Number of staff in Norway: approximately 80

Number of staff abroad

Secretary General: Gro Brækken

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Countries where we work:

Angola, Ethiopia, Uganda, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Mongolia, Laos, Cambodia, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, The Dominican Republic, Albania, Russia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Kosovo and Norway

Major branch offices

Uganda - Albania - Unified Alliance Programme – Norway is lead agency

Angola - Unified Alliance Programme (Denmark, Sweden, Norway) - Norway is lead
Etiopia, Guatemala, Kambodsja, Laos, Mosambik, Nepal, Norway, Nicaragua, Russland,
Sri Lanka - Head of Strategy and Planning Department
South East Europe - Regional Office in Bosnia & Herzegovina (Serbia, Montenegro)
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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Founded in 1985 the Scottish Refugee Council is a charity dedicated to providing advice, information and assistance to asylum seekers and refugees in Scotland. We play a leading role in policy development and campaign on refugee issues to ensure that Scotland plays a full role in meeting the UK's legal and humanitarian obligations under the 1951 United Nations Convention on Refugees.

The organization has grown and developed in response to international events and UK government policy. Scottish Refugee Council ran the Bosnian Programme in the early 1990's and the Kosovan Programmed at the end of that decade. Glasgow was the first UK city to sign up to the dispersal programme devised by the UK government to move people seeking asylum away from London and the South East of England. It now provides accommodation for 5,300 asylum seekers, more than any other UK city, along with an estimated 5,000 people granted refugee status over the last few years.

STRUCTURE:

Scottish Refugee Council is a membership organization accountable to a board of volunteer directors, some elected at our AGM, some co-opted and always including a minimum of two refugee directors. We employ approximately 65 staff.

Our headquarters are in Glasgow, home to the majority of refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland, but we have a nationwide mandate and provide outreach services and advice across the country. Our funding comes from a number of sources including government grants, charitable trusts and donations. In 2005 we had a turnover of over £3.6 million.

ACTIVITIES:

Scottish Refugee Council provides comprehensive advice and support services to people seeking sanctuary in Scotland, ranging from help in navigating the asylum process, to ensuring that people's basic material needs are met. We also ensure that people get access to more specialist services, such as health care for pregnant women, legal advice and help in tracing relatives lost during flight.

Our Family Reunion Service works in partnership with the Red Cross and UNHCR to help people travel to the UK, for reunification with their families. In 2005 we succeeded in reuniting 27 people with their families in Scotland. We give advice on housing options and welfare entitlements, to help refugees make informed choices before they move from asylum support to mainstream benefits or employment.

Our education and employment advice workers offer help in looking for jobs or study opportunities, and in securing recognition of existing qualifications. We work with local employers to encourage them to hire suitably qualified refugees. Last year we helped over 700 people get access to English language training, enter further and higher education, or secure employment. Our community development team help refugees develop their own groups and build bridges with local communities. This year, we helped refugees set up 11 Refugee Community Organizations (RCOs) and gave them practical help with everything from developing their administration to securing funding.

We are also supporting the development of a common voice for all RCOs through the Scottish Refugee Policy Forum, which seeks to influence service providers, politicians and policy makers. Through the Framework for Dialogue project we support eight networks of refugees and local community activists in tackling a range of issues, from community safety, to improving relations with the police and tackling bullying in schools. These groups link directly with 10 Refugee Support and Integration Networks across Glasgow which help local communities and refugees work together to promote integration and combat racism. Scottish Refugee Council also supports a Refugee Women's Group and other women's organizations that work with charities, public bodies, voluntary agencies and other service providers, to help them identify the particular needs of refugee women. We campaign on behalf of refugees with local, Scottish and UK national government and in Europe. In Scotland, one example of the positive impact of our policy work was the decision by the Scottish Parliament to extend the protection offered under the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Bill to asylum seekers and visiting students; at present similar legislation in England and Wales only protects UK nationals. We also work in partnership with the cross party group of Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) on refugees and asylum to campaign for a fairer deal for refugees in Scotland. Our policy and campaigning work is under-pinned by up to date research which aims to ensure policy makers have the information necessary to develop good and effective social policy. Recent topics include unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, public attitudes to asylum, and destitution. Research findings are widely disseminated and feature at our biannual stakeholder and members' conferences. Our Chief Executive is Vice Chair of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) and this year we hosted the biannual general meeting in Glasgow. We play a key role in the development of UK and European asylum policy through campaigning and working in partnership with the Asylum Rights Campaign, UNHCR and other non- governmental organizations. We promote the importance of the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees, access to asylum in Europe and high standards for reception and integration. Scottish Refugee Council promotes positive images of refugees through the media, and helps refugees speak for themselves in the press. Through our media training programme we equipped 20 new members of our Refugee Media Group with interview skills and helped refugees speak for themselves in over 40 media interviews over the last year. We are also helping refugee community organizations improve their capacity to deal with press enquiries by providing training. We co-ordinate Refugee Week in Scotland, a celebration of the contribution that refugees make to the arts, culture, music and theatre, which also provides a wealth of positive media coverage. Our training department delivers a programme of courses for people working with refugees, targeted at public bodies, charities and voluntary groups. Last year, staff from over 50 agencies took part in the training.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Créé au cours de l'année 1982, pour répondre au besoins pressants qui ont manqué au cours de l'année 1973 à la suite de la sécheresse qui s'était fait sentir dans le sahel tchadien, aggravée par une rébellion dans le Nord du pays coupant pour ainsi dire, les voies d'accès vers cette région sahélienne pour apporter l'assistance attendue, puis une seconde fois au cours de l'année 1980-1981 par une guerre civile qui a poussé plus de 100.000 n'djaménois à se constituer réfugiés sur la rive gauche du Chari en territoire camerounais. En effet, au cours de ces périodes difficiles pour le peuple tchadiens, l'aide venue des pays développés du Nord et particulièrement celle apportée par les organisations catholiques hollandaises, française, allemande et suisse ne disposait d'aucune structure locale maîtrisant les données de la population sur laquelle s'appuyer pour rentrer en contact avec les sinistrés.

Le SECADEV va donc naître en 1982-1983 à l'initiative du Diocèse de N'djaména et sur la base des principes qui guident l'église catholique, pour combler ce vide qui a tant manqué, et accueillir les ex-réfugiés n'djaménois pour les aider dans un premier temps à s'installer en reconstruisant les murs de leurs maisons détruites, puis à poser les toits, les portes et les fenêtres afin d'avoir un logement pour héberger les familles cette fois-ci rapatriés du Cameroun. En même temps, pour répondre aux personnes déplacées et qui qu'étaient l'assistance en vivres, la nouvelle structure créée a déjà pris pour objectif de ne pas distribuer de la nourriture, mais en lieu et place, elle les invite à s'installer sur les rives du lac Tchad et du fleuve Logone où des vivres et des semences ont été distribués.

Les objectifs du SECADEV sont donc claires:

- Le SECADEV travaille en milieu rural pour atteindre les couches les plus défavorisées; partiellement en milieu urbain pour apporter une assistance ponctuelle dans le cadre des couches vulnérables vivant dans les villes (enfants abandonnés, enfants des rues, handicapés physiques, filles mères, réfugiés..)
- Le SECADEV forme les bénéficiaires de ses programmes à se prendre en charge rapidement pour éviter de rester assistés de longue durée.
- Le SECADEV s'investi dans la formation et l'éducation de la jeunesse sur les questions liées à l'emploi des jeunes et sur les questions liées à la propagation du VIH SIDA.

STRUCTURE:

Sur la base des soutiens financiers principalement mis à disposition par le réseau CARITAS internationalis, le SECADEV utilisait jusqu'à l'année dernière, environ 250 agents de développement qui sont installés directement dans nos campagnes où l'accompagnement des bénéficiaires est nécessaire. La situation des réfugiés soudanais du Darfour qui sont installés dans l'est du pays a entraîné une augmentation substantielle de cet effectif sous financement HCR.

Pour ainsi dire, il existe une direction générale à N'djamena qui reste en contact avec les bailleurs de fonds et définit les plans d'action et les stratégies; Au niveau national, le SECADEV a établi une coordination à l'Est (900 km de N'djamena) qui gère 3 délégations qui permettent de faire une couverture maximale de cette région reconnue l'une des plus à risque. En plus de cette structure régionale de l'est, 6 autres délégations sont ouvertes dans le Sud et le centre du pays et dépendent directement de la Direction Générale.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Formation et sensibilisation des organisations paysannes partout où sa présence est effective.
- 2) Gestion de centres de formation professionnelle mécanique Auto.
- 3) Gestion d'un centre d'appareillage et de rééducation et de fabrication de prothèse.
- 4) Projets de creusage de puits villageois pour répondre aux besoins des communautés en eau potable.
- 5) Appui au fonctionnement et à la création des centres de santé en milieu rural et urbains défavorisés.

- 6) Appui à la création des écoles communautaires (alphabétisation fonctionnelle)
- 7) Appui au milieu rural pour l'agriculture, l'élevage et l'environnement
- 8) Accompagnement des femmes pour organiser leur participation au processus de développement
- 9) Activités de la micro finance pour déclencher des activités génératrices de revenus, particulièrement avec les femmes.
- 10) Assistance directe aux réfugiés en milieu urbain (N'djamena) déjà transférée au HCR et celle dans les camps de réfugiés à l'est du Tchad.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Sin Fronteras is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that was created in December 1995 by a group of social activists and academics convinced that migration is a multi-faceted, historical phenomenon that should be dealt with through integration and multi-dimensional policies where social society plays a fundamental role in addressing the issue of migration. Our mission is to assist with the migration and refugee problem through integration to ensure the respect of the human rights and to improve the living conditions of both migrants and refugees and their families. This can be achieved through efforts in the areas of promotion, defense, social and legal support, education, publication, coalition, and the participation of civil society to develop programs addressed to migrants, policies, and legislation.

STRUCTURE:

Sin Fronteras is formed by a Patronato (Trade Union) and a Technical Office formed by The Executive Director's Office (responsible for the execution of projects) and the Administrative Office. The operation areas include Legal and Social Assistance and Public Awareness and Education. Legal and Social Assistance includes two programs: The Assistance Program (orient and support refugees and migrants to achieve self-sufficiency and integration); the Migrant Assistance Program (provides migrants legal advise regarding their legal migratory status, work permits and naturalization) and; Legal Assistance (provides legal assistance on cases of human rights violations, specifically concerning women and children). The Public Awareness area is formed by various projects (to strengthen networks, involvement with the legislative and international organizations) and lastly Basic Research (to propose policies and assist with the research of documentation and trends).

ACTIVITIES:

Raise awareness of national legislation regarding the trade of persons, asylum and apatriade.

Work with the Interamerican system (consultative status):

provides legal counseling, attends thematic hearings, takes part in meetings, follow up on reports and dossiers.

Work closely with the United Nations: follow up on reports, Committee of the 1990 Convention, follow up with the Mexican Government on agreements of technical cooperation related to human rights. Participate in the eligibility process in Mexico, raise awareness of the due process and access to justice. Seek information and provide social assistance - legal and migratory for asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of trade. Raise awareness among immigrants and refugees (women's groups, youth and elderly) about the various existing support networks. Develop a project to access jobs in the private sector. Sin Fronteras is UNHCR's counterpart.

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The Small Arms Survey is an independent research project located at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. It serves as the principal international source of public information on all aspects of small arms, and as a resource for governments, policy-makers, researchers, and activists. The project has an international staff with expertise in security studies, political science, international public policy, law, economics, development studies, conflict resolution, and sociology. The staff works closely with a worldwide network of researchers and partners.

STRUCTURE:

structure

Established in 1999, the project is supported by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and by contributions from the overnments of Canada, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The Survey is also grateful for past and current project-specific support received from Australia, Belgium, Denmark, and New Zealand. Further funding has been provided by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the Geneva International Academic Network, and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

ACTIVITIES:

Working in over 100 countries on armed violence, DDR, arms reduction, and post-conflict recovery.

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HISTORY:

The organization Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS) is a local, non-profit making, humanitarian NGO. It was formed in 01/01/1996 and among its primary objectives are identifying the poor of the poor, which includes refugees, orphans and widows, in the areas of operation; provision of humanitarian and other assistance to them; work together with the targeted group(s) along community-based line in the search for self-sustaining solution; raise awareness on their needs and conditions of life among potential local and international donors to obtain support. The organization was first established at the very entry point of refugees fleeing from the Horn of Africa, at the coastal areas of Bir Ali/Yemen, during the peak in the exodus. It was this need to meet the human crisis facing the refugees on arrival and to relieve its impact on the local populations that prompted the initiation of the this organization in the first place. Gradually, and based on our mutual concern and interest, we entered into partnership with the UNHCR in 01/07/1999.

STRUCTURE:

The Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS) was established in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country governing such activities. A group sharing the same vision met to form general Management Board and an independent Inspection and Monitoring unit. The Management board is composed of members of:

(1) Social Affairs (2) Cultural Affairs and public relations (3) Project Marketing (4) Executive unit.

The number of staff working with the organization is: 51 staff. SHS is currently located in the following geographical areas

(1) Shabwa (Mayefa'a) governorate (2) Aden khormaksar (3) kharaz Refugee camp, lahj district.

ACTIVITIES:

Major activities of the organization is as follows: 1) Providing various training activities for the benefit of the needy, to equip them with proper skills to attain self-sufficiency (example, fishing, net-making, tailoring and other handicraft work).

2) Identifying and assisting orphans, the needy and the sick (in partnership with the Emirates Red Crescent Society)

3) Assessing the needs and contributing to the implementation of projects relating to the construction of schools, water network and health centres (in partnership with the American and Japanese embassies).

4) Working among refugees on arrival and providing them with assistance, conducting assessments for the implementation of projects for UNHCR in the camp and urban areas (in partnership with the UNHCR).

5) Such field operations consist of building schools, health care units, digging boreholes, building water reservoir, extending water networks, transporting refugees and relief items etc. SHS has from the beginning engaged in building close relations with the authorities, which proved very useful. At present SHS is a key factor in the link between UNHCR/other donors and the local authorities in major operation areas. We made several efforts to enlighten the authorities on UNHCR mandate, refugee needs and possible solutions.

SHS has also played important role in fund-raising for the local population in refugee affected areas. Example is the donation obtained from the Japanese embassy for the construction of a water reservoir to alleviate the shortage of water in the villages, which was the major cause of friction and problem between UNHCR/Refugees and the local villagers. We have also brought in the Emirate Red Crescent and local donors to donate relief items worth thousands of dollars once a year (since 2000). SHS provided from its own proper funds assistance for the transport of donated relief items. It also provides cash assistance monthly to some widows and orphans in the camp and urban areas.

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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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Soka Gakkai International (SGI) was established in 1975 following the development of the international network of Soka Gakkai in Japan established in 1930 by the founder Tsunezaburo Makiguchi. The organization is a worldwide network of the lay Buddhist movement through its national affiliated Soka Gakkai organizations and groups in more than 190 countries, engaged in promotion of peace, culture and education. Humanitarian aid is one of the SGI's fields of activities. The latest humanitarian activities include: delivery of relief supplies by the Asian local SGI organizations at the Asian tsunami disaster of 2004 in collaboration with other associations and official agencies in the region; and, following Hurricane Katarina in 2005, SGI-USA assisted relief operations and collected over 40,000 toys and books for children in temporary shelters. Over a 15-year period in the past, SGI youth in Japan held 21 refugee relief fund-raising drives, raising over 12 million US dollars for UNHCR and NGOs assisting refugees.

STRUCTURE:

SGI has its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, and the UN Liaison Offices in Geneva, Switzerland and in New York, U.S.A. The Buddhist members of SGI count more than 12 million persons in 190 countries and territories worldwide.

ACTIVITIES:

activities

In relation to the UN, SGI is engaged in the field of human rights particularly human rights education and learning, disarmament, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, sustainable development, and other fields related to peace.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Soroptimist International, a worldwide organization for women in management and the professions, is a global voice for women through Awareness, Advocacy and Action. Founded in Oakland, California, in 1921, 3000 clubs are flourishing in 125 countries and territories, throughout the world. Through International Goodwill and Understanding, and Friendship, Soroptimists strive for: advancement of the status of women, high ethical standards, human rights for all, equality, development and peace.

STRUCTURE:

Soroptimist International, headquartered in Cambridge, UK, is the umbrella organization for Soroptimists worldwide (Personnel 4). Soroptimist International has four Federations: Americas (SIA) (Headquarters Philadelphia, USA, Personnel 23). Europe (SIE) (Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland, Personnel 3). Great Britain & Ireland (SIGBI) (Headquarters Stockport, UK, Personnel 5), South West Pacific (SISWP) (Headquarters Sydney, Australia, Personnel 1). The four Federations operate within the SI Constitution, although each Federation is autonomous and has its own internal structure, policies and procedures. An individual Soroptimist is a member of her club, region/union (depending on her federation structure), her Federation and Soroptimist International. SI is governed by a Board comprising three representatives from each of its four federations and four International Officers: President, Immediate Past President, Soroptimist International, headquartered in Cambridge, UK, is the umbrella organization for Soroptimists worldwide (Personnel 4). Soroptimist International has four Federations: Americas (SIA) (Headquarters Philadelphia, USA, Personnel 23). Europe (SIE) (Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland, Personnel 3). Great Britain & Ireland (SIGBI) (Headquarters Stockport, UK, Personnel 5), South West Pacific (SISWP) (Headquarters Sydney, Australia, Personnel 1). The four Federations operate within the SI Constitution, although each Federation is autonomous and has its own internal structure, policies and procedures. An individual Soroptimist is a member of her club, region/union (depending on her federation structure), her Federation and Soroptimist International. SI is governed by a Board comprising three representatives from each of its four federations and four International Officers: President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect and Treasurer. Board Meetings are held annually. The focus of SI's programme of work, including a major international project, is set for a quadrennial period and operates within the framework of specific areas, namely: Human rights/Status of women, Education, Economic and Social Development, Health, Environment, International Goodwill and Understanding.

ACTIVITIES:

activities

Every four years Soroptimist International launches a major international project in partnership with a charity, NGO or United Nations agency. Each project is designed to be self-sustaining by the end of SI's four-year commitment. Soroptimist members around the world join forces to give active support to the chosen project and in doing so, have improved the lives of many thousands of women and children across the globe. The 2003-2007 project, Project Independence: Women Survivors of War, in partnership with Women for Women International, is providing women in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Rwanda, with financial and emotional support, job skills training, rights awareness and leadership education and access to business skills, capital and markets, in order to rebuild their lives after war. Every year, on Human Rights Day (December 10) the President of Soroptimist International selects a project that provides direct assistance to women in extreme need. Past projects have aided refugees in camps in Malaysia, provided protection and help for women AIDS sufferers in Uganda and the Ukraine, scholarships for girls in Mongolia and Rwanda, vocational training programmes and shelter for vulnerable women and children in Paraguay, education and nutrition for abandoned children in Vietnam and malaria protection for pregnant women and young children in Benin, Africa. In 2006, working with Oxfam GB, Soroptimists will help improve educational access and

opportunity for more than 1,000 girls in Punjab, Pakistan, and enhance the overall quality of primary education through teacher training, classroom rehabilitation, and community support and involvement. Project Five-O is a partnership of five international women's organizations whose aim is to advocate on behalf of women and support vocational training. Its members consist of: International Council of Women, International Federation of Business and Professional Women International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and Zonta International. Project Five-O supports vocational training for women and girls in developing countries and countries in transition. The partnership was established in 1980. Its pilot project in Calcutta continues most effectively today. Soroptimist International regularly sends a delegation to major UN and/or NGO meetings, such as: CSW, ECOSOC, DPI and CONGO. Soroptimist International has permanent, volunteer Representatives to the major United Nations centres in New York, Geneva and Vienna, UNESCO in Paris, the FAO in Rome, and UNEP in Nairobi. It also currently has Representatives at the UN Regional Commissions in Western Asia (ESCWA); South America (ECLAC); and Asia Pacific (ESCAP).

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Celebrating 27 years in existence, the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) is the only national organization in the United States that is dedicated to advancing the interests of almost 2 million Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans through leadership development, capacity building, and community empowerment. SEARAC was initially founded in 1979 as the Indochina Refugee Action Center (IRAC) in order to facilitate the relocation of Southeast Asian refugees into American society and foster the development of nonprofit organizations led by and for Southeast Asian Americans. SEARAC has led the effort to strengthen the capacity of these community-based organizations known as mutual assistance associations (MAAs). Our primary activities include serving as a coalition-builder and leader; fostering leadership and civic engagement among Southeast Asians; carrying out action-oriented research projects; and strengthening the capacity of MAAs. SEARAC also represents our communities at the national level in Washington, DC.

STRUCTURE:

SEARAC's national office in Washington, DC, serves as SEARAC's headquarters and is the base for SEARAC's federal-level advocacy work, capacity-building work that has a national scope, and our research projects. Six full-time staff members work in SEARAC's Washington, DC office, and they include SEARAC's Executive and Deputy Directors, our Advocacy Initiative Director, our Southeast Asian American Women's Leadership Advocate, our Leadership Advocacy/Initiative Manager, and our Office Manager. Due to the fact that California is home to the largest number of Southeast Asian Americans in the country (numbering approximately 700,000 throughout the state), SEARAC also has a branch office in Sacramento, California. Our California office is led by our California Projects Manager. SEARAC is also served by an active Board of Directors.

ACTIVITIES:

activities

SEARAC has been instrumental in developing and maintaining a coalition of national level MAAs (known as the National MAA Coalition) in order to promote the well being of resettled refugee communities in the United States through advocacy and technical assistance training aimed at strengthening local MAAs. In addition, SEARAC is an active member in Refugee Council, USA (RCUSA), a coalition of U.S. non-governmental organizations focused on refugee protection. SEARAC also focuses its work on fostering leadership development and civic engagement among Southeast Asian Americans. Two primary examples of this work include SEARAC's annual Leadership Advocacy Training which brings 50 Southeast Asian American leaders together in Washington, DC for four days of intensive training workshops on advocacy and leadership issues. In addition, SEARAC recently established our Southeast Asian American Women's Leadership Initiative to support and develop leadership among Southeast Asian American women who work in the nonprofit sector and on advocacy issues impacting their communities. The primary goal of SEARAC's research work is to partner with academic and advocacy institutions to produce original publications that inform policy debates about Southeast Asian Americans. Some of our most recent publications focused on education issues in Southeast Asian American communities; voting trends in Southeast Asian American communities; and the opportunities and challenges facing Southeast Asian American elders in California. Currently, SEARAC's major capacity building work with MAAs is our Southeast Asian Californian Healthy Elders Leadership Project (HELP). The principal goals of HELP are to improve the leadership capacities of the 6 MAA partners; to increase the abilities of the MAAs to effectively address the needs of the elders in their communities and to access resources for the elderly members in their communities; and, to increase the MAAs' abilities to stimulate civic engagement at the local and state levels. SEARAC also advocates on behalf of Southeast Asian American communities and vulnerable populations in Southeast Asia who are seeking refugee status. SEARAC's advocacy priorities include immigration (including the removal of the material support bar), education, health, economic development, and involving more Southeast Asian American women in policy discussions. For more information about SEARAC's work, please refer to www.searac.org.

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In 1867 Russia signed the first Geneva Convention and on May 15, 1867 Emperor Alexander II approved the Charter of the society, which, in 1878, was entitled the Russian Red Cross Society (RRC), headquartered in St. Petersburg. The Russian Red Cross was recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1921 and joined the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in 1934.

Today, the Russian Red Cross is the oldest NGO in the Russian Federation. The mission of RRC is reflected in its statutes, which are based on the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, which include the following:

- Practical accomplishment of the ideals of humanity, charity and the promotion of these values to provide public awareness nationwide;
- Alleviation and prevention of human suffering, without discrimination as to race, nationality, gender, religion or class, ideological or political opinion, social or legal status;
- Participation in development of the public health service, education and social support, for the most vulnerable people.

The main objectives and tasks of the RRC's strategic development plan are: to achieve a higher efficiency while assisting the most vulnerable, to achieve a higher efficiency while working in emergencies caused by social situations, civil unrest, natural disasters and ethnic conflicts, and to increase the potential of the humanitarian activities through strengthening institutional and resource development, promotion of its public image and fundraising.

STRUCTURE:

St. Petersburg branch of the Russian Red Cross has 12 local Red Cross chapters, located in their respective districts.

Red Cross assistance programs include the following:

- Medical and Social (Voluntary Blood Donation, Medical Center for Refugees, Rehabilitation Center for Elderly People, Vocational Center for Disabled, Child Welfare Program, Daycare Center for Refugee Children, Visiting Nurses)
- Educational (Computer Literacy Center, Educational/Community Center for Refugees, Kid's Club, HIV Prevention Program, Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), First Aid Training)
- Legal (Refugee Counseling Center)
- Organizational Development (Youth red Cross, Distribution of Membership Cards)

All units/offices and project are located in St. Petersburg.

ACTIVITIES:

The break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991 led to profound changes in the social and economic situation of Russia and created difficult living conditions for many categories of the population, including refugees and asylum seekers. Since 1993, St. Petersburg branch of the Russian Red Cross with the assistance of UNHCR has been implementing different programmes focused on:

- the integration of refugees and asylum seekers into the Russian society;
- the social and psychological adaptation of refugees;
- acquiring necessary knowledge of the procedures on the refugee status determination and granting temporary asylum;

The Refugee Counseling Center (opened in year 2000) renders free legal consultations providing:

- assistance in drafting applications and inquiries;
- explanations of the procedure for giving international protection in case of voluntary repatriation of refugees and asylum seekers, eligible under the UNHCR mandate.

The Medical and Social Center provides all necessary medical assistance to refugees and asylum seekers including, therapist, pediatrician, oculist, cardiologist, psychotherapist and psychiatrist

Educational and Community Center provides vocational trainings on the Russian language, hairdressers, sewing and embroidery.

In February 2006 St. Petersburg Red Cross inaugurated the first and the only one of its kind, Legal and Medical Center for Refugees, technically and financially supported by the European Commission and UNHCR

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Swedish Red Cross, founded in 1865 is a member of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Our mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering where ever it occurs and whomever it affects in times of conflict and in peace. The mission entails ensuring basic rights to asylumseekers, refugees and other displaced persons. We advocate politicians and authorities and via media the society with the aim to improve policy and legislation as well as attitudes and opinion that may effect asylumseekers, refugees and other displaced persons. Activities in favour of the aboved named categories of persons are carried out through a nation-wide network of volunteers and staff. Via ICRC and the Redcross federation we participate in lots of internationell projects for refugees etc around the world.

STRUCTURE:

The Swedish Red Cross is the largest humanitarian organisation in Sweden and has around 280.000 members. The Headquarten is in Stockholm. We have divided Sweden into 10 redcross regions and we have more than 1500 local branches. We also have a youth organisation. We are about 480 employed, whereof 150 at the Headquarter. There are 9 departments at the Headquarter, among others the departments for internationell projects ,for social affairs, for communication, for International law and refugees etc The Swedish Red Cross is running 5 rehabilitation centres for tortured and traumatized refugees. We have more than 200 meetingplaces all over the country where people can meet and also have the first contact with the Red Cross when it comes to support in asylum cases, familyreunification and tracing. Our international department gives financial support to more than 80 countries.

ACTIVITIES:

Refugee work in Sweden:

The Swedish Red Cross (The International Law and Refugee Department) is a member of the governments' Council for refugee questions as well as the council for refugee children, both chaired by the minister of migration and meet with people in the ministry before every Council in the EU regarding refugee matters. We comment to the government on new law proposals and drafts of EG directives. We participate in different international networks like ECRE and PERCO regarding refugee matters, cooperats with the UNHCR office in Stockholm and has for many years participated in the Excom meetings in Geneva. We are involved, more or less, in every aspects of the refugee question /asylum, family reunification, tracing, Human Rights etc/. Most of the practical work with individual cases when it comes to legal support to asylumseekers, support and advice to people who are denied to stay in Sweden or want to voluntary return to their homecountry or familyreunificaton is carried out in our regional branches, where we also work with integration.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Syrian Arab Crescent (SARC) founded in 1942. It was recognized by the International Committee of (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 1946, adheres to the rules of Geneva Convention.

It also abides by the basic principals of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

The Syrian Red Crescent organizes its humanitarian activities according to the message of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and disseminates humanitarian principals, objectives and laws.

STRUCTURE:

SARC is composed by 14 branches for 14 cities and 15 sub branches for the towns covering all Syria.

The general assembly composed by 98 members (7 from each branch) take place once a year.

The board of directors composed by 28 members (2 from each branch) take place once every 2 months.

The executive committee composed by 7 members take place once a month.

All the members of all these committees are volunteers and the whole number of SARC members are approximately are 10,000 volunteer.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Medical Care: Through all the SARC clinics in all the regions in Syria including the agglomerations in Syrian Desert served by Mobile clinics. SARC participates to all medical Syrian campaigns especially Children Vaccination campaigns offering gratis all kinds of assistance. SARC also participates to all awareness medical campaigns specially concerning AIDS.

2. Trainings: First Aid, preparation-campaign and awareness against disasters, dissemination of International Humanitarian Law.

3. Well Fare: All kind of Assistance to vulnerable and most needed persons.

4. UNHCR-Implementing Partner: Providing all kind of assistance, mainly: Subsistence allowance, education assistance, courses for anyone under 18 years old, Medical Assistance and all that according to Home Visit conducted to all the cases to decide the kind of assistance each single refugee will need.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

TAI works in partnership with local organizations and government and assists policy makers, managers, providers, communities, individuals and institutions to develop their capacity and identify solutions in all major areas of human development with focus on improving efficiency and management skills. Incorporated in 1986, TAI offers a wide range of consulting services, providing high-quality technical assistance, program expertise, and analytical services. The experience and expertise of our staff, combined with their dedication to the work, results in unparalleled performance for our clients. The key to TAI's success is a sincere commitment to the work that we do.

Our professional staff are leaders in program design, research, community development, and policy development, as well as health services monitoring and evaluation, planning and management. At TAI, we help clients develop and implement innovative, practical solutions to complex problems.

STRUCTURE:

TAI has implemented projects in 12 countries. Currently, TAI operates from two Bangladesh and two international offices, with more than 60 staff.

TAI's ability to identify and provide short and long-term technical staff to manage project activities from initiation to completion has been a key factor in the success of these projects. TAI is organized into the Program, Management Information System and Marketing Units.

Each unit operates under the direction and guidance of a unit head and by other senior managers. Although the units operate independently, TAI is organized, so that information, technical expertise and professional competences are constantly shared in strengthening each division's ability to respond appropriately and creatively to clients' need.

ACTIVITIES:

TAI activities focus on: (1) strengthening the technical, management, and leadership capabilities of individuals, communities and institutions through collaborative work and training programs; (2) educating community leaders, health care managers, providers, and consumers through technical assistance, training, publications, electronic media, and conferences; (3) applying practical management skills to community development, public health problems in the public and private sector; (4) applying and replicating innovations capacity building approaches and health management systems. TAI is currently implementing activities for "Assistance to Myanmar Refugees from Northern Rakhine State accommodated in refugee camps" for about 22,000 refugees:

(1) Education program

(2) Community Services including (a) tailoring (b) soap-making, (c) awareness building, (d) kitchen gardening, and social forestry

(3) Food basket monitoring and (4) Sanitation.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Established 1984: Thailand Burma Border Consortium is an alliance of NGOs, working together with displaced people of Burma, to respond to humanitarian needs, strengthen self reliance and promote appropriate and lasting solutions in pursuit of their dignity, justice and peace

Aim: To alleviate malnutrition and food insecurity and meet the primary physical needs for survival of women, men and children, in partnership with their community

STRUCTURE:

Head office Bangkok, 4 field sites Thailand / Burma border: 28 national, 13 international staff

Nutrition, Food Security, Procurement, Displacement Research

Delivers programme by maximizing utilization of refugees own resources.

TBBC field staff : Refugee camp management staff 1:60

ACTIVITIES:

Provision of food, shelter and non food items

Camp management support

Protection Working Group - Partnership with UNHCR to strengthen protection through a shared responsibility

Coordination of all activities through Committee for Coordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand

Research into Root Causes - Displacement and IDPs

Advocacy at all levels with all Stakeholders on issues related to root causes and refugee rights.

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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:

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:

Three offices in Kobe, New York and Geneva with about 18 staff members in total. The coordinator of Relief Web is based in NY and each team has a Managing Editor to supervise the editorial teams.

ACTIVITIES:

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; PURPOSE:

USCRI has been a leading advocate for refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers in the United States since 1911. We work closely with our network of community-based partner agencies in implementing domestic policy programs and recommendations. Internationally, USCRI conducts research and site visits to influence policies to protect refugees and internally displaced persons. The mission of USCRI is to address the needs and rights of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide by advancing fair and humane public policy, facilitating and providing direct professional services, and promoting the full participation of migrants in community life. USCRI maintains a network of research contributors in refugee hosting countries and plays a leading role in the international civil society campaign against the warehousing of refugees.

STRUCTURE:

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, led and managed by a President and Vice-President. The agency President has 7 senior staff reporting to her who meet frequently to set priorities, communicate achievements and developments and coordinate activities. It is also the forum for devising internal protocols and allows advocacy, fundraising, communication and program to work in sync. USCRI has 63 staff in three locations – headquarters in Washington DC and field offices conducting refugee resettlement and immigration services in Vermont and Albany, New York.

ACTIVITIES:

USCRI decided as a long-term goal to mount a campaign against the warehousing of refugees – the practice of denying people their rights under the 1951 Refugee Convention. In the United States, USCRI's network of partners – many in existence since the early 1900s – depend on USCRI to advocate nationally for refugee resettlement levels, fair practices for immigrants and support for programs to help newcomers to America. This year we also established the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children to provide pro bono representation to minors undergoing legal immigration proceedings. USCRI is a strong advocate for UN overseas assistance accounts and works in partnership with UNHCR to highlight funding gaps.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Vicaría de Pastoral Social is the institution in charge of the Catholic Church's social work coordination in Santiago, Chile. Its field of action enlists and focuses on working children, the prevention of child's abuse, elderly people in need, micro credit support, the strengthening of popular organizations and a number of other different activities. Regarding refuge, the Vicaría helped and supported Chileans who had to leave the country because of the military dictatorship in the past, thus assisting them in the search of asylum in other parts of the world. Today, the Vicaría supports the local integration of asylum seekers, mainly Colombians, who are looking for protection in Chile.

STRUCTURE:

The Vicaría is presided over by an Episcopal Vicar and managed by the Executive Secretary, who is responsible of the operational coordination of the different working areas: Solidarity Area (works with communitarian organizations); Child's and Youth's Area (supports children and young people in need); Micro enterprise (supports small productive initiatives); Caritas (assists in emergency and cases of extreme poverty); Refuge Area (implementation of the programs in agreement with UNHCR). The offices of the Vicaría are located in 6 geographical zones that the Church names "Pastoral Zones". The Vicaría has a total of 38 hired officials or functionaries.

ACTIVITIES:

The Vicaría develops 21 different programs of action. These are divided in the five areas described above. In these programs priority is given to the support of the organizations belonging to those affected themselves, so as to render them a voice to solve their problems. The Vicaría also carries out tasks of social education, in order to sensitize society about the harm affecting the rights of those in need, also mediating with the corresponding authorities to help to increase the demands of the population who is affected by this harming of rights.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Program of Migration and Refugee Studies (BA and MA) as part of the International Relations Program of Webster University in Geneva. Organization of conferences, seminars, research projects and study trips related to contemporary refugee issues

STRUCTURE:

Department of International Relations, BA, MA program Certificate in Migration and Refugee Studies.

ACTIVITIES:

Conferences, seminars, research projects, study trips.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Windle Trust Kenya is non-governmental organization established in 1977 by Dr. Hugh Pilkington. The Trust equips refugees and the displaced from the Eastern Africa Region to meet the challenges of development through providing access to education, training and employment. Windle Trust Kenya strives to support those of outstanding potential to access high and tertiary education and training. The Trust assists all refugees without discrimination on the basis of gender, color, religion, nationality, ethnic group or physical disability. The Trust has provided education to many individual refugees and other needy persons and enabled them to offer skilled services to their communities. Many of these graduates are providing leadership and setting benchmarks in their communities. Although a number of the Trust's beneficiaries are still unsettled and unable to fully use their skills, the impact of their education will always remain long term. Vision Our vision it is to develop the human resources among communities affected by conflict so that Kenya and its neighbours may enjoy peace, harmony and prosperity. Mission To provide services to refugees and needy Kenyans that will enhance their development towards, personal and international peace and cross cultural understanding.

STRUCTURE:

Windle Trust has 59 staff headed by the Executive Director. There are five departments 2. Finance/Admin Department - headed by Finance/Admin Director with 8 staff 3. Sponsorship/Scholarship programme headed by Senior Education Counselor - with 3 staff based in Nairobi and two in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps 4. English Language Programme - headed by Senior English Language Programme - 17 staff 5. Teacher Training College - headed by the Chief Principal - 28 staff

ACTIVITIES:

In order to achieve her vision and mission Windle Trust Kenya has the following departments

1. Sponsorship Programme This programme supports annually over 100 students in tertiary and University education for refugee in Dadaab, Kakuma and those in urban areas particularly in Nairobi. There are 8 sponsorship programmes is supported by 8 donors DAFI, SDC, WTK, Highland Foundation, DfID, Individual, IRC and WTI.
2. Scholarship/resettlement The World University Service of Canada supports 40 refugee annually to proceed with University education in various Universities in Canada. The students supported also are given resettlement status in Canada. Windle Trust Kenya helps the students by training them TOEFL, research Methodologies and counseling for resettlement in a foreign country.
3. The English Language Programme This programme aims to help refugees in the Kakuma and Dadaab refugee settlements to reach their full potential and rebuild their lives in the short and longer-term. It also aims to foster good quality education services in southern Sudan as refugees return and peace opens up the region. This programme is funded Comic Relief to provide 2 six-month courses in English and communication skills for teachers, vulnerable women and middle the youth. Kakuma Teachers' College Kakuma Teacher Training College (KTTC) was established in September 2005 in response to UNHCR's identified need to raise the standard of education in the camps, and eventually in South Sudan, due to the current lack of any trained refugee teachers in the camps 23 schools. Over the next two years the college aims to train all 430 primary teachers plus some new teachers through a one year in-service training

on modern teaching methods and the school curriculum. This will involve on-the job monitoring of teachers in the morning and in service teaching in the afternoon on weekdays, and all day Saturday. The majority of these teachers are from South Sudan and are expected to return home to support the reconstruction efforts.

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The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children works to improve the lives and defend the rights of refugee and internally displaced women, children and adolescents. We advocate for their inclusion and participation in programs of humanitarian assistance and protection. We provide technical expertise and policy advice to donors and organizations that work with refugees and the displaced. We make recommendations to policy makers based on rigorous research and information gathered on fact-finding missions. We join with refugee women, children and adolescents to ensure that their voices are heard from the community level to the highest councils of governments and international organizations. We do this in the conviction that their empowerment is the surest route to the greater well-being of all forcibly displaced people. Founded in 1989, the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children is an independent affiliate of the International Rescue Committee.

STRUCTURE:

The Women's Commission has a diverse professional staff that operates under the auspices of the International Rescue Committee. The Women's Commission's board of directors and advisors include women working at senior levels in human rights and refugee organizations, as well as in education, medicine, law, journalism, government and communications. Many of them are former refugees. The Women's Commission's work focuses on four program areas: Participation and Protection; Reproductive Health, Detention and Asylum; and Children and Adolescents.

ACTIVITIES:

The Women's Commission serves as a watchdog and an expert resource, offering solutions and providing technical assistance. Staff and board members carry out an active program of advocacy, making recommendations on how to improve the protection of and assistance to refugee women and children to policy makers in the United States government and UN agencies, and to NGOs. Professional staff--experts in health care, anthropology, gender, children and refugee law--travel to refugee camps, detention centers and other areas where there are thousands of displaced families, to conduct field research, technical training, and convene meetings. In addition, the Women's Commission sends fact-finding delegations of professional women to meet with refugee women and children around the world and learn first-hand of their needs and conditions. Recent delegations have traveled to Afghanistan, Liberia, Thailand and Sudan.

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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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To achieve its mission:

Foster awareness and respect of cultural diversity; promote the international dimension within its Member Organizations; Co-ordinate activities of Member Organizations at international level; network with other international organizations and faith communities for the respect of human rights, especially for women; encourage ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.

STRUCTURE:

General Assembly, General Secretariat Paris, Board of 27 elected members, Office of the President in the USA, Permanent Committees, Commissions and Working Groups

ACTIVITIES:

Safe drinking water, sexual exploitation of children, trafficking of women and girls, violence against women, women and decision making, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, the family, fair trade.

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See WVI Switzerland

STRUCTURE:
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ACTIVITIES:
Our main activity is raising fund through the coordination of field offices. Once we receive funding from the government for particular projects, we help the field to manage the projects by sending our own staff on the ground. WVJ is also very active in advocacy for the sake of refugees. We are chair organization of PARinAC Japan forum since 2004

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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 WV'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:
Sustainable development. Disaster relief. Raising public awareness and advocating for justice.

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ACTIVITIES:
Première association de parrainage d'enfants dans le monde, World Vision y apporte une aide directe à plus de 2.2 millions d'enfants. Elle dessert annuellement environ 100 millions de personnes nécessiteuses. World Vision se trouve engagée dans les activités suivantes:
- Santé et Assainissement où les communautés bénéficient des services suivants:
Construction et réhabilitation de centre de santé; construction de latrines; formation pour les agents de santé en soins primaires; soins primaires de santé; amélioration de la qualité nutritionnelle; vaccination des enfants et des femmes enceintes; accès à l'eau potable à travers le forage et la réhabilitation de puits .
- Éducation et Formation Professionnelle qui sont des priorités pour l'organisation.
L'organisation y contribue via: La construction / réhabilitation des écoles; la formation des directeurs, des moniteurs pédagogiques, des professeurs et des parents quant aux responsabilités de ces derniers; la fourniture de matériel didactique aux écoles et aux enfants; la formation professionnelle des jeunes.
- Sécurité Alimentaire et Agriculture Soutenable pour améliorer particulièrement la santé materno-infantile et augmenter la production agricole.
Les activités incluent le développement de pratiques agricoles pour compléter la fertilité des sols; la protection des ressources naturelles; la promotion de jardinage bio-intensif pour le marché et les récoltes alternatives; l'encadrement des agriculteurs; la distributions d'arbres fruitiers; l'encadrement des éleveurs d'animaux dans des stations de monte pour la reproduction de bétails de race améliorée.

Des distributions de produits alimentaires viennent en support au programme agricole.- Développement de Micro-entreprises: via un système de micro-crédit à partir de fonds empruntés à des institutions financières. L'investissement de ces prêts dans des activités génératrices de revenus permet aux bénéficiaires d'augmenter leur qualité de vie.

L'organisation en 2003 a pu prêter 80 millions de dollars à plus de 250,000 petits entrepreneurs dont les deux tiers étaient des femmes.

- Aide d'Urgence: L'organisation aide les communautés à faire face aux effets préjudiciables des catastrophes naturelles et de celles provoquées par l'homme. World Vision est leader mondial dans l'aide d'urgence.

En 2003 par exemple, elle a distribué plus de 739,000 tonnes de nourriture à environ 7.1 millions de personnes affamées dans 30 pays différents. Le plus gros effort se porte sur le Sud de l'Afrique, beaucoup plus touché par la sécheresse, la mauvaise gestion politique et le Sida.

- VIH/SIDA: Plus de 50 millions de dollars en fonds public et privé ont pu être collectés pour son programme international "Hope Initiative". Le travail de World Vision concernant le VIH/SIDA se tourne vers les orphelins et les enfants rendus vulnérables par cette maladie dévastatrice

- Plaidoirie: Le Mouvement Mondial en faveur des enfants: Depuis deux ans, World Vision augmente ses interventions en matière de promotion des Droits de l'Enfant. Des enfants faisant partie des programmes de développement de World Vision ont participé à des conférences nationales et internationales sur des sujets tels que l'éducation universelle, le VIH/SIDA, la lutte contre la pauvreté, la violence et l'exploitation.

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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 67 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. In 2005 World Vision Tanzania has a partnership agreement with UNHCR for the management of Muyovosi, Nyarugusu, Lugufu 1 and Lugufu 11 refugees camps and 2 Way Stations at total budget of US\$ 2,298,058. Out of this total budget UNHCR is funding World Vision Tanzania US\$ 1,097,224 and World Vision Tanzania matching fund is US\$ 1,200,000.

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ACTIVITIES:

Implementing partner for UNHCR in some displacement contexts Protection activities in all programs .