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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is an independent humanitarian agency, established in 1984 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the specific purpose of providing community development and disaster relief. ADRA serves people without regard to their ethnic, political, or religious association. It simply helps people in need, especially those most vulnerable such as women, children and refugees. ADRA recognized the dignity that is inherent in each person and is committed to improving the quality of human life. ADRA partners with individuals, communities, organizations, and governments to improve the quality of life for millions around the world through the five core portfolio activities of basic education, primary health, food security, economic development and disaster preparedness and response.

STRUCTURE:

In order to fulfill the purpose of ADRA, the agency has offices in more than 120 countries around the world. Some of the offices are donor coordinating offices and the others are implementing offices. This organization helps ensure appropriate assistance is delivered to the neediest communities in the poorest regions, utilizing funding from governments in their priorities areas and from other sources to target the assistance. Country offices are independent and organized according to the reality of programming in the country. ADRA Yemen has a central office in the capital of Sana'a and 5 sub-offices in Aden, Aden governorate; Kharaz Refugee Camp in Lahj governorate; Hais in Hodeidah governorate; Al Jawf, Al Jawf governorate and Sa'ada, Sa'ada governorate. Where security allows, project managers are stationed in the field offices, while the country director, program officer and finance office staff are located in Sana'a.

ACTIVITIES:

ADRA Yemen's activities in Yemen focus on primary health care, economic development, education and food security. The main target groups are women, children, poor families, those with special needs and refugees. ADRA's work with the refugees touches on all priority areas for the agency. Yemen's refugee community is among the most vulnerable, disadvantages in the country and activities further target the neediest within the refugee community. ADRA partners with UNHCR and other donors to provide social services to refugees living in Kharaz Refugee Camp and to urban refugees in Basateen, a suburb of Aden. Activities include counseling, special needs intervention and referral, vocational and skills training, income generating and recreation such as sports, music and library resources. Another of the most marginalized community ADRA assists is the physically challenged. Through ADRA's sub-office in Hais, ADRA provides physical therapy, rehabilitation and counseling to persons with mobility difficulties. Additionally, ADRA has agreements with other health care providers to assist those with eye or ear problems, for those needing cleft palate/lip surgery and for persons needing prosthetic devices. One of the pressing needs in Yemen is a new way to deal with conflict. ADRA is working with community leaders and associations in two of the most volatile governorates in the country, Sa'ada and Al Jawf, for conflict mitigation. ADRA expects that this innovative project will serve as a pilot for expansion in future to other high-conflict areas.

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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:

Afghan Public Welfare Organization (APWO) is non-governmental, non-political and non-profitable organization, Established in 1989. The main aim of APWO is to serve the oppressed and needy people of Afghanistan and active participation in reconstruction and development of the war-torn country Afghanistan.

STRUCTURE:

Technical 18 Admin 14 Support 22 Key staff: Eng. S. Rahim "Sattar" Director Lal Pacha, Deputy director Eng. Juma Gul, Program Officer APWO main office is located in Kabul, Street 02, Spenkalai Square Khushal maina, Kabul, Afghanistan and field office are located in Nangarhar and Paktiya provinces.

ACTIVITIES:

APWO is mainly involved in the following activities namely Construction of public building like schools, hospitals and health clinics, Road Rehabilitation, Irrigation, Shelter, Water supply, Agriculture, Preparation of Solar Units for lighting and Relief Operations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Objectives

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

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

money for the growing network of pro bono refugee legal aid offices.

STRUCTURE:

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. From protecting IDPs in Darfur, to repatriating refugees in the DR Congo, to raising awareness of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia; we deliver a wide range of lifesaving services to meet complex and varying needs.

Our proximity to affected populations and understanding of local contexts maximise the sustainability and accountability of the multi-sectoral programmes we deliver.

In all of our programmes we work together with local populations, aware that long lasting change is grounded in ownership, empowerment and increased capacity.

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-American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development (ASHAD) was established in late eighties of the last century in response to the unprecedented humanitarian, economic and natural disaster in Africa. The main objective of (ASHAD) is to boost the African American relationship for the benefit of the needy and vulnerable population all over Africa. (ASHAD) endeavors to create a harmonious working relationship with the International community and the United Nations system.

STRUCTURE:

(ASHAD) consist of the following:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

It has three clusters of objectives:

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

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

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

STRUCTURE:

Statutory Headquarters:

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-H.E. Salim Ahmed SALIM, -H.E. Boutros Boutros GHALI, -H.E. General Olusegun OBASANJO-H.E. Ahmad Tejan KABBAH

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Treasurer and Director General: -Cécil KPENOU

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

In Liberia, as from may 2004, again in association with UNHCR, African Concern has been involved in community empowerment projects covering a wide range of activities such as rehabilitation, construction or reconstruction of markets, schools, health units, administrative structures. In view of the difficult situation in which post-war Liberia finds itself, inter-district games have been 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:

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

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

STRUCTURE:

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

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

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

- Service Administratif

- Service financier

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

ASA a 5 projets (protection et réunification des enfants séparés et non accompagnés Libériens(1), protection des personnes déplacées internes(2), protection et réinsertion d'enfants associés aux forces combattantes(3), protection, retrait et réinsertion d'enfants travailleurs de la décharge publique d'Akouédo(4) et retrait et rapatriement d'enfants victimes de traite(5). Toutes ces activités se font sur le terrain.

La quasi-totalité de nos projets sont faits en collaboration avec des agences du système des Nations Unies.

En termes de plaidoyer, l'organisation est membre du Comité National de lutte contre la traite des enfants, membre la commission de suivi de l'accord Cote d'Ivoire Mali en matière de traite des enfants.

Le coordinateur Général est membre du comité de suivi de l'accord multilatéral contre la traite des enfants entre 9 pays de la CEDEAO

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

Le coordinateur est membre de la Cellule de réflexion sur les Orphelins et autres enfants vulnérables à cause du Sida.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Aliran was founded by a group of seven individuals of different ethnic and religious backgrounds, in August 1977. Its founder-president, Dr. Chandra Muzafar headed the organization until 1991. Subsequently Dr. Ariffin Omar held the post from 1992 to 1993. Dr. Ariffin was succeeded by Mr. P. Ramakrishnan who has been repeatedly elected to the post by members since then, and is Aliran's current president. Aliran's main purpose has been to develop thinking and reflection on major social issues ranging from human rights to national unity from a non-sectarian, non-political spiritual perspective that emphasizes the universality of humankind. It is our hope that this belief in universal spiritual values will be the basis for furthering justice, freedom and solidarity effecting social change towards a peaceful, just and harmonious world. Our vehicle of advocacy is mainly through articles published in our magazine, Aliran Monthly and our website. Being media and information based, Aliran also disseminates and acts as an information exchange for other NGOs and individuals, based on the basic human right of freedom of expression and information as per Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Aliran also highlights issues through press releases and supports socio-economic and human rights campaigns of other NGOs like Amnesty International, Suara Rakyat Malaysia (Suaram), Women's groups, Refugee and migrant organizations, Disabled rights groups, public transport and environmental organizations, Anti-privatization of Health care services, Anti-privatization of Water, and the Movement for the Abolition of the Internal Security Act to name a few. Mission over Three Decades. In 1980, just three years after inception, Aliran began its controversial journey as an organization advocating 'Freedom, Justice and Solidarity'. Due to our outspokenness and critical views of government policies, laws and actions, we seem to be a permanent target for smear campaigns, suppression and censorship by the Malaysian government. In 1987, when several newspapers, including those in the mainstream media, were shut down by the Mahathir administration, Aliran continued to publish Aliran Monthly in an effort to counter the suppression of freedom of expression and information under Operation Lalang. Our then founder-president Dr. Chandra Muzafar was also detained under the Internal Security Act together with members of other NGOs in the government's sweeping wave of arrests and detention of persons it saw as threats to national security. In the same year we acquired Ecosoc status. Nonetheless, Aliran survived this trial but has continually been faced with problems in the process of producing Aliran Monthly. There have been numerous changes of printers and distributors of the magazine over our 30 years of existence, due to the fact that at some stage the printer decides for unexplained reasons to terminate printing the Monthly. We have been threatened with de-registration and delayed renewal of our publishing license. Over recent years, distributors have also been problematic and street sales of AM have been brought to an all time low. Despite this, Aliran persists in its role as reality check on the mainstream media and government. We continue to present independent critical and analytical views and allow alternative voices especially of the marginalized a hearing, which they might never have in the mainstream media. Aliran does not depend on funding from any external international source or government. The organization survives by the goodwill of members, supporters and subscribers of Aliran Monthly who make monetary donations to the organization and through our own fund raising efforts.

STRUCTURE:

Aliran is a Penang based organization with its head office in the same state. The major guidelines for Aliran's policies come from the Annual General Meeting held in November. Actual decision making is in the hands of a 15 member Executive Committee comprising the president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and 11 other executive committee members. Aliran has a small staff of four regular office workers consisting of three full-time and one part-time staff. We depend a great deal on the voluntary efforts of our members, particularly the executive committee. Aliran's membership currently stands at 178.

ACTIVITIES:

Activities are carried out by various bureaus. These include, International Affairs, NGO Liaison, Media, Talks and Fraternity, Distribution, Office Administration and Resource Room, Fund-Raising, and Planning. Aliran organizes talks, forums, workshops and seminars on a variety of human rights and social justice issues. Our latest initiative was the Pesta Rakyat Merdeka in Penang that involved 25 Penang NGOs in an Alternative celebration of Malaysia's 50 years of Independence and 44 years of nationhood. Aliran is also the initiator in collaboration with KOMAS for holding a similar event in Kuala Lumpur in September this year. Aliran in collaboration with the Penang Office for Human Development is in the process of forming a Northern Migration Network to better channel and consolidate needed services to migrant workers, refugees and other migrant groups regardless of immigration status. This effort is also in support of UNHCR's work in the northern region of Peninsular Malaysia. Aliran is also a member organization of the Migration Working Group (MWG) founded in Kuala Lumpur in 2006. In May 2006, Aliran organized a Forum on the Federal Constitution in collaboration with Article 11 (a coalition of NGOs concerned with the right to freedom of religion under the Malaysian Federal Constitution.) The Forum was aborted even before it properly started due to a demonstration outside the venue, by Muslim groups and organizations, including political parties. Aliran's members also represent the organization and participate in various meetings, conferences and discussions on human rights, alternative development, inter-religious cooperation, labour rights, and humanitarian issues etc. at national, regional and international level.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

It does not support or oppose any government or political system, nor does it support or oppose the views of the victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights. AI has a varied network of members and supporters around the world. At the latest count, there were more than 1.8 million members, supporters and subscribers in over 150 countries and territories in every region of the world. Although they come from many different backgrounds and have widely different political and religious beliefs, they are united by a determination to work for a 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:

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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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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 organisations 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 Bruxelles 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 organisation 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:

Amnesty International Dutch Section, refugee department provides legal aid to asylum seekers who fall within the Amnesty mandate. Medical examination is one of the means by which asylum claims can be supported. Since 1977 AI Dutch section offers asylum seekers - who fall within the mandate - a medical examination with the aim to support their claim.

STRUCTURE:

The Medical Examination Group exists of 40 physicians throughout the Netherlands. They carry out the medical examination from their own practice or hospital (unpaid). They are coordinated from the Dutch Amnesty secretariat in Amsterdam, refugee department, by the coordinator Medical Examination Group. Training on how to examine survivors of torture or ill-treatment is offered at the secretariat.

ACTIVITIES:

Amnesty has joined forces with the Dutch Council for Refugees and Pharos - knowledge centre on refugees and health in the CARE FULL project to get more attention for medical-legal reports in the asylum procedure. They have organized an expert meeting (attended by more than 20 NOGS from 11 EU-countries) and have distributed the document 'CARE FULL principles and recommendations' to - amongst others - the UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY;PURPOSE:

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: President- Pedro Puente Fernández, Vice-president-José Antonio Arzoz, Secretary - Angel Sánchez de Muniain, Treasurer-Salvador Batalla Gardella, Member- Vicente Riesgo, Member- Clemencia González .

The main offices are located in several cities: Madrid-Capital, Madrid-Fuenlabrada, Madrid-San Sebastián de los Reyes, Madrid-Móstoles, 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.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Asociación de Apoyo Integral, ASI, was initially part of the Legal Department of UNHCR in Guatemala, in charge to support refugees eligibility and documentation, since 1994 approximately. Lately was created as an ONG on July of 1999 in accordance a Legal Notary Instrument number 30 registered by Civil Registration of Guatemala under Book 46 leaf 477 ledger 222 dated August 1999. Asi was created as a private, non profit, non political or religious organization, with vision for legal, technical, cultural, economical and social assistance in favor to the migrant and uprooted population in Guatemala. Actually we execute the legal and economical assistance for refugees population in Guatemala as a UNHCR implementing partner.

STRUCTURE:

ASI works actually under the supervision of a local Board of Directors. Working directly under the supervision of UNHCR on refugee assistance and also with a program of International Work Office Program (OIT). This is a small office located in Guatemala City, with just two departments and three workers. The Coordinator office with one person in charge has also the administrative and secretarial duties and we also have a Legal Department with one lawyer. Coordinator and Legal workings are paid under the UNHCR project. The other project (OIT) is handled for the Agency Director, he does not have any work relation with UNHCR project but he collaborates with us when is possible.

ACTIVITIES:

In first place we work with UNHCR with refugee program, with a role with the local government and National Refugee Commission, giving them all the support in documentation, legal support and training. During past years we executed programs in favor to woman (intra family violence) with the support of Canadian program. Also we actually work in a program with native indian children with the intention to eradicate children's work in pyrotechnic elaboration with alternative educational and recreational programs with the collaboration of OIT project.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

L'association pour la promotion des libertés fondamentales au Tchad (aplft) est créée le 09 juin 1991 enregistrée le 18 juillet 1991 est autorisée à fonctionner le 29 juin 1992.

Elle a comme objectif de promouvoir et développer les libertés fondamentales, éduquer et former les citoyens à mieux connaître leur droit, vulgariser les droits veiller à la protection des êtres humains.

La vision est de devenir une des organisations non étatique qui aura contribué à faire un Tchad un état où les droits de l'homme sont mieux respectés, une meilleure gouvernance pratiquée, les libertés fondamentales assurées et les citoyens connaissent leurs droits et devoir.

Nous allons assurer la formation des citoyens, dénoncer les violations des droits de l'homme, défendre les citoyens lorsque leurs droits seront violés, faire pression et agir sur l'administration publique et le gouvernement pour qu'ils travaillent à l'avènement d'un état de droit et devenir des professionnels par la qualité de nos interventions, de nos résultats et l'impact de notre travail.

La mission est de contribuer à l'avènement d'un véritable état de droit, d'une démocratie par la promotion des libertés fondamentales, la défense des droits de l'homme, la culture citoyenne et une meilleure gouvernance au Tchad.

Le valeur et croyances fortes

Le respect de la dignité de l'homme et l'égalité entre les hommes;

La créativité, l'imagination et l'innovation;

La recherche de l'excellence et la performance;

La promotion de la culture démocratique;

La promotion du dialogue et la non violence.

STRUCTURE:

Notre organisation est structurée comme suite:

Assemblée Générale Nationale (AGN)

Conseil de Gouvernance Associatif (CGA) composée d'un président deux rapporteurs et neuf membres

Conseil de Gouvernance Associatif Régional (CGAR) composé d'un président un secrétaire et trois membres

Coordination Générale (CG) une Coordinatrice plus les chefs des départements avec un chargé des programmes dans chaque département et un chargé de communication avec son assistant

Les trois départements:

- Conseils Juridiques Orientations Assistances Juridiques (DCJOAJ)

- Administratif et Financier (DAF)

- Etude Programmes, Formation, Information, Education et Communication (DEFIC)

Les cinq Délégations:

- Délégation du sud Est (Sarh) un délégué, un (e) secrétaire caissier un clinicien juridique, une sentinelle
- Délégation du Sud (Moundou) un Délégué Régional un clinicien juriste un secrétaire caissier une sentinelle
- Délégation du Nord Est (Abéché) un Délégué Régional; un superviseur de clinique juridique; onze cliniciens juristes; un secrétaire comptable une réceptionniste quatre sentinelles
- Délégation du centre et de l'Ouest (N'djamena) Délégué Régional; un secrétaire caissier une sentinelle
- Délégation du sud Ouest (Bongor) Délégué Régional un secrétaire caissier une sentinelle

Enfin nous avons trente quatre antennes réparties dans les délégations.

ACTIVITIES:

Notre organisation a comme activité principale répartie par cinq axes stratégiques à savoir:

- 1 - conseils juridiques, orientations et assistances judiciaires ;
- 2 - éducation à la citoyenneté ;
- 3 - gestion non violente des conflits dans le milieu des jeunes ;
- 4 - transversal genre et droits humains ;
- 5 - dénonciation des cas des violations :

C'est dans l'optique du premier axe sur les conseils juridiques orientations et assistances judiciaires que nous intervenons dans les camps et les sites des réfugiés et déplacés en partenariat avec l'UNHCR.

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Formerly the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA), the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) was formed in 1965. ACFID is the coordinating body for Australian NGOs in the field of international development and is the 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, fulfil their needs free from poverty, and live in dignity. ACFID provides a forum for consultation and cooperation between its member organisations (currently over 80) and a means for making common representation on their behalf to the Australian Government, overseas governments, the United Nations and international organisations. ACFID has developed a Code of Conduct to promote shared ethical standards for the development community. All ACFID members must be compliant with 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 and 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

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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:

Botswana Red Cross Society started in 1968 as a branch of the British Red Cross Society and was established as an independent National Society by an Act of Parliament (64.01) of the Republic of Botswana on the 1st of March, 1996. It was recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in February 1970 and admitted by the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 1971. The Botswana Red Cross society, like all National Societies administers its humanitarian activities in accordance with the seven fundamental principles of the movement: Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Unity, Universality and Voluntary service.

Vision: To be a Model of excellence in serving the Vulnerable.

Botswana Red Cross society aligns itself with the National Vision 2016 by striving to be a compassionate, just and caring nation. The Society strives to be an effective and efficient institution in addressing the crucial needs of the most vulnerable people.

Mission Statement

Botswana Red Cross Society exists to identify, prevent and alleviate human suffering and foster human dignity in all communities.

STRUCTURE:

Tshimologo Stimulation Centre - Francistown Office, Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre- Tlokweng,
General Assembly/Branches/Divisions, National Executive Council, Secretary General, PA, Finance and Budgets, Human resources and HQ training, Logistics and support, Branch Development, Information and tracing (Humanitarian values), Health/HIV AIDS, Disaster management
Youth development, specialist centres, Prevention, OVC First Aid and Disaster preparedness and response.

ACTIVITIES:

Core Business:

1. Information dissemination, humanitarian values and tracing
2. Branch & Youth development
3. Disaster management
4. First Aid
5. Health & HIV/AIDS
6. Rehabilitation for people with disability
7. Refugee health and social services in collaboration with UNHCR

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The Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees In March 1997, various working groups and initiatives in individual federal states organised a 1st federal expert seminar on unaccompanied minors in Germany, followed by a federal assembly aimed at political networking and lobbying for unaccompanied minors (uam) in Germany. In 1998, the Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees was founded. The Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees has more than 100 private members and member organizations, working in the field of refugees and asylum seeking children, especially unaccompanied minors. During the last eight years the Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees established a network with clearing centres (initial reception centres for uam), youth welfare institutions and homes, psycho-social counselling centres, youth welfare offices, guardian-ship associations and projects, refugee councils, welfare organisations, refugee and human rights organizations (UNHCR, Pro Asyl, terre des hommes, Unicef) and the National Coalition for the implementation of the UN-CRC. The Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees is in close contact with the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, party representatives, the Children's Committee of the German Parliament and other political representatives.

STRUCTURE:

Main issues are: International Conventions: - the full implementation of the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) Residence / Asylum issues: - legal capacity as of age of majority only - fair asylum procedure which is appropriate for children - residence permit during the 'clearing' procedure - no application of airport procedure in cases of uam - no deportation detention - adherence to special country of origin information with regard to child specific persecution or problems children could face upon return - possibilities of legalising stay/obtaining residence permits Youth welfare system: - Equal treatment on the level with German children - taking care of the children according to § 42 KJHG (Youth Welfare Act) Right to school attendance and work: - compulsory school attendance for all asylum seeking children - support during vocational training Legal representation: - consistent application of the provisions of the Hague Convention on the Protection of Minors (MSA) and the German Civil Code (BGB) with respect to guardianships - strengthening of individual guardianship projects and guardianship associations - minimum standards for age assessment in case of doubt Anti-racist training of authorities and care providing institutions Cross-cultural education

ACTIVITIES:

Services The association - promotes the professional exchange of persons taking care of unaccompanied minors (uam) and other young refugees (specialised child-minders) through the publication of expert statements and the issuance of information circulars with a focus on educational, legal and political questions. - promotes the federal co-operation and networking among the persons working in this area (specialised child-minders) and organisations, in order to concentrate efforts and competencies. - acts as professional and political counterpart for specialised staff taking care of uam so as to defend and safeguard the interests of separated children and young refugees, and stays in close and regular contact with those responsible at the political level. - enhances sympathy for young refugees in public through nation-wide press activities and information campaigns, including issues like causes and consequences of global refugee movements. - initiates and supports a Europe-wide co-operation aimed at advocacy for the work with young refugees. The co-operation with other organisations active in the member states of the European Union takes place through the Separated Children in Europe Programme Lobbying Ø Working with the media Ø Organisation of conferences/in-service training courses Ø Facilitation of expert speakers for conferences/ seminars Ø Presentations Ø Information of members and specialised public (Info service/ homepage/ info leaf-lets/ documentation etc.) Ø Data collection Ø Start-up of local initiatives and projects (guardianship associations, projects for accommodation of and care for UAM aged 16 and above etc.) Ø Public campaigns Projects In co-operation with UNHCR, the German Foundation for Refugee Aid and terre des homes and financially supported by the European Refugee Fund, the Federal Association designed a project to especially monitor and influence the transposition process of the provisions relevant for minors in the respective EU Directives on asylum issues and other new legal provisions, e.g. an amendment to Section 42 Youth Welfare Act entered into force, which obliges youth authorities to provide age-appropriate accommodation and to appoint a guardian for all unaccompanied minors up to the age of 18 or the new residence act which entered into force in 2005, or the implementation of the EU Regulation No. 343/2003 (Dublin II). Supported by 'Aktion Mensch' the Federal Association runs a three years project to establish a countrywide network in all 16 federal states to have a better information exchange on developments in every single state and to strengthen the lobby work with the federal states and local authorities. Therefore the Federal Association recruits and trains volunteer representatives in all 16 federal states who should take over the coordinating function in the respective state. Contact: Bundesfachverband Unbegleitete Minderjährige Flüchtlinge e.V. (BUMF) Dirk Growe - Managing & Project Director - Nymphenburger Straße 47 80335 München Germany Tel.: +49 (0) 89 / 20 24 40 14 Fax.: +49 (0) 89 / 20 24 40 15 E-Mail: d.growe@b-umf.de

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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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The Canadian Council for Refugees is a non-profit umbrella organization committed to the rights and protection of refugees in Canada and around the world and to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada. The membership is made up of organizations involved in the settlement, sponsorship and protection of refugees and immigrants. The Council serves the networking, information-exchange and advocacy needs of its membership. The CCR was created in 1978 and has grown steadily since then. It has come to be recognized as a key advocate for refugee and immigrant rights in Canada, educating the public and putting issues onto the agenda of the various players in immigration and refugee law and policy in Canada.

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

Canadian Lutheran World Relief is the service delivery arm for development programming and overseas relief for the Lutheran churches in Canada. CLWR facilitates and supports development programs in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. It also provides emergency relief in cases of disaster; enables sponsorships for refugee resettlement in Canada.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Creation of CARE Canada was in 1977. CARE Canada's mission is to serve individuals and families in the poorest communities of the world by: - Strengthening capacity for self-help -Delivering relief emergencies -Influencing policy decisions at all levels -Addressing discrimination in all its forms Our programmes are focus on : -Agriculture -Education -Health -Water and sanitation -Market development -Emergency

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. In Chad, CARE has been operating since 1974.

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

CARE International pursues our mission through project activity in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Europe and Latin America. CARE's projects either respond to immediate humanitarian need arising from disaster, or focus on more systemic causes of poverty and discrimination that threaten the lives of the poor in the longer term. In all cases, we seek lasting solutions and improvements by working closely with the people we serve and in partnership with local groups and organizations. We facilitate change by: •Strengthening capacity for self-help; •Providing economic opportunity; •Delivering relief in emergencies; •Influencing policy decisions at all levels; •Addressing discrimination in all its forms. Core Activities: Development and rehabilitation programming Emergency response programming Policy development and implementation Capacity building of diverse constituencies trinidad-headoffice In Chad, CARE provides humanitarian assistance to Sudanese and Central-African refugees, as well as Chadian IDP in Eastern Chad. It also looks at long-term solutions for self-subsistence of these communities, and also supports host communities in those areas. CARE also carries-out governance and watsan programmes in N'Djamena. The last partnership is with UNICEF on the reintegration of Child Soldiers.

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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. We also give technical assistance to the development of social projects and collaborate in creating private and public awareness to Brazilian social reality, aiming to promote justice and human solidarity.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

The Confederation enjoys a special status with the Holy See and has relations with similar networks in other denominations, faiths and secular society.

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

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Charitable society for social welfare was established in 19 March 1990 .

CSSW mission: Presenting distinguished beneficiary model in social development and poverty alleviation programs.

CSSW Objectives:

- 1 - Seek to serve the poor and the needy.
- 2 - Sponsore orphans and offers help to disabled, widoow and eledary.
- 3 - Offers support to people who seek education.
- 4 - Providing various health care including maternal and childhood care.
- 5 - Implements developmental and serve projects.

STRUCTURE:

The society depends in its administrative system on an organizational structure .CSSW has administration for monitoring and inspecting the financial performance process of all the association units

Elections are conducted every three years to elect :

1- Board of Directors consist of 11 member

2 - Montoring inspection committee consist of 3 members

CSSW works all over Yemen, it has 22 branches , 236 committees at district level , and a wide network of about 12000 volunteers .

CSSW main units are :

1- Health unit 2 - Women activity unit 3 -Resource and Media unit 4 - Financial and administrative 5 - Orphan unit 6 - Social unit.

ACTIVITIES:

CSSW focuses its activities on five main fields :

- 1 - Social field
- 2 - Educational field.
- 3 - Health field
- 4 - Relief field
- 5 - Developmental units

Each of the previous fields, include a set of projects seasonal , periodical .or continuous .

CSSW is cu rrently implementing a health project for Somali refugees residing in Aden and Lahag governomantal in Yemen as apartner with UNHCR

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Charity Humanitarian Centre "Abkhazeti" (CHCA), established in 1995, is a Georgian non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation aimed at supporting the improvement of the social and economic conditions of internally displaced and other vulnerable populations through increasing their role in building an open civil society and a democratic republic. The activities of the organisation are carried out transparently and based on the principles of professionalism, equality, long-term partnership and sustainable development. CHCA was founded in Kutaisi by the group of representatives from Internally Displaced Community. Their main goal was to respond to the poor living conditions and severe poverty of approximately 270,000 Internally Displaced People (IDP) in Georgia. At first, CHCA implemented humanitarian programs connected with IDP youth and their specific needs. Later it extended its fields of operation as well as operational area and launched its activities in Peace building & public diplomacy, Education, Supporting the development of NGO sector in Georgia, Micro Finance and other fields. The target groups of CHCA's activities are IDPs living in the operational area of organization's programs. Annually it benefits more then 2,700 IDPs.

STRUCTURE:

The board of Directors presents the top management of the organization which sets the policies and priorities/mandate of the organization and supervises the activities of the Executive Director and staff consisted of 9 Management, 13 program, 8 support staff and 9 volunteers (including 1 EVS and 1 Peace Corps volunteer). CHCA is operating in 8 towns of Georgia: Kutaisi, Tskhaltubo (Imereti Region), Zugdidi, Senaki, Poti (Samegrelo Region), Rustavi (Kvemo Kartli Region), Gori (Shida Kartli) and Tbilisi (Capital city). The activities of CHCA are led by the Head Office (Kutaisi) and 4 Branch Offices (Zugdidi, Poti , Gori and Tbilisi).

ACTIVITIES:

Currently CHCA works on 6 inter-related directions focusing on the improvement of social, economic and political conditions of the IDPs: Protect the rights of IDPs through education; Support to income generation and self-employment of IDPs;

Non-formal education of youth;

Support the development of public diplomacy (rebuild the trust and support to the peaceful resolution of the conflict);

Support IDPs in improving their living conditions through purchasing of dwelling property; Humanitarian assistance of IDPs.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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

STRUCTURE:

1. Council of trustees
2. Executive c0mmittee
3. Executive bureau

Departments:

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

Geographic location

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

ACTIVITIES:

CDF is working in the fields of child care, child rights and child protection for the benefit of the children at risk (street children, child labor, child soldier, child war, refugees, displaced, drop out children from education.

CDF is engaged in the following activities:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

CCF understands that poverty is a complex problem, and has more than 65 years of experience in identifying and addressing the root causes of poverty. Within the context of alleviating child poverty, vulnerability and deprivation, CCF creates programs in a variety of different areas that provide practical assistance to impoverished communities, and plant the seeds of self-sufficiency. CCF's integrated development model is made up of interventions in six primary sectors: Early Childhood Development; Education; Family Income Generation; Health & Sanitation; Nutrition; and Emergency and Disaster Relief. CCF contributes to the work of the United Nations in a number of ways.

Representatives of the organization participate in United Nations forums, events, conferences and commissions such as CSW, CSD, and the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples. CCF has also organized workshops at UN Conferences on specific issues to promote awareness of issues or best

examples from the field. CCF has collaborative relationships with a number of UN Agencies including UNICEF, WFP, and UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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:

La Consultoría para los Derechos Humanos y el Desplazamiento –CODHES- es una entidad privada sin ánimo de lucro creada en 1992, que promueve la defensa de los derechos humanos y la consolidación de la paz en Colombia por medio de la construcción de un trabajo en Red sobre el problema del desplazamiento forzado y la construcción de cultura ciudadana a través de una amplia divulgación y difusión del conocimiento generado por la investigación.

Uno de sus trabajos más destacados ha sido evidenciar en el país el problema del desplazamiento forzado a través de producción de información cuantitativa (Informes CODHES), la realización de eventos de discusión y reflexión sobre este problema (Ver Un país que huye, volumen II), el fortalecimiento de movimientos sociales cualificados y democráticos, a través de una amplia divulgación y difusión del conocimiento generado a partir de sus investigaciones y de incidencia en distintas instancias gubernamentales, intergubernamentales, nacionales e internacionales.

Durante 2004-2007 CODHES ha realizado una tarea sistemática de seguimiento a las respuestas institucionales del Estado colombiano a los derechos de las personas en situación de desplazamiento forzado, los cuales están consagrados tanto en la legislación interna como en los principios rectores de las Naciones Unidas. En este momento CODHES junto a otras organizaciones de la sociedad civil tienen el encargo de la Corte Constitucional colombiana para ejercer una tarea de verificación del cumplimiento de la sentencia T-025 de 2004.

MISION

Promover la realización y vigencia integral de los derechos humanos de las personas en situación de desplazamiento forzado, refugio o migración; incidir en la transformación de las causas que provocan estas formas de movilidad humana; incentivar la participación de la sociedad en la construcción de democracia y paz y, contribuir a fortalecer capacidades sociales de las poblaciones más vulnerables para su inclusión y participación.

3. VISION

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

4. OBJETIVO DE DESARROLLO

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

5. OBJETIVOS GENERALES

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

STRUCTURE:

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

Investigación. Los procesos de investigación están dirigidos a producir conocimientos de uso público y social, que permitan la comprensión de las situaciones que produce el conflicto armado interno, en particular el desplazamiento forzado interno y el refugio internacional, para establecer características sociodemográficas, sus múltiples consecuencias y la evaluación social de las respuestas civiles e institucionales en el plano interno e internacional. En esta dirección CODHES desarrolla sistemas de información, orientados a garantizar el seguimiento riguroso de las circunstancias y las características de los procesos de desplazamiento forzado interno, migraciones y refugio internacional, en la perspectiva de soportar los procesos

de investigación y de las demás líneas estratégicas de desarrollo.

Comunicación. La comunicación tiene por finalidad, hacer visible y posicionar el conocimiento y la información que produce CODHES, en la esfera pública nacional e internacional, de modo que contribuya al desarrollo de niveles de conciencia, sensibilización y acción social e institucional sobre los temas del desplazamiento forzado, el refugio y las migraciones.

Incidencia. Las actividades de CODHES están dirigidas a promover prácticas sociales y acciones institucionales a nivel local, nacional e internacional que contribuyan a la realización de los derechos y las necesidades de las comunidades afectadas por el desplazamiento forzado, las migraciones y el refugio. En este sentido la incidencia compromete ejercicios de capacitación, así como el diseño de alternativas de política pública y de respuesta social y su correspondiente gestión en los espacios de toma de decisiones. La incidencia requiere de procesos de diálogo, intercambio y acción permanente con redes de trabajo por los derechos humanos y la paz en el plano regional, nacional e internacional. En este sentido CODHES promueve la interlocución directa con gobiernos y organismos internacionales de carácter intergubernamental y promueve el reconocimiento como interlocutores válidos de las organizaciones de población desplazada, migrante o refugiada en función de sus derechos.

Fortalecimiento de capacidades sociales. Las organizaciones y comunidades en situación de desplazamiento forzado y refugio constituyen un referente clave en el esfuerzo de construcción de respuestas sociales e institucionales, evaluación y formulación de políticas públicas y participación en la búsqueda de soluciones duraderas. CODHES desarrolla procesos orientados a fortalecer sus capacidades sociales, a partir de programas de formación, promoción de mecanismos de participación, cualificación del discurso y reconocimiento de su condición de interlocutores directos con capacidad de incidencia.

La especificidad del trabajo de CODHES se relaciona con los derechos de las personas en situación o en riesgo de desplazamiento forzado y refugio, pero desde allí se articula integralmente a la agenda general de los derechos humanos y a la búsqueda de alternativas de transformación política democrática de las dinámicas de conflicto armado, a partir del reconocimiento de la diversidad y del respeto por la diferencia.

Fortalecimiento y sostenibilidad institucional. CODHES asume como una estrategia el desarrollo de su capacidad administrativa, el fortalecimiento y sostenibilidad de la organización. El Consejo Directivo de CODHES trabaja de conformidad con las decisiones de la Asamblea, en la reestructuración organizacional para continuar el proceso de fortalecimiento, haciendo énfasis en la institucionalización de procedimientos y protocolos para la actuación administrativa y programática en un clima laboral acorde con los principios institucionales.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

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

DRC is an umbrella organization with 33 member organizations:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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

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

Public information and fund raising: DRC is contributing substantially to public awareness about refugee issues in Denmark and

abroad - through media outputs, documentation, lectures, and more. Information campaigns are frequently linked with private and corporate fund raising efforts, which generate some US\$ 4 to 5 million per year in Denmark.

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE

The Dutch Council for Refugees (DCR) was established in 1979 as a network of organizations. DCR is an independent, broadly-based organization. Its mission is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and consists of representing the interests of asylum seekers and refugees in the Netherlands, from the moment of their arrival until their full integration into Dutch society.

At the international level, DCR aims to ensure access to asylum and quality protection.

STRUCTURE:

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

- Knowledge Centre: DCR maintains an extensive database of legal and policy developments on asylum in the Netherlands and country of origin information. This database is used by judges, lawyers and local groups throughout the country.

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

ERUKIN a pour but principal depuis sa création le 4 novembre 2004 de rechercher le bien être et l'intégration socio-économique des déplacés internes et externes (réfugiés).

ERUKIN poursuit les objectifs ci-après :

1. accorder aux déplacés une assistance humaine temporaire en subsistance et/ou en logement, visant à soutenir leur intégration sociale dans le milieu d'accueil;

2. assurer la prise en charge médicale et éducationnelle des enfants et jeunes déplacés;

3. lutter pour l'autopromotion de la femme;

4. promouvoir les activités de la santé communautaire;

5. Appuyer les activités liées à la protection de l'environnement, de la jeunesse, des personnes vulnérables et celles du troisième âge ;

6. Rendre les personnes déplacées aptes à prendre conscience de leur état de vulnérabilité et à percevoir la nécessité de la recherche d'une issue, notamment par la capitalisation de leurs énergies physiques, intellectuelles et culturelles ;

7. Rendre les déplacés capables de se prendre en charge ou tout au moins de limiter leur dépendance vis-à-vis de l'aide extérieure par les activités génératrices des revenus qui soient économiquement rentables ;

8. Participer à l'organisation des activités relatives au rapatriement volontaire ou à la réinsertion socio-économique des personnes déplacées.

STRUCTURE:

ERUKIN est constituée des organes ci-après :

- Assemblée générale

- Le Conseil d'Administration

- La Coordination Nationale

- La Coordination Provinciale

ACTIVITIES:

A Kinshasa :

- Assistance humanitaire des réfugiés urbains ;

- Encadrement socio-économique des réfugiés urbains ;

- Assistance en santé et en éducation ;

- Réhabilitation des infrastructures ;

- Appui technique aux réfugiés demandeurs des micro-crédits.

Au Nord Katanga :

- Accueil et assistance aux rapatriés ;
- Encadrement socio-économique des rapatriés ;
- Assistance en éducation des rapatriés ;
- Réhabilitation des infrastructures.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Episcopal Church was a partner with sixteen Protestant denominations in founding in 1946 Church World Service (CWS) as the overseas relief and service arm of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Until 1981, the Presiding Bishop's Fund resettled refugees through CWS. From 1981 to 1988, the refugee work of the Episcopal Church was carried out as a program of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. In 1988 Episcopal Migration Ministries was established as the Episcopal Church's entity for carrying out resettlement work and conducting advocacy and witness on behalf of refugees and immigrants. In 1991 in response to another restructuring of the National Church, EMM became a part of the Advocacy, Witness and Justice Ministries Unit. It now stands as one of four national program clusters of the Church.

STRUCTURE:

EMM carries out a national program of refugee resettlement through a public-private partnership with the U.S. government. Our network is comprised of 33 sites covering 26 diocesan programs in the U.S.

EMM and its partners in the Episcopal Office of Government Relations carry forth advocacy on behalf of refugees, immigrants, and other at-risk uprooted groups for whom protection through better public policy is needed. Linkages with other organizations, both within ECUSA and outside the church, are provided for fuller information about key issues and the advocacy required to change public policy.

National office consists of the director and assistant director, the office of PROCESSING and PLACEMENT MANAGEMENT, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT and MANAGEMENT, CHURCH RELATIONS and OUTREACH, and FINANCE and TRAVEL LOANS.

ACTIVITIES:

REFUGEE resettlement in the USA.

ADVOCACY: EMM's advocacy emphasizes a generous U.S. admissions program which responds to the worldwide refugee crisis. The priority given to this advocacy relates to the significant decline in refugees being resettled in the U.S. over the past ten years, a problem heightened by the events of 9/11.

OUTREACH support including, asylum-seekers and at-risk women and children.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND JUSTICE: A notable example is the initiative undertaken by the EMM Washington Office on behalf of debt reduction

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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:

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

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

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

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Created in 1922 by the French League on Human Rights and the German League on Human Rights, the aim of the FIDH is to obtain effective improvements in the protection of victims, the prevention of Human Rights abuse and the prosecution of those responsible.

STRUCTURE:

FIDH priorities are set by the triennial World Congress and the International Board (22 members), with the support of the International Secretariat (30 staff members).

ACTIVITIES:

L4 STATUTORY PRIORITIES - Protecting Human Rights, assisting victims With activities ranging from judicial enquiry, trial observation, research, advocacy and litigation, FIDH has developed strict and impartial procedures, which are implemented by world-renowned independent Human Rights experts. From 2001 to 2003, 111 FIDH fact-finding and observation missions were carried out, 201 reports were published covering over 80 countries and 1300 specific interventions were launched on cases or situations. - Mobilising the community of States Daily advocacy within intergovernmental organisations: FIDH gives guidance and support to its 141 member organisations and other local partners in their dealings with inter-governmental organisations (international and regional). From 2001 to 2003, FIDH filed and supported over 500 cases before international governmental bodies with actions ranging from written appeals to the UN Commission on Human Rights, to monitoring global conferences. FIDH also follows standard-setting activities and promotes the creation of monitoring procedures. - Supporting local NGO's capacity for action FIDH organises legal cooperation programmes jointly with its member leagues and local partners, in their own country. The aim is to strengthen domestically, the capacity for action of Human Rights defenders and the credibility of their organisations, through training and dialogue with authorities. From 2001 to 2003, judicial cooperation action programmes were pursued in 30 African, 16 Latin American and 12 countries from the North Africa/Middle Eastern region. - Raising awareness Informing, alerting, bearing witness: FIDH aims to publicise the outcome of its missions, its research findings and eyewitness accounts of Human Rights abuse. Press releases, press conferences, open letters to Heads of States, mission reports, urgent appeals, petitions, publicity and the website are the main means, with which the Federation wages its fight against Human Rights violations. For the year 2004, internet traffic on www.fidh.org amounted to approximately 1 Million pages visited. **5 THEMATIC PRIORITIES** as defined by the 35th Congress (Quito, Ecuador) in March 2004: - Protecting Human

Rights Defenders and the implementation of the 1998 UN Declaration In 2004, the FIDH/OMCT Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders addressed 1,154 cases, in over 90 countries, with the collaboration of approximately 200 Human Rights organisations. - Defending women's rights FIDH fights against the secondary status treatment of women in nearly all societies and the flagrant persistence of gender-based discrimination, via its newly created Action Group for Women's Rights, headed by the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize winner and FIDH League President, Shirin Ebadi. The main thrust of the movement is to work towards the practical implementation of the United Nation's Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. - Justice for victims fighting impunity: FIDH gives daily support to victims by accompanying them throughout the entire course of their legal proceedings. FIDH made a significant contribution to the establishment of the International Criminal Court. Currently, FIDH is involved in about 20 major cases before the domestic courts and the ICC in The Hague, where it opened a permanent delegation, as of February 2004. FIDH is also involved in transitional justice actions in several countries. - Promoting respect of Human Rights in the fight against terrorism Since 2002, FIDH initiated or supported key proceedings before domestic courts, regional and international mechanisms, in cases concerning arbitrary measures and practices in the fight against terrorism. It advocated within international governmental organisations for safeguard procedures in this regard. - Advocating Economic Globalisation respectful of Human Rights FIDH actively seeks to ensure the justiciability of economic, social and cultural rights, the responsibility of economic actors, the primacy of Human Rights over trade law and the participation of civil societies in globalisation organisations. Since 2001, FIDH supported the drafting of legal instruments and became involved in litigation against or dialogue with transnational corporations.

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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.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Forum réfugiés is a non profit organisation assisting refugees and defending the right to asylum. Located in Lyon (France), it was created in 1982 by a group of NGOs (Secours Catholique, SSAE, Cimade, Entraide protestante, Centre Pierre Valdo, Sonacotra) which chose to give it as mandate the protection of refugees.

STRUCTURE:

With about 100 employees and a budget of 8,6 million euros in 2007, Forum réfugiés is a well-known actor in the field of asylum and is supported by public and private partners, at national, european and international levels.

ACTIVITIES:

Housing asylum seekers in reception centres

The organisation runs one Transit Centre, four Reception Centres for Asylum Seekers (CADA), and a Provisional Housing Centre (CPH) for statutory refugees. In this capacity, we are responsible for the continuous monitoring and support of 700 people and guarantee 300,000 nights a year in reception centres. Asylum seekers admitted into our reception centres benefit from legal and social support for the entire length of their case. Forum réfugiés has, on several occasions, mobilised in order to cope with exceptional circumstances demanding emergency reception operations: for refugees from Kosovo in 1999, and Kurdish refugees from the East Sea in 2001.

La Maison du réfugié (The Centre for Refugees)

In Lyon, Forum Réfugiés has brought together all of its services for refugees and asylum seekers in one centre, in order to simplify the process for them. Asylum seekers and refugees can find help here at any stage in their claim.

Reception and domiciliation

Forum réfugiés runs a domiciliation service to provide an address for asylum seekers who are newly arrived in the local area (département) and do not possess a personal or third person address. The administrative process includes opening a dossier for the newly arrived and explaining the process of demanding asylum. Alongside this, however, we include a social aspect, responding to primary needs, particularly for housing and "orientation". This reception service has been financed by the European Refugee Fund (ERF) since 2000.

Support for those outside our reception centres

Forum réfugiés guarantees legal, administrative and social support for several thousand people outside of its centres in order to help them gain access to the asylum procedure and to make the process easier.

Rejected claims

The Centre for Refugees also provides advice for people whose asylum claims have been rejected. They are given information about the national plan for voluntary return and the possibility of obtaining papers ("regularisation"). The team also prepares the dossiers for "regularisation" or voluntary return for those that are interested. A full time post is given over to observing the development of these issues at the local and national level.

Integrating statutory refugees

In 2002 Forum réfugiés launched the Accelair programme, co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) as part of the European EQUAL programme. This programme aims to improve the capacity for the integration of statutory refugees in order to reduce the inequalities and the discrimination they encounter, notably in the areas of access to stable employment and housing. The programme has now reached the end of its fifth year in activity and recently passed the threshold of 2,200 beneficiaries in the Rhone area. More than 600 households have been rehoused and two thirds of them have found work after a period of delay considerably shorter than that found in other populations with integration difficulties.

Health

In 2007 Forum réfugiés joined forces with Parcours d'Exil to implement a European project, called ESSOR (Enlargement and Reinforcement of Care Structures in Paris and the Regions). In the context of this project, we inaugurated, in July 2007, the first clinic in the Rhone-Alpes region specialised in the treatment of trauma and victims of torture. This experimental project, that will last 3 years (2007-2009), is based around the transfer of skills and knowledge from the organisation Parcours d'Exil, which runs one of the two such specialised clinics in Paris. The clinic will offer specialised care for 1000 people, thanks to a team of specially trained healthcare professionals (doctors, psychologists and physiotherapists). Also planned are activities to raise awareness and examine methods of prevention, aimed both at those admitted and professionals in the Region.

Legal Expertise

Forum réfugiés defends the effectiveness of the right to asylum by various means. We maintain a close watch over the regulatory situation, take contentious action and participate in research. Asylum related issues in Europe, regulation at a national level, questions of health and welfare, housing and employment: all of these things are the object of constant monitoring by groups that bring together employees from the different services within the organisation and meet every month for discussion.

Forum réfugiés, with the assistance of the ERF, dedicates one position entirely to research on the countries of origin and transit of asylum seekers, as well as a "European" position given over to studying asylum issues on a European level.

Raising awareness

Forum réfugiés pursues an active campaign of raising awareness and lobbying for the protection of refugees by various means;

- a quarterly journal
- an internet site (www.forumrefugies.org)
- an annual report on asylum

- press releases
- producing and distributing summaries and memoranda on the position of Forum réfugiés
- events to raise awareness amongst the wider public

Every year since 2004, on the 20th of June, Forum réfugiés has organised a march with umbrellas for World Refugee Day. In 2007, this march will take place simultaneously in Lyon and Paris.

In 2005, we organised "Passez le mot!" ("Spread the word!"), a month of public activities in support of refugees. This included an evening of music and raising awareness at Vienne's Roman Amphitheatre.

Since 2004, in partnership with UNHCR and the Ministry of the Interior, Forum réfugiés has written and edited the Asylum Seeker's Handbook, available in three languages. Under provisions in the law, this guide will be distributed to all French Prefectures.

Lobbying

Since 2005, Forum réfugiés' Paris office has insured that Forum réfugiés' message is transmitted to political decision makers, to the bodies responsible for the protection of refugees, and to the Refugee Appeals Board (la Commission des recours des réfugiés).

Two reference documents steer our activities in this domain: at the national level, "Ten propositions for an effective right to asylum" (10 propositions pour un droit d'asile effectif, 10 May 2006), and at the European level "The Way Forward", a European Council on Refugees and Exile (ECRE) document, translated into French by Forum réfugiés. This document makes a series of constructive recommendations to improve the protection of refugees in Europe and beyond.

By participating in the ECRE's European network, Forum réfugiés extends its sphere of involvement into the debate at a European level.

Forum réfugiés is also a member of the French Union for the Right to Asylum (la Coordination française pour le droit d'asile).

Olivier Brachet was appointed to the administrative committee of OFPRA (French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons) in 2004.

Training

In 2003, Forum réfugiés finalised an agreement with the UNHCR aimed at providing training for volunteers helping asylum seekers in the Eastern half of France.

Forum réfugiés also provides training for professionals in various fields who are in regular contact with asylum seekers and refugees.

The international perspective

Because asylum cannot be understood uniquely from the point of view of the host country, and we are convinced that is essential to move beyond a purely national debate on the question...

Because the great majority of refugees do not arrive in Europe...

Because European policy in the area of asylum has consequences beyond the territory of its 27 member-states...

Forum réfugiés has since its creation 25 years ago, looked towards the other end of the chain : the regions of origin and transit of refugees.

Research

In order to better understand the factors that push refugees to flee and in order to acquire the knowledge that will help us to help them in compiling their asylum demands, Forum réfugiés has undertaken missions in Zaire, Turkey, Armenia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Albania, and Kosovo.

Voluntary Return

We also want to be in a position to help those asylum seekers that wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin when that is possible given the situation on the ground and the possibilities of reintegration. For this reason we have undertaken studies and led experimental projects in Romania and Kosovo.

Reinforcing the capacities of civil society

Since 2006, Forum réfugiés has been active in Morocco defending the right to asylum, in partnership with UNHCR:

1. Training more than 300 activists from Moroccan and international NGO's and refugee organisations.
2. Organising two training programmes for Moroccan lawyers on the rights of foreign citizens and refugees.
3. Organising an academic meeting to assess the level of understanding of asylum and immigration issues.
4. Publishing an Information booklet for asylum seekers in Morocco available in French, English and Arabic, 2,500 copies of which have been printed.

Resettlement

Forum réfugiés is actively lobbying the French authorities to convince them to start a national resettlement programme.

4 employees from Forum réfugiés can be deployed at any time in the field in resettlement missions in the framework of a partnership with ICMC (International Catholic Migration Commission) and UNHCR.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Neekawas created in 1997. The purpose to assist migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

During 10 years of work we helped more than 35000 people. All of them have equal access to juridical, medical and social service.

STRUCTURE:

The staff consists of 15 people and 8 volunteers. Our organization is located in Zakarpattia region which is the transit corridor for migrants because this region borders with Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Romania.

ACTIVITIES:

The main activities are legal, social, medical support of beneficiaries free of charge.

As well our NGO is lobbying the interest of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

France terre d'asile a été créée en 1971 pour favoriser l'exercice au quotidien du droit d'asile, suivre avec vigilance l'évolution des dispositions légales et des pratiques administratives, participer activement à l'accueil des réfugiés et demandeurs d'asile, impulser une politique d'insertion sociale et professionnelle.

STRUCTURE:

France terre d'asile est une association régie par la loi de 1901. Les instances de France terre d'asile sont l'Assemblée générale, le Conseil d'administration élu lors de l'assemblée générale. L'association est dirigée par un bureau, un président et un directeur général. France terre d'asile emploie plus de 450 salariés dans toute la France. Le siège de l'association se situe à Paris. Outre son activité d'assistance sociale et administrative des demandeurs d'asile, France terre d'asile comprend un département intégration et un département mineurs isolés étrangers.

ACTIVITIES:

La promotion du droit d'asile en France et en Europe France terre d'asile mène un travail juridique et politique, des actions d'information, des démarches et interventions auprès des organismes publics et privés concernés. Membre du Conseil européen pour les réfugiés et les exilés, France terre d'asile interpelle régulièrement les plus hautes instances françaises et européennes sur la défense du droit d'asile. L'assistance sociale et administrative aux demandeurs d'asile France terre d'asile accueille, informe, oriente et héberge les demandeurs d'asile. Elle leur apporte une aide administrative et sociale, du début de la procédure jusqu'à la détermination ou non de la qualité de réfugié. Elle accompagne les demandeurs d'asile qui sollicitent un hébergement dans un centre d'accueil pour demandeurs d'asile (CADA) et les assiste dans l'élaboration de leur demande. Par ailleurs, France terre d'asile assiste les primo-arrivants dans leurs premières démarches administratives par la délivrance d'une domiciliation postale, l'ouverture d'un compte postal en vue de recevoir l'allocation temporaire d'attente, l'ouverture des droits pour l'immatriculation à l'assurance maladie. Par ailleurs, France terre d'asile gère trente centres d'accueil pour demandeurs d'asile dans lesquels ils bénéficient d'un accompagnement social et administratif. L'accueil des mineurs isolés demandeurs d'asile France terre d'asile gère deux centres d'accueil pour mineurs isolés demandeurs d'asile. Ils accueillent les mineurs isolés demandeurs d'asile et leur apportent une aide spécifique, notamment en liaison avec notre plate forme d'accueil située à Paris. Des actions de formation France terre d'asile propose aux travailleurs sociaux des formations sur les différents aspects de l'accompagnement juridique, social et psychologique des demandeurs d'asile ainsi que sur l'insertion socioprofessionnelle des réfugiés. L'insertion sociale et professionnelle des réfugiés statutaires France terre d'asile œuvre pour l'intégration de ceux à qui notre pays a accordé sa protection et qui sont destinés à demeurer durablement en France, afin que cette question soit partie prenante du droit d'asile en France et en Europe. A ce titre, le département intégration de France terre d'asile a mis en place plusieurs dispositifs afin de prévenir l'exclusion sociale et professionnelle des réfugiés.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Franciscans International (FI). FI is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) with General Consultative status at the UN and with the observer status with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, uniting the voices of Franciscan brothers and sisters from around the world. We operate under the sponsorship of the Conference of the Franciscan Family (CFF) and serve all Franciscans and the global community by bringing spiritual, ethical, and Franciscan values to the United Nations and international organisations. History: 1982 Two Franciscans, a sister from the United States and a friar from Malta, suggest to their respective Justice and Peace Committees the possibilities of having a Franciscan presence at the United Nations. 1984-88 The idea of Franciscans at the UN grows into a common project for members of the Franciscan Family and an interfamilial Preparatory Committee is organized for this future ministry within the United Nations. The Committee prepares a Vision Statement, focusing on three areas of Franciscan work: peacemaking, concern for the poor and care of creation. The Vision Statement is circulated among major superiors in Rome for their endorsement. 1989 The UN Department of Public Information (DPI) officially recognizes Franciscans International as an NGO. 1990 Franciscans International (FI) opens an office in New York and the Committee further develops FI statutes, an organizational structure and a plan for membership. 1991 The Preparatory Committee now serves as the Executive Committee for FI and it begins the process of application for consultative status (Category 1) with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN. 1995 FI is approved for NGO Category 1 Status (later called General Consultative Status) with ECOSOC, allowing it to participate through oral interventions and written statements in the activities of ECOSOC. These include: UN World Conferences and their Preparatory Committees, General Assembly special sessions, the UN Commission and Sub-Commission on Human Rights and the committees that monitor states' compliance with specific international treaties. This status gives FI the responsibility to serve as technical experts, advisors and consultants to governments and the UN Secretariat. 1996 To clarify the structures, membership and fundraising of FI, the Conference of the Franciscan Family (CFF) in Rome, including the Ministers General of Friar Minors, Capuchins, Conventuals, Third Order Regular and Secular Franciscan Order and the President of the Inter-Franciscan Conference Third Order Regular, appoints a Working Group to prepare a new organizational "Charter" for FI. 1997 FI, with Dominicans for Justice and Peace, opens an office at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland to focus on the promotion and protection of human rights: civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights. 1999 The Conference of the Franciscan Family approves the new "FI Charter" and assumes its role as Sponsor. The CFF appoints thirteen men and women to the new FI Board of Directors. 2000 The FI Board meets twice, in January and November, and it begins to align FI with its new "FI Charter." 2001 The CFF writes a letter to the international Franciscan Family, asking them to participate in and to contribute to the support of FI.

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:

Advocacy regarding Human Rights for Refugees; support of refugees in the community; assistance with application for humanitarian consideration. Research into settlement processes for people seeking asylum who have experienced mandatory detention, or temporary protection and have now received permanent protection in Australia

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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:

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:

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:

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights was founded as Travelers Aid in 1888. In the mid-1960s, it merged with the Immigrants' Protective League, which derived from Jane Addams' Hull House Movement and operated as Travelers and Immigrants Aid for many years. In the 1980s, the organization expanded to serve others in need. To reflect this expansion, the organization became Heartland Alliance in the mid-1990s. Today, its mission is to advance the human rights and respond to the human needs of endangered populations – particularly the poor, the isolated and the displaced – by providing comprehensive and respectful services and promoting solutions leading to a more just global society.

STRUCTURE:

Heartland Alliance has various programs, including the National Immigrant Justice Center, the International Children's Center, the Refugee and Immigrant Services, the Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture and International Programs. Heartland employs more than 600 people, 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.

ACTIVITIES:

Heartland Alliance, in partnership with the National Immigrant Justice Center, provides comprehensive services to refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable populations in the United States through legal and social services, housing and health care programs. 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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HIAS is also actively engaged in the advocacy of refugee and human rights in the USA, Europe and other countries and is a member of Refugee Council USA and the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE).

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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1. Resettlement and integration of refugees (worldwide).
2. Protection and legal representation of asylum seekers and refugees (Kenya; Ukraine; USA).
3. Refugee law education (Israel; Kenya; Ukraine).
4. Psychological assistance, social adaptation and educational programs (Chad; Ecuador; Kenya).

5. Pre-screening and resettlement processing of refugees as the US Department of State's "Overseas Processing Entity" in Vienna, Austria.
6. Cultural Orientation programs for refugees being resettled in the United States (Austria; Russian Federation).
7. Advocacy of refugee rights (USA, European Union, Former Soviet Union).
8. Scholarship programs for young immigrants (Israel).

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

RASP is involved in the following areas of activity: • Providing comprehensive, free legal advice to refugees regarding the UNHCR refugee status determination (RSD) process and Turkish administrative requirements, through individual counselling and legal representation as well as access to procedure support for asylum seekers in detention; • Providing refugees suffering from the psychological effects of torture and trauma with intensive psychological counselling and rehabilitation, through individual and family therapy, consultations with a psychiatrist, prescription and monitoring of medication and medical treatment; • Providing a range of trainings and public education tools for refugee communities, including community public legal education sessions, interpreter trainings, and information brochures available in refugee languages; • Supporting the coordination and expansion of services to refugees provided by NGOs and professionals in Turkey, through coordination meetings and trainings for NGOs and professionals, including intensive 3-day workshops for NGOs, refugees and government agencies in six "satellite cities" in Turkey; • Monitoring and reporting on Turkish state

practice regarding the 'temporary asylum' procedure, the living conditions of refugees in "satellite cities," and access to the asylum procedure by asylum seekers in detention and transit zones; • Monitoring and reporting on UNHCR Ankara's RSD practices and their compliance with UNHCR's own legal guidelines and procedural standards; • Lobbying state officials and agencies to adopt and implement legislation and practices upholding the highest international standards relating to the protection of asylum seekers and refugees; • Raising awareness about the conditions of refugees in Turkey through outreach to national and international media, quarterly press campaigns on critical refugee issues, the publication of Refugee Voices – a quarterly newsletter written by refugees, field research and conference presentations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Hope Sudan is an organization established 1993. main purpose: helping poor family catering for refugees and IDPs: humanitarian assistance, relief of the war affected communities

STRUCTURE:

The organization structure: General Assembly, Board of Director, Executive of Units, Administration and Finance, Public Relation, Projects Geographic located in Khartoum State, Equatorial State.

ACTIVITIES:

- Training and empowerment of displaced women
- Vocational training and employment youth
- rendering assistance to the needy population taking care of street child.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Human Rights Commission was established under the Act No: 21 of 1996, and comes under preview of the 17th Amendment to the Constitution. It is entrusted with the broad task of promoting and protecting the Human Rights within Sri Lanka. The commission is empowered to inquire in to and investigate complaints regarding procedures with a view to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Constitution related to Fundamental Rights and to promote respect of and observance of human rights. In addition to that, the Commission is mandated to advise the Government on bringing national laws and administrative measures in accordance with Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Constitution and also international Human Rights standards and to promote awareness of and provide education in relation to Human Rights.

The National Protection and Durable Solution for Internally Displaced Person's Project was established in June 2002 to protect and promote rights of IDPs and it operates in the districts of Trincomalee, Jaffna, Vavuniya, Puttlam, Mannar and Batticaloa, Anuradapura, and in Colombo. Nine thousand five hundred and eighty complaints have been received and provided remedies and conducted 249 human rights education programs by the project during the past four years. It is the vision of the project is to ensure a Rights and Liberty; Life with Dignity of Internally Displaced Persons and persons under threat of displacement. The mission of the project is to be presence as a social and legal guardian in the field. The strategies of the project are (i) capacitating protection mechanisms (ii) capacitating internally displaced persons and environment, and (iii) proactive and reactive intervention in human rights protection.

STRUCTURE:

The project remains in main districts where there are IDPs – Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Puttlam and in Colombo as the coordinating office. The Commission supervise the activities of the project and takes the policy decisions with consultation of the programme Manager. The Programme Manager will be hold responsibilities - as the focal point of the commission - on this areas of planning, directing, controlling, monitoring and for reporting. There is a Programme Coordinator to deputy for the Programme Manager and there are three divisions namely Protection, Promotion and Admin & Finance which are heading by senior officials.

In regional offices, there are Project officers, legal officers and programme assistants to meet the project objectives and the project office - Colombo has a unit with five officers on quick response in the areas like sudden displacement, coordination of protection work, legal support in emergency and in critical time etc. The ICT unit is to support e – learning education programs of the project and to update project web site to address present protection requirements. The project will practice proactive approach and reactive approach in respect of human rights issues in the field.

ACTIVITIES:

The Project has three objectives and all the activities are aiming them.

1.Capacitating stakeholders to provide service and protect rights of displaced

Training for police officers, officials of military forces, government officials, officers of resettlement authority etc

1.1.Facilitation programs for official language commission, registrar of persons, department of registration of persons, registration of land etc (under this facilitation programs, training for officers, conducting legal researches and advocacy, public consultation programs, mobile service etc)

1.2.Facilitating and coordinating remedial institutions such as Mediation board, national child protection authority, district protection committee, department of probation and child care, Women's division of police to establish offices and mechanisms, training staff and providing legal consultations

2.Capacitating IDPs and host communities

- 2.1.capacitating IDPs and host communities in protection of human rights
- 2.2.Training special para - legal group called Human Rights Animators
- 2.3.Conduct researches on alternative resettlement approaches
- 2.4.Facilitating and coordinating civil – military liaison committees

3.Legal remedies

- 3.1.Conducting field visits, fact finding missions, monitoring missions and lobby findings to get remedies.
- 3.2.coordinate protection activities and institutions at national level and in regional level
- 3.3.Conducting legal researches on identified thematically areas and provide guidelines for the government
- 3.4.Draft a Rights of IDP Bill for the government
- 3.5.Draft National policy on resettlement
- 3.6.Receive complaints on violation on human rights and investigate and inquire in that and providing remedies

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Human Rights First believes that building respect for human rights and rule of law will help ensure the dignity to which every individuals 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 D.C., 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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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 organisations, 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:

HUMANITAS UBANGI ONG/ Asbl est une organisation de droit belge, créée en 2000 à Bruxelles et enregistrée au moniteur belge au cours de la même année, pour répondre aux catastrophes humanitaires causées par les conflits armés qui ont secoué la République Démocratique du Congo de 1996 à 2002. Elle a pour objectifs de chercher avec la participation des bénéficiaires des réponses aux conséquences humanitaires dans les zones en conflit ou post conflit, en sauvant des vies, en réduisant la vulnérabilité et en accompagnant les activités d'auto développement. elle intervient dans les domaines de la protection (lutte antiminés et droits de l'homme), de la santé (VIH/sida et IST, équipement et médicament), éducation (appui en fourniture scolaire, équipement et matériels didactiques), encadrement des communautés de base (réhabilitation des routes et ponts de desserte agricole, appui en intrants de pêche, agriculture et élevage, renforcement des capacités), plaidoyer.

STRUCTURE:

Pour réaliser les objectifs mentionnés ci dessus, Humanitas Ubangi s'est structurée en une représentation nationale en République Démocratique du Congo, où elle est enregistrée par le ministère de la Justice sous le N°F.92/0413 en 2004, avant de bénéficier des agréments au niveau des ministères du Plan, de l'enseignement primaire et secondaire, des affaires sociales et de l'agriculture. elle fonctionne avec un bureau national à Kinshasa, appuyé par des représentations provinciales dans ses zones d'intervention (provinces Equateur et Orientale). sa structure de gestion est démocratique avec un conseil d'administration qui fixe les orientations générales et contrôle l'action du bureau exécutif chargé de matérialiser les différents programmes adoptés par l'assemblée générale qui est l'organe suprême de l'ONG, de représenter celle-ci auprès des tiers et de gérer au quotidien. Pour faciliter la réalisation de ses tâches, le bureau exécutif travaille avec des services techniques d'appoint que sont le secrétariat exécutif, la direction financière, les représentations provinciales et les comités des projets/programmes. cette structuration lui permet d'être à côté des bénéficiaires en vue de les impliquer dans l'évaluation de leurs besoins prioritaires, en vue d'y apporter des réponses durables et d'être efficace sur le terrain. A ce jour, Humanitas Ubangi emploie 54 personnel rémunérés en temps plein et 120 membres travaillant bénévolement à temps partiel. Ils sont répartis dans les zones d'intervention, constituées en bureau géographique ou des programmes. Il s'agit de : - Kinshasa : 8 unités en temps plein et 13 bénévoles en temps partiel - Gbadolite : 22 unités en temps plein et 57 bénévoles en temps partiel - Dongo : 12 unités en temps plein et 27 bénévoles en temps partiel - Buburu : 12 unités en temps plein et 23 bénévoles en temps partiel.

ACTIVITIES:

1. protection / lutte antiminés
2. réhabilitation des routes et ponts de desserte agricole
3. lutte contre le VIH/SIDA et les IST
4. promotion des activités culturelles et sportives scolaires Rôle au niveau du plaidoyer Humanitas Ubangi a joué un rôle très important dans les activités de plaidoyer ayant abouti à ce qui suit :
 - a) prise en compte des problèmes humanitaires de la province de l'Equateur (zone oubliée), auprès des agences des nations unies et des ONG internationales.
 - b). évaluation des besoins humanitaires conduite par OCHA/RDC avec ses partenaires humanitaires dans les zones à crise aiguë de la province de l'Equateur
 - c) opération de destruction des engins non explosés à Gbadolite avec le bureau de la coordination de la lutte antiminés des nations unies en RDC et l'ONG britannique MAG.
 - d) implication des ONG locales du Nord Equateur dans la formulation des plans d'action humanitaires 2005, 2006 et 2007 5. implication des autorités politico-militaires dans les opérations de lutte antiminés dans la province de l'Equateur

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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

Finalidades:

- Prestar assistência jurídica a migrantes e refugiados;
- Promover a reflexão jurídico-social sobre o tema das migrações;
- Articular-se com organizações governamentais e não governamentais e promover gestões, em instâncias públicas e privadas, visando a promoção e defesa dos direitos dos trabalhadores migrantes e seus familiares;
- Manter registro, promover a análise e publicar dados e informações sobre migrações internas e internacionais que contribuam para o conhecimento e sensibilização da sociedade sobre assuntos e questões relacionadas à mobilidade humana;
- Disponibilizar, por meios práticos e eficazes, serviços de informação, esclarecimento e orientação a imigrantes e emigrantes;
- Oportunizar, sobretudo a migrantes necessitados, o acesso à aprendizagem e ao treinamento em atividades de geração de renda e de inserção no mercado de trabalho e articular formas de apoio a iniciativas de auto-sustento;
- Promover a integração de migrantes e refugiados e favorecer-lhes oportunidade de realização de atividades de caráter cultural, de suporte à educação, de formação e complementação na dimensão humana, de fé, social e comunitária.

STRUCTURE:

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Throughout the 55 years since its founding, the International Catholic Migration Commission has evolved and adapted to the changing needs in the fields of migration and refugee assistance. The work of ICMC is inspired and guided by the Gospel imperative to "welcome the stranger." (Mathew 25). Created by Pope Pius XII six years after the Second World War, ICMC's first operations assisted those displaced by war in Europe. With staff and operations today in more than 30 countries, ICMC serves and protects the needs of uprooted people; refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants, regardless of faith, race ethnicity or nationality. ICMC professes a special place for the weakest and the most vulnerable among the refugees and the internally displaced. We advocate for rights-based policies and durable solutions directly and through a worldwide network of 172 member organizations.

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ICMC is made up of 172 members and affiliate members.

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

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

persons and migrants.

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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Founded in 1912, the International Council of Jewish Women is a non-partisan volunteer umbrella organization with 52 affiliates in 47 countries, representing 2 million Jewish women. The organization supports volunteer projects on national and international levels in the field of status of women, social and community welfare, education, human rights, interfaith, leadership training, environment and other pertinent areas to the lives of women and their communities. The organization sponsors regional conferences, educational seminars and promotes networking among women and through inter-organizational ties.

STRUCTURE:

The head office of the International Council of Jewish women is located in the country of the incumbent President (at present in Jerusalem, Israel). It is run by an Executive Board, which meets 3 times a year. The Executive is composed of representatives from all the affiliates, regional chairpersons, committee chairpersons and representatives to UN and other agencies. The organization is run according to by-laws that can only be amended at Convention, held every 4 years.

ACTIVITIES:

ICJW is engaged in various community projects through its affiliates. On the international level, it is active in issue advocacy within the various forums in which it is represented, especially in lobbying for the advancement of the status of women in all areas, for human rights in its widest sense, and encouraging the training and use of volunteers wherever pertinent. ICJW has consultative status with ECOSOC and representative in NY, Geneva and Vienna, with UNHCR, UNESCO and other related organs. ICJW was awarded the title of UN Peace Messenger.

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

International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

Mission statement:

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

STRUCTURE:

In 2007 IFMSA had 102 National Member Organizations (NMOs) from 100 countries on six continents representing more than 1 million medical students worldwide. IFMSA is a federation which respects the autonomy of its members, the NMOs. The NMOs decide which activities they take part in and what

new activities should be developed. IFMSA is structured around six standing committees on: exchange, research exchange, medical education, public health, reproductive health and human rights and peace issues. The decision making body are the NMOs present at the General Assembly; the countries where the two GAs are held are different from year to year. Between the GAs the IFMSA team of officials and the executive board manage the organization. The headquarters are in Ferney Voltaire, France.

ACTIVITIES:

The experiences in the IFMSA show that ideals of a better world are not just illusions; dedication and perseverance can achieve anything. In IFMSA the emphasis is that the students return in their local environment with the ideas and skills to implement them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Internationally: * International training on refugee health.

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

* Workshop on natural disasters and relief aid.

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

IICO was established in Kuwait under the law no.64 of 1986, which declared its foundation and stated Kuwait as its headquarters. IICO is working worldwide, it is an universal in fund raising, invest and charitable spending, IICO investes the received donation and use the yield in various activities in fulfillment of its mission of helping the needy.

STRUCTURE:

IICO has regional offices in countries where charitable activities need direct supervision such as Jordan, Uganda, Nigeria, Niger, Benin, Burkinafaso, Sudan, Bahrain, Moscow, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kasakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
There are also office of IICO in Geneva.

ACTIVITIES:

IICO is providing help for the needy in social, economical, educational, medical and culturefields, as well urgent relief aids in case of war, natural disasters and similar circumstances in cooperation with UNHCR and other NGOs.

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STRUCTURE:

NGO Board of directors- General Assembly- General Secretary Representatives in 50 countries around the world

ACTIVITIES:

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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:

ACTIVIIES:

- 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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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. 27 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 27 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. Save the Children also has 3 advocacy offices based in New York, Brussels and Geneva

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 right 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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Créé en 1924, le Service Social International offre son aide aux personnes et aux familles en butte à des problèmes personnels ou sociaux liés à la migration ou à des déplacements internationaux. Les branches nationales, bureaux affiliés et correspondants du SSI dans plus de 140 pays facilitent la communication entre services sociaux pour résoudre ces problèmes. Lors de sa création, le "Service International d'Aide aux Emigrants était essentiellement limité à l'Europe et aux Etats-Unis. En 1946, l'organisation a pris le nom de "Service Social International" et en même temps a commencé à s'étendre jusqu'à devenir le réseau mondial qu'elle est aujourd'hui.

STRUCTURE:

L'organisation est une fédération de branches et bureaux affiliés. Les organes dirigeants comprennent : - le Conseil International (Assemblée générale) composé de représentants de toutes les branches et bureaux affiliés, et d'un certain nombre de membres individuels. - le Comité exécutif, qui comprend le Président international, le Trésorier international, les directeurs de toutes les branches et bureaux affiliés et quelques membres individuels, - le Bureau, qui comprend le Président International, le Trésorier international, et trois autres membres dont deux directeurs de branches. Le Secrétariat général est à Genève et occupe 11 personnes ainsi que 4 bénévoles. Le SSI a des branches nationales en Australie, Belgique, Allemagne, Grèce, Hong Kong, Italie, Japon, Pays-Bas, Philippines, Suisse, Royaume-Uni, Etats-Unis et Venezuela. Il a des bureaux affiliés en France, Israël, Nouvelle-Zélande, Portugal, et Afrique du Sud. Il collabore en outre avec plus de 120 correspondants dans tous les continents.

ACTIVITIES:

Les tâches prioritaires du SSI consistent à - coordonner le travail des services sociaux d'un pays donné avec ceux de l'étranger; - faciliter la communication en faisant appel à un personnel multilingue et multiculturel; - interpréter les lois, règlements, cultures et coutumes des autres pour les rendre plus familiers. Les situations référées au SSI concernent les aspects internationaux dans les domaines suivants : droits de garde et de visite,

adoptions et placements d'enfants, enlèvements d'enfants ou protection d'enfants à l'étranger, mineurs non accompagnés, enquêtes concernant des enfants victimes d'abus, aide au retour en vue de permettre un nouveau départ dans la vie, réunification familiale ou maintien des liens familiaux, assistance aux personnes âgées en situation précaire dans un pays autre que le leur. Dans un effort de prévention, le SSI participe activement à l'élaboration d'instruments internationaux et normes dans les domaines qui l'intéressent. Il a notamment apporté une contribution importante à différentes Conventions de la Haye dans le domaine du droit international privé, et à la Convention des Nations Unies sur les droits de l'enfant de 1989. Il apporte son expertise aux Etats souhaitant intégrer ces normes dans leur législation et dans les pratiques en matière de protection de l'enfance et de la famille. Le SSI a mis sur pied le Centre International de Référence pour les droits de l'enfant privé de famille, qui fournit des services d'information et de documentation aux professionnels impliqués dans cet aspect particulier de la protection de l'enfance.

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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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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).
- 5 - Planning,projects and research Dep. and Finance/Admins. Dep. Internal AUditor and External Auditor.

ACTIVITIES:

activities

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Italian Council for Refugees is an independent, humanitarian, non-profit organisation, founded in 1990 under the patronage of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). CIR works with the aim to empower and co-ordinate actions in defence of refugees and asylum seekers' rights in Italy. Among its members CIR counts important humanitarian associations and organisations, the three main Italian trade unions, national and international research institutes. CIR is member of the European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), as well as of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN). CIR has been carrying out an extensive lobbying activity with the Parliament and the Government to have a national comprehensive law on asylum. CIR provides social protection and legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers at its main office in Rome and through its offices all over Italy, particularly at nevralgic entrance borders as the airports of Milan (Malpensa), Rome (Fiumicino), Venice, Bari, Brindisi; at the seaports of Venice, Bari, Ancona, Brindisi, Trapani and at the terrestrial border of Gorizia. In fact, CIR has a 10 years' experience with counselling and first reception services at these entry points that have been carried out on yearly contract with the Italian Ministry of Interior on the basis of a specific provision of Italian Aliens law. Operators, through specialised interpreters, work directly with competent authorities in order to ensure that

vulnerable people such as unaccompanied minors, disabled persons, torture victims obtain adequate assistance.

CIR runs projects financed by the United Nations and the European Union, in favour of vulnerable groups of people such as women, victims of gender violence, unaccompanied minors and victims of torture.

STRUCTURE:

CIR has its main office in Rome, organised in different departments: Direction; Human Resources, Projection ; Administration; Press Office and External Relations; Integration office; Legal office.

The Integration Office and the Legal Office have direct contacts with refugees and asylum seekers offering orientation and counselling services. Within the Integration Office works also a specific team offering specific services to particularly vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers such as survivors to severe traumas and/or torture. The legal department is also responsible for the service offered to asylum seekers at important entry points in the following Italian regions, where CIR has its sub-offices:

- Lombardia (international airport of Malpensa)
- Veneto (port of Venice)
- Friuli Venezia Giulia (terrestrial border of Gorizia)
- Marche (Port of Ancona)
- Puglia (port of Bari, Brindisi)
- Lazio (international airport of Roma Fiumicino)
- Sicilia (port of Trapani)

In Campania (Naples) and Calabria (Badolato) CIR has other two offices offering services to refugees and asylum seekers in those regions.

ACTIVITIES:

CIR main activities are the following:

1. Assistance to refugees and asylum seekers
2. Information
3. specific training activities on asylum in favour of institutional bodies; university students etc.
4. Network activities at national; European and international levels
5. promotion activities at national level: development of an Italian asylum law

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

STRUCTURE:

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, brings together the efforts and resources of ten UN system organizations to the global AIDS response.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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

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

STRUCTURE:

Established in 1996 the LHR Refugee and Migrant Rights Project is a specialist programme that advocates, strengthens and enforces the rights of asylum seekers, refugees and other marginalised categories of migrants in South Africa.

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

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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:

Born as a facilitating group in support of the peace movement in India, particularly during the Third Joint Conference of the Pakistan-India People's Forum for Peace and Democracy - an unprecedented public gathering of 400 peace activists of the sub-continent for 4 days in Calcutta in 1996 - the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group is now known as the Calcutta Research Group (CRG) specialised in research, dialogue and advocacy on issues of human rights, justice and peace. The founders were a group of researchers, trade unionists, feminist thinkers and women's rights campaigners, academics, journalists, and lawyers. Developing as a forum of mostly young public activists and socially committed researchers, CRG is now well-known for its research, dialogues, and advocacy work.

It has carved out a niche for itself in the scholar-activist world for its policy studies on autonomy, human rights, women's dignity, issues of forced displacement and migration, peace and conflict resolution, citizenship, borders and border-conflicts, and other themes relevant to democracy. The emphasis that CRG places on the issue of forced migration in its research and dialogues has now resulted in a strong network of scholars, activists, and institutions in the region.

While pursuing its researches, dialogues and advocacy programmes CRG has been successful in bringing together a group of like-minded scholars and academics and maintaining the distinctive group character. With the kind of research outputs to its credit and the database accumulated over the years on the subject of its focus, it can truly claim itself to be a resource centre only of its kind in the east and the northeast. CRG has been functioning with enviable track record beyond the established system of higher education in the country.

In Calcutta it is again the only platform of eminent intellectuals and dynamic young researchers working on policies and issues of peace, conflict resolution, human rights, and democracy.

STRUCTURE:

1. Structurally the Director leads all the activities of the MCRG. 2. The core group guiding the institution is the Governing Body, consisting of eight members besides the Director. They are the following : a. Krishna BANDYOPADHYAY, a founder member of the CRG, is the editor of the Bengali feminist journal, Khoj (Search); Dr. Paula BANERJEE, the treasurer of the CRG, is an expert on Indo-American relations and is a full time faculty member in the Department of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta; Dr. Sabyasachi BASU RAY CHAUDHURY, the secretary of CRG, is a Professor, Department of Political Science at the Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata; Dr. Krishna BHATTACHARYA is a life long educationist and is a specialist on the education of the girl child; Dr. Pradip Kumar BOSE, is a Professor of Sociology, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta. A leading sociologist of the country, an expert in research methodology, and above all known as a superb essayist; Subhas Ranjan CHAKRABORTY, the president of CRG, is one of the well-known teachers of History, who has inspired generations of students of the city in the musings of Cleo; Dr. Samir Kumar DAS, the research coordinator of CRG, is presently a Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta; Jayanta DASGUPTA, the vice president of CRG, is an eminent trade unionist and a veteran labour political activist. He is one of the founders of CRG; Dr. Ranabir SAMADDAR, Director of the CRG is the founder of its journal, Refugee Watch. He was earlier a Professor of South Asia Studies, and then was the founder-Director of the Peace Studies Programme at the South Asia Forum for Human Rights, Kathmandu. The office of the RCG is performing its activities from GC-45, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700106, INDIA. b. Apart from the Governing Body there is a General Body consisting of all the members of the Society. Annual General Meeting is held regularly every year. 3. The CRG has a strong network of collaborating institutions and partners. CRG is located in Kolkata and its members and collaborating researchers are drawn from all over the country. 4. The details of the structure of CRG can be found in the web www.mrcrg.ac.in

ACTIVITIES:

Its main activities are : A. Winter Course on Forced Migration: till date four such courses have been successfully held. The course is certified by the UNHCR. The course has an South Asian focus and has an international participation besides the participation of South Asian scholars and refugee rights activists. The course emphasises critical thinking and a combination of new legal approaches and refugees' own experiences. B. CRG has a strong research programme on the Asylum and Care policy of the South Asian States. It publishes a journal "Refugee Watch" which has till date 29 issues. The journal commenced in 1998. C. The programme on IDPs has both research and advocacy elements. As part of the programme CRG has conducted a survey of the South Asian camps and its results have been published. The IDP programme is specially held in collaboration with the Brookings Institution. As a whole the entire programme on forced migration is held in collaboration with the UNHCR, the Government of Finland and the Brookings Institution. D. As part of its research on post colonial democracy CRG has research programme on the themes of autonomy and social justice. E. CRG has a special research programme on globalisation and its impact on rights to sustainable livelihood. F. CRG has research on media responses on the issues of displacement and forced migration. G. CRG has a strong publication agenda. It covers books, research papers and online publications. It holds seminars and public lectures, colloquia on critical thinking. The website www.mrcrg.ac.in has all these details. Finally its field work and field related activities are important in the theorization of CRG's research output which cover South Asia and have a consistently strong gender component.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

MEDECINS D'AFRIQUE est une Organisation Non Gouvernementale créée le 15 mai 1995 au Congo Brazzaville. c'est une association de loi Congolaise dont le siège social se trouve à Brazzaville en République avec des corespondants dans plusieurs pays africains et une Coordination en France Cette ONG a pour objectif d'apporter un appui au développement socio sanitaire en Afrique en s'appuyant sur les politiques nationales en matières de santé. L'atteinte de cet objectif passe par - La promotion des soins de santé primaires selon l'initiative de BAMAKO - la mise en place des

mutuelles de santé; - l'implantation des centres de santé communautaires co-gérés par les communautés locales au travers des structures de - le renforcement de la lutte contre les grandes endémies en Afrique - la préparation des interventions en situation d'urgence (guerre; catastrophes naturelles et les épidémies)

STRUCTURE:

Au sein de Médecins d'Afrique il existe quatre programmes et un centre d'études et de recherche de Médecins d'Afrique. Il s'agit: - du programme de gestion des urgences; - Programme santé - Programme nutrition; environnement et protection - programme de lutte contre le VIH/SIDA et autres endémies (Tuberculose; paludisme....) chaque programme est géré par un administrateur des programmes qui rend compte au Cordonnateur des programmes du pays au dessus duquel se trouve le représentant du pays concerné. En outre il existe un département des opérations (Administration, logistique et finances) qui est géré par un coordonnateur des opérations qui rends compte au Coordonnateur des Programmes. Nos instances dirigeantes sont les suivantes - l'assemblée générale - le Conseil d'administration - et le secrétariat permanent qui exécute les orientations du Conseil d'administration

ACTIVITIES:

Les principales activités de Médecins d'Afrique sont: - Prise en charge médicale des réfugiés urbains à Brazzaville en partenariat avec la Représentation du HCR au Congo Brazzaville;
- Soins et entretien des réfugiés RDC à Impfondo en République du Congo Brazzaville
- Prise en charge globale des orphelins du SIDA et autres enfants vulnérables dans le cadre de ce projet Médecins d'Afrique est l'ONG d'encadrement au niveau national;
- Prise en charge médicale et nutritionnelle des populations congolaises vivant le long du chemin de fer Congo-Océan au travers du projet Dispensaires mobiles;
- Gestion des centres de santé communautaires à Brazzaville, Betou, Impfondo et Pointe-noire;
- Recherche opérationnelle

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

19 sections 24000 personnel 70 countries of intervention.

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

Social and economic development programs, Human Resource Development programs, services to refugees, Displaced & Migrants, Community development programs - Socio- medical center, advocacy through workshops and seminars. The Refugee Program in partnership with UNHCR is implemented within the Unit on Life and Service. The partnership was initiated in the early 80s and still goes on providing psychosocial, educational and health services to persons of concern to UNHCR. One of the most important services of the program is "prison ministry" which entails services for detained refugees and persons of concern in addition to advocacy and awareness raising workshops for prison officers and the community in general.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 Catholic Secretariat (NCS) was established in 1960 and incorporated in 1962 as the executive arm of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference. The NCS is responsible for execution of ten Departments and Commissions.

The mission of NCS is to promote integral human development and social justice in the Dioceses through animation, coordination and information and cooperation. The Vision of NCS is a society, in which the values of Justice and Peace and Human Dignity are paramount and where people especially the poorest, the marginalized and oppressed find hope and empowered to improve their quality of life.

STRUCTURE:

The National Catholic Secretariat is headed by a Secretary General who is assisted by an Assistant Secretary General.

There are twelve departments namely:

- *Socio-Economic Development - Caritas Ghana, *Raptim
- *Social Communications, *Pastoral Care
- *Health, *Ecumenical and Inter Religious Relations
- *Education, *Pontifical Mission Societies
- *Catholic Service Centre
- *Juridical Matters
- *Clergy and Religious

ACTIVITIES:

- * Plan and coordinate relief and development activities of the Church.
- * Foster good relationship between the Catholic Church in Ghana and Overseas partners, Government and Non Governmental Organisations, UN Bodies particularly UNHCR, WFP, WHO and UNICEF.
- * Study statutory acts of Government on education and policies of the Ministry of education.
- * Help resettle migrants, refugees and displaced persons.
- * Collaborate with National Disaster Management, NGOs and UN bodies to offer assistance to refugees.
- * Provide health care to the poor in the rural areas.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUCTURE:

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

The National Program on Refugee and Displaced Peoples - engages in research, analysis, policy formation, education and awareness raising, domestic

and international advocacy, service provision, pastoral care and community development. It works closely with member churches and churches agencies. Groups/issues of concern: Australia's Refugee and Special Humanitarian Resettlement Program, Australia's overseas aid, Australia's system of mandatory, indefinite and non-reviewable detention, Australia's 'Pacific Solution' (offshore processing and detention), refugee status determination, complementary protection, convention refugees with restrictive temporary protection visas, asylum seekers living in the community on restrictive bridging visas, warehoused refugees and internally displaced people. International Programs - has aid and development programs assisting Burmese, Palestinian, Sri Lankan, East Timorese, Iraqi and Sudanese refugees and displaced people. Overseas partners include Action by Churches Together, Thai-Burma Border Consortium (Thailand), Middle East Council of Churches' Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees (Gaza and Lebanon), Darfur Emergency Response Operation, New Sudan Council of Churches, Organization for Elam Refugee Rehabilitation (India and Sri Lanka) and YASONA (Timor Leste). The NCCA regularly participates in high-level meetings with the Australian government and each year attends, WCC GEM meetings, UNHCR's Annual Consultations with NGOs and UNHCR's Executive Committee.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Council has a rich history, one that is closely entwined with the people of Kenya. Its history dates back to 1913. The NCCK provides a forum for member churches and organisations to act on common issues, to support and sharpen each other in service and Christian witness. Through NCCK, the membership seeks to facilitate the attainment of a united, just, peaceful and sustainable society. The normal day to day work of evangelism, teaching and pastoral care is carried out by the member churches. The vision of the Council is one church; united in faith and mission witnessing to Jesus Christ. To facilitate the united mission of the Christian Church in Kenya, the Council shall:

- Promote fellowship and ecumenism; • Nurture a common understanding of the Christian faith and mission; • Build the capacities of the membership; • Enhance the creation of a just and sustainable society.

STRUCTURE:

The highest organ of the organisation is the General Assembly. This is the decision making organ and meets every two years. The executive committee is charged with implementing all the decisions made by the General Assembly. Direct leadership is given by the General Secretary's office. This is to all the units in the organisation that include: programs, finance, human resource and administration and the property and investment. Finally, the implementation of all programs is through the 9 regional offices covering the whole country.

ACTIVITIES:

The activities are carried out through the program unit. This unit has two sections: Governance and Social Services and Capacity Building for membership. The work of the Governance unit centers on enhancing the good governance, the rule of law, democracy, accountability and the observance of human rights. The Capacity Building unit enhances the capacities of the member churches to enable them fulfil their missions. The main strategies of implementation are advocacy and capacity building. Other strategies include: lobbying relevant public institutions, engaging the media, policy research & training and awareness creation.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

HAKAM is a human rights organisation focusing on a range of human rights issues, including civil and political rights, religious freedom, freedom of expression, and refugee rights in Malaysia.

STRUCTURE:

Our organisation is membership-based, and is led by an Executive Committee. Our office is in Kuala Lumpur.

ACTIVITIES:

We conduct research with refugee groups, hold capacity-building training activities with refugee community leaders, and advocate on refugee rights to the broader public and the Malaysian government. We are part of the Migration Working Group, a network of civil society groups and individuals that lobby for the protection of migrant and refugees.

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The objective is to bring together humanitarian service providers to cater for humanitarian services within the country and beyond. Our mission is to ensure those that are in needs are reached with the available resources. It was formed in March 2007.

STRUCTURE:

Management committee, projects implementation committee, programme officer for vocational training, programme officer for democracy and governance, programme officer for health care and environmental protection, programme officer for micro enterprises promotion, programme officer for disaster management and emergency relief services, programme officer research, monitoring and evaluation, and finance officer.

ACTIVITIES:

Capacity building of ngos for sustainable development, provision of shelter to internally displaced, health care services, economic empowerment, micro-enterprises promotion, democracy and governance.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) is a non-governmental and ecumenical organisation established in 1947 that works to ensure the individual's basic rights. Anchored in the Christian faith, NCA supports the poorest of the poor, regardless of gender, political conviction, religious affiliation and ethnicity.

STRUCTURE:

The Constituency is NCA's highest organ, and is made up of:

- Representatives from each diocese council in the Church of Norway, six members of the Church of Norway's Church Meeting (including one representative from the Sami Council, and a youth representative younger than 26 years old.)
- One representative from NORME
- Five representatives from national home mission organisations, children and youth organisations.
- One representative from each of the following organisations: The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway, The Free Evangelical Assembly of Norway, The Baptist Church of Norway, The Pentecostal Church of Norway, The Salvation Army and The Methodist Church of Norway.

Day-to-day business

Around 120 persons are employed at NCA headquarters in Oslo, as regional consultants in Norway, in Changemaker (NCA's youth movement) and at offices in various parts of the world.

In addition to this, we have an Emergency Team of 60 persons who regularly travel to work in catastrophe situations.

ACTIVITIES:

Save and protect lives
Develop sustainable living conditions
Influence attitudes and decisions
Accountable governance
HIV and AIDS
Conflict resolution
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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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

OFADEC is working with refugees since 1989 in social and legal protection. OFADEC has programs in Senegal with Refugees in Urban and rural settings. OFADEC is an operational partner of UNHCR in Senegal

STRUCTURE:

OFADEC is governed by a board it has these departments : Education, social, income generating projects, health, HIV, administration and finance. 25 staff are active in Senegal and are located in Dakar and St Louis.

ACTIVITIES:

Fields activities are around income generating projects, credit unions for refugee women, small enterprises. OFADEC is also active in advocacy for African refugees and Accountability to African Refugees on programs launched on their behalf.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Opportunities Industrialization Centers - Ethiopia (OICE) is a non- profit indigenous NGO. It was established in 1973 by a nucleus of concerned Ethiopians representing leadership from various organizations and the community. Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sullivan, a renowned African American community leader and civil rights activist assisted the establishment of OICE. Purpose of the organization is to train unemployed, underemployed and unskilled individuals in various marketable skills: in the building trades, tailoring, weaving, and pottery. And adolescent reproductive health (ARH), life skills, HIV Aids awareness ...etc OICE vision is to reduce youth unemployment and poverty reduction. OICE mission is Human resource development to train the youth in the country in various marketable skills so that they get employed or self-employed.

STRUCTURE:

Opportunities Industrialization Centers – Ethiopia is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by the General Assembly and is run by an Executive Director, supported by two deputies, and with staff strength of 82 employees. - Addis Ababa 29 employees - Jimma Vocational Training and Health Center (West of the country) 12 employees - Kombolcha (North East of the country) 12 employees - Dimma Vocational Training Center Refugee camp (South West of the country) 29 employees.

ACTIVITIES:

Opportunities Industrialization Centers – Ethiopia is engaged in vocational training and health. OICE's relationship with UNHCR is as implementing partner in the promotion of refugee causes. i.e. training refugees in various marketable vocational skills. So that when the refugees are repatriated or settled elsewhere, can build the countries and become also self supportive/ self-reliant.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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

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

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

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

What does Oxfam do?

- Development programs: Oxfam and our partners are working toward long term development to eradicate poverty, focusing on issue such as education, gender, HIV/Aids and human rights.
- Emergency work: Oxfam has been working in humanitarian disaster or emergency situations for over 60 years and is internationally recognized for our expertise in water and sanitation.
- Research and lobbying: Oxfam's experience of the real issues confronting poor people is linked to high-level research and lobbying We aim to change international policies and practices in ways to ensure that poor people have the rights and opportunities they need to improve and control their lives.
- Campaigning: Oxfam undertakes popular campaigning, alliance building and media work designed to raise awareness among the public of solutions to global poverty, to enable and motivate people to play an active part in the movement for change, and to foster a sense of global citizenship.
- Oxfam takes a rights-based approach, aiming to help people living in poverty to exercise five main rights: Right to a sustainable livelihood Right to basic social services, Right to Life and security, Right to be heard, Right to an identity.
- Our annual program expenditure is around \$528.03 million globally.*
- Oxfam works with approximately 3250 partner organizations in around 100 countries, including: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, English-speaking Caribbean, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Laos, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories & Israel, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Island, Somalia/ Somaliland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Winward Islands, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Pharos is a Dutch Knowledge & Advice Centre on Refugees and Health. We promote the health of refugees by improving the quality of the health care system, together with refugees and professional healthcare organisations. We convey practically applicable knowledge both on the national and international level. Our main and foremost objective is to improve the quality of the regular healthcare system and to make it more accessible to refugees and asylum seekers. In the realisation of this objective we are inspired by the definition of health as presented by the World Health Organisation (WHO): "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity". Pharos concentrates on developing, studying and conveying knowledge in the field of health and healthcare for refugees. In this, refugees' strength is of primary importance.

STRUCTURE:

As a part of this specific multidisciplinary approach, Pharos develops knowledge and methods for mental health care, care for asylum seekers, primary healthcare and youth services. A group of specialists has been assembled to deal with these research, development and training areas: The transparent structure shows what Pharos is – a centre of expertise that conducts research, develops new methods for providing assistance, sets up prevention and information activities and designs training programmes, collects and disseminates information, all of which are based on daily practice.

ACTIVITIES:

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Portuguese Refugee Council is Non-Governmental Organization for Development that, since its creation in 1991, defends and promotes the right to asylum. Is the only NGO that works exclusively with refugee and asylum seekers in Portugal. PRC's intervention is foreseen in the Asylum Law 15/98, of 26 March, as the NGO that provides independent legal advice to asylum seekers in all the stages of the procedure (article 52 – 2º). PRC's mission is to support asylum seekers and refugees at all stages of the asylum procedure, reception and integration into the host society; To raise awareness among the host society for refugee problems, defending the right to asylum in Portugal.

STRUCTURE:

PRC's work is divided in two headquarters: Lisbon and the Reception Centre administrated by the PRC, in Bobadela, 10 Km from Lisbon. It is composed by a Board (5 persons) and seven different departments: Juridical (4 persons), Reception Centre (8 persons), Projects (1 person), Employment and formation (4 persons), Equal Project (1), Finance (4), and Public Information (3). In total, we have 25 persons working full time, plus the Board President.

ACTIVITIES:

PRC is engaged in the following main activities:

- Administration of a Refugee Reception Centre of Bobadela (Loures);
- Legal advice, which is foreseen in the Portuguese Asylum Law 15/98;
- Social support and counselling to asylum seekers and refugees;
- Employment and vocational training guidance;
- Portuguese language and computer training courses;
- Training courses, seminars and meetings on refugee's issues and asylum law.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 23 staff workers selected on competitive basis: Director, senior lawyer, the accountant, 8 lawyers and their assistances working accordingly in the following directions: on protection of refugees and asylum seekers rights and juvenile rights, reproductive and gender rights, protection VIH/AIDS infected people and vulnerable groups.

In addition, graduating students from law departments attend practical training according to the program specially developed by the Clinic.

Directions of the activity of the Clinic:

- Bureau for legal assistance;
- Bureau for judicial assistance;
- Bureau for social assistance;
- Bureau for protection of rights of juveniles in conflict in law;

-Bureau for protection of rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS and vulnerable groups;
the lawyers of the Clinic take an active part in appraisal, elaboration , and improvement of laws of the Kyrgyz Republic (citizenship, refugees, HIV/AIDS issues, etc.)

ACTIVITIES:

The clinic carried out the activities by the following directions:

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

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:

The Reformed Church in Hungary Refugee Ministry has worked for 5 years to assist refugees with the process of integration. This process includes both services to refugees and work with the larger community to address issues of openness to strangers in their midst.

STRUCTURE:

The refugee mission is based in the central office of the church in Budapest. The staff of 7 includes 3 mission workers from the US and Canada. Divisions include a school program, a housing program and a wider program that works with broader issues of jobs, advocacy and outreach to congregations and employers to assist with integration.

ACTIVITIES:

Education (including language education) for secondary school age refugees
housing assistance
advocacy particularly for unaccompanied minors
assistance and advocacy with employers and congregations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

RMSA (Refugee and Migrant Services in Albania) is a local Non-Governmental, Non-profitable Organization set up in 2001, under the auspices and the capacity building initiative of UNHCR. Upon an imitative to strengthen the capacities and promoting the development of a national civil society RMSA was founded in February 2001 and it started operating and accomplishing programs as an Implementing partner of UNHCR immediately after its foundation. It focuses future programming within mandate of providing social and legal services to refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, IDPs and minority groups in Albania. Initially RMSA started to implement a project funded by UNHCR, which consisted mainly in providing daily care facility for refugees and asylum seeker children, most of whom were children of families headed as households by single mothers. Parallel to this, the Social Workers of RMSA were intensively involved in another program, by offering community based services to the refugee and asylum seeker population in Albania in some premises run and supervised fully by RMSA. This was the first project being implemented in the area of running, and managing reception facilities, and offering respective services to these premises for the beneficiary group. Since then RMSA has been functioning on independent or partnership programs by supporting other governmental and non-governmental initiatives focusing on community based services and capacity building of local authorities and main targets, the persons in need of international protection. Currently RMSA is implementing UNHCR project on the assistance to the refugees and asylum-seekers in Albania. It provides social and legal assistance to the persons of concern to UNHCR. The aim of the social assistance is to assist beneficiaries to become self-sustainable. Basic principles and considerations of social assistance to refugees/asylum seekers is guided by a focus on promoting durable solutions of each individual case. Such principles are to avoid creating dependencies, prepare refugees and asylum seekers for an independent life, and provide them with the means of livelihood. This is made possible by assisting in their job search, supporting the upgrading of vocational skills, and facilitating their access to the local labour market. This project also aims to promote and ensure the rights of asylum seekers and persons granted asylum recognized to them by the international and national legislation on asylum.

STRUCTURE:

RMSA has in its structure the Management Board composed of five persons (not paid members) Executive Board composed of eight persons

(employees) It has in its structure the social and the legal unit. RMSA has his office located in Tirana. Within its period of operation it has assisted the governmental institutions to set up community centers for migrant populations which have been handed over to the community for future management.

ACTIVITIES:

RMSA, together with UNHCR and other partners in order to ensure that all of the most essential assistance and protection needs of the asylum seekers and refugees are met in Albania simultaneously advocates with the Government to undertake the overall responsibility of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. RMSA is currently implementing the following project: Community Services for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Albania, funded by UNHCR (agreement signed for 2007) Schematically the activities undertaken could be listed as following: Service Provision Administration Advice and referral on education & employment, health issues and welfare entitlements Childminding Counselling for Victims of torture, rape & other trauma Counselling and treatment for Victims of Domestic Violence Fundraising Social Counselling Legal advice/support Organizing leisure, sports, cultural and social events Social work (case work) Teaching language classes Translating/Interpreting from European and non-European languages Advocacy & Policy Work Advocacy Campaigning Information provision and public awareness Lobbying Prepare of university curricula course Teaching Courses in the University RMSA, together with UNHCR and other partners in order to ensure that all of the most essential assistance and protection needs of the asylum seekers and refugees are met in Albania simultaneously advocates with the Government to undertake the overall responsibility of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. RMSA is currently implementing the following projects: Community Services for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Albania, funded by UNHCR (agreement signed for 2007) Schematically the activities undertaken could be listed as following: Service Provision Administration Advice and referral on education & employment, health issues and welfare entitlements Befriending Childminding Counselling for Victims of torture, rape & other trauma Counselling and treatment for Victims of Domestic Violence Fundraising Social Counselling Legal advice Organizing leisure, sports, cultural and social events Social work (case work) Teaching language classes Translating/Interpreting from European and non-European languages Advocacy & Policy Work Advocacy Campaigning Information provision and public awareness Lobbying Policy development Prepare of university curricula course Teaching Courses in the University

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

STRUTURE:

We have the Head Office in Tokyo, Kansai Branch in Kobe and RHQ Support Center in Tokyo. In the Head Office, we have three Divisions (Planning and Coordination Division, Operational Division, Assistance Division).
We have 54 staffs.

ACTIVITIES:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Refugee consortium of Kenya was started in 1998.

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

Our Aims

- To facilitate refugees' access to the legal justice system in Kenya;
- To monitor the adherence to international refugee laws and standards in refugee protection and to encourage accountability amongst stakeholders;
- To act as a catalyst for provision of accurate, timely and effective information to policy makers and implementers.

Our Objectives

- To advocate for the development of effective laws and policies that promote the welfare of refugees and displaced persons;
- To provide legal aid and information services through our legal aid clinic;
- To mainstream refugee rights into the broader human rights agenda at all levels;
- To engage in research, analysis and information dissemination in order to enhance action among those concerned with refugee issues;
- To maintain sound administrative and management policies;

STRUTURE:

Refugee Consortium of Kenya has four key departments/programmes

The Organization is run by a Board of Governance which consist of 8 Professionals
The Executive Director is in charge of the day to day running for the secretariat

1. The Legal Aid Programme- has three full time professionals, two interns, volunteers and translators
2. The Advocacy Programme- has two full time professionals
3. The Information and Research programme- Has a full time professional and a volunteer
4. The Finance and Administration Programme- Has two professionals and 3 support staff

ACTIVITIES:

1. provision of legal aid services to refugees and asylum seekers as
2. Advocacy for progressive policies and development of a legal framework to address the refugee problem in Kenya
3. Advocacy for better protection and adherence to international standards in refugee management in Kenya and the region
4. Empowerment of refugees to enable them access justice as well as defend their rights at all levels
5. Research and publication for purpose of promoting the welfare of refugee and providing space for refugee's voices to be heard.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) was established in 1981 as the national peak refugee agency. It now has over 160 member that work across the full spectrum of refugee assistance. The aim of the Refugee Council of Australia is to promote the adoption of flexible, humane and constructive policies towards refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons by the Australian and other Governments and their communities. Because the Refugee Council of Australia is not an operational agency, it has a small core staff (6) plus interns. It has offices in Sydney and Melbourne.

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STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

The priority activities for the Refugee Council are as follows:

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Refugee Council USA (RCUSA) was established in 2000. It is a coalition of 23 U.S. non-governmental organizations focused on refugee protection. RCUSA provides advocacy on issues affecting the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, victims of trafficking, and victims of torture in the United States and across the world. The coalition also serves as the principal consultative forum for the national refugee resettlement and processing agencies as they formulate common positions, conduct their relations with the U.S. government and other partners, and support and enhance refugee service standards.

STRUCTURE:

Based in Washington, D.C., RCUSA is a member-driven coalition. Its funding currently comes solely from member dues; however, the organization is in the process of obtaining non-profit status. It is staffed by two persons, the Director and Assistant Director. The Chair and Vice Chair positions are staffed on a rotating basis by executive officers of the member agencies. There are a number of standing committees that serve to structure the on-going work of the coalition. In addition to these committees, members are informed daily through RCUSA communications about meetings, events, and other relevant information pertaining to refugee and displacement issues.

ACTIVITIES:

RCUSA is primarily a U.S. based advocacy coalition. As such members advocate to both Congress and the Administration for better laws and policies to protect refugees. Members also seek greater funding for refugees and work closely with international organizations such as UNHCR and IOM.

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The Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust, headquartered in Geneva, with offices around the world, was founded in December 2000 by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, then United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in response to a crying but barely addressed need for greater access to and

quality of post-primary education for refugees, returnees and the internally displaced. The RET is an independent, impartial, non-partisan organisation, with no religious or political affiliation, purposefully set up to be independent from UNHCR. Although financially independent from UN agencies, we have strategic alliances with both UNHCR and UNESCO - IBE, and welcome other opportunities to deliver our mission with greater strength and magnitude.

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

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

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

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) is based in the University of Oxford's Department of International Development. The Centre was established in 1982 as a multidisciplinary centre for research and teaching on the causes and consequences of forced migration, with an emphasis on understanding the experiences of those affected. The RSC provides a range of study and learning opportunities (MSc in Forced Migration, International Summer School, short courses and visiting fellowships); and undertakes a number of dissemination/outreach activities (workshops, conferences, publications). The Centre also prioritises the dissemination of its scholarship and engages in a broad range of activities designed to inform and enhance humanitarian policy, institutional practice and academic debate.

STRUCTURE:

The Refugee Studies Centre has 32 members of staff and is located in Oxford, UK.

ACTIVITIES:

Research at the RSC is both multidisciplinary and inclusive. We collaborate with institutions in the developing world and draw upon the knowledge and experiences of both practitioners and forced migrants themselves. Research is organised around three broad analytical areas: Forced Migration, Global Economy and Governance; the Experience and Management of Displacement in Conflict Situations; and Institutional and Normative Responses to Forced Migration. The RSC's two main vehicles for information sharing with the wider humanitarian community are the RSC's in-house publication, Forced Migration Review (FMR), and its web-based portal Forced Migration Online (FMO). Forced Migration Review FMR is the world's most widely read journal on international refugee and displacement issues. Concise jargon-free articles by practitioners, researchers and displaced people present key issues, lessons learned and policy recommendations. FMR works in close collaboration with a range of UN and other humanitarian agencies to promote wider public knowledge of and respect for the UN Refugee Convention and the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. Published in English, Arabic, Spanish and French, it is distributed without charge to a global readership of over 13,000 organisations and individuals. All issues are also freely available online. www.fmreview.org fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk Forced Migration Online FMO is a web-based portal, providing free access to a comprehensive collection information and resources on human displacement issues to an international community of users. Its range of resources include a digital library, access to back issues of leading journals, thematic and country-specific research guides, a directory of key organisations and an expanding multimedia section of images, podcasts and videos. FMO's expanding archive comprises over 200,000 pages of documents, many of them rare or unique, freely available for viewing, downloading and printing. www.forcedmigration.org fmo@qeh.ox.ac.uk RSC Research and Policy Linkages In addition, the RSC is currently engaging in a range of activities that will further enhance linkages with policy makers and practitioners. A Senior Policy Officer is promoting evidence-based policy development by coordinating policy-relevant research, helping to identify the practical implications of lessons learned from ongoing research and improving the dissemination of these outputs to key decision makers. www.rsc.ox.ac.uk rsc@qeh.ox.ac.uk

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

The Refugee Women's Organisation in Romania is a refugee NGO, funded in 2000 with UNHCR support with the aim of addressing the needs of the refugee population through refugee-to-refugee assistance. Our mission statement is to promote and support democratic values and fundamental human rights, especially those of refugees and migrants for their integration in the Romanian society.

STRUCTURE:

Measures aiming at enhancing refugee women empowerment are taken through community support activities and services, training of community leaders and information/referral services provided by refugees to members of their communities. Located in Bucharest, Our organisation has three part-time staff members, two community workers and 10 volunteers, activating as Accountant, Programme coordinator, Programme assistant, Information Service Assistant, Refugee Women's Club Leader, Administrator and Social/Community workers.

ACTIVITIES:

In order to fulfill our primary goal, we develop a set of activities mainly focussing on: Information and referral services within an information center functional under a project funded by UNHCR, community development activities targetting both refugee men and women, educational sessions on issues of interest to UNHCR, such as SGBV, HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, etc. Limited material assistance is extended to the most vulnerables (Food

and hygienical supplies). Capacity building of refugee communities' leaders is addressed through training sessions organised on relevant issues. Social interactions with the local population are encouraged through socio-cultural activities which are organised in a regular basis by our organisation. Implementing partner of UNHCR, our organisation plays an important role assuming the mediation between refugee communities and other stakeholders. We also play a consultative role during meetings aimed at proposing improvement of the national legislation / practices. It is worth to mention that our organisation along with our NGO partners contribute in the elaboration of the Country Operation Plan under UNHCR coordination.

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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 30 countries in 2006 - 2007. Recent missions have included Kuwait, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Liberia, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Chad, Cambodia, and Colombia. 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:

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.

ordinary contact with UN liaison offices in Tokyo (above three organs)

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 28 national Save the Children organizations working in more than 110 countries to ensure the well-being of children. The history of Save the Children is a story of positive change and people — millions of people in thousands of communities around the globe — working together to create opportunities for the world's children to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives. In January 1932 in a small room in New York City, a group of concerned citizens gathered to respond to the needs of the proud people of Appalachia hard hit by the Great Depression. The inspiration and vision for Save the Children came in part from the international children's rights movement begun in England in 1919 by Eglantyne Jebb, founder of the British Save the Children Fund. From this early effort in the hills and hollows of Harlan County, Kentucky grew a self-help philosophy and practice still at work today in more than 45 countries — providing communities with a hand up, not a handout.

This approach — working with families to define and solve the problems their children and communities face and utilizing a broad array of strategies to ensure self-sufficiency is the cornerstone of all Save the Children's programs. Through the decades, we have evolved into a leading international relief and development organization. Countless events and achievements have shaped the development of our organization and helped change the lives of the children we serve.

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

In the United States, Save the Children helps children in remote, rural communities improve their reading skills and maintain healthy lifestyles. Working with schools, childcare centers and community groups, we have established programs in literacy, nutrition and physical activities from Appalachia to California's Central Valley. In developing countries, Save the Children engages children, families and communities in our problem-solving approach and provides them with the necessary knowledge and resources to become self sustaining. Health - Through our global network of country offices and health professionals, we work in partnership with MOH, local and international NGOs and donors to improve the quality, availability, and use of key health practices and services. Our priority program areas include newborn and child health and survival, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and school health and nutrition. Education - Save the Children brings together parents, children and governments to create opportunities for children to learn to read, write, solve problems and develop their unique potential. There are many obstacles to education in impoverished communities, but our experience shows that with knowledge and minimal investment, each community can find solutions and ways to educate its children. Economic Opportunities - Our programs focus on gender equality and empowerment, and sustainability. Our philosophy is simple but effective: help women help themselves economically and there is a measurable, positive impact on children. Hunger and Malnutrition - Save the Children addresses the root causes of food insecurity, targeting the most vulnerable - young children and their mothers. We work with children and their communities to develop their capacity to respond to and solve their most pressing food security problems. Food aid and monetary resources are used to manage programs focused on improving agricultural production and household nutrition, as well as responding to emergency needs. Protection - Our Protection staff operates in a variety of settings, working with governments and NGO partners to create policy and programmatic changes to enhance the protection of vulnerable children. Key interventions include psychosocial wellbeing, community networks for protection, education programs in emergencies, creating safe spaces, anti-trafficking programming, developing national protection policies and child welfare reform, community mobilization and child-to-child interventions. In natural disasters, war and conflict, our rapid response teams provide food, medical services and shelter to those affected. Pre-positioning of emergency stocks such as plastic sheeting, household and hygiene kits, portable water containers and shelter repair materials allows Save the Children to provide essential life saving resources immediately to crisis-affected vulnerable children and their families. We are also focusing on emergency preparedness at the country level to improve emergency response by organizing and strengthening their capacity to deliver timely and effective relief and assistance. Over 100,000 sponsors support children from 3-18 years by meeting their needs at key stages of their physical and intellectual development. More than 30,000 Save the Children Action Network members advocate for children, generating grassroots support for national legislation affecting children in need.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 in the Republic of Moldova was established in 1993. Major activities: protection of children's rights, monitoring and implementation of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, social services to children at risk, children-victims of human being trafficking, street children and refugee children, community development.

STRUCTURE:

The current projects run by the organisation are the following:

1. Aschiuta Home project - child facility, assistance to street children Assistance to children - victims of human being trafficking
2. Social, medical and educational assistance to refugees, asylum seekers and persons benefiting of humanitarian protection status
3. Community development in rural areas
4. Implementation of Monitoring of UN Convention of the Child's Rights

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
- Ensures access to primary health care to all persons of concern, as well as proper assistance to categories of special concern, such as women and girls, young mothers, newly-born, the chronically diseased
- Ensure that all persons of concern have access to social counselling, advice and guidance
- Encourage development of a self-supporting community - Ensures access of asylum-seekers and refugee children to primary/secondary education and pre-school facilities - Ensures access of children of concern to extra-curricular activities.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

Social & Technical Association for Afghanistan Rehabilitation (STAAR) is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profitable organization was established in 1993 to extend developmental and humanitarian assistance to the urban and rural communities of Afghanistan through implementing projects. Its sectors of activities include Agriculture & Irrigation, Roads & Bridges, Buildings, Trainings, Environment, Water supply & Sanitation (WES) & Health/Hygiene Education, Health, Education (non-formal) and Social Mobilization & Awareness Raising.

STRUCTURE:

The Article of Association/Constitution regularizes the functions of STAAR. STAAR has a board of directors/trustees & a Management Committee (MC). BT is the superior body of STAAR and has the power to make core decisions within STAAR's legal framework. The board can affect changes in the constitution of the organization with simple majority of votes. The BT consists of seven members, five of which are honorary members and two from STAAR senior managerial staff. Management committee consists of senior managerial staff and is responsible for implementing the strategic plans and achieving the strategic goals as defined by the board of directors. STAAR has its main office in Kabul, Afghanistan and regional offices in Nangarhar, Kunar, Paktiya and Herat.

ACTIVITIES:

STAAR is an Afghan NGO that has a speciality in undertaking social services including social mobilization, trainings and other social development assignments, engineering works such as WATSAN, construction/reconstruction and rehabilitation of roads, bridges, schools, clinics etc. Relief and repatriation efforts for refugees, providing technical consultancy for planning and development and implementation of different architectural, civil, agricultural, health, and irrigation projects as well as related activities to affect the positive changes in the lives of Afghans.

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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 khromaksar
- (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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The SR was established in 1999 with the purpose to increase public awareness on refugee related issues within the wider context of human rights issues.

STRUCTURE:

SR includes four staff members and volunteer students, who study the course Mass Media and Refugees.

ACTIVITIES:

Major activities of the SR are:

- 1) Publication of the Humanitarian Law and Asylum Magazine and Refugium newsletter (eng., rom., rus) and distribution of these publications to state and international structures, NGOs, libraries, etc;
- 2) Teaching the course Mass Media and Refugees to students from the International Free University of Moldova and the University of European Studies;
- 3) Informing the public about UNHCR's activities in the world and in Moldova, including the activities of the UNHCR Implementing Partners.
- 4) Developed informative billboards which were distributed to schools. SR also has: Published a special edition of the Refugium bulletin, dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of the UNHCR in the country; Prepares to publish the 2008 Desk/Wall calendar including drawings/essay extracts presented by the school children who participated to the special competition dedicated to the WRD 2007; Organises sports competitions between students and refugees; Coordinated the activities of the summer school for the students from legal, social assistance and journalism departments, who studied special courses about refugees. Provided support to refugees and assisted them to find employment, etc

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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 organisation is a worldwide network of the lay Buddhist movement through its national affiliated Soka Gakkai organisations 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 past humanitarian activities include, delivery of relief supplies by the Asian local SGI organisations 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 until some years ago, Soka Gakkai 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:

In relation to the UN, SGI activities include human rights education and learning, disarmament, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, sustainable development, and other fields related to peace.

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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:

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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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Sphere Project represents a unique international voluntary initiative aimed at improving the effectiveness and accountability of humanitarian assistance. The initiative was launched in 1997 by a group of humanitarian NGOs and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, who framed a Humanitarian Charter, based on international treaties and conventions, and identified Minimum Standards to be attained in disaster assistance in each of five key sectors (water supply and sanitation, nutrition, food aid, shelter and health services). Taken together, the Humanitarian Charter and the Minimum Standards contribute to an operational framework for accountability in disaster assistance efforts. The Sphere Project reflects the collective will and shared experience of a broad array of humanitarian actors. The people who participated in compiling the first edition of the Sphere Handbook in 2000, and those involved in its revision in 2004, were drawn from national and international Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, United Nations agencies and academic institutions. Thousands of individuals, from over 400 organisations and 80 countries, have participated in various aspects of the Sphere Project, from developing the Handbook through to piloting and training. Since its inception the Sphere process has endeavored to be inclusive, transparent, and globally representative. It has developed based on its two core beliefs: first, that all possible steps should be taken to alleviate human suffering arising out of calamity and conflict, and second, that those affected by disaster have a right to life with dignity and therefore a right to assistance. In brief, Sphere can be identified as three things: a handbook, a broad process of collaboration, and an expression of commitment to quality and accountability in humanitarian assistance.

STRUCTURE:

The Sphere Project is governed by a Board, which meets 2-3 times per year, consisting of 16 humanitarian organizations who each contribute to the core activities of the Project, including the operation and maintenance of the Sphere office. Additional program activities are supported through financial contributions from the wider international community. The Sphere office has 5 staff persons - Project Manager, Knowledge and Information Management Senior Officer, Training and Materials Senior Officer, Administration and Finance Senior Assistant and Training, Materials and Website Support Senior Assistant - and is hosted by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.

ACTIVITIES:

Training of Trainer (ToT) courses; engagement with the UN agencies bilaterally and through the Cluster process; development of e-learning and other tools; inter-action with other quality and accountability initiatives.

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HISTORY, PURPOSE:

The Sudan Health Association (SUHA) is a non-profitable Sudanese Indigenous Non-Governmental Organization (SINGO) formed by a group of Sudanese doctors, nurses and social workers in 1995 and got registered on the 11th October of the same year with the Kenyan Government. It later got registered with the Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (then SRRA) on the 10th of August 2000.

The mission of the Sudan Health Association is the "Improvement of life through the provision of quality, affordable and accessible health and other services to all beneficiaries, especially the disadvantaged groups, to ensure that they live a healthy and productive life".

STRUCTURE:

The Sudan Health Association has its main office based in the field in KajoKeji County, Central Equatoria State, South Sudan since June 1997. It has another field-based office in Kagwada- half way between Juba and Yei also in South Sudan- extended after the CPA was signed between the GoS and the SPLM/A. The locations of these offices bring SUHA close to the real and genuine beneficiaries for whom its services are intended. For the purpose of co-ordinating with donors and other outside partners, SUHA maintains a liaison office in Kampala, Uganda. It closed its office in Nairobi, Kenya for the practical reason of facilitating coordination with the line Ministries, the GoSS Authorities and other relevant bodies in Sudan after the signing of the CPA. In the county of Kajo-Keji, SUHA supports a number of health facilities that include 12 primary health care units (PHCUs) - Kigwo, Moijo, Gurujo, Mere, Romogi, Mondikolok, Longira, Kudaji, Mogiri, Lori, Jondale and Rodo, and 3 primary health care centers (PHCCs) - Jalimo, Lire and Kansuk. In Juba County, they include 1 PHCC - Ganji, and 8PHCUs - Maremo, Gwadiang, Kelang, Karpeto, Pager, Kagwada, Kulipapa and Kworjik Bungu. SUHA also runs a health workers training school in Kajo-Keji County.

All patients that present to these units and may need referral, are referred to the health centers. The health centers then refer its patients (if any for referral) to the main hospital in the county. Each PHCU has 2 community health workers (CHWs), 2 mother and child health workers (MCHWs), and 1 guard. The key staff currently in the PHCCs include 1 clinical officer, 1 nurse, 1 midwife, 2 auxiliary nurses, 2 MHCWs, 1 registration clerk, 3 cleaners, 3 guards.

There are also personnel teaching in the health workers training school. They include 4 full time tutors and 3 part time ones. SUHA has a board of directors and a general assembly that meet once a year. Its daily functions are run by the executive body headed by its executive Director.

In total, SUHA has about 9 administrative staff in both its programs in Kajo-Keji and Juba Counties. It has 80 health workers working in the 20 PHCUs and 28 health workers in the 4 PHCCs in both Juba and Kajo-Keji Counties, 7 training school tutors, and 73 support staff that include 37 guards, 22 cleaners, 9 cooks and 5 drivers.

ACTIVITIES:

The Sudan Health Association mainly deals with the provision of primary health care services (PHC). This includes preventive, promotive and curative health services. In the primary health care units (PHCUs), the emphasis is on the preventive and promotive aspects of the services, and this seriously takes into account health education and immunization of mothers and children, with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health providing the necessary equipment and vaccines. The curative aspect takes a limited role meant only to care for simple cases that are within the capacity of the M/CHWs to deal with, and this includes such services as the provision of treatment for obvious and clinically diagnosed cases. Health workers such as the MCHWs and the traditional birth attendants (TBAs) also carry out assisted deliveries for pregnant women with normal delivery cases. All cases that are beyond the knowledge of the health workers at the level of the PHCU are referred for care in the PHCCs, where some secondary health care services are provided, where UNICEF and the Ministry of health also provide drugs and other medical supplies.

SUHA also provides capacity building (nine-month basic training course) to all the workers at the level of PHCUs to ensure that the beneficiaries access quality and affordable health care services in all the areas covered by its operation. This training is not only limited to health workers working in the health facilities supported by SUHA. It is also open to any agency providing the same health services in the region that may need to carry out training for its health workers. So far (from 2001 to 2006) 149 CHW trainees have been trained by SUHA and are now working in various health facilities in parts of South Sudan. They have been sponsored by agencies that include UNICEF, UNHCR and GOAL. Those trained to work in the health facilities of SUHA have been sponsored by funds from UNHCR and OFDA/USAID. Currently (2007) there are 46 students undergoing the same training. They include 8 students sponsored for SUHA by UNHCR, 30 sponsored for 5 counties in Central Equatorial by UNICEF, 6 sponsored for Galwak in Malakal by the International Medical Corps (IMC), and 2 self-sponsored ones for the County Health Department (CHD) in Kajo-Keji.

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

The Sudan Health Association has been one of the implementing partners for the UNHCR South Sudan program of repatriation and reintegration of refugees following the signing of the CPA. This has been done through the provision of the necessary health services that the returnees require when they return from exile to their places of origin in South Sudan. Kajo-Keji, where SUHA is operating, has been identified as a major refugee corridor among other areas in South Sudan. As a pull factor for the refugees to come home, SUHA constructed a number of health facilities that included 3PHCCs and 12 PHCUs. Among these, 11 of them (10 PHCUs and 1 PHCC) were funded by UNHCR. SUHA also got a number of health equipment such as delivery beds, microscopes etc including furniture from UNHCR for running these health facilities. Vehicle, computer, generator, reference and other training materials, IEC materials are part of the support from UNHCR for running the program.

In Juba County besides running health care services in the health facilities, SUHA is currently involved in the delivery of water and sanitation services that include the construction of protected shallow wells, the repair of bore holes, and carrying out campaigns for community members to construct household pit latrines. This is calculated to provide services that the returnee population needs to come home. UNHCR has also started repatriating returnees to areas in Juba and so the need for these services. SUHA program in Juba County is funded by UNDP under the Recovery and Rehabilitation Program (RRP) where SUHA is part of six other agencies working as a consortium.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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 privileged 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 broad cast 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:

TWESA (Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation) is a non-profit-sharing and non-political NGO. It was registered in Tanzania under the Societies Ordinance (CAP 337) as an NGO on 30th June 1997. It was established in order to build local capacity in Tanzania to respond to emergencies and development needs with water supply and sanitation interventions.

TWESA works in partnership with other humanitarian organisations and beneficiaries of its programmes to respond in emergencies and development needs in planning, implementation and management of projects integrated water supply, hygiene promotion, environmental health and sanitation.

TWESA's mission is to relieve suffering of disaster victims in emergencies and of poor communities in needy areas; through development and implementation of improved and protected water supply and environmental sanitation. TWESA's vision is to envisages communities free from water and sanitation – related diseases and hardships.

STRUCTURE:

The principal organs of TWESA are:

The General Assembly, is the supreme decision making body on all matters regarding the discharge of rights and duties of the members and organs of TWESA. The executive committee, the secretariat and any organ established under its authority shall be subordinate and accountable to the General Assembly.

The Executive Committee, comprises a chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and founder members. All necessary measures are taken to make sure that there is gender balance in the Executive Committee. The chairperson, Treasurer and four members are elected to the Executive Committee by the General Assembly. The chairperson, treasurer and Secretary shall be referred as office Bearers.

The Secretariat is headed by National Coordinator. It has mandate of day to day management of the affairs of TWESA and implementation of projects. The National Coordinator is the Secretary to both the Executive Committee and the General Assembly. The Secretariat is comprised of such senior staffs including the National Coordinator, Administrator and Programme Officer. The Secretariat is assisted by Programme Managers and Field staffs.

TWESA has divided its work into three major units: administration and finance, water supply, sanitation and hygiene promotion. TWESA has a total of 71 staffs, although the number of staffs depends on the number of projects implemented at a time. TWESA has three field offices, Kasulu and Kibondo in Kigoma Region, Mtwara Rural in Mtwara Region. Two Liaison offices in Shinyanga (Shinyanga Region) and Babati (Manyara Region). The head office is basing in Dar es salaam.

ACTIVITIES:

Humanitarian assistance (refugees' water supply and sanitation). Major activities include assessment, designing, construction, operation and maintenance of water supply systems, environmental sanitation, hygiene education, and vector control in refugee camps basing on the SPHERE Standards.

Rural and small towns water supply and sanitation systems development and/or improvement:

By using demand responsive approach to create sense of ownership for project sustainability. The main activities are: Actual survey, design and construction of water supply schemes and sanitation facilities by involving communities in all stages. Training communities in planning, O&M of water Supply schemes, sanitation facilities; and hygiene education.

Consultancy services for assessment, design, construction supervision, project evaluation and management of water supply and sanitation programmes in rural areas, peri-urban, small towns and refugee settlements; Social Impact Assessment; and Environmental Impact Assessment.

Advocacy: TWESA is at initial stages of engaging in advocacy issues by working very closely with experienced NGO in that field. In May 2007, TWESA has been selected to be a leading NGO in sanitation sector.

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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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UNANIMA International was established in 2002 and accredited with ECOSOC in 2005. It is a coalition of institutes of Catholic Sisters. It has as its main purpose to work at the United Nations on behalf of women and children living in situations of poverty, of immigrants and refugees and for the welfare of the planet. Its principle focus is working against the trafficking of human persons with a particular emphasis on reducing or eliminating the demand for trafficking. It also works in cooperation with other organizations such as in this case, Ms Burn, who is working with the Australian Centre for Refugee Research.

STRUCTURE:

Our organization has a coalition coordinator who is a full-time staff member in its headquarters in New York City. It is governed by a board of directors consisting of a representative from each of the institutes which are members of the coalition. In addition, it has a part-time administrative assistant and a full-time intern who work out of the New York office. There are more than 15,000 persons who are members of UI. These are located in 65 countries on all continents. The information from these grass roots members provides the basis for the information that UI brings to the UN.

ACTIVITIES:

Direct service to immigrants and refugees, education, social services, health care, development work and capacitation groups for women along with research on trafficking of human persons. Alternative reports for CEDAW, participation in UN Commission meetings as NGO - particularly the Commission on Social Development, Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Sustainable development and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. UI also participates in NGO Committees on Migration, HIV/AIDS, Status of Women, Social Development, Poverty Eradication and the Working Group on Girls. It is about to launch an international campaign to stop the demand for trafficking in women and children.

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UNESCO - the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded on 16 November 1945.

For this specialized United Nations agency, it is not enough to build classrooms in devastated countries or to publish scientific breakthroughs.

Education, Social and Natural Science, Culture and Communication are the means to a far more ambitious goal : to build peace in the minds of men.

STRUCTURE:

The General Conference is comprised of representatives from Member States. It meets every two years to determine the policies and main lines of work of the Organization. The Executive Board meets twice a year to ensure that decisions taken by the General Conference are implemented.

Director-General

The Director-General is the executive head of the Organization. Eight Directors-General have served the Organization since 1946. The present Director-General of UNESCO, who was appointed in 1999, is Koichiro Matsuura of Japan.

Secretariat

The Secretariat is composed of international civil servants based at Paris Headquarters and in Field Offices. It implements the Programme following the Medium-Term Strategy (2002-2007). Through intensive external relations and cooperation with civil society, the Secretariat amplifies UNESCO's action worldwide. UNESCO celebrates international days, years and decades as well as other anniversaries in Member States. In addition, UNESCO awards 33 international prizes in its fields of competence

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The University of Cape Town Law Clinic provides free legal assistance to impoverished communities who would not otherwise have access to professional legal services. The Clinic has a long history of assisting indigent South Africans, beginning in the early 1970's when a few students started operating out of a tiny office on campus.

Today it is a thriving legal practice with an administrator, seven attorneys and three candidate attorneys, a refugee legal counsellor and a refugee legal assistant. In response to the growing need of refugees and asylum seekers in South Africa in the late 1990's, the Clinic created a Refugee Rights Project to offer crucial legal and advocacy services for displaced and at-risk individuals and families.

The Refugee Rights Project at the UCT Law Clinic has been funded since 1998 by the UNHCR. It is run as an implementing partner of the UNHCR and it assists the Western Cape's refugees and asylum seekers secure their human rights, navigate through the asylum process and find durable solutions such as voluntary repatriation, resettlement and local integration. It furthermore advocates at all levels of government for the effective protection of refugees.

STRUCTURE:

The Refugee Rights Project is part of UCT's Law Clinic. It is physically located in the Law Faculty of the University Of Cape Town, in Cape Town, South Africa. In total, the Refugee Rights Project has two refugee attorneys, two candidate attorneys, one senior refugee legal counsellor and one refugee legal assistant. The senior Refugee Attorney in the Project is also the Coordinator of the Project and supervises all of the work in the Project. The senior refugee legal counsellor assists in coordinating and managing Advocacy projects for the Project.

ACTIVITIES:

UCT Law Clinic's Refugee Rights Project's key mandate is to ensure that the best legal support and services are made available to refugees and asylum seekers in the Western Cape.

In this regard, the Project provides the following legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers:

- 1) Protection Rights (e.g., asylum status determination procedures);
- 2) Security Rights (e.g., apprehension, search and detention matters);
- 3) Durable Solutions (e.g., family reunification, voluntary repatriation, permanent residence status, travel and identity documents);
- 4) Civil, Political, and Socio-Economic Rights (e.g. employment, educational, tenancy, and health rights). The Project's other main focus is to support the local integration of refugees and asylum seekers into South African society, by creating an environment for the promotion of refugee law and refugee protection, including capacity building within government agencies, NGO's and the South African community. The Project has an educational outreach programme, in which it creates information and training materials, and conducts refugee rights workshops in the local and refugee communities as well as with local service providers. Furthermore, the project advocates at all levels of government for the realization of rights of refugees. For example, this activity ranges from making oral or written submissions to governmental departments on refugee related issues to forming policies for local government on the integration of refugees into society.

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USCRI has been a leading advocate for refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers in the United States since 1911. We work closely with our network of community-based partner agencies in implementing domestic policy programs and recommendations. Internationally, USCRI conducts research and site visits to influence policies to protect refugees and internally displaced persons.

The mission of USCRI is to address the needs and rights of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide by advancing fair and humane public policy, facilitating and providing direct professional services, and promoting the full participation of migrants in community life. USCRI maintains a network of research contributors in refugee hosting countries and plays a leading role in the international civil society campaign against the warehousing of refugees.

STRUCTURE:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

proceedings. USCRI is a strong advocate for UN overseas assistance accounts and works in partnership with UNHCR to highlight funding gaps.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

The Catholic Church in the United States has been assisting immigrants and refugees adjust to their new lives since the founding of the nation. In 1920, under the auspices of the National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC), the bishops established a Department of Immigration at the national level. Between 1920 and 1930, the Immigration Department, which had a presence at Ellis Island, had assisted more than 100,000 immigrants in their efforts to immigrate. Following World War II and the passage of the Displaced Persons Admissions Act of 1948, the Church assisted in the resettlement of more than 100,000 European refugees. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Committee for Refugees coordinated the provision of resettlement services. Throughout the 1950's, the NCWC Department of Immigration assisted in the preparation of documentation for visa applications for prospective immigrants and helped newcomers with their immigration processing necessary to remain in the country and to become naturalized U.S. citizens. In 1965, a new office called Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) was created to be responsible for several functions, including refugee resettlement activities public policy development and advocacy, and the provision of legal immigration services.

STRUCTURE:

MRS currently has four offices to carry out its mandate from the bishops: the Office for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, the Office of Migration and Refugee Policy, the Office of Refugee Programs, and the Office of the Executive Director. In 2008, the MRS Office for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees will be assumed into a new USCCB office for Cultural Diversity in the Church.

ACTIVITIES:

Since 1975, MRS has coordinated the resettlement of more than 800,000 refugees through dioceses throughout the country. Since 1999, MRS has expanded its work with unaccompanied refugee and alien children and in 2002, began working with the victims of human trafficking, which includes a number of unaccompanied minors requiring specialized placements and services. Since its beginning, MRS has administered an office in Miami to work with migrants and refugees arriving directly to the U.S. from Cuba and Haiti. MRS assists the bishops in the development and advocacy of policy positions at the national and international levels that address the needs and conditions of these populations. MRS engages in educational efforts designed to influence public, particularly Catholic, attitudes toward these populations and to create a welcoming and supportive Church in the United States including arranging critical services to these populations in collaboration with government, Catholic partners, and other allied organizations.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

WOLPNET - Women of Liberia Peace Network - was established in July 2003 in Accra, Ghana. Our strategic objectives are to minimize, eliminate violence and in particular violence against women/girls in Liberia, to seek peaceful co-existence despite ethnic, political and socio/economic differences, to increase women/girls' and children's (particularly those in difficult circumstances) economic, political, educational empowerment and to advance, promote women's rights. Our mission statement is the elimination of all forms of violence and violence against women, promotion of peace and reconciliation, the rights of women and their empowerment. The overall vision is to see a nation and communities free of violence where women, girls and children can live in peace without fear, discrimination, enjoying their basic human rights, participating in decision making and being financially/economically/educationally strong.

STRUCTURE:

The organization is structured at three levels of governance: the Executive Council, which is the highest decision making body; the Board, which serves as technical and advisory body and the Administrative Secretariat, which oversees the daily activities of the organization.

There are five units/programs of WOLPNET namely SOC-Sisters of Charity, NOVAPE-Non-Violence and Peace Education, Peace Building, Women Agenda, WOFE-GASB-Women for Economic Growth and Sustainable Business.

At present we have twelve employees and five volunteers. We are located in Buduburam refugee community in Ghana and four communities in Montserrado and two in Bong Counties of Liberia.

ACTIVITIES:

We are engaged in advocacy, peace building, education including civic, vocational/skills training, and development of internalship through micro credit schemes and formation of cooperatives.

WOLPNET is an active member of the national SGBV Task Force chaired by the Deputy Minister of Gender. The Task Force has developed a National Plan of Action on SGBV launched by the President of Liberia in December 2006 and is currently working on reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools.

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education and economic opportunity. The Women's Commission is instrumental in identifying and drawing to the attention of the international community issues that are of great importance to refugees and that are not receiving attention or being tackled in an effective way. These issues include reproductive health; preventing sexual violence related to firewood collection; the trafficking of women and girls; the special needs of youth; the right of all children to education; the need of all displaced people to have opportunities to earn a living and be self-supporting ("livelihoods"); and conditions of detention for asylum seekers.

STRUCTURE:

Documents and exposes abuses against women, youth and child refugees and asylum seekers, and makes recommendations and advocates for change. It does this through fact-finding missions, field research, reports and conferences. Develops manuals, tools and guidelines to promote systemic change in policy and programming at the field level in order to enhance the protection and well-being of displaced women, youth and children. Monitors international efforts to implement and revise UN policies and guidelines that have been developed to protect refugees and displaced persons. Advises the U.S. Congress and administration to pass and implement legislation for the protection, care and rights of women and children refugees and asylum seekers. Strengthens local women's and youth organizations working with refugees by providing technical assistance to foster growth and advocacy. Calls on the power of refugee women and youth to identify their priority concerns and contribute to solutions, by linking them to international organizations, governments and the UN. Joins with other international organizations to form coalitions, networks and working groups to initiate actions on behalf of refugee women and children. Organizes and hosts caucuses, panel discussions and consultations at major international conferences.

ACTIVITIES:

PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS Improving the Security and Well-being of Displaced Women and Youth Aims to improve protection, security and well-being of refugee women and youth in war-affected areas and to increase their participation in planning and managing assistance programs. ° Helped UNHCR launch new guidelines that require all UNHCR country offices to conduct focus groups with women, young people and other groups with special needs as part of the annual UNHCR planning process. ° Recommended to governments and law-enforcement agencies major changes in their approach that would recognize trafficked women and girls as victims of a crime, rather than as illegal immigrants. ° Launched a project to identify and promote sustainable livelihood interventions in refugee situations, with a focus on matching refugees' existing skills and experience with local market needs. ° Helped to initiate, and continues to monitor and campaign for implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, which addresses the impact of war on women, and calls for the equal and full participation of women in conflict resolution and peace building. Promoting Health Care Services for Displaced Women and Children Promotes quality, comprehensive reproductive health (RH) care for refugees in the areas of safe motherhood, family planning, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and gender-based violence. ° Ensures that RH service provision is standard practice among humanitarian assistance organizations, policy makers and donors. ° Publishes reports, training manuals and distance-learning modules that lead to measurable improvements in reproductive health care for conflict-affected populations. ° Conducts assessments of the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for reproductive health and advocates findings to highlight the importance of providing RH services in the earliest days of an emergency. ° Provided leadership in the completion of an unprecedented global evaluation of RH for refugees that documented progress, gaps and challenges ahead; continues to advocate for advances in this field. ° Published Beyond Firewood: Fuel Alternatives and Protection Strategies for Displaced Women and Girls, a first-of-its-kind report on ways to mitigate widespread violence against displaced women and girls as they collect firewood. Protecting and Educating Displaced Children and Youth Youth have special needs that are not universally recognized or met, and millions of children affected by armed conflict have no access to formal education. The Women's Commission advocates for increased child- and youth-specific responses in policy, programming and humanitarian assistance with a focus on education in emergencies. ° Ensures that education in emergencies for displaced women, youth and children is on the agenda of governments, donors, the UN and humanitarian organizations. Raised awareness of the need for uninterrupted education for young people affected by conflict in the landmark report, the Global Survey on Education in Emergencies. ° Conducted the first-ever training in Africa on the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies' Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, in Darfur, Sudan; Women's Commission advocacy resulted in UNICEF inviting community participation in their education coordination meetings in North Darfur. ° Conducted and published first worldwide participatory studies on adolescents affected by armed conflict. ° Houses Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, a collaborative NGO initiative that advocates to the UN Security Council to improve monitoring, reporting and follow-up action to protect the security and rights of children in specific armed conflicts. (www.watchlist.org) Ensuring the Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the United States Advocates for fair treatment for refugees and asylum seekers in the United States and worldwide. ° Advocates and works with the U.S. Congress and Federal agencies to ensure access to asylum for women and children fleeing armed conflict and abuse, to limit the use of detention and—if used—ensure that conditions for women and children are humane, and to increase access to legal representation. ° Produced groundbreaking documentation of harsh and degrading treatment of women and children asylum seekers held in U.S. prisons and detention centers. ° Was a catalyst for the 1998 U.S. guidelines for treatment of children asylum seekers and helped train asylum officers and immigration judges in using the guidelines. ° Produced What Happens When I Go To Immigration Court, a short educational film aimed at orienting children to immigration court. ° Was instrumental in the passage of the Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act in the Senate by unanimous consent. The law extends legal aid to children fleeing to the United States alone by recruiting more pro bono lawyers to donate their time and expertise to help in asylum proceedings.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

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

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

STRUCTURE:

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES:

1. Networking

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

2. Advocacy

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

3. Financial support

- Financial support is provided to churches and ecumenical organizations to support their work with uprooted people. This includes such activities as support to Hong Kong Christian Action for the legal services they provide to foreign domestic workers, MECC's training programmes for churches in working with refugees and others who experience trauma and torture, and FEDEPAZ's work to lobby their government on legislation affecting migrants and refugees and to 21 Christian National Councils implementing different activities across Africa.
- Proposals are received by WCC by 15 September. Staff review the proposals and consider expected income for the following year and notify partners of the minimum they can expect to receive the following year. Some donors designate funds for specific projects while others designate by region (often in consultation with WCC staff). WCC is able to balance these various restrictions to ensure that the needs of most partners are met (although there is never enough money to meet all the need, of course). A transfer schedule is worked out and, after an ecumenical partnership agreement is signed, funds are transferred in accord with that schedule. Reports are received in January - February, are edited and formatted, and are then shared with the funding partners. The process is transparent in that all partners know where the funds go and receive the reports from all partners (which is also a learning tool.)
- In most cases, staff work with partners to review their overall financial needs to consider alternative sources of funding, and to support them in their efforts to diversify their funding base. This work has included, for example, writing supportive letters to funding partners suggesting bilateral support, advocating with UNHCR to support partners as implementers of UNHCR programmes, and suggesting ways the partner can generate more income locally.

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HISTORY; PURPOSE:

World Vision Japan(WVJ) was established in 1987 as a Japanese NGO as well as a member of World Vision partnership. WVJ raises fund to help those who are in need of food, shelter, health service, education and so forth through emergency relief projects and long term development projects.

STRUCTURE:

We have Marketing section, International Program section and Administration section with total of 50 staff. Our office is located in the heart of Tokyo.

ACTIVITIES:

Our main work is to raise fund and to give technical assistance to the field offices. We raise fund both from private sector and public sector. We help implement projects on the ground by seconding staff. We work very closely with UNHCR Tokyo office for advocacy and awareness raising activities.

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STRUCTURE:

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According to our strategic direction, the funds raised from child sponsorship are mainly used in facilitating the communities to implement the following interventions in each of the 69 community based programs: 1. Primary school education, 2. Water and sanitation, 3. Community primary health care services, 4. 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 refugee camps in North-western Tanzania. In 2007 World Vision Tanzania has a partnership agreement with UNHCR for the management of Nyarugusu, Lugufu 1 and Lugufu 11 refugee camps and 2 Way Stations at total budget of US\$ 2,201,927. Out of this total budget, US\$ 928,619 is funding from UNHCR, US\$ 1,171,079 matching fund from World Vision Tanzania, US\$ 61,464 from UNICEF and US\$ 40,761 from WFP.

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YAAR is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profitable organization established in 1994. YAAR aims to contribute to the rehabilitation and development of Afghanistan through the planning, designing, implementation and undertaking of economic and humanitarian assistance.

STRUCTURE:

YAAR has created such posts and set up such bodies and working groups, as it deems necessary for the attainment of its objectives. 1: General Director, 2: Deputy Director, 3: Administrative Department, 4: Engineering & Planning Department, 5: Social Service Department, 6: Agriculture Department. YAAR has Key staff: 5 persons, Technical Staff: 13, Administrative Staff: 4. Its main office is located at: H.No.144, St. 8, Taimani, Kabul, Afghanistan. It has sub-offices in Nangarhar, Herat, Paktika, Bamyan and in Peshawar, Pakistan.

ACTIVITIES:

YAAR's has implemented projects in repairing and construction of irrigation system, agriculture, improved seed multiplication horticulture/budded fruit nursery, road repairing, education, training on human rights, women and children rights and has implemented other social infrastructure in eastern, central and northern Afghanistan. The sector of activities are irrigation, agriculture rehabilitation, reconstruction of roads and schools, shelter, health services, emergency relief assistance and women development programs.