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## **1. Autonomous Women's Center**

**Special, 2012**

### **Introduction**

Founded in 1993, Autonomous Women's Center (AWC) is a feminist organization working at the national and local levels in Serbia to provide specialist support to women victims of violence.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

AWC encourages individual and institutional response to violence against women.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

AWC provided psycho-social and legal support for women survivors of violence; professional education and support for development of a model of coordinated community action in prevention and protection from domestic violence; monitored the implementation of public policies; conducted research, policy analyses, advocacy, public awareness activities and networked among Serbian and international networks about prevention of violence against women. AWC also actively promoted implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. For more than 20 years AWC has commemorated International Women's Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Human Rights Day, by organizing public campaigns for "16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women".

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

AWC representatives attended the 55th session of the CEDAW Committee and presented a parallel report for the review of Serbia's 2nd and 3rd periodic reports under CEDAW.

Representatives attended and submitted a written statement at the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and met and discussed key conference issues with: the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, including its causes and its consequences; Staff of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations and the President of the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

AWC contributed written remarks to the 15th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) for the Universal Periodic Review of Serbia and responded to the Special Rapporteur's questionnaire on State responsibility for eliminating violence against women. In 2015, AWC representatives attended a meeting with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in

Belgrade, Serbia and the 17th annual Women against Violence Europe (WAVE) conference at The Hague, Netherlands.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

AWC concluded cooperation and consulting service agreements with United Nations entities including two cooperation agreements with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support and implement UNICEF Country Programme Action Plan and two national strategies in the field of violence against women and children; and a contract for professional consulting services with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to provide more efficient and better coordinated services to victims of gender based violence through capacity building for law enforcement agencies, 2013/2014. AWC welcomed the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, including its causes and consequences as a special guest at the conference on "How the women's movement influenced government policy" celebrating the organization's 20th anniversary, Belgrade, Serbia, 11-12 November 2013.

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

No activities were specified.

## **2. Awaz Centre for Development Services**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Founded in 1995, AwazCDS-Pakistan is a developmental organization working for the socioeconomic development and political empowerment of marginalized communities in Pakistan, especially women and young people.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

AwazCDS' overall goal is to empower communities with socioeconomic and political security in six program areas: health, education, climate justice, food security, disaster risk reduction and water and sanitation for all.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

AwazCDS has implemented programs for combating extreme poverty, economic empowerment of women, life skills based education, disaster risk reduction, flood response, recovery and technical and vocational support.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

AwazCDS participated in the following United Nations meetings:

- 2012 regular session of the Committee on NGOs;
- 4th Meeting of the High Level Panel (HLP) on the Post 2015 Development Agenda and the Round Table on Means of Implementation, Bali, Indonesia 21-28 March 2013;
- 46th-48th sessions of the Commission on Population and Development;
- Asia Pacific Ministerial Dialogue, From MDGs to the United Nations Development Agenda Beyond 2015, 26-28 August 2013 at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand;
- Ministerial Dialogue on Post 2015 accountability mechanisms organized by UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand;
- 2015 United Nations Sustainable Development Summit;
- 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

AwazCDS implemented emergency response, relief, early recovery and rehabilitation programs with the support of World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and UNDP after the devastating floods in Pakistan, which benefited 234,000 flood victims; and implemented a renewable energy program to support small farmers by installing 34 solar powered tube wells in south of Punjab Pakistan, which benefited 800 families.

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

AwazCDS initiated a community infrastructure improvement programme to support women's economic empowerment; and developed technical and vocational institutions to benefit young people, and programmes to institutionalize sexual and reproductive health and rights education in schools.

## **3. Centre for Environment and Development**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Sri Lanka based Centre for Environment and Development (CED) was established in 1993 to work mainly on sustainable development and social justice initiatives in Asia.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

CED aims to provide leadership at national, regional and international levels to create greater awareness and understanding of sustainable development and implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In 2012, CED initiated and coordinated the Peoples Sustainability Treaties that included 14 independent sector collective agreements. CED more recently has been working closely with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to establish the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Organization (CSO) Engagement Mechanism.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, CED participated in the regular sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, the 13th and 15th sessions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP13 and COP15). CED also participated in the Post 2015 sustainable development meetings in New York and contributed to several regional events, including Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2014-2016.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

CED regularly collaborated with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and ESCAP for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNFCCC for COP meetings, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and Global Environment Outlook (GEO). CED has also collaborated with United Nations University to provide input into specific events and with the United Nations office in Sri Lanka, in support of the Delivering as One mechanism and the SDGs.

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

CED initiated a community-based coir extract project designed to eliminate poverty using sustainable consumption and production tools. The project has expanded to include a microcredit fund, entrepreneurship programme and an ICT skills development mechanism.

## **4. Centre for Human Rights**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

The Centre for Human Rights (CHR) works towards human rights education in Africa.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The CHR aims to improve the human rights of women, people living with HIV, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, sexual minorities and other disadvantaged or marginalized persons or groups across the African continent by supporting the United Nations and African human rights systems through research and capacity building.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

CHR has hosted an international Conference exploring the theme ‘Overcoming Obstacles: Towards the Effective Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa’ (2013); provided information about the work of the United Nations in academic programmes, short courses and publications; and hosted the 2012 Helen Kanzira lecture delivered by a former High Commissioner for Human Rights focused on sexual and reproductive health rights.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, CHR attended the annual sessions of the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights and presented on National Action Plans (NAPs) on business and human rights in Africa (2013) and South Africa (2015). CHR also participated in a capacity building exercise on foreign policy and human rights at the 26th session of the Human Rights Council (2014) and in the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Business and Human Rights in Geneva (2015).

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

During the reporting period, CHR supported the work of the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and on the Human Rights Situation in Eritrea, and engaged in the following additional activities in cooperation with various United Nations entities:

- hosted a stakeholder meeting on the decriminalization of laws limiting freedom of expression in Africa in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (6 May 2012);
- co-organized a regional symposium on hate speech, led by the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Opinion and Expression and the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Saly, Senegal (3-4 October 2012);
- organized the annual Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);

- co-hosted a capacity building exercise with the OHCHR to improve the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (2013);
- presented a workshop on the protection of civic space, in collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association (17-18 November 2014).

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

CHR has conducted short courses on development and gender mainstreaming and hosted an International Conference on Women's Health and Reproductive Rights (2013).

### **5. Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy**

#### **Special, 2004**

##### **Introduction**

The Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy (CHRAPA) is a human rights organization established in May 2001.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

CHRAPA documents and monitors human rights violations in Cameroon.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization has carried out work related to access to justice paralegal programs; the fight against trafficking in persons; combating violence against women and torture; human rights sensitization and education; and celebration of International Days like 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, International Human Rights Day, International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, and Universal Children's Day, to name a few.

##### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

CHRAPA representatives participated in the 19th-30th sessions of the Human Rights Council, made oral statements on key agenda items and organized side events. The organization participated in the 57th session of the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women, during which Cameroon submitted its 3rd and 4th periodic reports, and submitted its own alternate report to the Committee.



### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The organization received financial assistance from the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) to work on a rights-based approach to developing the capacity of traditional authorities in Cameroon as a means to combat violence against women. Representatives also participated in a national workshop for civil society organizations working on the rights of persons living with disabilities organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, 7-9 September 2014, Yaoundé, Cameroon.

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

No activities were specified.

## **6. Centre for Social Research**

### **Special, 1996**

#### **Introduction**

Centre for Social Research (CSR) is a leading women's institute working on social action in India since 1983.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

CSR's goal is to achieve economic self-sufficiency for women and raise awareness of social, political and legal issues.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

CSR Director received the 2015 Lotus Leadership Award in recognition of her role in women's rights movements.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

CSR regularly serves on Internal Complaints Committees of various organizations as per the statute on Sexual Harassment at the Workplace. CSR collected youth recommendations for review of the Beijing Platform for Action from 10 Indian colleges and shared the findings at a parallel event during the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women. CSR trained 2,000 college students on online safety; and participated in the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum on Beijing+20, Bangkok 2014.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

CSR participated in the 56th-59th sessions of the CSW and the Director gave an oral statement at 56th CSW addressing rural women's empowerment as well as advocated for a 5th World Conference on Women.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

During the reporting period, CSR conducted: gender and child labour sensitization training for 3,500 men and boys with UNICEF; a study on ‘Violence against Women in Politics’ with UN-Women in 2013; gender sensitization trainings for 200 high level police personnel with UN-Women and the National Human Rights Commission in 2015; training on gender and politics for Bhutan parliamentarians, supported by the United Nations office in the Kingdom of Bhutan and UN-Women South Asia Regional Office; and a study addressing sexual and gender-based violence among refugees, supported by the Human Rights Council.

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

CSR initiated formation of an advocacy group to promote women leadership and supported 33% reservation of seats for women in Parliament; organized ‘Women Power Connect’, a network of about 1,300 NGOs working at the regional and national levels on women’s related concerns. CSR initiated the Water Conservation and Climate Change Programme with 150 elected women representatives of Rajasthan; the STEP Project, designed to uplift the socioeconomic status of women; formation of community watch groups for implementation of Meri Shakti Meri Beti in 7 districts of Haryana, to address sex selection; self-defence training for women and girls, supported by the Police; five crisis management centres in Delhi, providing counselling to victims of domestic violence; and a rape crisis intervention centre for counselling of rape survivors.

**7. Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales****Special, 2012****Introduction**

Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) Asociación Civil works to enhance human rights in Argentina through litigation.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

CELS aims to improve public policy in Argentina in particular, and Latin America in general, as well as human rights legal standards regionally and globally.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

CELS collaborated in the development of international standards such as the Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders and the “Mandela Rules”; helped introduce new issues in the global human rights agenda including, peasant rights and the impact of sovereign debt on human rights; and contributed to monitoring the human rights situation in Argentina.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, CELS participated in the following meetings, among others:

- 2012 session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and presented an alternate report on the human rights situation in Argentina;
- High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development;
- Interactive Dialogues with the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence, September 2014 and September 2015;
- Intergovernmental Expert Group on the Revision of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, February 2012 and March 2014;
- 22nd-30th sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC);
- OHCHR Expert roundtable on the "Interpretation of the extended refugee definition contained in the 1984 Cartagena Declaration on Refugees", October 2013;
- Second expert consultation of Human Rights at International Borders organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), November 2013;
- Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, 26th Session of the HRC;
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, June 2015.

CELS also participated as a panellist and co-organized side events during the 28th and 30th sessions of the Human Rights Council.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

CELS submitted contributions to the Human Rights Council on "Guidelines on International Protection for Persons Fleeing Armed Conflict and Other Situations of Violence" and to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' consultation regarding the implications of excessive incarceration and overcrowding. It co-organized a consultation with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing in Buenos Aires, November 2015; the "Regional Meeting of Experts in Security and Use of Force" with the Geneva Academy and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Buenos Aires, May 2014). CELS also provided psychological assistance to victims of torture in Argentina, in collaboration with the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture and contributed to the HRC Advisory Committee's report on vulture funds and their impact on human rights.

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

CELS worked towards elaborating a declaration regarding foreign debt and its impact on human rights which was signed by more than 100 social organizations (September 2014).

## **8. Centro UNESCO di Firenze**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Centro UNESCO di Firenze works under the umbrella of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote human rights, intercultural tolerance and safeguarding world heritage.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization works to promote UNESCO ideals which are “[t]o contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information” (UNESCO Constitution 1945).

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

The organization changed its name to Centre for UNESCO of Florence and also changed its Statutes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

No contribution was specified.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives of the organization participated in the 37th and 38th UNESCO General Conference.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The organization worked with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) to disseminate books and brochures on HIV/AIDS prevention and sensitization. The organization collaborated actively with the UNESCO office of the municipality of Firenze and organized events with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) on the occasion of World Day for Cultural Diversity and with the Food and Agriculture Organization on World Water Day.

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

The organization created the project “LearnEThailand” to provide English teachers for rural schools located in southern Thailand. Through the “Effetto Farfalla and Gioco delle Differenze” local projects and poetry lectures, the

organization taught primary and secondary students in Florence about gender equality and women's rights.

## **9. Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine**

**Special, 2008**

### **Introduction**

The Cercle de recherche sur les droits et devoirs de la personne humaine (CRED) is an international research institute comprising a multidisciplinary research team that investigates fundamental issues of law and international relations.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

CRED is a non-political, non-profit humanitarian organization that seeks, through research, advocacy, education and information, to provide innovative solutions to issues related to democracy, discrimination, governance, terrorism, international migration, climate change and phenomena of wilful killing.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

The option of creating associations in different countries was discarded. The organization's statutes provide for General Counsellors or permanent representatives to represent the President and Supreme Council of CRED to United Nations Member States and the organizations of the United Nations system.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- Under the National Anti-discrimination Programme of Cameroon, CRED has implemented 50 recommendations and resolutions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
- CRED took part in the seminar of the Rwandan human rights commission and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) on the role of national human rights institutions and other national mechanisms in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, held in Kigali, Rwanda on 28 and 29 September 2015.
- At a charity gala it had organized in Geneva on 5 December 2015, CRED received a financial contribution of CHF 200 from UNCHR.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

CRED attended the following meetings:

- The annual Human Rights Council meeting with NGOs on special procedures, October 2014;

- the 85th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), on 18 August 2014, to review of the 19th through 21st reports on Cameroon;
- the 12 February 2014 meeting of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);
- the fourth review session of the Universal Periodic Review (2013) dealing with the fifth periodic report of Cameroon.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The organization asked CERD to visit Cameroon to monitor activities relating to the ethnic makeup of the country's population.

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

CRED has taken the following initiatives in this regard:

- Exchange and integration of 1,000 persons with disabilities into education and the labour market in Cameroon;
- Operation “100 property deeds for 100 indigenous persons by 2018” in Cameroon;
- Operation “100 property deeds for 100 women by 2018” in Cameroon; and
- Creation of a national psychosocial support and legal aid centre for victims of discrimination.

### **10. Chabad: International Jewish Educational and Cultural Network**

#### **Special, 1996**

##### **Introduction**

Chabad is an international Jewish Educational and Cultural Network with more than 3,000 institutions in 80 countries.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization is dedicated to enhancing the physical welfare of disadvantaged persons with social services and rehabilitation programs.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

Since 2012, new centres have been opened in six countries.

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Chabad ran pre-K, elementary and high schools, day camps, cultural community centres; conducted crisis intervention; and provided immediate disaster response and temporary shelter, food relief, medical care, professional individual and group counselling, foster care for orphaned children, advocacy for victims,

resettlement and rebuilding efforts, life-saving rescue and evacuation, burial assistance, coordination and training of volunteers and support for children and adults with special needs.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Chabad attended the 50th session of the Commission for Social Development; the 5th-7th sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the High-level Dialogue and Informal Interactive Hearing on International Migration and Development; the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development; the 48th session of the Commission on Population and Development; the 14th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and the World Education Forum, 2015.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The organization has coordinated with the United Nations Office for Partnerships to organize and develop the annual Nexus Global Youth Summit; assisted the Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in building partnerships and coordinating relief efforts for the earthquake in Nepal in May, 2015 and the hurricane in Dominica in August 2015; and has coordinated with the United Nations Department of Political Affairs to advocate on behalf of minorities and displaced persons in northern Iraq and Syria.

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

The organization has worked with Kiva, the world's largest free online loan organization to provide microloans to small business owners to help eradicate poverty in developing countries.

### **11. Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Production of the Argentine Republic**

#### **Special, 1996**

##### **Introduction**

CACIPRA was founded on 14 August 1913 by a group of businessmen convinced of the value and strength of free enterprise as a means to nourish and protect civil society.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

CACIPRA fosters the spirit of partnership among members of the Argentine Republic's commerce, industry and production sectors.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

CACIPRA has developed a virtual campus as a communication tool to assist its membership and undergraduate students at its Institute of Higher Education.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization publishes a newsletter and a bi-monthly magazine to disseminate information on the activities, objectives and programs of the United Nations. Recent editions have covered such topics as fighting malaria; progress in the fight against meningitis in Africa; the Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples; cocoa cultivation replaces coca; and several editions have focussed on the work of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). CACIPRA also coordinated students to commemorate various United Nations International Years.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Chamber participated in the 50th session of the Commission for Social Development; the 68th-69th annual Chamber of Commerce conference; and the 70th annual Department of Public Information Non-Governmental Organization (DPI/NGO) Conference on the Millennium Development Goals.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

## **12. Chicago TASC**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Since 1976 Chicago T.A.S.C. Inc. has worked with families, organizations and public systems to build healthy and safe communities that help individuals overcome addictive and other behavioural illnesses and their consequences.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

TASC is committed to reducing incarceration by offering sensible alternatives.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

TASC added treatment services to its continuum of care.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

TASC worked with many organizations across the United States to advocate for humane and progressive policies on addiction, treatment, recovery, criminal justice matters, HIV/AIDS and other public/health and public safety issues. The organization facilitated discussions with key constituencies regarding the work of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC); the role and purpose of the Commission on Narcotics Drugs (CND), and the relationship with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); the objectives of United Nations



international conventions and agreements dealing with narcotic drugs and all related policies recommendations; and the purpose of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNAGSS 2016). TASC also participated in local and national World AIDS Day activities, and the National Recovery Month events every September sponsored by the United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

TASC attended and participated in the 57th and 58th sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).

#### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

TASC has conducted national and local surveys, and developed typologies related to diversion of people with behavioural health conditions from the justice system to community treatment and the public health system. It has led the national conversation on “no entry” activities, and worked with law enforcement to develop options prior to arrest to support treatment over arrest and prosecution for people with behavioural health conditions.

### **13. Children Education and Social Welfare Society**

#### **Special, 2012**

##### **Introduction**

Children Education and Welfare Society (CEWS) is a charitable organization established in 1998 to work for the most disadvantaged, marginalized and vulnerable population of kutchi abadis (underprivileged communities) of Lahore, Pakistan, and remote areas of south Punjab, and in Dera Ghazi Khan.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

CEWS aims to use education and healthcare to ease the suffering of the most vulnerable members of society, particularly poor and neglected children and women.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, CEWS continued to run a maternal health clinic and monitored and evaluated women’s rights protection services and rehabilitated schools. CEWS also formed a network of 50 Community Based Organizations (CBOs), including one to educate and empower women and address such issues as

human rights, violence, legal and family planning. CEWS worked to address infrastructure development, including sewage systems, roads and streets, transportation and removal of liquid and solid waste. CEWS engaged in preventive measures campaigns against HIV/AIDS through mapping, counselling and testing referral of HIV/AIDS patients, and capacity building of volunteers and community workers.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

CEWS established a 30-bed hospital and a Homeopathic Medical College in the district of DG Khan in Pakistan, and an employment oriented education institution, including skills development and job market placement for orphan/street/out of school children in Mouza Kora Pind and Mouza Chung, Lahore. CEWS also established a Maternal and Neonatal Child Health (MNCH) Centre in Mouza Keer Khurd, Lahore, a non-formal school to educate gipsy children in Gohawa Moore, Bedian Road, Lahore, a Vocational (stitching) School for women and girls in Nai Abadi Gohawa and a Computer Training Centre for women in Kohaar Bhitta, Bedian Road, Lahore.

**14. China Care and Compassion Society****Special, 2004****Introduction**

The China Care and Compassion Society (CCCS) was established to care for people's physical and mental health.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

CCCS is dedicated to creating harmonious communities and families through training, educating, and promoting sustainable and coordinated social development.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

CCCS contributed to the Universal Periodic Review of China to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). After the earthquakes in April 2013 and in August 2014, it helped organize recovery efforts and provided copies of its handbook on disease prevention.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The CCCS delegation participated in the 65th Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization (DPI/NGO) annual conference.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

In 2012, CCCS published the book Health and Wisdom and in 2015 the organization published the Handbook for Cardiovascular Health. About 5,000 copies of each were distributed to schools and community residents. During the reporting period, CCCS sponsored the annual Forum on Women's Health in Beijing, China, in which medical experts shared their knowledge with thousands of residents. In 2015, CCCS carried out a survey to ascertain the health knowledge of residents in Beijing. Also, in September 2015, CCCS collaborated with Capital Normal University in Beijing to organize the "Science Carnival" where 1,200 teachers and primary school students participated in scientific activities.

**15. China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Programme****Special, 2000****Introduction**

The China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Programme (CSPGP) was started in April 1994 to help alleviate poverty.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The purpose of Guangcai Programme is to achieve prosperity and eliminate poverty.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

CSPGP was active in over 20 public welfare programs and in various activities supported by "Asahi Kasei Special Funds for Water and Environmental Protection".

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

CSPGP council members launched the world's first "Zero Discrimination Day" publicity campaign with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

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

- CSPGP organized "Guangcai Actions" as a vital way of contributing to poverty eradication.
  - On October 17, 2014, China's first National Poverty Relief Day, it co-organized an event where 36 private entrepreneurs launched the "Let's Get Actively Involved in Poverty Reduction for the Society" initiative.
  - On October 17, 2015, CSPGP co-organized the "Enterprises for Villages" Accurate Poverty Alleviation Project in Beijing to build relationships between 10,000 private enterprises and 10,000 impoverished villages to accelerate poverty eradication within three to five years.
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