

Answers to the Questionnaire from NGO Section of DESA to NGO's in General Consultative Status (Submitted to the NGO Section of DESA on September 30, 2003)

1. In which area of the Millennium Development Goals is your organization focused? Please circle only the MDGs addresses by your organization's activities in order of priority giving 1 to the goal that receives maximum focus and 8 to the area that receives the least.

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Achieve universal primary education (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Promote Gender equality and empowerment (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 - Reduce child mortality
 - Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases 1 (2) 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Ensure environmental sustainability 1 (2) 3 4 5 6 7 8
 - Develop a global partnership for development

2. Is your organization involved in any of the following areas? If yes, please circle the activity(ies) in order of priority.

- Peace and Security (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 - Human Rights 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

3. SUCCESS STORY TO BE SHARED:

The MDG Success Story (In 300 words or less)

Our main focus toward MDGs is to Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger through several projects which are relevant to the following MDGs: i) Achieve universal primary education, ii) Promote gender equality and empower women, iii) Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases, and iv) Ensure environmental sustainability.

As a women's organization anxious to find a global solution toward Eradication of Poverty and contribute in any way we could, we started international volunteer service activities in 1994. Volunteers from Japan went to over 100 countries. The volunteer members researched their mission country's situations and worked to find possible programs and projects to help the mission countries. They brought ideas and proposals for projects back to Japan. 47 Japanese prefecture branches were matched with over 100 nations as a basis for cooperation and support. The projects were developed between these "sister partners". After discussing which project the Japanese WFP branch would support, plans were made for fundraising. Charity bazaars and bingo centers were opened in many communities. Requests for donations were also sent to other charitable organizations such as Rotary Club, Lions Club, etc.

Thus, to help individuals and communities, grass root activities began on both side of the world. As a result of the hard work and cooperation of both the overseas volunteers and local volunteers in each country, in this decade, we have established ongoing projects which are relevant to those four goals mentioned in the preamble as i),ii), iii), and iv) out of 8 MDGs.

Toward goal i): Education Projects such as school construction and management projects have been established in Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Equatorial Guinea, and Mongolia. Educational Aid and Literacy Education projects were begun in Liberia, Uganda, Guinea, Afghanistan, Jamaica, Vanuatu and Ethiopia. Sound Nurturing of Youth Projects now exist in Honduras, and Ghana. Foster Parents Programs are in 18 countries (1069 students) and scholarship programs in 7 countries (100 students).

Toward Goal ii): Women's Self-help Aid Projects such as vocational training projects are in Liberia, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Myanmar, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Jordan, Trinidad and Tobago, and Micro-credit projects in Bangladesh and Jordan.

Toward Goal iii): There are Education for AIDS Prevention projects in Ghana, Liberia, Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago, Colombia, and Vanuatu, and Medical AID projects in Belarus, Nepal, Niger, Trinidad and Tobago.

Toward Goal iv): Agriculture and Food Aid Projects are in Liberia, Zambia and Uganda and Sanitation and Nutrition guidance projects in Niger, Guinea, Zambia, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Fundraising activities to support the projects have been expanded to WFWP branches in other developed countries including USA and some European countries. More detailed information and photos are in the International Service Projects Annual Report 2002, which was mailed to your office.

4. SUMMARY OF YOUR MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Please provide your organization's main activities and most significant experiences in working with the MDGs. (Please describe in 200 words or less)

As an NGO in General Consultative Status, WFWPI has initiated worldwide service projects focusing on economic development, education and healthcare, consistent with the UN's resolution for the International Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006). For the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010), WFWPI continues to hold activities of peace-building and reconciliation. These programs include "Sisterhood Projects; The Bridge of Peace" and conferences on the Culture of Peace. Because successful and lasting poverty eradication will only be accomplished in a global environment where peace is upheld and maintained, WFWPI targets those two areas. This work automatically puts WFWPI at the forefront of the endeavor to accomplish MDGs by 2015.

WFWPI is already focusing on key targets within the MDGs. Those are: 1) Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger (targets 1 & 2), 2) Achieve Universal primary education (target 3), 3) Promote gender equality and empower women (target 4), 4) Reduce Child Mortality (target 5), 5) Improve maternal health (target 6), 6) combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases (targets 7& 8), 7) Ensure environmental sustainability (target 11), 8) Develop a global partnership for development (target 16).