B. Project summaries by country (in alphabetical order)

CAMEROON

Grantee: Cercle International pour la Promotion de la Création (CIPCRE)

Project title: Prévention des pratiques deshumanisantes et discriminatoires des rites de veuvage dans le groupement Baham à l'Ouest-Cameroun

Project activities included an information event for the public; two educational discussions with women officiating widow rites; a training session for local leaders, widows and village heads on gender discrimination and its impact on widow rites; a session conceptualizing a customary code on widow rites; a meeting of a widow rites observatory in Baham and an official ceremony for the presentation and validation of the customary code. Awareness raising focused on the need to humanize widow rites, encouraging participation of widows, expressing their opinion on the subject, and forming a group to defend their interests. The training of elders, widows, village heads aimed to improve the understanding of gender discrimination related to widow rites. CIPCRE organized sketches on the positive and negative aspects of widow rites, developed a customary code, created an observatory and elaborated a list of its members. Beneficiaries of the project included 24 women officiating widow rites, the widows themselves, youth, men, village heads and other influential persons - 399 people in total, of which 197 women and 202 men. 13 local leaders learnt about human rights norms and principles related to the protection of women's rights. More than 300 people were informed about these rites in Baham through information campaigns and a presentation ceremony. It is hoped that the creation of a customary code will bring longer-term impact.

Grantee: Ecumenical Service for Peace

Project title: Advocacy to expose the predicament of old discriminated people of rural Cameroon to policy-makers for policy reforms: The case of Mbalmayo

Project activities included a survey on the conditions of older people in Mbalmayo; developing data collection tools; training workshops for data collectors; analysis of the collected data; producing and shooting a documentary film on older persons; organising a feedback workshop for stakeholders to present survey findings; projecting the documentary film and discussing the survey results; and distributing copies of the survey and the documentary film. The documentary film provided older persons a chance to express themselves and the dissemination of the survey findings and radio campaigns helped to raise awareness about their conditions amongst the wider public as well as stakeholders such as government ministries, United Nations agencies, churches and others. The project stimulated efforts to put in place a legal framework for protecting and promoting the rights of older persons in Cameroon.

CAPE VERDE

Grantee: Associação Caboverdeana de Auto-promoção da Mulher no Desenvolvimento (MORABI)

Project title: Sensibilisation sur les droits de l'homme dans les villages de pêche (Salamansa et São Pedro) à São Vicente MORABI organized a training session on human rights, citizenship and gender relations with 27 participating teachers from various schools; a second training session involved 23 young volunteers from fishing communities. In addition, 19 information, communication and educational sessions were organised on human rights, citizenship, gender relations and domestic violence for parents, students and professors from numerous schools. 395 students from various schools and 127 parents were informed about human rights and gender relations. 15 female victims of gender based violence received information about their rights. MORABI distributed informative and pedagogical resource materials, in particular, 3,000 brochures on human rights, citizenship and gender relations. One of the expected result of this project is that teachers would now be able to detect signs of violence amongst students and assist them to seek remedy.

Grantee: Associação para Defensa do Consumidor (ADECO)

> Project title: Cape Verdean youth promoting respect for human rights

Two main activities were carried out, namely the Children Percussion Orchestra for Human Rights and the Human Rights Youth Festival. The first activity involved educating more than 50 children and adolescents of both sexes in the following subjects: Human Rights and Citizenship, Domestic Economy, Finance and Entrepreneurship and Music Theory. The children enrolled in these classes ranged from 6 to 14 years of age. The Children Percussion Orchestra for Human Rights was presented to the public in a show of one and a half hours. The second activity, the Human Rights Youth Festival, promoted the participation of young people as human rights activists in Cape Verde. Eighteen music bands participated with more than 60 young artists. They created 14 songs about human rights. Through these activities, more than 50 children were made aware of their human rights and responsibilities as citizens, trained in music, entrepreneurship and household economy. Songs on human rights were disseminated throughout local communities. Apart from the children participating in classes and in musical bands, parents, relatives of the children, their trainers and teachers were also exposed to human rights. Broader dissemination of the project results will be achieved by social media such as Facebook, Youtube, blogging, as well as by ADECO's radio shows and TV programmes.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Grantee: Réseau des Associations Locales de Gestion des Zones Cynégétiques villageoises du Nord RCA (RZCVN)

Project title: Renforcement de capacités des femmes rurales en techniques de gestion et de gouvernance des caisses communautaires et réduction de la discrimination des femmes rurales

Campaigns aimed to raise awareness amongst populations of village hunting zones (zones cynégétiques villageoises or ZCV) in basic human rights principles and to identify women leaders in each community for human rights training sessions. A large campaign was also organised in 25 village communities with the goal of restructuring all CVED offices (Concertation Villageoises d'Ecodéveloppement) in order to give more responsibility to the trained women leaders. Approximately 80 per cent or 6,000 inhabitants from 25 participating village communities were reached by the awareness-raising campaign and 150 selected women leaders received human rights training in Bamingui and Sangba. These leaders were also informed about the importance of their involvement in the management of community resources. The project permitted the ZCV

network of North Central African Republic to develop awareness amongst the concerned populations about the role of women in community management. One of the important features of the project was the active involvement of women in the community management of resources coming from these zones. There was also a change in behaviours in favour of combating discrimination of women in the zones covered by the network.

Grantee: Association des Hommes Vivant avec le VIH/SIDA

Project title: Renforcement de capacité des associations des personnes vivant avec le VIH/SIDA (hommes, femmes OEV) des OAC/ONG de lutte contre le SIDA en matière des droits de l'homme et vulgarisation de la loi relative aux droits des PVVIH existante

The project involved a number of activities such as producing and disseminating copies of the law related to the rights and obligations of people living with HIV/AIDS, organising 5 training courses on the rights and responsibilities of people living with HIV/AIDS, and disseminating 75 copies of the law in five cities. Modules were developed on the following themes: protection of fundamental rights of people infected with HIV/AIDS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international guidelines of UNAIDS, the right to treatment and information, and rights and obligations of people living with HIV/AIDS. A total of 150 people (of which 63 women and 87 men) were informed about and received documentation on the law on the rights and obligations of people living with HIV/AIDS, and 300 copies of the law were distributed for free in the target cities. Direct beneficiaries of the project included the 100 people infected with HIV in 5 localities; 25 leaders from various organisations fighting against AIDS; 25 stakeholders such as the Police Commissioner, President of the Tribunal, doctors, care-givers and others. Indirectly, organisations involved in the fight against AIDS and local authorities also benefitted from this project.

ECUADOR

Grantee: Fundación Radialistas para el Desarrollo Social

Project title: Radios por la igualdad

The main activity of this project was the production of 10 radio spots on human rights and antidiscrimination themes in partnership with 20 local radio stations that mainly work on issues related to the rights of vulnerable people (e.g., indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian peoples, women, children, youth and others). The 20 radio stations broadcasted the radio spots on the occasion of Human Rights Day 2011. These radio spots sought to promote human rights by reaching different types of audiences. Direct beneficiaries of the project included the participants of the training workshops who developed capacity for protection and promotion of human rights. Indirect beneficiaries include some 200,000 listeners of the broadcasted radio spots. Listeners belonging to vulnerable sections of the Ecuadorian population are now more aware of their human rights and can take action for their respect.

Grantee: Corporación Cultural "Taller de Investigación Teatral"

Project title: Jóvenes, amor y sexualidad: Sensibilización sobre derechos sexuales y reproductivos en los adolescentes

The project consisted of the following activities: organization of consultations with a lawyer on the legal framework of sexual and reproductive rights of adolescents; the development of a baseline

survey to establish various concerns related to adolescents' sexuality; the promotion of active discussion amongst adolescents on concerns about sexual and reproductive rights through the use of theatre (the play "Nosotras"); and a forum was organised with the involvement of a health professional in order to ensure active participation of young people who wanted answers to their questions concerning sexual and reproductive rights. The direct beneficiaries of the project were the adolescents themselves who were made aware of their rights. The activities mentioned above benefited 6,600 boys and girls from the Chillogalo sector, which represents approximately 44 per cent of the adolescent population of this area.

IRAQ

Grantee: Al Aradaa Organization for Aid and Development

Project title: Project to support human rights defenders and activists in the field of human rights in the province of Diyala

The grantee organized seven training workshops in the Diyala province (the city of Baquba) for 245 human rights activists, including members of the media and civil society, on human rights protection mechanisms and monitoring and reporting skills. Al Aradaa produced a folder with information on the most important human rights mechanisms, as well as international conventions and relevant national laws. Volunteers disseminated 1,000 folders to civil society and governmental institutions. The project empowered human rights defenders by raising awareness of their rights and mechanisms that protect them.

Grantee: Human Rights Centre in Iraq (HRCI)

Project title: Dissemination of democracy and human rights concepts

To disseminate democracy and human rights concepts in Kirkuk, the Human Rights Centre in Iraq (HRCI) implemented two human rights training workshops for 40 young representatives of non-governmental organizations, lawyers and journalists. The project involved developing, printing and disseminating 500 user-friendly human rights booklets on key human rights thematic areas and concepts including women's rights. The workshop participants formed a network of young human rights defenders aiming to report to the Centre current instances of discrimination and human rights violations, especially as concerns women's rights. Concluding questionnaires revealed that the youth increased their knowledge on international and regional human rights standards and mechanisms, strengthened their activism skills and gained confidence in monitoring, promoting and defending human rights and combating discrimination against women.

Kosovo¹

Grantee: Center for Development of Arts (ARTPOLIS)

> Project title: Promoting human rights among young people by using Forum Theatre as a tool

The project employed the Forum Theatre approach for introducing human rights to the youth of marginalised communities as well as open public discussions on the topics of right of return of

¹ Reference to Kosovo should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

displaced persons, freedom of speech and of movement. The Forum Theatre performance reached youth in seven municipalities and an audience of 70-100 young people per performance. Each performance was followed by a 30-50 minute post-performance discussion between actors and the audience. Performances were accompanied by an exhibition of photographs by youth belonging to different ethnic backgrounds as part of the "Interactive Art School". The project reached young boys, girls, teachers and civil society activists from seven Kosovo municipalities. Concrete results of the project included the promotion of human rights using theatre as an education tool in primary and secondary schools, presentation of the Forum Theatre events with a subject-specific focus, creating a safe space for young people to reflect on human rights and peacebuilding in Kosovo through post-performance debates, knowledge and capacity building on human rights amongst students and teachers, and open discussions amongst youth and teachers on interethnic issues.

Grantee: European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)

Project title: Protecting human rights in the new municipalities of Kosovo

Legal aid lawyers conducted legal aid visits in various municipalities. Ninety posters promoting legal aid clinics were distributed and 43 residents received direct legal aid. Cases concerning compensation for a privatisation process and the inability to access Government assistance were also addressed. Apart from these activities, anti-discrimination training workshops were organised for 21 municipal officials including gender officers, officers of human rights units and civil society actors on topics such as anti-discrimination standards and Kosovo legislative framework for human rights protection. Information materials including 1,510 leaflets were also printed and distributed to residents of four targeted municipalities. It is estimated that the information campaign reached 12,000 beneficiaries.

MAURITANIA

Grantee: Association des femmes chefs familles (AFCF)

Project title: Projet pour le renforcement de l'unité nationale et de la lutte contre les exclusions ethniques et raciales

AFCF developed a thematic collection on human rights topics including legal standards related to anti-discrimination, women's rights and the rights of the child. A guide was also created for trainers. Various stakeholders participated in the project launch included representatives of local and municipal authorities and OHCHR staff. AFCF organized human rights awareness-raising campaigns and cultural events involving sketches, theatre, singing and dancing. The project resulted, among others, in a better understanding of human rights including women's rights; a better understanding of the necessity of reinforcing social cohesion amongst communities; the reestablishment of contacts between the repatriates and the welcoming community; the creation of mixed committees with certain tasks. In the long term, AFCF envisages the use of the above committees to put into place a legal clinic. Beneficiaries of the project included 2,512 people and 575 families in Dar Salam, and 309 people and 74 families in Senokouna.

Grantee: Comité de Solidarité avec les Victimes des Violations des Droits Humains en Mauritanie (CSVVDH)

> Project title: Droits et devoirs des employés domestiques à Nouakchott

The project aimed to increase the awareness amongst domestic workers of their rights and responsibilities. Activities included: five focus groups led by jurists and facilitators; pilot meetings organised between employees and employers; information sessions explaining, through practical cases, violations of contract clauses and their contestation; identification of a 10 member group to ensure the continuity and support given to new domestic employees for six months; opening a Centre, which provides advice for candidates who wish to become domestic servants; and two theatre events. These activities aimed to contribute to raising awareness about existing legal provisions, violation of contracts and ways of addressing these violations. The results of these activities include awareness raising on the content of the law on domestic labour and continuous support to domestic workers through capacity building. Overall, 107 people benefitted from these awareness-raising initiatives including 16 employers and 93 employees. Currently, 17 cases are pending and their results will be followed by social workers of the Centre. The populations showed interest in improving their conditions of work.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Grantee: Centrul de Informare in domeniul Drepturilor Omului (CIDO) / Human Rights Information Center

Project title: Human Rights Academy: Fundamentals of human rights and anti-discrimination work

CIDO conducted a course on the fundamentals of human rights and anti-discrimination work, which involved 24 study sessions on a weekly basis on varying themes such as human rights concepts, standards, activism, right to life and death penalty, public action and public pressure work, freedom from torture, human rights reporting, discrimination and minorities, human rights work via internet, religious freedoms and minorities, lobbying and advocacy etc. Practical sessions on the above topics aimed at strengthening practical skills, knowledge and attitudes, developing understanding of project planning, fund-raising, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. A course book, additional training materials and hand-outs were provided to the participants. During these sessions, six human rights and anti-discrimination action groups were also formed and supported. A total of 24 course participants benefitted from the training and practical workshop sessions and the six human rights action groups generated short term action plans. The project enhanced the skills and knowledge of these 24 individuals and developed their capacity to carry out effective human rights and anti-discrimination work. These 21 women and 3 men included young prospective human rights workers and activists, journalists and media professionals and public officers. The six action groups continue to promote human rights in the country.

Grantee: Association of Independent Press

Project title: Dissemination of best practices in media coverage of discrimination phenomena

The project trained 52 journalists from national and regional mass media in covering the situation and rights of persons from disadvantaged groups in accordance with the provisions of journalism ethics. The Association disseminated good practices in covering situations and rights of persons from disadvantaged groups and minorities through an electronic newsletter. The training for journalists addressed ethical norms, recommendations of international and national organisations, interviewing victims of discrimination, rights of persons belonging to minority groups etc. The monthly newsletter included content on discrimination published in Moldovan media. It was sent

to some 500 international and non-governmental organizations and other bodies. Indirectly, 250,000 Moldovan citizens also benefitted, as readers of media. Journalists improved their skills in ethically and professionally covering issues related to people from disadvantaged and minority groups.

SENEGAL

Grantee: Centre de Guidance Infantile et Familiale de Dakar (CEGID)

Project title: Séminaire de formation des professionnels de la justice pour une protection effective des droits des enfants victimes d'abus sexuels et/ou de maltraitance

The project included a training course for 15 professionals in the administration of justice system including police officers, gendarmes, lawyers and magistrates dealing with sexual offenses. The training course focused on psychosocial and victim-oriented approaches to the crime, treatment of victims, and techniques of interviewing children, involving interventions by experts and professionals from various fields such as psychology, medicine, academia and justice. Topics brought up in related discussions were repercussions of sexual aggression on the child and posttraumatic stress; the medico-legal aspects of sexual violence; adopting a multidisciplinary approach while dealing with minors – victims of sexual violence; the specificities of different types of sexual offenses and the different approaches to be adopted; the various steps involved whilst interviewing a child-victim and how to interrogate offenders. This training course was the first of its kind in Senegal and gathered different law enforcement professionals, experts and doctors, with the aim to contribute to the overall improvement in the legal methods of dealing with cases of sexual violence and to offer children support throughout the process and enhance protection of their rights. The discussions addressed difficulties encountered by all these professionals whilst dealing with cases of sexual violence on minors. In further support of this initiative, the mayor's office and the Thiès regional council have offered financial support to build an interview room suitable for children.

Grantee: Observatoire des Relations de Genre au Sénégal (ORGENS)

> Project title: Lutte contre les violences

The goal of the project was to train 50 participants including young girls and boys from schools and professional training centres, parents, teachers, academy inspection personnel, legal personnel, health personnel, police personnel and those from the local council. ORGENS developed a specific participatory module for youth and adults on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and national instruments. The three-day training dealt with numerous topics such as international, regional and national human rights texts, particularly those related to protection from gender-based discrimination against girls in schools, gender discrimination and its impact on the right of girls to education and to life free of violence. The 50 participants from Podor acquired knowledge about the provisions of the UDHR and CEDAW with relation to the Senegalese Constitution. Additional beneficiaries of public awareness-raising events included 500 students, 50 professors and 200 parents.

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Grantee: Forum Center for Strategic Research and Documentation, Skopje

> Project title: Yuruks between the tradition and contemporary social trends

The grantee carried out visits to the target regions inhabited by the Yuruk population, disseminated brochures with content that would be easily understood by the target group in Macedonian and Turkish languages, organized four workshops for representatives of local administration and civil society organizations involving interventions by an expert on human rights and an ethnologist, and implemented cultural events and exhibitions promoting direct contact between the local population and representatives of the Yuruk community. The workshops acquainted the participants with universal human rights, provisions of Family Law and the Law guaranteeing protection against discrimination. Forum Center screened a documentary film titled Tobacco Girl on the theme of selling brides, which is a custom in the Yuruk community. The ensuing discussion addressed a taboo subject in the community. Exhibitions of traditional Yuruk costumes raised awareness about the minority amongst the majority community. Beneficiaries included 100 participants of the workshops (representatives of local communities, local residents, teachers, NGO representatives and local authorities). Teachers also actively participated in the workshops and invited students and more young people to get involved. Discussions on themes rarely discussed and involving different stakeholders were a positive outcome. The cultural exhibition linked the marginalised region and its ethnic community with the mainstream population through the efforts of local organizations.

Grantee: Performing Arts Centre MULTIMEDIA

Project title: Youth fighting discrimination through social media

The major project activities included the organisation of human rights education workshops focusing on discrimination, stereotypes and prejudice by means of presentations, analysis, group discussions on video materials, daily newspapers, TV commercials and hands-on exercises; online workshops with the participation of social media experts on the use of social media in youth activism, planning and organising campaigns; workshops on digital activism, the use of mobile phones for producing and editing content; and the notion of "civic reporting". In addition, the grantee carried out promotional events in schools involving a wide range of participants such as professors and students. The project involved 40 young students from two secondary schools as direct participants. Some 800 others indirectly benefitted from these activities including students' parents, people within the student community and authorities from State institutions. These intensive workshops enabled students to discuss human rights violations in their communities and encouraged them to respect differences. The workshop on social media for the promotion of human rights informed about the use of new technologies to raise awareness about discrimination amongst youth. The students also learnt about different social research methods and were encouraged to actively participate in community building through the effective use of social media and new technologies.

Togo

Grantee: Action pour la Promotion de l'Enfant Rural (APER)

> Project title: Droits et libertés pour les personnes handicapées au Togo

This project included three main activities, drawing on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a document of reference. Firstly, APER organized debates on social, economic, civil and political rights of persons with disabilities with the involvement of numerous developmental stakeholders such as prefects, general secretaries of prefectures, representatives from various religions, traditions chiefs, members from civil society organisations, persons with disabilities and the media. Secondly, APER disseminated 500 copies of the above mentioned Convention amongst local authorities. Thirdly, the organisation developed a sketch entitled "Concorde et Développement" addressing the social, cultural and political rights of persons with disabilities. This initiative was disseminated via radio stations (e.g. Canal FM and Tchaoudjo Venus) and a television channel (V2). Scenes from this production were also recorded on 200 audio and video CDs to be distributed to public services and civil society organisations. The debates sensitised 1,000 people, while thousands of listeners accessed the sketch through radio and television. The presenters and speakers gave concrete examples from practical life, thus encouraging an interactive discussion amongst participants. The main beneficiaries of these activities were the 300,000 persons with disabilities from the project regions.

Grantee: Femme, Action pour un Développement Intégral (FADI)

Project title: Education aux droits de l'homme orientée contre la discrimination des personnes séropositives, des femmes, des enfants et des détenus

FADI's project implemented education programmes on the rights of detainees and of HIV positive persons, oriented against violence inflicted upon women and on human rights for children and adolescents. The first activity involved training for traditional chiefs and community leaders on detainees' rights, organisation of two informational visits amongst detainees in prison and radio shows in French and local languages on penal procedures and detainees' rights. The second activity included training of union leaders on rights of persons related to HIV/AIDS, organisation of two information sessions on the rights of HIV positive persons amongst workers and radio shows in French and local languages on these rights. The third set of activities included human rights training for female leaders oriented against violence inflicted upon women, the creation of committees of female leaders, and radio shows on women's rights and on violence against women. The fourth activity included the training of student peer educators and the organisation of interschool competitions, both on the rights of the child. Information was disseminated by means of radio shows in French and local languages, as well as, brochures and visits. Interschool competitions on the rights of the child in the Mô plain benefitted students, teachers and parents in the region. Over 390 people directly benefitted from the project through training sessions, while 140,000 people benefitted from the project indirectly.

UGANDA

Grantee: National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda (NAFODU)

Project title: Human rights promotion and community action against Batwa discrimination in Kabale district

Project activities included a training workshop on human rights monitoring and advocacy, a consultative meeting organised with elected leaders, the establishment of Human Rights Support Committees and a round table meeting with community stakeholders, police officials and the aforementioned Batwa Committees. Among project results are the raising awarness of the Batwa

on their rights; the encouragement of elected leaders to include Batwa in the decision-making processes at the sub-county and district levels through consultations; the dialogue with Bantu representatives, civil society, conservation agencies, district environment and forest officers; and the founding of Human Rights Support Committees to monitor and report human rights violations against the Batwa. The project directly benefitted 300 Batwa and 250 community leaders, civil society members, conservation agencies and other officers. Indirectly, 20,000 people in the target zone also benefitted.

Grantee: Muslim Centre for Justice and Law

Project title: Working with Islamic theological and madrasa schools to popularise and carry out human rights education

Activities included a two-day symposium engaging Muslim clerics in the education departments of Uganda Muslim Teacher's Association, Uganda association of Madarsas and Islamic theological schools, and Uganda Coranic Association, with 20 participating sheikhs, and a two-day training of 22 theological tutors in 8 madrasa schools. Topics discussed during the training included the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, mitigating physical and sexual violence in Muslim settings and Uganda judicial system. A two-day training course was conducted for 31 student leaders from 8 theological schools and 8 human rights clubs were launched, while 674 copies of a human rights handbook were also produced and distributed among participating schools. Results include the launch of human rights clubs to mobilise the school population to appreciate human rights values. These clubs will also organise a human rights week with participation of parents or guardians, police, the judiciary and teachers. Among the beneficiaries are various heads of the targeted Muslim institutions which include the education department of the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council and the Uganda Quranic School Association, as well as teachers from theological schools, student leaders and the general student community in the 8 participating schools, including 100-130 members of the human rights clubs and 800-1,200 students in the schools. It is hoped that, as a result of this project, future Imams will address human rights themes in their sermons.

Grantee: Acholi Religious Leaders' Peace Initiative (ARLPI) Project title: Women land rights project

ARLPI identified and mapped stakeholders at various levels, developed a women land rights manual and trained human rights promoters in the community. The project aimed to increase community knowledge on women and children's rights to land, in the communities of the Atiak sub-county in Amuru district (Pacilo, Kal, Pawel, Okidi and Palukere parishes). ARLPI carried out a baseline survey targeting formal structures working on land, civil society and local government officials, held consultation meetings in order to improve mechanisms for land dispute resolution, disseminated the manual for land stakeholders handling women land rights and implemented information activities at the parish level (e.g. radio talk shows and jingles). The direct beneficiaries of the project were 60 participants who attended the training session along with the 1,000 community members participating in community sensitisation activities. Around 10,000 people were reached through radio talk shows. These beneficiaries gained knowledge about land laws, redress mechanisms, disputes resolution and mediation in case of land conflict, which the community will continue to make use of.

Grantee: Save Street Children Uganda (SASCU)

Project title: Creating awareness of children's rights through cultural events

SASCU organized one-on-one talks with street children and other vulnerable children, composed poems, songs and a play carrying messages related to children's rights and domestic violence in families, carried out weekly counselling sessions for current and former street children and parents, and staged plays and drama presentations in theatres and streets of Kampala. All these activities created awareness through community outreach activities which targeted current and former street children and parents. Counselling sessions tackled emotional issues and problems faced by street children and the theatre plays addressed the population living in urban slums of Kampala. Beneficiaries of the project include current and former street children, orphans and vulnerable children (as primary beneficiaries) and women (as secondary beneficiaries). A total of 306 people benefitted from the project, out of which 187 were former street children directly involved through plays, songs and poems. Seventeen street children were added on the sponsorship list of students to enter school. Outreach activities touched 59 families. Parents and guardians also enlarged their knowledge about children's issues and protecting their rights. The impact can be seen in behavioural change (amongst parents, community leaders and other stakeholders), change in the attitude of the community (local leaders and parents) towards children's rights, involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of children's rights, and a reduction in violations of children's rights.

URUGUAY

Grantee: Acción Coordinadora y Reivindicadora del Impedido del Uruguay (ACRIDU)

Project title: Por una comunidad para todos: Aceptar. Conocer. Difundir.

The project provided training sessions for 41 teachers from several pedagogical institutes with theoretical and practical knowledge on the rights of persons with disabilities, accessibility issues, as well as the related international conventions and existing national legislation. The project culminated with an outdoor public awareness day in the city of Maldonado with the participation of civil society, public schools and local authorities. Various stands and activities promoted sensitivity towards and acceptance of persons with disabilities. The event was also featured on a local TV station.

Grantee: Instituto Raíces Afro

Project title: Derecho a la igualdad y a la no discriminación desde la perspectiva de la comunidad afrodescendiente

The Institute organized seminars for teachers and educators responsible for educational programmes in the public and private education sector and developed the puppet show, "Right to equality and non-discrimination" in order to create awareness amongst parents and children regarding the rights of people of African descent. It further distributed and disseminated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and material on the reality and perspectives of communities of African descent. Beneficiaries of the project included the 1,020 children who were part of the puppet play. Other beneficiaries included parents, teachers and educators. Implementation of the above activities also led to the development of relationships with organisations working on issues of African women, HIV/AIDS and with municipal departments and schools in the country.