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# The Challenges and Miracles Achieved in 20 Years



**Ilha, Yi**

President, Good Neighbors International

It only seems like yesterday when I sent my new year's greetings to you through Partnership. The first quarter has already passed this year and we were encountered by many big and small events—some of them went without being noticed, and others came with a grave significance.

The democratization movement in the Middle East and northern Africa which began with the Jasmine revolution in Tunisia has spread to Egypt, a country where our field country office is located, and to neighboring Libya and Yemen resulting in the long-standing Egyptian president Mubarak to step down from his 30 year-old presidency, and the western world to intervene in the turmoil in Libya. I hope this whirlwind of change in Africa brings positive results and an opportunity for Good Neighbors to step closer to our neighbors in places of the Middle East and Africa where we haven't set our foot yet.

Good Neighbors opened the Neglected Tropical Disease Clinic in Mwanza, Tanzania. Neglected tropical diseases are the fourteen diseases widespread in the tropical climate which approximately a billion people, one sixth of the world's total population, are suffering from. Of these diseases, Schistosome, which lives in the contaminated water of Victoria Lake in Mwanza, Tanzania, causes the local residents drinking this water to suffer from anemia, urinal blood, and liver cirrhosis, leaving many in a painful death. In 2005, Good Neighbors began the construction of the Neglected Tropical Disease Clinic in cooperation with our medical advisors and with the support of the Air ticket solidarity levy from the Korea International Cooperation Agency. The construction has been completed and the clinic is now open for treatment and prevention programs.

On March 11, Japan, one of Good Neighbors' support countries, was struck by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and a tsunami that followed immediately. Good Neighbors International Headquarters, Korea, and Japan dispatched a joint relief team for a relief operation in Kitakami city in Iwate prefecture located in the northeast. The relief operation is in plans to expand to Miyagi prefecture with the support of Japan Platform (JPF). I wish Good Neighbors' relief efforts become a guiding light for the victims of the disaster and contribute to an expedited recovery from the damage.

Lastly, Good Neighbors celebrated its 20th anniversary on March 28th. We had a humble ceremony and reassured our commitment made 20 years ago, the promise to keep the smile on our children's face, and the promise to reach wherever there is a need. We pledge ourselves to give our best to multiply the love you have given to us, and make the world a place where people live in harmony.



# 20 years History of Good Neighbors

## Communication Team

Good Neighbors International Headquarters

*It has been twenty remarkable years since Good Neighbors was established in 1991 in Korea for the purpose of making the world a better place, a place without poverty and discrimination. As we are looking back at our footsteps for the last 20 years, we express our sincere gratitude and love to our sponsors who have showed tremendous support and commitment to us.*

### Good Neighbors was founded

On March 28, 1991, Good Neighbors was founded by 8 Koreans, including our current president Ilha Yi (second row, far right) to spread love throughout the world.



1991

### Opened the 1st field office in Bangladesh as a registered international NGO

Good Neighbors opened its first field office in Bangladesh for international relief and development programs featuring suburb community development projects as well as development of slums in urban areas. Good Neighbors Bangladesh is currently running 20 Community Development Projects and specialized relief and development work.



1992

### Sent the 1st emergency relief work in Rwanda in August, 1994

Good Neighbors was the first Korean NGO to dispatch its emergency relief and medical team to Rwanda to help refugees after the genocide in 1994.



1994

### **Provided food aid to North Korea in August, 1995**

In 1995, Good Neighbors established an office in Dandong, bordering North Korea in order to provide humanitarian assistance. Good Neighbors provided food aid to the North Koreans by building a bread factory.



### **Registered Good Neighbors Kenya, our first field office in Africa, in December 1995**

The first international relief development works started in Kenya including children's education program, construction of schools and clinics at the biggest slum area. Currently, Good Neighbors Kenya is carrying out professional relief development works through 5 community development projects.



1995

### **Received the General Consultative Status from UN ECOSOC in August, 1996**

In 1996, Good Neighbors became the first NGO from Korea to receive the General Consultative Status, the highest status level, from UN ECOSOC. Good Neighbors is able to attend the relevant international conference convened by the United Nations, and to propose items for the provisional agenda for commissions.



1996

### **Established United Nations Liaison office in New York, USA**

**Made a first official visit to support North Korea**

**NGO registration in Ethiopia**

**Emergency relief work in Turkey**

1997

1999

**Emergency relief work in Afghanistan and Pakistan**

**Emergency relief work in Iraq**

**Emergency relief work in South Asia**

In 2004, Good Neighbors provided immediate emergency Tsunami relief to South Asia. We established the field offices in Indonesia and Sri Lanka for long-term reconstruction projects. Good Neighbors received a president award in organization sector for its great contribution.



**Established Afghan Women's Education and Cultural Center**

2001  
2003  
2004  
2005

**Received the MDGs Award in November, 2007**

Good Neighbors received the MDGs Award for achieving universal primary education in 2007. This was significant milestone for Good Neighbors to play a major role in international arena as an international humanitarian NGO and to re-establish its mission to eradicate the extreme poverty, which is one of the major agenda of the MDGs.



2007

**Established First Latin America field office**

In 2008, Good Neighbors established its field office in Guatemala in attempt to expand international development work in Latin America. As of 2011, Good Neighbors has field offices in Guatemala, Haiti, and Paraguay, with one to be established in Chile in 2011.

**Opened a Geneva International Cooperation Office**

**Emergency relief works in Myanmar (Cyclone) and in China (Sichuan earthquake)**

2008





### **Vision 2020, for a better world with Good Neighbors**

As of 2011, Good Neighbors has 83 offices in 44 branches in Korea and 132 field offices in 24 countries. Good Neighbors has 3 fundraising offices in Korea, USA, and Japan—through these offices, Good Neighbors has been working vigorously in Korea and abroad with 330,000 sponsors.

With Vision 2020, Good Neighbors is trying to be a

leading international NGO, more actively engaged in global issues such as poverty and hunger. Good Neighbors is hoping to assist 780,000 poor children in 100 countries based on global network by 2020, as we look forward to a better world, where no one suffers from starvation.

### **Good Neighbors Tanzania opened vocational training center in Tegeta**

In 2009, Good Neighbors Tanzania constructed a vocational training center in Tegeta area. The goal is to give students an opportunity to break off the poverty cycle by offering vocational trainings including computer, tailoring, electric and music education.

### **Established Social Enterprise using appropriate technology**



2009

### **Emergency relief works in 7 countries including Haiti**

Good Neighbors was the first Korean NGO to deploy its emergency relief team to Haiti in January 2010. Also, we established the field office in Haiti for the long-term reconstruction projects. Good Neighbors is actively engaged in 7 countries in 2010 worldwide natural disasters including Pakistan, Chile, and Indonesia.



2010

### **March 28, 2011—Good Neighbors is 20 years old**

Good Neighbors was founded in Korea in 1991 for the sole purpose of giving and assisting the poor and neglected a glimmer of hope. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Good Neighbors.



2011





# Haiti Earthquake, 1 year later – A Story of the Everlasting Hope

**Ki-Jung Kwon**  
Country Director, GN Haiti



Do you remember the earthquake that struck Haiti in January 12, 2010? Haiti, located in the Caribbean, was hit by an earthquake of magnitude 7.0. Good Neighbors International (GNI) dispatched one of the first emergency relief teams amongst many NGOs in Korea, and established a field office (GN Haiti) to engage in a long-term

post-reconstruction of the country. A year has passed since the calamity and the Haitians are still wiping their tears.

An estimated three million people were affected by the earthquake in Haiti. According to the Haitian government report, an estimated 316,000





people died, 300,000 were injured and 1.2 million were left homeless.

GNI had raised USD\$2,432,530 for Haiti in 2010; US\$2,274,660 in cash, and US\$157,870 in kind. About 50% of the total fund had been spent immediately for emergency relief response programs (E.g. food, non-food items, medical services, temporary shelters and protection, education, and etc.).

#### **Provision of Food and Non-food items**

During the reconstruction of Haiti, GNI had supplied food and non-food items for 8,720 households (A total of 40,600 people) in Damien Village and the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. Moreover, we provided the families affected by the disaster with solar lamps, blankets, other household items, and etc.

#### **Temporary shelters and protection**

GNI had distributed the emergency shelters (tents) and set up the temporary camps for a total of 630 households (approximately 3,150 people) in the affected areas of Damien in Port-au-Prince and in Leogane, a city located 40km away from Port-au-Prince. Also, we provided emergency protection to the 50 single-mother families who are one of the most vulnerable groups during an emergency situation. GNI was able to provide



food, tents and tarpaulins to a total of 680 households (approximately 3,400 people) in the areas affected by the disaster.

#### **Medical services and vector control**

GNI recruited professional medical professionals and staff members from GN Headquarter, GN USA and GN Japan and deployed the medical team to provide emergency and primary medical services in cooperation with local health professional for the people injured by the quake. GNI's





mobile clinic operations provided services for a total of 452 patients, and had taken preventive measures against epidemics. GNI also provided psychosocial services for people suffering from trauma, especially children within school areas.

A GN office has been established after the earthquake and is carrying out a community-based development project.

**Providing safe drinking water**

GN Haiti currently is engaged in a reconstruction program of Cite Soleil, one of the poorest areas in Port-au-Prince. The first project was to set up water tanks in order to provide safe drinking water for the community. Less than 50 percent of Haiti’s population had access to safe drinking water even before the earthquake and the percentage had dropped drastically since the disaster.



**Reconstruction of the nation through education**

GN Haiti is running educational programs that provide classes and lunch for children in Port-au-Prince. Furthermore, 2 schools are currently under construction for local children in the affected areas. These children will be able to build their dreams through the program.





### Working towards a healthier Haiti

Haiti is still aching from the recent cholera epidemic and elongated political instability. GN Haiti is carrying out medical operations in cooperation with a local clinic and running a disease prevention program by which disinfectants are distributed in Cite Soleil area where people are often exposed to the contaminated water and unhygienic environment. GN Haiti also constructs wells, drinking fountains and toilets. Moreover, GN Haiti provides food to the malnourished children. GN Haiti will continue to improve the health conditions for the people of Haiti.



### Cholera outbreak in Haiti

In October 2010, Haiti's Cholera death toll exceeded 30,000. GN Haiti is running a medical clinic in Cite Soleil area and launched health and hygiene programs such as medical treatment, disease prevention, child nutrition, hygiene and disinfectant distribution. Also, GN Haiti provides meals for patients in the clinic to prevent secondary infection.



# Celebrating 100 years of International Women's Day

Naqib Dalili, GN Afghanistan  
Hong-Soo Chun, GN Rwanda  
Nguiranodji Dingam, GN Chad



March 8, 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day (IWD), a global celebration of women's contributions to the world. There has been significant progress in women's rights since 1911 but there is still a long way to go. Good Neighbors International recognizes the needs and concerns of women and girls as one of the keys to solving the world's most challenging problems. Empowering women and girls is essential in the global drive to eliminate poverty and achieve social justice, and is critical to the achievement of the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Good Neighbors is committed to embrace improving the lives of girls and women in the world's poorest countries into every area of our work, from education to maternal and child health, from safety and security to economic and political empowerment. By putting their rights at the heart of our work, tens of thousands of women are gaining power over their lives and overcoming poverty and suffering.

The centenary of IWD is a golden opportunity to raise awareness of inequality and revitalize pub-

lic awareness for equality and positive change. To mark this day we are highlighting efforts of Good Neighbors in helping girls and women in Afghanistan, Rwanda and Chad.

## Afghanistan

Fast forward 100 years and there are women all over the world still fighting for their basic rights. In Kabul, Afghanistan the battle is definitely still ongoing. Since the collapse of Taliban regime, which had barred girls from schooling and confined women to their houses, women of Afghanistan gained more equality and freedom, yet are still struggling and suffering from prevalent domestic violence and forced marriages, and from poor access to legal resources and exclusion from public life.

Working in among the toughest environments for women to thrive, Good Neighbors Afghanistan(GN Afghanistan) currently has four projects primarily targeting women and children, working on two main sections: health and education. It has been six years since GN Afghanistan started Education and Culture Center for Women (ECCW). Here, Afghan women study and increase their capacity to use it towards a bright future. The center offers literacy (Dari), English, and health courses, and runs a daycare



GN Afghanistan staffs with government representatives

service. This center is a calm and safe place for Afghan women and girls whose families had not let them to participate in mixed classes (Male & Female) after Taliban period.

Ultrasound Diagnostic Center (UDC) is one of the main projects of GN Afghanistan that treats 40 patients per day, 70% of whom are women. An Afghan woman dies every 27 minute from pregnancy related causes and only 16% of Afghan women aged 15-49 receive medical attention during pregnancy. GN Afghanistan Ultra Diagnostic Center works to prevent as many maternal deaths as possible and supported the Afghan women before and after giving birth.

International Women's Day offers women of Afghanistan a unique opportunity to celebrate their unbridled spirit, efforts and achievements. This year's IWD was especially celebrated at GN Afghanistan with presence of 180 participants, including the head of the Women's Committee, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Deputy Minister of Education, representative from the Ministry of Women's Affairs, and other government officials, along with the Director of Foreign Department of Afghan Red Cross Society (ARCS)



Nadira Hayat, Deputy Minister of Public Health attended GN Afghanistan's ceremony of women's day

and medias. Deputy Minister of Public Health delivered his speech about dignity of women and Mr. Naqib Dalili, the Chief Manager of the GN Afghanistan also expressed respect for the women and appreciated their values in society. Children from Ibnisina kindergarten are invited to sing and a role play on IWD was performed.

### Rwanda

Good Neighbors Rwanda(GN Rwanda) has worked towards the promotion and improvement of the socio-economic welfare of women in Rwanda through its literacy programme and vocational trainings. Statistics from the Rwandan Education Ministry indicate that the rate of illiteracy, which is mainly rampant in rural communities, currently stands at 25 percent, and the number goes higher for women. Recognizing the correlation between the fact that both the vast majority of people living in poverty and the vast majority of people who cannot read or write are women, our literacy programme offers opportunity for women to improve their lives by gaining crucial literacy skills.

GN Rwanda has kick-started an adult literacy programme at three communities, Gisozi, Run-



da and Ngoma, under which an estimated 130 women have been taught in 2010. This yearlong course is even more expanded this year, opened to 300 new participants. GN Rwanda is committed to its belief that investing in women's literacy carries very high returns. It improves livelihoods, leads to better child and maternal health, and favours girls' access to education.

GN Rwanda vocational training centre offers a yearlong sewing course for women householders and young dropout girls from the three communities. Among 100 graduates, 20 of them were hired in related business and 75 of them have increased their income working from home. This year the course is better equipped with micro-finance system to support our new 120 participants when they graduate from the programme. Start-up supplies, including sewing machines, materials and operating cost, will be given, and the graduates will have to pay back certain percentage of the fund when their business are stabilized.

## Chad

Good Neighbors Ghad (GN Chad) celebrated the International Women's Week this year, from March 4th through 8th, and the calendar was filled with wide-ranging events, including seminars and cultural activities. It was a unique opportunity for the women in the communities to exchange views on the issues they face and to show their talent in areas which have been considered to be men's privilege.

A seminar was held by the staffs of GN Chad and community leaders of Amtoukoui, Abena-Atrone, Farcha Attere, Walia, Karwei and Kaliwa CDPs under the agenda of "Women's Participation in the Development Process". This topic was chosen to meet Chadian Government's proposal for the 2011 National Week of Chadian Women (SENAFET: Semaine Nationale de la Femme Tchadienne) and issues concerning daily life and household of women and girls were discusses.

The number of participants in the seminars averaged 80 but in Farcha Attere over two hundred women and men from within and outside the community participated in the Conference. In Farcha Attere, a community where religious taboo weigh heavy on women, the community men feared that this meeting meant to give opportunity to women to exchange views. Many of them participated in the seminar and realized that it was a wonderful opportunity to become aware of the gender issues that undermine their society. Ignorance was said by them to be the root cause. In Amtoukoui, Abena-Atrone and other communities, similar problems were brought up for discussion. Women and girls are constantly victim of rape and early marriage, inequality at work places, genital mutilation and many other injustices. Women expressed their desire to be involved in decisions making and management of their community.

GN Chad also organized diverse cultural activities, including football game, parade, poem writing contest, and many others. In Karwei community, a beautiful football game of girls and women was held. The spectacle was breathtaking and the atmosphere very cheerful. In Kaliwa, a role-play was played by the women of the community to show their hard living conditions and the abuse men inflicted on them.





# Good Neighbors International holds Staff Training

**Minjung KIM**  
International Ministry Team

Good Neighbors International (GNI) implemented its first '2011 GNI Staff Training' from 21st to 26th February 2011 in Manila, Philippines. Staff from 19 field countries (13 from Asia; 6 from Africa) joined the training.

GNI has become one of major international NGOs, actively working in humanitarian aid and development field all around the world. In this regards, the training was focused on developing staff's capability in terms of developing identity as GNI staff, having a macro and micro perspective on international development cooperation and field works. Contents of the training were approached by 5 training modules: Understanding of GNI, International Development Cooperation, Project Management, Communication Skill, and Working Skill (improving English, and writing and presentation skills).

During the training, participants were very motivated and shared their valuable experiences to each other in every session. Participants could have an overview about GNI vision, GNI project, concrete network, and cooperation to achieve the same goal. GNI will continuously conduct this training throughout this year

### Q. How did you first become a staff member at Good Neighbors?



First I applied to be a volunteer in Good Neighbors Nepal and I was selected as a Research Assistant Volunteer in 2006. Based on the experience as a volunteer and my experience in teaching, I applied for the position of Principal of the Good Neighbors Academy, which is a Primary School Program of Good Neighbors Nepal. After the evaluation of my experiences and outputs, I was appointed in the applied position. Hence, I formally became the staff member of Good Neighbors. (Dilli Prasad Dotel / GN Nepal)

### Q. What was the most rewarding and memorable moment during working at GN?



When I was involved in Disaster Relief in West Sumatra Earthquake in September, 2009, we faced serious destructive situations where people lost their properties and children lost their schools, among others. For those people, our support was significantly helpful for their lives. (Febrina Fransisca Sianturi / GN Indonesia)

**Q. What does Good Neighbors mean to you?**



Good Neighbors is the opportunity to play my role as a social worker. I organized activities to improve the condition of people in disadvantages in the society, designed to aid the poor, and increase the welfare of the children. So it means a lot to me, as I am very proud of my work with Good Neighbors.

(Benworth S Ndekile / GN Tanzania)

**Q. What's your aspiration to work at GN?**



My aspiration is to share the information from this training to other staff and apply the knowledge I got in the current activities. I will encourage other staff what and how to prepare for GNI staff training. I have already been in process of improving my English and communication skill since I came back from this training.

(Goon Nan / GN Myanmar)

**Q. What did you do during the training? And what was your attitude toward the workshop participation?**



I was eager to learn more about projects and how to acquire several skills for the management of the projects, monitoring and evaluations through project cycle management. I also wanted to make friends to get second-hand experiences from other fields countries through their presentations and conversations during participations in the training field.

(Benworth S Ndekile / GN Tanzania)

**Q. What did you learn through the training?**



This training provided opportunities to interact about the on-going activities of the projects in 14 different field countries. First, it created the environment to learn different cultures in relation to group discussion, presentation, culture show, and hospitality management. Second, it triggered the knowledge on international cooperation development and repeated the knowledge on project cycle management, and communication skill in the international setting. Finally, it boarded our mind with the sharing the activities across 14 countries along with the activities in South Korea.

(Dilli Prasad Dotel / GN Nepal)

**Q. What was the most impressive and memorable experience during the training?**

The fourth day of the training was my birthday. It was the first time I was to spend my birthday far from home. I was a bit sad about it as I couldn't imagine that I could celebrate my birthday with so many foreign friends like that. I would like to thank all my friends from other GN offices. They gave me the most unforgettable birthday party in my life.

(Phuong Dung Nguyen / GN Vietnam)

**Q. What did you expect from this workshop? And are you satisfied with the training course?**

I expected to know the following: a) Good Neighbors' working strategy & process b) International Development Strategy & Techniques c) Building up effective communication & network. The whole course was designed to cover all the above and I enjoyed the training very much. Had little more time been given to grasp and digest the learning, it would have been excellent.

(Shaymal Sarker / GN Bangladesh)

**Q. What are your future plans and vision in GN?**

I would like to develop vision based on the community perspective so as to facilitate the sustainable project management and work with the children in need. This ultimately makes them realize the ownership of the project and improve their living condition.

(Dilli Prasad Dotel / GN Nepal)

**Q. Please write a message to the sponsors of GN and people who are interested in GN.**

In Good Neighbors, we realize very well that we can't work alone to strive for the improvement towards development. That's why Good Neighbors together and engaged with community people, volunteers, and sponsors to do the work to enhance the life quality of the people. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." We really appreciate and welcome your participation and cooperation for a better impact, which will give a lot of influences to the community's life towards a better condition. Together we can make a change in our community and our world.

(Febrina Fransisca Sianturi / GN Indonesia)

# Does Size Matter? Discussing Standard Setting and Certification System for Humanitarian Community

(2011 ICVA Annual Conference, Geneva, 4 March 2011)

**Haeun Seong**

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Cooperation Office in Geneva

*Good Neighbors International participated at the 2011 Annual Conference of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) upon the invitation of the ICVA Secretariat. Participants from INGOs, government and international humanitarian agencies shared their views on the lessons learned from the relief activities during the Haiti earthquake and Pakistan floods in 2010 with a focus on the need of a more coordinated and standardized reaction to ever increasing mega crisis.*



## Does Size Matter? Questioning the “New Business Model”

The ICVA Annual Conference is a key event for international humanitarian actors to discuss emerging policy issues of the humanitarian community and to provide a critical review on most recent humanitarian crisis. Ideally scheduled on the beginning of the year, right before the ICVA General Assembly, the suggestions and opinions provided in the Conference are endorsed by NGOs, governments and aid agencies in their policy making, and serve as the starting point for the agenda addressed in major international humanitarian events such as UNHCR Annual NGO Consultation, IASC (Inter-Agency Standing Committee) Principals Meeting, and the UNHCR Executive Committee.

The International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) is a networking body of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) created in 1962 to advocates for effective and transparent humanitarian action. It provides policy information to its 70 members and advocates civil society in key humanitarian fora such as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), the UN's main humanitarian coordination body, and UNHCR's Executive and Standing Committee.

The crisis in Haiti and Pakistan which affected some 19 million people, raised new doubts and revived old problems of international humanitarian response. Crowded cluster meetings barely delivering information and lacking of true leadership, inefficient and chaotic overflow of international aid performed in the virtual absence of local participation, media competition and international celebrities' show that make people frown, and the constant degradation of public authority and security during the Haiti crisis seriously put into question the efforts of humanitarian reform for coordination and cooperation since Rwanda and Indonesia. On the contrary, excessive control by government, lack of transparency and accountability of local NGOs, and threat to humanitarian workers from armed groups during the relief effort in Pakistan raised new challenges to international actors.

During the last few years, the "new business model" in humanitarian relief aiming the increase of participation and capacity building of local and national partners, has gradually gained the support of international community in parallel with disaster preparedness and prevention strategy. However, the two of the biggest natural disasters of the century have shown that the "new business model" either failed to work (Haiti) or raised serious issues of effectiveness (Pakistan).

### **NGO 'Certification System' for a More Efficient and Accountable Action**

Government representatives from Haiti and Pakistan asserted that more support for the government from funding agencies is needed as an aftermath of disaster so that public authority can play a proper role in recovery situations and weak governments can avoid collapse. While criticizing the brain-drain effect of public sector due to the afflux of international NGOs, government representatives also admitted that more proactive role from authorities as well as transparency and compliance to international standards should precede so that they could receive external aid.

Representatives from civil society also remarked the lack of accountability and professionalism of many

International humanitarian community has engaged into different collective efforts to increase trust and impact of their work. SPHERE Project and its Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response, the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International (HAP), the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP), and the Emergency Capacity Building Project (ECB) are the principal results of such effort.

NGOs during the crisis in the two regions. The breakout of cholera in Haiti regardless of the presence of 420 NGOs working in the field of water, health and sanitation and the availability of resources to prevent a clearly predictable health threat is a good analogy of the performance of international NGOs on the field. To increase the accountability of relief actors and to facilitate the identification and cooperation among reliable entities, the need for a 'certification system' for humanitarian NGOs is becoming more pertinent than ever.

The Conference also raised issues on the excessive concentration of resources to big emergencies and the relative neglect of humanitarian community to protracted crisis and small size disasters. Referred as 'forgotten crisis', such a negligence is a combination of lack of media coverage, lack of support from funding agencies, and lack of capacity in those areas by relief organizations. Participants argued that the international community as a whole, and donors in particular, need to adopt a drastic policy change to address crisis in zones from where CNN and BBC have pulled out.

In overall, the experience in Haiti and Pakistan provided a lot of food for thought on the current trend of 'New Business Model' in humanitarian relief as well as advance the necessity for an accountability mechanisms for non-profit and non-governmental actors. Good Neighbors International, as a leading organization in humanitarian relief, will adopt strategies and develop policies in order to increase accountability and efficiency of its interventions in humanitarian crisis according international standards.





## Good Neighbors India Conducts 2 Medical Projects



Good Neighbors India (GN India) is currently running Eye Clinic and Annual Pulse Polio Program in Sarajapur Community. Eye Clinic at Sarajapur Daycare Centre was launched on January 23, 2011 with collaboration of Karnataka Cancer Society and Dr. Ambedkar Hospital, offering check-ups, cataract surgery as well as distributing optical lenses. Pulse Polio is an immunization campaign established by the Government of India in 1994 to eradicate polio in India by annually vaccinating all children under age five. GN India Annual Pulse Polio Programme at Sarajapur covered 220 children from 0-6 years of age in two daycare centres.

## Good Neighbors Guatemala Opens Social Health Clinic in Patzicía



Uxnaqil Patzicía Social Health Clinic was established on February 4, 2011 in Patzicía, Chimaltenango,

to provide service in general medicine, paediatrics and pharmacy, targeting 35,000 populations in Patzicía. This project commenced by a proposal of the Mayor and efforts and supervision of Good Neighbors Guatemala in October 2010, having the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) as the main donor of the project. The clinic is located in the basement of the municipal market, donated by

the Municipality. The opening ceremony took place with presence of Erick de Leon, the Governor of Chimaltenango, Juan José Can Pichiyá, the Mayor, Directors of KOICA and Good Neighbors Guatemala, representatives of National Police Department, and more than 200 residents living in Patzicía.

## Good Neighbors USA establishes a national office in Washington D.C.



Good Neighbors USA (GN USA) has established an office in Washington D.C. to concentrate and work on obtaining grants from the United States government agencies as well as institutions and foundations in order to start and maintain worldwide projects. Having the office in the Washington Metropolitan Area will be of great benefit to GN USA and ultimately Good Neighbors International because of the abundant resources and potential relationships it offers not only in the grant-making process, but also in and with other development organizations, professional associations, and diplomatic bodies present in the area as well as the demographics which may prove to be a good individual donor base.

## Good Neighbors Vietnam Constructs Wells



Good Neighbors Vietnam received donation from Korea District Heating Corporation to support construction of two wells for Xam



Khoe Primary School (Pu branch) and Kindergarten (Xuan Tien branch), and to distribute cows for impoverished families of the kindergarten children. The first well is already completed at Xam Khoe Primary School and the second one at Xam Khoe Kindergarten is under construction as of February 25, 2011. It is 5-metre deep and it is expected to be the main drinking water source for the kindergarten.

## Good Neighbors Tajikistan holds workshop for community people



A seminar on "Legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan and international regulatory and legal acts on social protection and national protection mechanisms"

took place on February 17 and 18, 2011 in Yakkachinar, by joint coordination of the state organization "Centre for Women's Self-discovery" and Good Neighbors Tajikistan (GN Tajikistan). The seminar aims to raise public awareness, to educate women about social rights and protection. 20 female participants actively engaged in the seminar, and came up with some solutions to the problems in their communities. GN Tajikistan plans and organizes seminars on various topics regarding community development and women's right in Yakkachinar district.

## Good Neighbors Bangladesh distributes the fertilizer



Good Neighbors Bangladesh has been working for the future of underprivileged children of Thakurgaon Community.

They have been supporting not only the children but also the guardians of the sponsored children, and as a means to do so, a free fertilizer distribution for farmers was arranged.

The events took place in 3 communities (Pirganj, Setabganj and Birganj) in different dates under the title of "Distribution of Free Fertilizer Program", with the presence of government officials, including Upzella Agriculture Officer, Upzella vice chairman, UNO (Upzella Nirbahee Officer), Upzella Social Service Officer, UP chairman, local leaders and headmasters of the concerned schools. From the 3 communities, 23,052 farmers received the fertilizer. Good Neighbors Bangladesh strives to support the families of sponsored children by helping them to overcome poverty which may deprive the children of learning opportunities.

## Good Neighbors Egypt holds Computer and English Camp



This year, the midterm vacation in February was very long due to current political situation in Egypt. As parents were worried about education of the children and poor families could not afford private classes, Good Neighbors Egypt organized the computer and English camps. The computer camp was conducted for four groups of 8 students (32 in total) along with the English camp teaching 45 children with the help of 5 social workers and 4 volunteers under the slogan "English is Fun". Vocabularies of fruits, colours and some verbs were taught along with some songs and games. Some civic education was also conducted regarding hygiene, social manners and morals, and environment. Meals were provided during 3 days of camp since most of participating children come from very poor families. Children enjoyed this opportunity very much and said they learned a lot more than just English or computer skills, and got precious lessons about moral values.