

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling at the camera. The boy is in the background, wearing a brown sweater, and the girl is in the foreground, wearing a purple sweater and a grey hood. They are in a room with wooden chairs and a table.

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DEAR PARTNERS AND COLLEAGUES,

As part of our education projects, we are currently conducting the project called Hope School that will open a new future for Africa.

This project will be the 100th Hope School in Zanzibar, Tanzania, that provides hope to African children. We will continue to support local communities as well as children so that the project can serve as the groundwork for a sustainable development of those communities in the long run.

We are also making tireless efforts for the sustainable development of communities in the field countries by encouraging local communities to engage in cooperatives for income generation. Local communities are working to achieve a true self-reliance through active participation in 1,147 cooperatives including those in Guatemala, which is introduced in this issue of our newsletter. We seek socio-economic development where local communities play an active role in economic activities.

I would like to send my deepest sympathy to those affected by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. We conducted emergency relief activities that was worth 100,000 USD for the devastated country. We will work hard to support communities suffering from disaster and poverty around the world.

We will do our best next year again as good neighbors of the world.

Thank you.

Jinok Yang

President, Good Neighbors International

SCHOOL WITH HOPE, AFRICA WITH DREAMS

BY MOONJOO CHAE / GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL

Hope School has been established to help African children seek their dreams by allowing them go to school. We have worked hard with our supporters via the philanthropic program called Hope TV of SBS (Seoul Broadcasting System) to achieve the goal of building 100 schools in Africa. Our special feature introduces the five-year story of Hope School and the process of gearing up for the opening of the 100th Hope School in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

HOPE SCHOOL STARTS WITH A GIRL'S DREAM

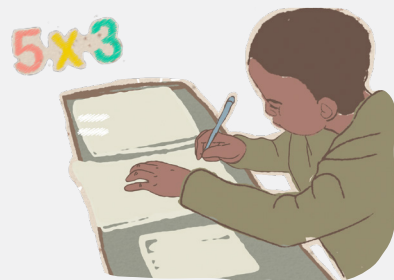
There was a 12-year-old girl named Jeannette in Chad, Africa. She could not walk due to her congenital disease—polio. She wanted to walk and study at school like other children. And it was her desire and hope that made the Hope School project possible in the barren African land.

In 2009, Good Neighbors perceived the need to help African children like Jeannette who lived in poor conditions, which led to the establishment of Yona School, the very first Hope School, with funding from South Korean sponsors. For the past five years, we and five other NGOs have conducted the Hope School project with SBS. We wanted to build a total of 100 schools and improve the accessibility of education because we believe that educated children are the ones who can really make a bright future for their country.



"We used to sit on the ground during class, but now we can study in a clean room with a nice floor and desks. We sometimes sat under the tree to listen to the teacher because the strong wind blew off the roof of our school. At Hope School, I can continue to pursue my dreams with teachers in a classroom with desks, chairs, and book."

Glad Mwakatobe(12), student from Hope School in Tanzania



"The students have shown dramatic improvement in performance here at Hope School. In 2014, we had been ranked 63rd out of 114 schools based on the results of the annual national test. But, in 2015, when Hope School opened and our students transferred to Hope School, their ranking was up to 52nd. Instead of turning to candle lights in a dark room, the students can read at night in a bright classroom thanks to the photovoltaic power system. The library with over 3,000 books allows them to read as much as they want."

Maliwatu(30), teacher from Hope School in Tanzania

SPACE FOR DREAMING ANOTHER LIFE

Hope School is bringing change to Africa. Admittedly, it is quite complicated and difficult to implement a construction project in terms of periods, materials, environments, and communications with locals. However, we constantly worked for the past five years in the belief that Hope School will be able to lay the groundwork for Africa to plant a seed of hope and grow it.

The 100th Hope School in Zanzibar, Tanzania, which can be referred to as the final edition of our project, contains all the experience and expertise accumulated from the very beginning. For this school, Good Neighbors plans to teach students to understand their right by creating radio programs or video contents about child rights for broadcasting in the communities to raise their awareness of child rights. They will also have quality education through a media center equipped with a broadcasting room and an audio-visual room as part of the C4D(Communication for Development) project.

The 100th Tanzania Zanzibar Hope School



830
Middle school
students, teachers



1,590
Local communities,
Youth Media
Club members

Five-year Project of Hope School by Good Neighbors and Hope TV SBS



23,044
Students



46,419
Beneficiaries

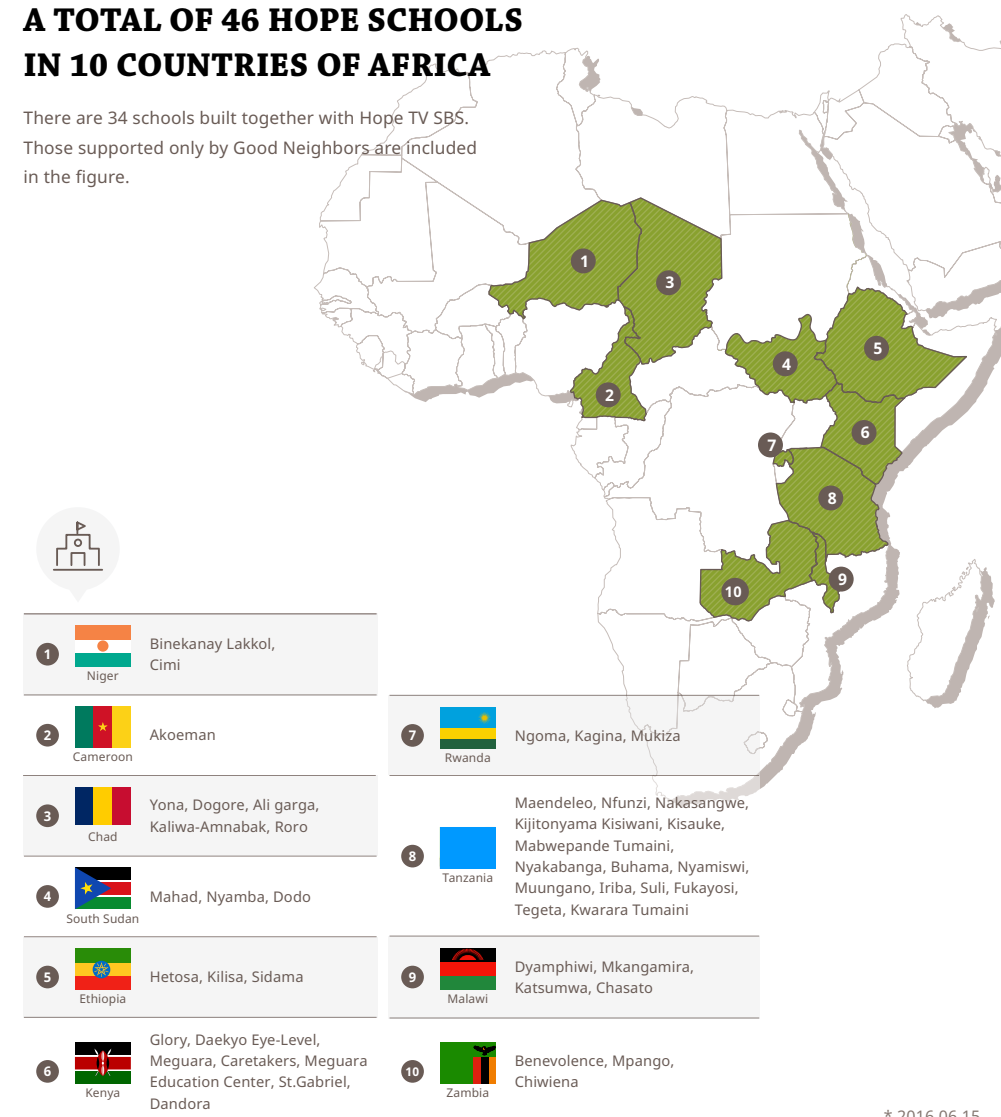


129,247
Indirect
beneficiaries
(teachers, local
communities, etc.)

The 100th school will finalize the long-term Hope School project, but the real project starts now. Good Neighbors will continue to show a broader world to children pursuing their dreams at the schools and support their communities where children will make their future on their own.

A TOTAL OF 46 HOPE SCHOOLS IN 10 COUNTRIES OF AFRICA

There are 34 schools built together with Hope TV SBS. Those supported only by Good Neighbors are included in the figure.



DAYS STARTING WITH GOOD NEIGHBORS

BY **MOONJOO CHAE** / GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL

There are good neighbors throughout the world working hard to make a world where people can live together in harmony. Here they are. We introduce the good neighbors who are leading change with all their heart.

WE COULD SEE OUR FUTURE AT THE FIRST FIELD COUNTRY

Good Neighbors first field country was Bangladesh, which suffers from natural disasters like typhoon and flooding every year. Nantu Gopal Das is an elementary school teacher at Bhatara School in the impoverished area of Bhatara, Bangladesh. Are you ready to hear from Nantu who has watched our passionate work for over two decades since the very beginning?



"I started my teaching career with Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) Gulshan Family Development Project Bhatara School in October 1996. Good Neighbors started their activities in 1997 in this area and gradually took the responsibility for running this school project. At the very beginning, the school's activity was limited to Education Program. Later on GNB expanded its activity in Child day care, health and nutrition, child protection, advocacy and youth development. This school allowed GNB to give many underprivileged children a chance to create a bright future."

Nantu Gopal Das, teacher of Bhatara elementary school in Bangladesh

With Bangladesh being Good Neighbors's first field country, Good Neighbors was the first NGO in Korea to conduct emergency relief in Rwanda. Let us take a look at who was there.

A RAY OF HOPE FLICKERING DURING THE CIVIL WAR

Good Neighbors couldn't just stand and watch when we heard the horrific news about the Rwandan civil war in 1994. Then Secretary General, Il-ha Yi, (currently chairman of the board of directors) organized emergency relief medical teams in haste and headed to the refugee camp in the Northwest area of Rwanda. Sylvestre Mulindabyuma, who is working as an accountant at the High Court,



Sylvestre Mulindabyuma, accountant of high court in Rwanda

was one of the refugees at the Rugali Refugee Camp and this is how he met Koreans, who were unfamiliar to him, for the first time. He opened up to Good Neighbors and asked for support.

"Firstly, Good Neighbors wanted to find ways to give us safe water and foods; they prepared feeding program and water sanitation and then health program. On the following day, they returned with flour, firewood, dishes and cooked porridge for children. I asked them to help us with education programs and they listened to me. They recruited people who can teach children and provided needed materials. I really appreciated the love brought by those sponsors of Good Neighbors at the right timing to help Rwandans in those rough times."

While carrying out emergency relief for refugees in Rwanda in 1994, Good Neighbors also visited the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo via Nairobi, Kenya. We established the first African branch in Kenya on December 1995 by taking the geopolitical factors into consideration. During the establishment, Good Neighbors met a boy.

THEIR SUPPORT WAS THE KEY TO MY LIFE

Daniel Nzyoka is a project manager at Good Neighbors Kenya in charge of the Community Development Project in Mukuru. When he was an elementary school student, we offered him our help.

"I was born in a big family of eight children. I'm the youngest and the only boy. My father died when I was very young. My other sisters did not get a chance to learn to the high level. They stopped at the primary level. However, I was very lucky. GNK took me to a boarding school, paid for tuition fees, and catered for my other personal needs. I studied hard and finally, joined the Kenyatta University in 2000. I came back to GNK to give back to the community. Today I'm a Project Manager for Mukuru Community Development Project in GNK. Now I'm taking care of my other family members. Thank you Good Neighbors for being there for me all my life. I can't thank you enough."



Daniel Nzyoka, staff of Good Neighbors Kenya

Good Neighbors realizes that a good change for the world is to help people find their own way to live and to give them what they urgently need. Good Neighbors will continually commit to our mission of creating a world without hunger and a world where people live together in harmony with our neighbors full of hope.

LET'S LIVE WELL TOGETHER

BY HOJEONG BAN

/ GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL

A world without poverty. This is the world that Good Neighbors dreams and pursues of. Let us hear about how Good Neighbors does with SZHC projects. The project model inspired by the Saemaul Movement, a participatory rural development initiative, was a critical part of the Republic of Korea's modernization and economic development in 1970s.



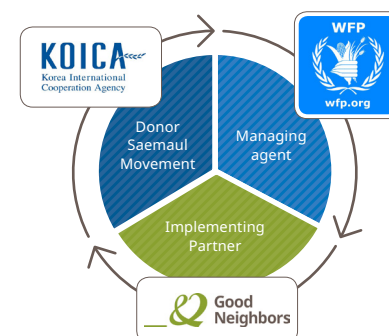
WHAT IS THE SZHC PROJECT?

Since 2012, Good Neighbors has been running the Saemaul Zero Hunger Communities (SZHC) project in Nepal, Rwanda, Bangladesh and Tanzania under the partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The project aims to assist the local communities to stand on their own feet by creating an environment with sustainable change and earn income by improving the infrastructures of their communities. This leads to income generation and the betterment of education, health, and other areas which brings about a sustainable development. Good Neighbors is currently conducting the first phase of the project in Tanzania and Bangladesh, and has finished the first phase in Rwanda and Nepal; we are now proceeding to the second phase.



01 Local communities making land terraces
02 Cultivating irish potatoes

The partnership of Saemaul Zero Hunger Communities Project



The guiding principles of GNI community development project



BOTTOM-UP DECISION MAKING BRINGS SELF-RELIANCE

Good Neighbors had conducted the first phase of SZHC project in Rwanda from 2012 to 2015. As a result of the positive evaluation of the project which took place in 3 villages in the beginning, it has expanded to 6 villages. Now, the second phase of SZHC is scheduled to be implemented for the next three years. The SZHC project takes a bottom-up approach in decision-making to strengthen the partnership with communities. The local communities vote to elect their representative and create the Village Development Committee (VDC) for regular meetings, which allow the committee members to deal with their issues on their own by understanding the needs of their communities and coming up with solutions to the problems.



“One important benefit we received from the SZHC project is the improvement of our leadership skills to lead with confidence and commitment towards any tasks we were assigned to do as the representatives of the community.”

Charles DUKUZUMUREMYI(36),
VDC President, Old village, Rwanda

Good Neighbors has adopted a comprehensive approach for community development, which encompasses the areas of education, health and sanitation, income generation, advocacy and local governance, in cooperation with grass root organizations and partner NGOs.

FINDING OPPORTUNITY IN SOIL

Also, Good Neighbors has conducted the SZHC project in Nepal since 2002. Currently, it is undertaking a community development project in Doti, one of the most secluded region in Nepal, in cooperation with the leaders of the region. SZHC project in Nepal, which took place from 2012 to 2015, was acknowledged by the WFP for its outstanding results. This helped form the contract that allowed the second phase of the project to proceed for another 3 years until 2019. One of the main goals of the project is to increase the income of the local community members so that they could go beyond supporting daily livelihood and ultimately achieve sustainable household financial status.



“Most of time paddy and wheat crops would fail as we had to depend on a lot on rain, I did not have any knowledge of vegetable farming, but Good Neighbors helped me to learn about cash crops and vegetable farming, which was not a common practice in our village.”

RATNADEVI SAUD(35), Metoli village, Doti, Nepal

Ratnadevi Saud, a 35 year old woman supporting 7 family members, said that conventional cultivation alone was not sufficient to sustain the livelihood of her family. However, in 2013, Ratnadevi learned agricultural methods to cultivate vegetables through SZHC's agriculture trainings. With the support of the seeds from Good Neighbors Nepal, it led her to change from paddy and wheat crops to vegetables in season. She grew tomatoes, capsicum, eggplant, coriander and cucumber last season and was able to earn around 30,000 rupees (310 USD) from selling the vegetables.



SZHC focuses on fostering a mind set in the villages that encourages a 'Can Do' mentality, diligence and self-sustainability both at the household and community. As such, Good Neighbors strives to result in sustainable change by applying the spirit of Saemaeul Movement to community development. For a world where everyone could live well together, Good Neighbors are working hand in hand.



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WEAVING HOPE WITH BUENOS VECINOS

GUATEMALA SAN ANTONIO CDP TEXTILE COOPERATIVE

BY EDGAR LOPEZ / GOOD NEIGHBOR GUATEMALA

San Antonio Community Development Project (CDP) Textile Cooperative of Guatemala was established for the income generation for mothers. Good Neighbors Guatemala will be helping with training the workers and operating the cooperative for the next two years starting 2016. Let us go to Guatemala to see how the mothers are utilizing traditional cloth to support the livelihood of their families.

66% of the population of San Antonio CDP suffers from the poverty. Most of the indigenous local communities are involved in agriculture. But, the agricultural jobs cannot provide sufficient and steady incomes for them because the incomes from the agricultural jobs are not high and there is no opportunity to work after the harvest season. Nevertheless, there are indigenous mothers who have skills to make traditional textiles for costumes, and are making steady incomes. And their skills are inherited from their ancestors. By making textiles, they can generate more incomes than from by working on agricultural jobs. There is a high demand for traditional textiles in the market, because most of indigenous women in the region wear a traditional blouse and skirt made from the traditional textiles.

However, a group of mothers cannot make a high earnings from the traditional textiles, because they need to sell their products to the price that a wholesaler presents which is normally lower price than the market price. And if they do not sell their products to wholesalers, there is no other chance to sell their products because they do not have connections to sell their products. Normally, the wholesalers make more profit margin by buying at a



Buenos Vecinos cooperative,
San Antonio CDP, Guatemala

lower price and selling the products with higher price to consumers and to markets.

Good Neighbors Guatemala is planned to increase the mothers' incomes by organizing a production group by legalizing a cooperative. By organizing a cooperative, 30 cooperative members can have a power to negotiate with wholesalers, and they can sell their products to a market directly because they can sell their products together as a cooperative. Also, the funds from the project will be used to buy good quality materials such as various color silk yarns. Also, the members of cooperative will be receiving technical trainings such as how to make clothes and how to use sewing machines.



"My husband and I are making textiles. We are also doing farming and livestock, but what really helps us to make a living is textiles. All the tools we are using are supports from the cooperative. We can also buy materials at reasonable prices from the cooperative. I am grateful for the cooperative. It is much better to live with less economic burden than before."

Member of Buenos Vecinos Cooperative,
San Antonio CDP, Guatemala



The legal cooperative that a group of mothers formed is now registered in Guatemala government. It also has 30 members now and is expecting to grow in number. The training coop center has been settled in the community. The members are under training to learn to make ready-made-clothes by using traditional textiles. Next step is to open a store where they can sell their own products for domestic and foreign consumers. They are repaying funds that Good Neighbors Guatemala invested for this project. The cooperative is very active and is creating a good change in the community. One of coop members told that Good Neighbors around the world are supporting their dreams come true.

- 01 Guatemala traditional Textiles
- 02 A training program to develop Textile techniques
- 03 Buenos Vecinos Cooperation family members



WE PROTECT OUR RIGHTS BY OURSELVES

BY BULGAMAA DORJSUREN / GOOD NEIGHBORS MONGOLIA

A right is something that you deserve to enjoy in life. Children are not an exception. They must be loved and respected to grow up to be a person with a sound mind. November 19th is 'World day for Prevention of Child abuse'. To commemorate the day, let us hear the story from Good Neighbors Mongolia (GNM) about their endeavoring fight against child abuse to make a world where children are happy.



RAISING AWARENESS OF MONGOLIA

Tuvshinjargal, a social worker at a vocational training school, has seen many students suffer from neglect or emotional abuse from single-parent families or poverty. Pondering over how to console and support them in their puberty, he heard about the education program on children's rights provided by GNM and made the most of it by engaging the students in it.

"The adolescents who experienced domestic child abuse tend to have anxiety over marriage and family life as well as social life. The education program on children's rights and future parents actually changed their attitude towards each other."

The positive change from students led to a higher demand for these programs focusing on parents and teachers.

"It was such an interesting program. The video helped me better understand the lecture. And now I am confident enough to say that I could be a good dad. I would like to join the program again."

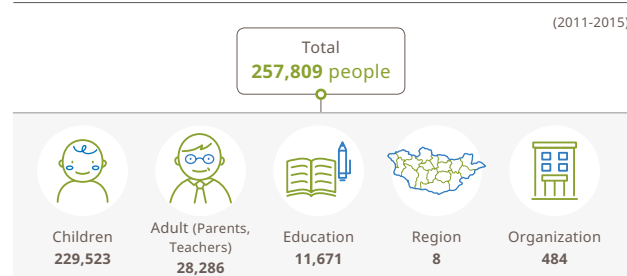
Gansukh(16),
student from a vocational
training school, Mongolia

LEARNING IS A RIGHT

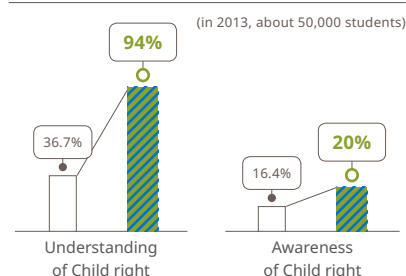
GNM has provided education on children's rights since 2011 and began door-to-door visits in 2005 to raise awareness on child abuse in the Mongolian society. GNM found that most of the abused children did not know how to respond to child abuse and how to protect their rights.

This is one of the reasons GNM is training professional instructors. The qualified instructors visit kindergartens, schools, and child development centers to play cards, activity sheets, games, and role-playing to gain children's interest in the education program. They tell the children that each one of them is precious while sharing laughter and enjoying the activities together.

The progress status of Child right education in Good Neighbors Mongolia



Child right Education survey (before, after)



"I met many children who were forced to be in charge of livelihood because of their unemployed or alcoholic parent. I believe that our role as adults is to help them to protect themselves from abuse."

Enkhtuya, 3 year-experienced instructor
for child right education, Mongolia

FUTURE WHERE CHILDREN ARE HAPPY

Good Neighbors Mongolia submitted 'Comprehensive Alternative Reports', a report that gathered other NGO's opinion, to the 'UN Committee on the Rights of the Child' in July, and also attended 'The 75th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child' in October to deliver the opinions of raising awareness of child right. Witnessing the effectiveness of education on children's rights, Mongolians began to understand its importance. GNM is preparing to make more educational videos to raise awareness of the nomads living in remote places so that they can realize how important the rights of children are and respect them. GNM will do their best to ensure that children will grow up to be a healthy and responsible person in their communities by exploring various methods and promotional activities.

GOOD NEIGHBORS MONGOLIA EDUCATION ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS (from 2011~)



For ages 5-6

Children learn how to cope with abduction and sex abuse.



For ages 6-8 (infant & lower elementary)

Children are presented with potential and direct threats of sexual violence through puppet shows and learn how to cope with them.



For ages 6-11 (lower elementary)

Children have a better understanding and awareness of their rights and perceive their own rights separate from those of others as a right holder.



For ages 10-13

Children understand the importance of choosing to be defenders for the abused rather than to be bystanders through audio-visual materials like animation, shadow play, and mask play.



For ages 11-15

Children separate their own rights from those of others and respect them and learn how to cope with abuse by participating in activities and programs related to prevention of abduction and sexual abuse.



For ages 16-19 (high school students & adolescents)

They understand how to empathize with others, respect differences, and communicate with others. They have the overall knowledge and right attitude as future parents.

Good Neighbors NEWS

GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL ATTENDED IN THE 2016 ASIAN NGOS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND WFP ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE



Good Neighbors International attended the 2016 Asian NGOs International Development Conference on October 22nd and 23rd in Taiwan. The theme of this year's conference is "Post-2015 Development Agenda: the Role and Prospect of Asian NGOs". Mr. Il-ha Yi, Board director of Good Neighbors International delivered a keynote speech with the topic of 'Asian CSO's Responses to the Opportunities and Challenges to SDGs' on the second day. He addressed the topic of how to band together to practice SDGs with the Asian NGOs and what kind of role we should play as global leaders. Also, Good Neighbors International participated in the WFP Annual Partnership Conference from October 26th to 27th in Rome, Italy. Good Neighbors and other NGOs participated in the conference that focused on how to effectively deal with global food security and humanitarian crises. Good Neighbors, who cooperated with WFP in South Sudan, Nepal, Rwanda, Malawi, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Tanzania, and Philippines, delivered opinions about strengthening the local Ngo's ability, the market-based support to the vulnerable social group, and the partnership of innovation.

GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL HELD THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016



Good Neighbors International held its 2016 annual meeting from October 11th to 13th in South Korea. The meeting, attended by a total of 84 people, (including representatives from three international headquarters, the US and Geneva UN office, support countries, 32 field countries) discussed the theme of Good Neighbors' new Challenges, Social Impact and sustainable Change. The attendees shared results of projects in the areas of education, health, drinking water, and income generation, ways to improve effectiveness and several exemplary cases thereof. The annual meeting provides employees with an opportunity to find methods for sustainable development by discussing the major issues of each country.

GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTED EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR HAITI



Good Neighbors International conducted 100,000 USD emergency relief for Haiti, which was devastated by Hurricane Matthew, a hurricane with winds of 230km/h on October 4th. According to Reuters, as of October 16th, more than 1,000 people have died and more than 1.4 million people were injured. Since October 5th, Good Neighbors International has carried out humanitarian relief, identified extent of damage, attended civil protection meetings with other NGOs, and discussed the various emergency relief operations through cooperation with United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), and Haiti government. On October 14th, Good Neighbors International provided 135 households which totaled about 500 people with foods and sanitary items in the Dame-marie village, Ganthier region. Good Neighbors International plans to expand relief areas and items to prevent secondary damages such as typhoid, cholera and famine.

GOOD NEIGHBORS THAILAND SIGNED A MOU ON THE PROJECT OF EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHLAND STUDENTS



Good Neighbors Thailand signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the project of Education and Skill Development of highland students with the local educational agencies, namely the Chiang Rai Primary Educational Service Area Office 1, and 3 on Sep, 29th in Chiang Rai province. The directors of 9 highland schools in Chiang Rai, the representative of Good Neighbors Thailand, and other relevant officials participated in this ceremony. According to MoU, Good Neighbors Thailand will support local education agencies by hiring bilingual teachers, constructing dormitories, and conducting job training programs in total 50,000 USD to enhance opportunities for education and skill development to the highland students in rural areas.

GOOD NEIGHBORS AFGHANISTAN IN COOPERATION WITH UNICEF PROVIDED HYGIENE KITS TO WASH PROJECT TARGET FAMILIES



Good Neighbors Afghanistan has been actively implementing the National WASH cluster in cooperation with the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations (MoRR) and successfully distributed 250 Emergency Hygiene Kits to the Project target families on Sep 30th with UNICEF. Accordingly, it is expected that people's awareness of the importance of hygienic practices and actual hygienic practices will increase by providing Emergency Hygiene Kits. Good Neighbors Afghanistan, one of the most active aid agencies in Kabul area, has been working together with various stakeholders including UN agencies.

GOOD NEIGHBORS CAMEROON PROVIDED FOOD PACKAGE AND SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN



Good Neighbors Cameroon provided food packages and school materials to children from September 19th to 30th in Akoeman and Obeck CDPs. The food packages consisted of essential food items like rice, oil, sugar, and powder milk which were recommended by the nutritionist after researching the children's basic nutritious conditions in Akoeman CDP. Good Neighbors Cameroon also provided educational materials, like alphabet books and painting books to the children who did not attend school in order to encourage and motivate them. Good Neighbors Cameroon is trying to improve the educational condition of the children and to continually improve the educational

GOOD NEIGHBORS PARAGUAY CELEBRATED THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY



Good Neighbors Paraguay celebrated the national Children's day on August 16th in memory of brave children who fought during the past war, in order to remember them and never allow children to suffer from such violence again. Good Neighbors Paraguay held a ceremony to increase awareness of child rights and freedom. The event started with welcoming words and a presentation of a puppet show about sex education and protection for the children. One of the most important attractions of the day was the Child Rights Quiz contest which was held to reassure and empower children's right.

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