We cannot close ourselves off to information and ignore the fact that millions of people are out there suffering. I honestly want to help. I don’t believe I feel differently from other people. I think we all want justice and equality, a chance for a life with meaning. All of us would like to believe that if we were in a bad situation someone would help us. ~Angelina Jolie

(Goodwill Ambassador, UNHCR)

Learning Objectives

• Definition of non-governmental institutions

• Identify international organizations based on history, goals & programs

NGO Definition

• NGO is any non-profit, voluntary citizens’ group which is organized on a local, national or international level

• Task-oriented and driven by people with a common interest, NGOs perform a variety of service and humanitarian functions, bring citizen concerns to Governments, advocate and monitor policies and encourage political participation through provision of information

• Some are organized around specific issues, such as human rights, environment or health

Source: http://www.ngo.org/ngoinfo/define.html

NGO Examples

• Medecins Sans Frontieres
• Amnesty International
• Rotary International
• Oxfam
• AARP
• CARE
• International Committee of the Red Cross

• Save the Children Fund
• World Vision
• Feed the Children
• World Wildlife Fund
• Nature Conservatory
• Human Rights Watch
• Plus tens of thousands more...

Oxfam

• International NGO consisting of 14 organizations
• Founded in 1942 in Britain
• Efforts focus on development, emergencies, campaigning, advocacy, policy research
• Over $300 million operating budget

Source: Union of International Associations and the OECD 2006a.
CARE

- One of the largest private humanitarian organizations in the world
- Founded in 1945 & headquartered in Atlanta GA
- Now, 11 member organizations helping communities in developing world achieve lasting victories over poverty
- Current campaigns include Access Africa, Human Face of Climate Change, Mothers Matter, HIV/AIDS & Power Within
- $600 million operating budget

http://www.care.org/index.asp

CARE Packages

- Good stuff in the first CARE Packages (yummy!)
  - one pound of beef in broth
  - one pound of steak and kidneys
  - 8 ounces of liver loaf
  - 8 ounces of corned beef
  - 12 ounces of luncheon loaf (like Spam®)
  - 8 ounces of bacon
  - 2 pounds of margarine
  - one pound of lard
  - one pound of fruit preserves
  - one pound of honey
  - one pound of raisins
  - one pound of chocolate
  - 2 pounds of sugar
  - 8 ounces of egg powder
  - 2 pounds of whole-milk powder
  - 2 pounds of coffee

On May 11, 1946, the first CARE Packages were unloaded at Le Havre, France.

Partners in Health (PIH)

- Nonprofit founded in 1987 in Boston to support medical care in Haiti
- Now, PIH provides modern medical care to poor communities in 12 countries
  - Effective models for delivery of primary care, treatment of MDR-TB, & HIV/AIDS
- Employs more than 11,000 people worldwide
  - Most are local nationals (community health workers)

http://www.pih.org/home2.html

Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders

- International medical humanitarian organization created by doctors & journalists in France in 1971
- Provides aid in 60 countries where survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe
- Operates independently of political, military, or religious agendas—they remain NEUTRAL
- Awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1999

http://doctorswithoutborders.org/index.cfm

Where does MSF intervene? At its core, the purpose of humanitarian action is to save lives, reduce suffering, and help restore the dignity of individuals who have experienced a humanitarian catastrophe. In each country where MSF is working, it sets up a team of health workers (medical or non-medical) who work closely with local community leaders to identify the needs of those hit by the crisis.

Eradicate the root cause of HIV/AIDS, TB, infections in neonates and children. Preventive healthcare measures including education of communities for health and hygiene. Awareness and education to prevent HIV/AIDS.

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United Nations

- Founded in 1945 by 51 countries following World War II
- Now, 192 member states
- $4 billion operating budget (w/out peacekeeping funds)
- Purpose:
  1. Maintain international peace and security
  2. To develop friendly relations among nations, strengthen universal peace
  3. To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character
  4. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends


United Nations Special Agencies

UN Health Related Organizations

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Bank
- UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
- UN Population Fund (UNFPA)
- UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- International Labor Organization (ILO)
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- UN Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNODC)

WHO

- Established on April 7, 1948
- Governed by 192 Member States, World Health Assembly
- Objective: the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health

http://www.who.int

WHO: Key Operating Functions

- Provide worldwide guidance in field of health
- Set global standards for health
- Cooperate with governments in strengthening national health programs
- Develop & transfer appropriate health technology, information, and standards

WHO Programs & Projects: http://www.who.int/entity/en/

PAHO

- Regional office of the WHO
- International public health agency with 100 years of experience, based in Washington DC
  - 27 country offices throughout the Americas
- Works to improve health and living standards in the Americas
- Major priorities include cutting infant mortality, improving access to health care, improve potable water supplies & sanitation
- Helped to eradicate polio from the Americas, and in September 1994, the Americas officially declared polio-free

http://www.paho.org/

UNICEF

- Founded after World War II to aid children in Europe
- Medical advances in 1950s (immunizations) led to expansion of UNICEF mandate
- Most influential advocate for children in world
- More than 7,000 people working in 190 countries around the world

http://www.unicef.org/
UNHCR

- Established in 1950 to aid 1.2 million refugees from WWII
- One of the world’s principal humanitarian agencies, with $2 billion annual budget
- Two basic aims:
  - Protect refugees
  - Help them restart their lives in a normal environment
- Provide legal protection & material relief in major emergencies

http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

- September 4, 1961, Congress passed act to reorganize US foreign assistance programs including separating military and non-military aid
- Independent federal agency provides economic, development and humanitarian assistance to support U.S. foreign policy goals
- $8 billion operating budget

http://www.usaid.gov/

Peace Corps

- Established in 1961 by President John Kennedy to promote world peace and friendship
- Independent agency within exec branch of gov
- Mission & Goal Statements:
  - Help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women
  - Help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of Americans
- $400 million operating budget

http://www.peacecorps.gov/

Volunteers & USF MIPC Program

- Nearly 200,000 volunteers in 139 nations so far
  - Currently 7,000+ volunteers
  - Volunteers live in host country to gain hands-on international work experience
- Earn a Master in Public Health & Peace Corps at USF
  - Coursework for MPH
  - 2 years in Peace Corps
- Work in one of these general categories:
  - Education
  - Youth & community development
  - Health
  - Business, Information & Communication technology
  - Agriculture & Food Security
  - Environment
  - HIV/AIDS

http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/peacecorpsmi.html

USAID Objectives

- First US foreign assistance organization that put primary emphasis on long-range economic and social development assistance efforts
- Supports:
  - economic growth, agriculture and trade
  - global health
  - democracy, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance

http://www.usaid.gov/
Practice Questions

• What is an NGO? Name 3 examples of NGOs.
• This organization was founded in 1945, with headquarters in Atlanta. It aims to achieve lasting victories over poverty. Who am I?
• Describe 3 United Nations special agencies devoted to health.
• Name 2 agencies that are federally funded by the United States government.

In Summary...

• Many nongovernmental organizations play a major role in global health
• NGOs are funded through charitable donations, corporate sponsors, and/or government aid
• United Nations leads international policy on health through the WHO & other UN health related organizations
• United States foreign assistance programs also contribute to global health efforts
• We have only brushed the surface of international organizations committed to global health— we will continue to highlight these agencies throughout the semester