

# STUF United Fund Communication on Engagement (COE) Report submitted to

# **UN Global Compact**

Period covered by this COE: November 2021 to October 2023

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## Part II. Description of Actions

A description of the practical actions that STUF United Fund (STUF) has taken to support the UN Global Compact principles and to engage with the initiative:

Since our establishment in 2009, STUF United Fund has conducted charity and development projects in 5 continents and 33 countries. For these projects, which range from disaster relief to long-term programs in education and public health, building partnership has been, and continues to be, a crucial element in the project design and implementation. During the period covered by this COE (November 2021 to October 2023), STUF has been working with civil society organizations/non-governmental organizations, government agencies, corporations, and various chambers of commerce to support activities related to the UN Global Compact principles.

#### A. Specific projects

Some of the projects conducted during the period covered by this COE:

## 1. Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Project

STUF United Fund launched the **Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Project** in March 2022. The first batch of aid items included 32 pallets of food and 1 pallet of hygiene supplies purchased in Poland. On April 5th, 2022, the trucks loaded with food and supplies departed from Poznan and arrived the next morning at a warehouse in Łąka, a small town next to Rzeszów, Poland, STUF partnered with NGO Charitable Foundation Volunteer Center in Ukraine, which helped distribute the aid items to those in need.





The second batch of aid items was donated on June 10th, 2022 and included medical equipment and medicines. The Charitable Foundation Volunteer Center in Ukraine consulted with local doctors and medical staff to confirm that the donated items meet the needs. Among them, 50% are medical equipment and consumables required items, 25% are sterilized bandage gauze, and 25% are medicines. Nearly 40 kinds of drugs were donated.





On July 8th, 2022, STUF United Fund donated a brand new ambulance to the Lviv Territorial Area Hospital in Lviv, Ukraine. A donation ceremony was held in Kutno, Poland.



#### 2. The 2022 Somaliland Waaheen Market Fire Disaster Relief

In response to the **2022 Somaliland Waaheen Market fire**, STUF United Fund donated to the "National Relief and Support Committee to the Victims of Waaheen Market" on April 30, 2022 to support those in need.

## 3. Turkiye Earthquake Relief Project

STUF United Fund's **Turkiye Earthquake Relief Project** in 2023 included two segments. First, STUF United Fund partnered with the Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater L.A. to donate blankets for earthquake disaster relief. Altogether, over 200 boxes of a total of over 2,200 pieces of blankets were delivered, including STUF's 300 pieces. The blankets were delivered to the storage designated by the Turkish Consulate General In Los Angeles.

Second, STUF United Fund supported the relief efforts of the Malteser International Americas by providing relief funds.



#### 4. Coding International Project

STUF United Fund established the STUF Coding International (SCI) project in 2020 to provide coding education and resources to developing countries and areas that may need the teachers and infrastructure to provide local students with the opportunity to explore technology and programming languages.

The project is carried out in Kenya, Peru and St. Lucia. The International Computer Program Competition was organized in May 2023, in which participating students solved factorial equations using Scratch 3.0. Winners received a certificate of participation and cash prize.



#### 5. Life Education Project

STUF Life Education project offered many online courses that covered various topics that people find helpful to their body, mind, and spiritual health. The course topics included parenting teens, domestic violence, mind and body balancing, the power of breathing, financial management, and hospice.

### **B.** Participation in UN related activities

STUF United Fund joined the United Nations Global Compact as an NGO member in 2010 and is in Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC since 2016. In 2018, STUF joined CoNGO, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations.

### 1. Events participated:

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Our organization participated in the following events during the period of this COE:

(1) UN Development Cooperation Forum STUF joined the Development Cooperation Forum organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. STUF Associate Director Christina Hu, who represented STUF and also the UN CoNGO Committee on Financing for Development, was invited to speak at the

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(2) UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues STUF Goodwill Ambassador Fenmei Niahosa joined the forum which was held from April 17th to 28th 2023.

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(3) CoNGO Regional Committee in Asia-Pacific (RCAP) STUF Asia-Pacific Center was invited to speak at the CoNGO Regional Committee in Asia-Pacific (RCAP) meeting held in Thailand from May 19th to 20th, 2023.



### 2. Event sponsored:

# (1) 2022 United Nations High-Level Political Forum Side Event

On July 13th, 2022, STUF organized a side event entitled "Bridging Digital Gap through STEAM Education by STUF Coding International." Speakers included:

Mr. Yale Huang, Executive Director of STUF United Fund Coding International Project "Promote Social Mobility and Overcome Inequality in the Digital Age"

Ms. Michelle S. Charles, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Innovation Training, Government of Saint Lucia "Coding Education in St. Lucia: Challenges and Opportunities"

Mr. Yves Trionnaire, Director of Programs, HOOP (Helping Overcome Obstacles Peru) "Coding Education in Peru: Challenges and Opportunities"

Professor Jerome Wen, Master Coach and Courses Integrator, STUF Coding International "International Coding Competition Initiates for Future Generation"

## (2) UN Go Workshop and International Charity Gala

In January 2023, STUF organized a two-day workshop, where experts, scholars, and NGO leaders shared about international affairs, UN, and UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The workshop encouraged the participants to get involved in international and public affairs. STUF hosted a gala in the evening to celebrate Lunar New Year with UN ambassadors, UN officers, and U.S. elected officials.





#### (3) Side Event at UN CSW - Commission on the Status of Women

On March 6th, 2023, STUF and Asia-Pacific Liberal Women Association organized a side event during the UN Commission on the Status of Women convention. Speakers from NGOs shared the integration of social, biomedical, and technology aspects regarding gender equality.



## (4) "Connecting the Dots in Climate Finance" Side Event

On April 18th, 2023, STUF co-sponsored the panel "Connecting the Dots in Climate Finance" organized by the NGO Committee on Financing for Development. The event included speakers from the U.S., Sierra Leone, India, British Virgin Islands, and Taiwan.



# (5) WHA (World Health Assembly) Parallel Event

The event invited outstanding Taiwanese American scientist Dr. Chi-Huey Wong to discuss the development of a universal vaccine against COVID-19. Mr. Vincenzo Varagona, the

author of Dr. Carlo Urbani's biography, shared about the life of Dr. Carlo Urbani. Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General of The World Medical Association, joined as the forum moderator. Honorable guests included the Minister of Health from Belize and Tuvalu as well as a congress member from Switzerland.





(6) 2023 United Nations High-Level Political Forum Parallel Event

On July 13, 2023, STUF co-sponsored a parallel event with the Saint Kitts and Nevis Mission to the United Nations in New York. The event title was "Utilizing Smart Technology and Sustainable Development to Improve Livability in Developing Cities." Panelists included speakers from USAID - US Agency for International Development and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).



#### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

- 1. Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Project donation items included 32 pallets of food and 1 pallet of hygiene supplies, medical equipment and medicines, as well as a brand new ambulance.
- 2. Turkiye Earthquake Relief Project in 2023 included 300 pieces of blankets. A donation of \$25,000 was made to the Malteser International Americas to join its disaster relief effort.
- 3. STUF United Fund donated \$50.000 to the "National Relief and Support Committee to the Victims of Waaheen Market" in 2022.
- 4. The WHA parallel event in-person audience was approximately 240 people, with accumulated online participants of 1143 people.
- 5. The Coding International Competition event had a total of 77 student participants.
- 6. Life Education Project: A total of 14 online webinars and 2 Happiness Workshop Series (7-week and 12-week workshops) were held with accumulated participants of 1388 people.