

Humanitarian report 2013

The following is a compilation of completed and future projects for UNANZ Humanitarian Affairs since late 2012. Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional projects and goals are required to meet the National Committee's objectives and goals.

Completed Projects:

Public Affairs Outreach:

Pecha Kucha Presentations by Mikaël Gartner in Auckland and Wellington on personal experiences at the Haiti UN INSARAG Urban Search and Rescue Response: "Lessons from the Deeply Entombed."

Internal Outreach: Update to UNANZ members on the Hurricane Evan Disaster in Samoa, with information on how to donate to NGOs.

Current Projects:

Writing a letter to NZ Fire and MFAT in support of UN INSARAG classification as a Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Meeting with Red Cross Refugee Services in Christchurch in early February to review the organisation's transition from being Government run. Will also discuss how UNANZ can support this.

Ongoing/Monitoring

Continuous monitoring of GDACS, IRIN, and other disaster alert networks for disasters in the Asia Pacific Region. In the instance of a disaster, situation reports are reviewed and NGO organisations are contacted to verify how UNANZ members can assist (usually donations)

Review of UN OCHA, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP and the World Food Program for Conventions and Recommendations; and verifying New Zealand position.

Goals for 2013:

Using Social Media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter) to increase visibility of UNANZ to youth, chapters, Government, and NGO organisations.

Find Point of Contact and Develop working Relationship with the following:

- Government Organizations: MFAT, NZAID
- NGOs: Oxfam, Red Cross, Refugee Services, RedR, CID and UNWomen.
- Outreach:
 - Coordinate presentation at TedEx
 - Coordinate outreach presentations to Schools & Universities
 - Presentation at a minimum of 2 UNANZ chapters on a Humanitarian Affairs Issues (coordinate with Pecha Kucha and invite members).
 - Contacting New Zealand Universities and promoting Internships at various UN Humanitarian related agencies. (Created a poster handout and forward to University Career centers, post on UNANZ website).
 - Development of 1 position paper for UNANZ to forward to NZ Government.