

Humanitarian Activities Committee

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Goals

Our goal in HuAC is to work closely with the respective Sections, Affinity groups and various OU in the Region on trusted Humanitarian interventions and IEEE Humanitarian initiatives by collaborating within and Outside IEEE. Our plans are:

- 1. Connect with the team and build optimal humanitarian team in the Region
- 2. Mentor existing HAC/SIGHT groups and prospective groups
- 3. Increase visibility of Humanitarian Activities within the region
- 4. Encourage reporting on Vtools by monitoring and reaching out
- 5. Create more awareness on SIGHT/HAC activities
- 6. Increasing the number of proposals submission
- 7. Celebrate SIGHT Week 2021
- 8. Get Student and Young professionals involved with Humanitarian Activities
- 9. Collaboration in organizing humanitarian conferences in R8
- 10. Collaborate with other OU in the Region and outside
- 11. Collaborate with external organizations on Humanitarian projects

KPI

- Increase the number of SIGHT groups in the Region by at least 25% by Q3
- Develop HAC/SIGHT Operation manual that will guide volunteers on Humanitarian roles and resources available by Q2.
- Increase reporting on Vtools by 50% by Q3
- Launch min of 2 Humanitarian Initiative in the Region by Q1 and Q2
- Launch first flagship Humanitarian project in the Region

Progress against goals since the last report

- 1. **Increase the Number of SIGHT groups**: Mentors were assigned to respective SIGHT groups to provide guidance and clarification on issues/concerns to increase their participation. The committee is currently mentoring 3 prospective groups in Norway, Italy and Israel. Greece nominated new SIGHT Chairs and France to appoint new SIGHT Chair.
- 2. **Develop HAC/SIGHT Op Manual**: The old operation manual is under review and new information are been added
- 3. **Increase reporting on Vtools:** The committee launched a campaign by reaching out to respective groups on reporting on Vtools. Statistics show a 5x increase in reporting. 15 SIGHT/HAC events reported on Vtools from Nov 2020 to date as against 3 reported in Nov 2020.
- 4. Launch min of 2 Humanitarian Initiative:
- a. **Humanitarian Voices**: The first Humanitarian initiative tagged "**Humanitarian Voices**" Launched. Content for this initiative is currently populated and it is expected to be on our social media and news article starting April.
- b. **Connecting the Humanitarian**: The second Initiative that will focus on **Connecting the Humanitarian** is Work in progress as it will be in collaboration with Young professionals AG Connecting the Experts Series.
- c. **Regional Hackathon:** Work in Progress as talk is ongoing with various sight groups on the hosting. Collaboration with YP, R8 EI and AfI
- d. **Awards:** In order to motivate the volunteers and AG and section groups. Work is ongoing to launch the Regional Awards for Outstanding volunteers and Affinity groups on SIGHT/HAC activities.
- 5. Visibility:
- a. Social Media Handles

Facebook Insights last 28days

• People Reached 7228 about 31% increase, Post Engagements 570 about 109% increase, and 3000+ page followers

Instagram Insights Last 30days

- 441 Account Reached and 900+ followers
- b. **Website Update:** Website updated with the team members and more updates to follow in the coming week.
- c. Round Table Discussion with Chairs

Held the first Round table discussion with the SIGHT group chairs 25th February, 2021 with 19 persons in attendance.

6. **Collaboration with Organization:**

There are ongoing efforts to help with the famine situation in Madagascar. HuaC Region 8 has reached out to the Africa Council, IEEE SIGHT, IEEE Smart Village and Rotary e-Club of Silicon Valley Smart Village in collaborative effort to dress the situation. Interventions such as building a borehole to aid irrigation, grow cassava and Moringa, and providing vocational training are being explored.

Subcommittee Specific Issues 1

- 1. Many AG, SB would like to organize events without having funding support for such activities as SIGHT/HAC do not have funding to support meet-ups and local activities.
- 2. Promotional materials for SIGHT/HAC and other Humanitarian cause

Points of Concern

- 1. Increase awareness on IEEE HAC/SIGHT program and funding opportunities to help increase the level of participation
- 2. Request to have a customized Online/webinar tools such as zoom for virtual events

Proposals for improvements/Other Issues to report

- 1. Need for more funding opportunities: IEEE Humanitarian CFPs from Region 8 and other sources.
- 2. Approval on Award for Sections and Outstanding volunteers on Humanitarian activities in the Regions
- 3. Team at its norming stage and gradually progressing towards performing stage. An opportunity to meet post COVID would improve delivery.







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- Launch the IEEE R8 Outstanding Section SIGHT Group of the Year Award



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