Humanitarian Activities Subcommittee

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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:
   6 new sight groups were added in our region in 2021 bringing the new total to 28. This is a 33% increase in the number of sight groups in our region. 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.

2. Develop HAC/SIGHT Op Manual: Operation Manual is developed and circulated to the respective group to serve as a guide on SIGHT/HAC resources.

3. Increase reporting on Vtools: The committee launched a campaign by reaching out to respective groups on reporting on Vtools. About 32 reports were submitted using tools from Oct 2021 to March 2022, reporting has improved with the SIGHT groups and it is expected to double when projects and events are being carried out by respective groups in the Region.

4. Launch min of 2 Humanitarian Initiative:
   a. Humanitarian Voices: The first Humanitarian initiative tagged “Humanitarian Voices” was Launched in 22.02.2022. Social Media posts about the effort of SIGHT Groups are posted and articles are generated for Region 8 publications. We encourage respective SIGHT groups to share their success stories with us using the link:
   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 Humanitarian Tech Hackathon: We successfully completed the JEH21 Hackathon hosted by Jordan and Emirate SIGHT groups which 3 exceptional solutions to tackle COVID emerged. We have published an Article on this event in Region 8 News. https://ieeere.org/news/three-3-top-solutions-to-tackle-covid-19-emerges-from-jeh21-hackathon/
c. **Awards:** In order to motivate the volunteers and AG and section groups. The Regional Awards for Outstanding volunteers and Affinity groups on SIGHT/HAC activities to be launched with the other Awards in the Region. Application for the global award in ongoing

5. **Visibility:**

a. **Social Media Handles**

Facebook Insights last 28 days

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

Instagram Insights Last 30 days

- 441 Account Reached and 1042 followers

b. **Website Update:** Website updated ongoing. More updates to follow in the coming week.

c. **XSYP Participation**

Workshop and Plenary at HSYP, CEuSYP, MESYP, and ASYP in Nov 2021 - Dec 2021.

6. **Collaboration with Organization:**

The attempt to assist the famine situation in Madagascar was not successful as the amount required is enormous as compared to early projection. The approach is to launch a call to solicit proposals on the best way to tackle such situations.

**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. COVID situation in some countries slowed down events and active participation of some of the committee members

3. Lack Succession planning in the leadership of chairs sight group

**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

3. Face 2 Face meeting for the committee to increase team performance

**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 would improve delivery.
### SIGHT AG in Region 8

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**Newest SIGHT Groups – South Africa Section SIGHT Group, More to join**

Increase in number of sight groups in our region in 2022
Geographical representation of Groups in Region 8

Increase in number of sight groups in our region in 2021
Mentoring of SIGHT Groups

Newly added SIGHT Groups:
Ghana
Ethiopia
South Africa

About 32 reports were submitted using tools from Oct 2021 to March 2022
Intervention

Brainstorm

1. SIGHT Group Chairs in Region 8
2. Multiple Stakeholder
3. UK & Ireland SIGHT Group

Next Steps:
1. Conclude on Need Assessment
2. Support the Ongoing Projects in respective group
3. Provide the platform for Synergy
Call for Proposal/Announcement

CALL FOR IEEE MEMBER PROPOSALS
GRASSROOTS HUMANITARIAN TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

IEEE HAC | SIGHT Projects

Rolling Submission
1 March 2022 – 4 April 2022

Find all the details at:
hac.ieee.org/funding-opportunities/projects

Encourage SIGHT Groups to Apply

IEEE AP-S and IEEE HAC Projects

Special Call for Proposals on AP-S-Relevant Technology for Local Community Challenges

Open Submission
15 November 2021 - 15 January 2022

Humanitarian Activities Committee
IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society

IEEE Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology
Humanitarian Voices

Project: Food Security for the less privileged

This is the first quarter project/event for the IEEE SIGHT Nigeria, it was kicked off in the FCT Abuja and it will be replicated nationwide. It is meant for neighborhood support of the less privileged who do not have means of livelihood. We ordered for food and delivered them to the needy ones around us, we got a large order in very cheap prices. It will continue for this period of the dry season, to save lives out of hunger, we feed once a day meal per person. Focusing more on women and children. For this, we focused on areas of Karamajji and Lugbe axes.

Start Date: January, 2022  Finish Date: April, 2022

Impact: Improved immunity to communicable diseases, sustained lives and job creation

Nigeria Section Team: John Funso-Adebayo, Engr. Yakubu Bello, Ms. Amara Ogu, Mr. Ebuka Angel, Ms. Joan Onuligbo

Do you have a story to share with us? complete our HV form today at: https://ieeer8.org/humanitarian-activities/
HuAC Involvement at XSYP

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Upcoming

- Community Intervention Project (CIP)
- HV Articles
- R8 SIGHT Congress
- Announcement of Outstanding SIGHT Group of Year AWARD