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Contributions of Civil Society Organisations
to the Well-Being of Families Project

10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF)



THE ORIGINAL STUDY
of the Vienna NGO Committee on the Family
was to document :

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS
to the WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES

to observe the
10th Anniversary of IYF in 2004

Original Study: 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF)

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**2004***10th anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF)*
*Interactive Internet Forum for family oriented organisations in consultative status with ECOSOC**


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Kofi Annan,
Secretary-General of the
United Nations

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Report of the Secretary-General


II. The changing circumstances of families

4. The family has a continuing and crucial role in social and human development as well as in provision of care and support to individuals. Strong family bonds have always been part of most societies, and families in most places continue to make important contributions to social and economic well-being. Indeed, families have major, albeit often untapped potential to contribute to national development and to the achievement of major objectives of every society and of the United Nations, including the eradication of poverty and the creation of just, stable and secure societies. Yet, the contribution of families in achieving these objectives, including the goals established in the major conferences and summits of the past decade and in the United Nations Millennium Declaration (see General Assembly resolution 55/2), has generally been overlooked.

5. Part of the reason for this may be that families themselves are experiencing tremendous change. During the 10 years following the observance of the International Year of the Family, social and economic forces have continued to have a significant impact on countries, communities and families. One of the activities of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs undertaken to mark the observance of the tenth anniversary was the publication of the study entitled Major Trends Affecting Families. The study considered the situation of families from a regional perspective, and focused, in particular, on a number of issues that have, and are expected to continue to have, major impacts on families in the years ahead: (a) changes in family structure; (b) migration; (c) demographic ageing and retirement; (d) the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and (e) globalization. It revealed that each of these issues is affecting families to a greater or lesser extent in virtually every country of the world. With increasing social and economic change, globalization and pressures from HIV/AIDS, migration and urbanization, families have faced increasing pressures and family structures have experienced changes. The tendency has been to have smaller families with fewer children, with a weakening of extended family relationships based on mutual obligation and shared responsibility. These changes have sometimes led to social problems as families have become less able - or willing - to provide for the needs of all their members. Many Governments attach great importance to strengthening families, focusing, among other things, on supporting family self-sufficiency, promoting a nurturing and caring environment within the family and preventing domestic violence.

(For the complete text cf.)

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Update of Study: 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF)

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Stages:



1st: Gather Data from CSOs in consultative status with ECOSOC



2nd: Set up “Common Pool Resources” at: www.20yearsIYF.org

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1st Stage: Webmask to gather Data
for the Documentation Study

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email letter of invitation will be sent to:

e.g. 109 CSOs in DESA Directory of CSOs dealing with Family Issues, as well as all other ECOSOC accredited family-oriented CSOs, which wish to participate in the study

Welcome to the webmask for 20yearsIYF.org

Please enter your email-address and klick “continue”

Each participating CSO receives its own User-Id & Password to enter the organisations data.
The data-entering procedure is self-organised by the CSOs

1st Stage: Webmask - step details

Webmask

Three most important activities or projects

Please describe, if possible, up to, and not more than, the
3 most important activities or projects carried out by your organization
for the well-being of families since IYF+10 in 2004.

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cf. below: Guidelines for Description of Activities or Projects

GUIDELINES FOR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS

Carried out by CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS (CSOs) for the WELL-BEING of FAMILIES since 2004

Please, if possible, adhere to the following **12 steps** to facilitate a uniform mode of input, when describing activities or projects carried out by your organisation since the tenth anniversary of The International Year of the Family (IYF) in 2004

1. Please name, if possible, up to, and not more than the **3 most important activities or projects** which were carried out by your organisation for the well-being of families since 2004.

2. Please state **very briefly** the **objectives and purpose** of each activity or project

3. Who were the **beneficiaries and target groups** of the activity or project? e.g.

- (a) families
- (b) family members
- (c) communities
- (d) educators
- (e) journalists
- (f) media editors
- (g) legislators
- (h) local organisations
- (i) national organisations
- (j) international organisations
- (k) others (please state)

GUIDELINES FOR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS (continued)

4. **Duration** of the Activity or Project
5. **Funding** strategies (optional)
6. **Co-operation partners** such as other CSOs, government bodies, international organisations, network partners or strategic alliance partners
7. **Monitoring** steps taken during the project (if any)
8. **Evaluation** procedures (if carried out)
9. **Outcome and Results** of the activity or project
10. **Written reports** (if compiled)
11. **Published reports** (if any)
12. **Please feel free to describe your activities or projects in detail as you wish.**

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA (i)

After the CSOs have been given ample time to enter their data, and any necessary reminders sent out, a deadline will be set, and the data entered will be downloaded for analysis purposes.

In the original study in 2004 a qualitative descriptive analysis method was used.

In the meantime there has been extensive development in software to carry out text analysis, offering the possibility of both qualitative and quantitative analysis.

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA (ii)

cf. e.g. 'Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data with HAMLET II new generation': A Multidimensional Scaling Approach to Quantitative Textual Analysis by Dr. Alan Brier, associate member of the National Centre for Research Methods, Southampton, England and Bruno Hopp, Leibnitz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany.

The authors of the software programme will be invited to advise and cooperate with the analysis.

The data provided by the CSOs in 2004 is still digitally archived and could be analysed with the new software.

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA (iii)

This is a “bottom-up” approach to discern and document contributions of CSOs to the well-being of families by catering, amongst others, to the perceived “pressing needs” of families they cooperate with.

The data analysis could make explicit the “pressing needs” of families which are implicit in the activities and projects of the participating CSOs in the study update.

By comparing the data from www.10yearsIYF.org with www.20yearsIYF.org it will be possible to discern if and how these “pressing needs” have changed and how CSOs have catered for these possible changes.

It will further be possible to categorise these activities and projects and to discern e.g. which categories are more central and which are more peripheral, and which combinations of services are offered by the organisations.

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2nd Stage: Cyber Street of
“Common Pool Resources”

CSOs which participate in the study can also participate in the network

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if they wish

COMMON POOL RESOURCES

According to Hess & Ostrom (2003, 121), “Examples of typical common-pool resource systems include lakes, rivers, irrigation systems, groundwater basins, forests, fishery stocks and grazing areas. Common pool resources may also be facilities that are constructed for joint use, such as mainframe computers and the internet.” Elinor Ostrom is a political scientist and the 2009 Nobel laureate in economic sciences.

Following on Hess & Ostrom (2003) and Crowley (2010), the CSOs which participate in the study, could go on to build common pool resources, by participating in the network www.20yearsIYF and offer, inter alia, knowledge resources for visitors who browse and search the website.

Knowledge Common Pool Resources

2nd Stage – Cyber Street

After collecting and analyzing the organisations data, the afore mentioned network www.20yearsIYF.org will be set up

This network will include the results of the scientific analysis, as well as the profile data entered by the CSOs, which go on to join the network. The download of a pdf book-form of the study will also be possible.

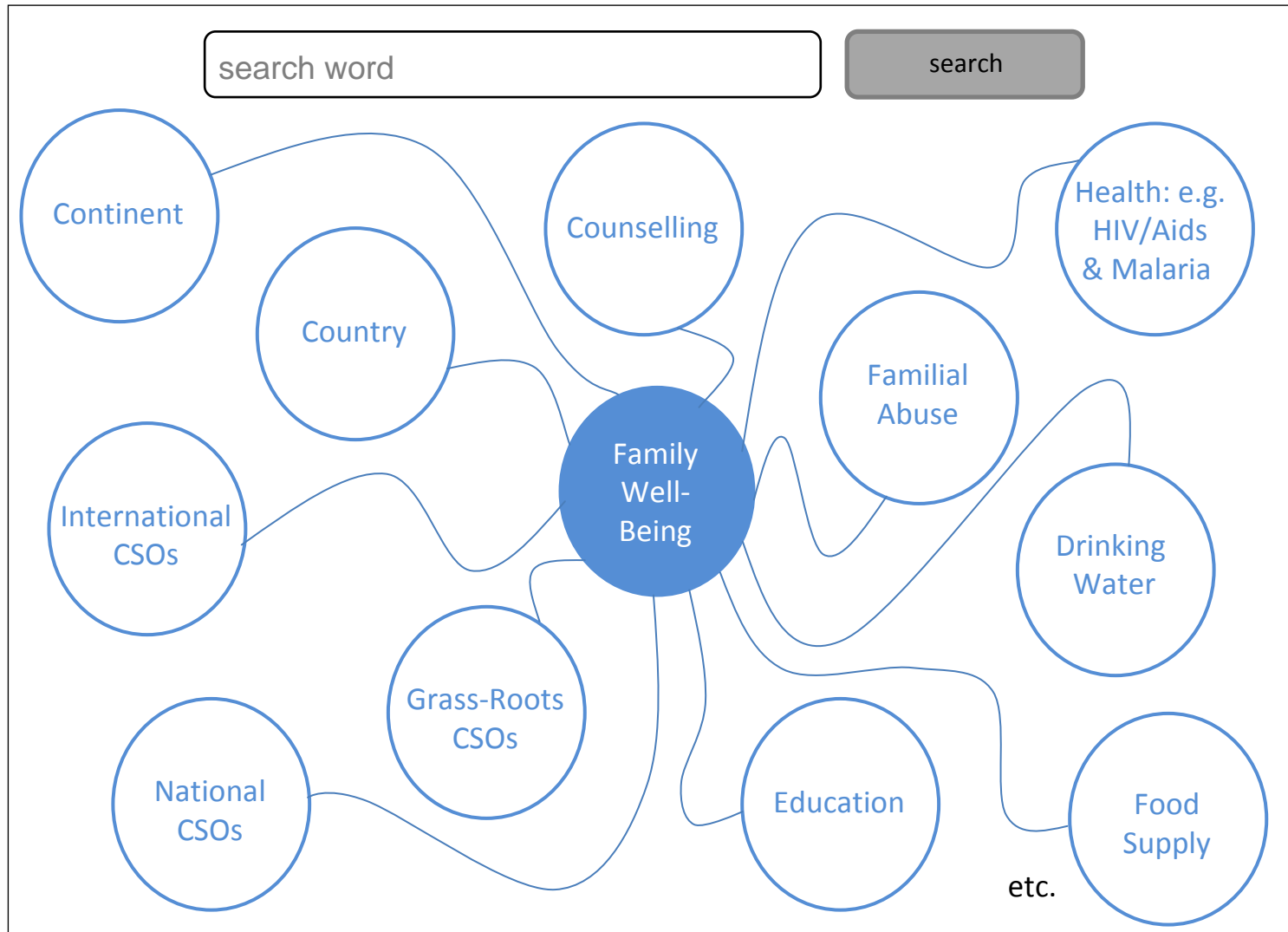
For visitors to www.20yearsIYF.org, the network combines two ways of obtaining knowledgeable information - through **browse** and **search**. Searching is more specific, and similar to regular internet search engines. Browsing on the other hand is more general, and comparable to a shopping mall or street. Visitors access the organisations' information by browsing through a so-called;

“cyber street” of CSOs which build “Common Pool Knowledge Resources”

The following gives an overview of “Browse & Search”

Common Pool Resources

2nd Stage: Cyber Street at: www.20yearsIYF.org



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