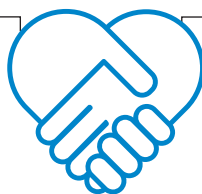




We are inspiration in action

OUR VISION

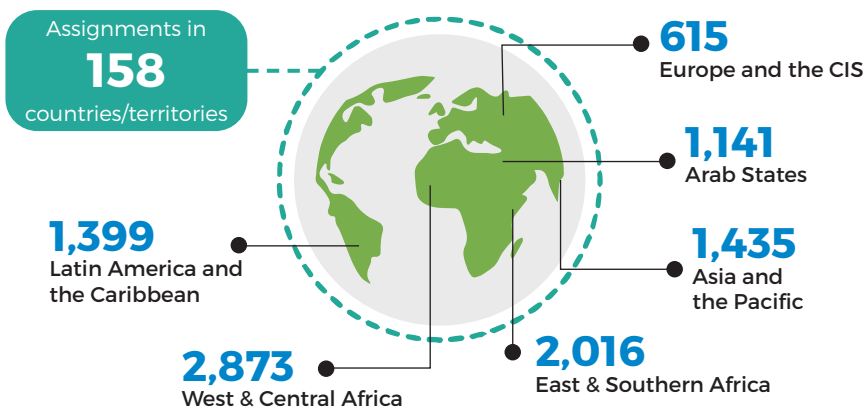
The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme envisions a world in which volunteerism is recognized and valued within societies as a way for all people and countries to achieve peace and development; a world in which societies fully embrace volunteerism in their efforts to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities and exclusion.



Volunteerism is an opportunity for everybody to have their voice heard and their actions recognized. Volunteerism strengthens social cohesion and trust by promoting individual and collective action, leading to sustainable development for people by people.

WHAT WE DO

UNV supports peace and sustainable human development around the globe through the promotion of volunteerism and mobilization of volunteers. It is active in 146 countries, with strong country presence through Regional Offices.



“ Skilled UN Volunteers provide trusted and valued support in UNDP’s electoral programmes. By applying culturally-sensitive approaches, they motivate community volunteers to participate, generating a sense of ownership that fosters inclusive and peaceful elections.

Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator



56%
National UNVs



44%
International UNVs



168
countries of origin



82%
from the global South



52%
were women



UNV's Online Volunteering service connects United Nations entities, civil society organizations and public institutions directly with capable and motivated individuals.

68,173
Online Volunteer applications



“ They are often the first to act in moments of crisis. They create social bonds and give a voice to marginalized and vulnerable groups (...) they help build resilient communities, equipping people against natural disasters, political instability, economic shocks and other pressures.

*António Guterres,
United Nations
Secretary-General*

OUR VOLUNTEERS

UN Volunteers are global citizens motivated to contribute to peace and sustainable development. Working with United Nations partners, governments, civil society, regional organizations and the private sector, UN Volunteers use their experience and talent to bring people to the forefront of development and give them a voice.

UN Volunteers make important contributions and are willing and able to work in all development and peace situations, including some of the most difficult and remote contexts.

Volunteers are catalysts of change and also constitute a flexible, cost-effective resource in ensuring scale, impact and sustainability in United Nations peace and development interventions.

WORKING TOGETHER

UNV works with a wide variety of partners to achieve collective goals. It collaborates with United Nations partners, governments, civil society and regional and private sector organizations. UNV is in a unique position to advance the mandates of UN entities and Member States and support them in delivering results by:

meeting surge capacity requirements in times of crisis through flexible and contingent UN Volunteer assignments

tapping into the commitment, solidarity and civic engagement that are the pillars of volunteerism

advancing progress towards the sustainable development goals and engaging stakeholders in implementation

broadening participation of people, including youth, and increasing capacity and development impact on the ground



OUR PLAN

UNV is one of the original common services to the United Nations system, providing highly motivated and skilled individuals with an opportunity to volunteer within the United Nations system. Volunteers and volunteerism are uniquely placed to impact the Sustainable Development Goals with community-level implementation, as well as facilitate people engagement and capacity development. A transformed UNV can and will deliver much more under the new Strategic Framework, 2018-2021.



UNV is redoubling its focus on United Nations partners, and diversifying its partners to maintain relevance in the fast-changing peace, development and humanitarian contexts. As a shared platform and common service for the United Nations system, UNV will also strengthen and diversify its international, national and online UN Volunteer modalities and volunteer advisory services.

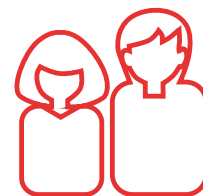


“ We are linking volunteerism with the problems facing youth, like unemployment, exclusion and education. We are showing how youth, through volunteerism, can regain confidence, skills and work to make a positive change in their homelands, their societies, themselves and their families.

*Noha Tarek, national UNV Youth
Coordinator in Egypt*

ENGAGING PEOPLE

UNV engages people at all levels in peace and sustainable development. We recognize the role of women as a driving force for progress and as promoters of societal transformation. UNV boosts global advocacy and partners to promote youth volunteerism and advocates for inclusive processes for Agenda 2030.



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Resilient nations.*