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National UN Volunteer Hamza Tidjani Ousmane, UNHCR WASH Officer in Batouri, is providing assistance to a young boy while inspecting water points on the site of Lolo, Batouri, Cameroon. (Rakotondrazafy A. M. Ny Aina/UNV, 2014)

UNV in action: humanitarian assistance in Cameroon

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Supporting the operations of various UN agencies, UN Volunteers engage in a wide range of roles, from registration to sanitation, with the ultimate aim to save and protect the lives of people including refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), to alleviate suffering and to uphold human dignity.

Humanitarian assistance is a priority for the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme in order to fulfill its mandate to deliver peace and sustainable development through volunteerism.

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