UNV Midwife Trainer with UNFPA in Haiti, Annick Coulibaly, from Côte d'Ivoire, attends to a newborn at the Clinic Sonub, Petit Place Cazeau. (UNV, 2012)

World Health Day 2014

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Today, 327 UN Volunteers are carrying out assignments in the health sector. They come from 65 nations and are deployed to 53 countries and territories, holding positions (in descending order of frequency) as medical doctors, midwives, nurses, health, nutrition and reproductive health officers, health assistants, pharmacists, dentists, and UN dispensary physicians, among others.

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