UNV partnering with Spain

Since 1991, the Government of Spain and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme have worked closely together to support global UN development, humanitarian and peacebuilding efforts. To date, this collaboration, through the UNV Full Funding (FF) programme, has facilitated the deployment of more than 300 UN Volunteers, including national UN Volunteers from the global South.

In 2021, Spain, represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will continue to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by deploying 16 Spanish fully funded UN Volunteers worldwide. For instance, these volunteers will support UN efforts to defend human rights, promote gender equality and foster food security in Latin America and Africa.

UNV’s longstanding partnership with Spain has included successful collaboration to develop and implement initiatives in the area of disaster risk reduction and promotion of volunteerism in the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Peru, as well as to support UNV’s Online Volunteering service.

During 2020, 89 Spanish nationals served as UN Volunteers.

Spain actively co-sponsored the UN General Assembly Resolutions on volunteering for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (A/RES/73/140) and integrating volunteerism into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade and beyond (A/RES/70/129).

Spain’s strong commitment towards volunteerism is reflected in its Voluntary National Review. Spain reported on progress towards achieving the SDGs in 2018, and made a clear reference to the role of volunteers and volunteering platforms to support the 2030 Agenda.

For further information, visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain. Also refer to UNV’s Annual Report 2021, including our Special Voluntary Fund and Full Funding reports.