

## International Volunteer Day 2016

International Volunteer Day 2016's theme #GlobalApplause – give volunteers a hand, recognizes volunteers worldwide and all they do in making peace and sustainable development a reality.

We are encouraging people around the world to give volunteers much-deserved #GlobalApplause through social media engagement and support of your country IVD celebrations.



Volunteers are committed advocates of making the world a better place. From local community volunteers to those on the frontline of natural disasters, volunteers are quintessential to humanity – the billion volunteers globally bring communities together. And the world is not only changed by people who share the volunteer spirit, volunteers, showing up and stepping up, become global citizens who highlight our common human future on this planet.

Digital materials of the campaign to share in social media are available in [this public Trello board!](#)

Through this campaign, we are orchestrating a round of #GlobalApplause to recognize all volunteers everywhere and the contribution they make. While "giving volunteers a hand", we also encourage everyone who has not yet volunteered to join in and take part!

**Please read the statement on International Volunteer Day 2016 from the United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon.**

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*International Volunteer Day (IVD), on December 5th, was designated by the United Nations in 1985 as an international observance day to celebrate the power and potential of volunteerism. It is an opportunity for volunteers, and volunteer organizations, to raise awareness of, and gain recognition for, the contribution they make to their communities.*