Mobilizing Talent

Almost 40% of these women in 20 professional areas

Over 25,000 readily available candidates on the UNV roster

Engaging People

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

Noha Tarek, national UNV Youth Coordinator in Egypt

6,976 UN Volunteers
Served with 36 partners

From 153 countries of origin
82% from the South
43% women
1,598 under the age of 29
Including 34% national UN Volunteers

National UN Volunteer Civil Engineers Ganeesh Paudel (second from right) and Sadhna Thwai (right) speak with a local man and assess the damage of his collapsed house in the village of Kuniook VDC, Sindhupalchok District, one of the regions hardest hit by the devastating earthquake of April 2015 in Nepal. (Ayush Karki/UNV, 2015)

In Astana, Kazakhstan, UN Youth Volunteer for Community Development Han Na Kim (left, Republic of Korea) and Aibek Aysyvandov (middle), a national student volunteers, support the MY World offline roll-out on International Youth Day by helping members of the public fill in the MY World surveys. (J Hyun Yang/ UNV Kazakhstan, 2013)
Inspiration in Action (brochure)

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About 82 per cent of UN Volunteers come from countries of the global South. More than 30 per cent of UN Volunteers are assigned within their own countries. UNV also operates an Online Volunteering service, which connects United Nations entities, civil society organizations and public institutions directly with highly capable and motivated individuals who provide their support over the internet.
Sustainable Development Goal: