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Noha Tarek, national UNV Youth Coordinator in Egypt

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92% from the South
43% women
1,596 under the age of 29
Including 34% national UN Volunteers

6,976 UN Volunteers
Served with 36 partners
in 122 countries of assignment

From 153 countries of origin

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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.
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