

## UNV partnering with Kazakhstan

The Republic of Kazakhstan has been a strong and active partner to the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme. Following a 2019 decree declaring 2020 as the Year of Volunteerism in Kazakhstan, which was signed by President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed a cooperation agreement with UNV on 20 November 2019.

Kazakhstan contributes to the work of UNV through its Full Funding programme, cost-sharing efforts and support for International Volunteer Day (IVD) and other events. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan is a committed partner, and has been making a financial contribution of US \$2,000 to UNV's Special Voluntary Fund (SVF) every year since 2016.

In March 2020, with support from the Ministry of Information and Society Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, UNV opened a call for applications for Kazakhstan nationals. The aim is to enable Kazakh volunteers to develop and apply their skills, knowledge and abilities to promote sustainable development as UN Volunteers within the UN system.

As a result, we deployed four international UN Volunteer specialists and three international UN Youth Volunteers. These volunteers have been placed with the World Health Organization (WHO), International Organization of Migration (IOM), UN Women, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UN Development Programme (UNDP).

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### Featured video: UNV and Kazakhstan expand cooperation

*For further information, visit the website of the [Ministry of Information and Social Development](#) of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Also refer to UNV's [Annual Report 2020](#), including our [Special Voluntary Fund](#) and [Full](#)*

[Funding](#) *reports.*