



Sustaining Livelihoods Affected by the Aral Sea Disaster is a Joint UN Programme of five UN Agencies (UNDP, WHO, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNV) and Government of Uzbekistan to improve the welfare of the most vulnerable groups due to Aral Sea ecological crisis in the Autonomous Republic of Karakalpakstan within Uzbekistan. The health component of the UN Joint Program targets enhancing the capacity of primary health care workers to address the health consequences of the Aral Sea environmental disaster with a specific focus on needs of women and the youth.

UNV partnering with UNESCO

Since 1971, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has been partnering with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme to promote international cooperation in education, science and culture. Between 2008-2018, 85 UN Volunteers served with UNESCO, supporting the organization's mission to contribute to peace and security by promoting international collaboration; to increase universal respect for justice, the rule of law; and human rights.

How does the recruitment of UN Volunteers add value to UNESCO?

As an efficient, speedy and diverse talent solution for UN partners, UN Volunteers serve with UN entities to bring people to the forefront of development, peace and humanitarian issues. UNV manages a pool of over 250,000 talented and qualified UN Volunteers who can be deployed to bolster the delivery of UNESCO's programmes and support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UN Volunteers around the world advance progress towards UNESCO's goals of building peace, eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable

development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, and culture.

Through their involvement at the community-level, UN Volunteers contribute to UNESCO's objectives of empowering learners to be creative and responsible global citizens.

In 2017, [UNV and UNESCO signed a new Memorandum of Understanding](#), reaffirming their commitment to the partnership.

Read more about UN Volunteers serving with UNESCO.

UN Volunteers are experienced personnel available to support UNESCO's mandate. In 2018, over 80 per cent of UN Volunteers came from the global South, offering an understanding of complex local development challenges and societal norms. UN Volunteers can strengthen the impact, sustainability and inclusivity of development initiatives, fostering participation and generating local ownership.

How can your office recruit UN Volunteers?

UNV offers different categories of UN Volunteers to suit the needs of UN partners, such as international and national specialists, youth or online volunteers. UN Volunteers can serve from two weeks to up to four years, depending on the category of volunteer. UNV manages all contractual, legal and management aspects to help minimize the administrative impacts for the host organization.

To partner with UNV and recruit UN Volunteers to support UNESCO's programmes and operations, [contact](#) the UNV Field Representation or Regional Office for guidance and support.

For further information, refer to UNV's website at: <https://toolkit.unv.org>.