



UN Volunteer Mahmoudou Ben Bello, completing school registrations of young Central African refugees in Bertoua, Cameroon, a joint project of UNICEF, UNHCR and UN Women. (UNV, 2014)

## UNV partnering with UNICEF

Since 1971, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has been partnering with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme to assure the protection and promotion of children's rights. Between 2008-2018, 1,075 UN Volunteers served with UNICEF, supporting the organization's mission to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

### How does the recruitment of UN Volunteers add value to UNICEF?

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 UNICEF's programmes and support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UN Volunteers, by the very nature of volunteerism's inclusiveness, advance

UNICEF efforts to create a world where the rights of every child are safeguarded and realized. They contribute towards child survival and development, basic education and gender equality, HIV/AIDS and child protection. UN Volunteers have been engaged in outreach to children, caregivers and communities, promoting enhanced nutrition and health, analyzing data and contributing to policy dialogue.

Read more about [UN Volunteers serving with UNICEF](#).

UN Volunteers are experienced personnel available to support UNICEF's mandate. In 2019, 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 UNICEF's programmes and operations, [contact](#) the UNV Field Representation or Regional Office for guidance and support.

For further information, check out the [UN Partner Toolkit](#) online.