UN Volunteer Andrea Medaas (Norway) and a member of the Phaie community in the Chinguluwe Extension Planning Area go over traditional agriculture tasks divided by gender, during a monitoring and evaluation visit to Salima District in Central Malawi. (UNV Malawi, 2016)

UNV partnering with UN Women

Since 2010, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) has been partnering with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme to promote gender empowerment around the world. The partnership is a continuation of prior collaboration with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Between 2008-2018, 553 UN Volunteers have served with UN Women, supporting its mission to advance gender equality around the world and create an environment in which every woman and girl can exercise her human rights and live up to her full potential.

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

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 UN Women’s programmes and support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UN Volunteers are particularly suited to support UN Women’s mandate.
They work within communities to advance gender-sensitive humanitarian and development programming, and social mobilization for behavior change. By the very nature of volunteerism’s inclusiveness, volunteers advance UN Women’s efforts to strengthen women’s economic empowerment and promote sustainable livelihoods.

Read more about UN Volunteers serving with UN Women.

UN Volunteers are experienced personnel available to support UN Women’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 UN Women’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.