UN Volunteer teacher Khaled Osman, teacher of grade 10 & 11, while checking one of his student’s work during their exam. The exams were held at Al Jarmak School in Saadnayel, the Bekaa Valley. (Nadim Bou Habib/UNV, 2016)

UNV partnering with UNRWA

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is partnering with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme to respond to the plight of Palestine refugees. Between 2008-2018, 234 UN Volunteers served with UNRWA to support its mission.

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

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

UN Volunteers provide primary and vocational education in schools for refugees in Lebanon, facilitate primary health care, relief and social services, promote protection and emergency response, support camp infrastructure, bridge social and gender gaps and encourage the
development of Palestinian refugees on both a national and community level.

Read more about UN Volunteers serving with UNRWA.

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