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## Become an Online Volunteer

Have you considered dedicating your skills and expertise virtually to advance global peace, development and humanitarian efforts. Through the Online Volunteering service of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, you can connect with UN entities, governments, public institutions and civil society organizations. Find out more on how to become an Online Volunteer and help tackle today's sustainable development challenges – from any device, anywhere in the world. &nbsp;

### Why volunteer online?

- Through Online Volunteering, you can contribute your skills and expertise towards achieving sustainable human development efforts of organizations around the world.
- You can get first-hand practical experience with organizations working in the development sector.
- You can also extend your network among different organizations and make invaluable connections.

### Where are Online Volunteer assignments advertised?

- You will find Online Volunteer assignments advertised on our [Unified Volunteering Platform \(UVP\)](#).
- Use the filters to distinguish online from onsite assignments and check the description of assignment for details.

## Requirements

- To sign up on the Unified Volunteering Platform and apply for Online Volunteer assignments, you must be at least 18 years of age.
- There is no particular background required to become an Online Volunteer. Each Online Volunteer assignment is different and has its own requirements, set by the host organization.
- As an Online Volunteer, you can only support organizations remotely in assignments up to 20 hours per week for a maximum of 12 weeks for each assignment.
- Anyone interested in contributing their time and skills to the global sustainable human development efforts can become an Online Volunteer, regardless of your background or location.

## Online Volunteering criteria and service rules

- Online Volunteers are not under contract with the UNV programme or the engaging organization and are not affiliated with either of them.
- Furthermore, Online Volunteers do not receive any volunteer living allowances or any other kind of financial compensation or benefits.
- For each Online Volunteering assignment, a maximum of 25 Online Volunteers can be engaged for up to 20 hours per week and for a maximum of 12 weeks.

## Online Volunteering: how does it work?

- Non-profit organizations working for peace and development – UN agencies, governments & public institutions, and civil society organizations – register their organization details.
- UNV reviews and approves the registration of [eligible](#) organizations.
- Organizations complete an online form explaining what they need from online volunteers.
- UNV provides guidance and support on how to best organize online collaboration.
- UNV reviews the descriptions of assignments and publishes them if they meet the [criteria](#).
- Volunteers find assignments of their interest and apply.
- Organizations select the volunteers they want to engage.
- Volunteers and organizations collaborate online.
- Volunteers and organizations provide feedback on their collaboration.
- Organizations issue an electronic certificate of appreciation to their volunteers.