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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response

UNV has put measures in place to ensure duty of care for its currently serving 6,000 UN Volunteers, deployed with over 50 UN entity partners worldwide.

UNV also invites health professionals interested to help combat COVID-19 as national UN Volunteers to register in our talent pool and apply for relevant assignments.

- A dedicated page on COVID-19 has been set up for UN Volunteers, including travel information, protective measures, frequently asked questions, training and medical insurance information. The page is regularly updated as the situation develops and with answers to more frequently asked questions.
- We are sending regular updates to UN Volunteers, candidates, host entities and partners, including administrative guidelines.
- For immediate support in case you are unwell, kindly seek medical attention in your duty station or point of transit, and consult WHO guidance on infection prevention and control.
- For other support, kindly email volunteer.support@unv.org. Your query will then be channelled to the relevant UNV focal point to assist you.

This is a time for prudence, not panic. Science, not stigma. Facts, not fear. Even though the situation has been classified as a pandemic, it is one we can control. We can slow down transmissions, prevent infections and save lives. But that will take unprecedented personal, national and international action. COVID-19 is our common enemy. We must declare war on this virus. That means countries have a responsibility to gear up, step up and scale up... All of us have a responsibility, too – to follow medical advice and take simple, practical steps recommended by health authorities. --UN Secretary-General António Guterres

The World Health Organization (WHO) has an emergency page on the Coronavirus disease
(COVID-19) outbreak, which includes country and technical guidance, situation reports, travel advice and further information. You can also monitor COVID-19 incidence and developments on the WHO situation dashboard.

UNV is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which is working with its partners to combat the spread of the disease and support the most affected countries. Check out the UNDP COVID-19 pandemic response and Tweet Zero campaign.

Protect yourself and those around you and stay safe.