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Staff volunteers from the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme and their families invited visitors, including the Lord Mayor of Bonn, Mr Jürgen Nimptsch, to participate in MDGs games. These raised awareness of the goals and progress to meet them and of the debates currently underway regarding the operational framework that will guide development efforts after the MDG schema expires in 2015. Youth, in particular, were eager to know more about the contribution UN Volunteers make towards sustainable peace and development. Some reported learning about the MDGs and development challenges in class.

UN Day is celebrated globally to highlight the aims and achievements of the United Nations. The day marks the anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter on 24 October 1945 and has been observed annually in Bonn since 1996, when UNV moved, as the first UN organization, from Geneva, Switzerland to Bonn.

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