Sponsor UN Volunteers

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme brings together host country governments, funding partners, UN Volunteers eager to make a difference and the UN system to advance peace and development in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, while promoting the global recognition of volunteerism. UNV enables its partners – including governments, universities, civil society organizations and the private sector – to fund UN Volunteer assignments.

Funding partners may choose to sponsor nationals of their own country or those of other nationalities to contribute their skills and talents for peace and development.

UN Volunteers contribute to key UN projects and functions at country and regional level,
and address some of the most pressing peace and development challenges around the world.

2018 UNV Full Funding programme statistics at a glance

561  Fully funded UN Volunteers served with 26 United Nations partners in 88 countries

62%  UN Youth Volunteer assignments (45% Youth and 17% University)

38%  Specialist UN Volunteer assignments

79%  Women

In the 2016 UNV Annual Survey, 91 per cent of fully funded UN Volunteers indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with their experience and 91 per cent agreed that their knowledge, competencies and skills had been developed through the assignment.

Our studies (2016) indicate that the three most highly rated aspects of the volunteer experience were:

- Intercultural experience
- Knowledge of the UN system
- Development of personal and social skills

→ Over 75 per cent of respondents indicated that the UN Volunteer experience had been valuable for their career development and employment perspectives.

→ 27 per cent of respondents continued to work with the UN immediately after the assignments.

To hear about the real life experiences of UN Volunteers, please listen to the ‘Blue Room Talk’ of Aissata Ba, UN Volunteer Fully Funded by Luxembourg, and Thiago Resende Xavier, UN Volunteer Fully Funded by Brazil.
For more information

For enquiries about the UNV Full Funding Programme, contact our Partnerships Section at: partnershipsupport@unv.org

For more information on who can partner with the Full Funding Programme, how do we work and the cost of an assignment, please read our most recent UNV Full Funding Programme Report 2018.

Partners interested in supporting UNV with other financial resources are invited to take a look at our section on Funding Partners.