International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2017

On the occasion of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, UNV joins the global celebration around United Nations peacekeeping and this year’s theme, “Investing in peace around the world.”
Around a third of all UN Volunteers worldwide are deployed in peacekeeping operations. Over the last 25 years, more than 14,000 UN Volunteers have been deployed to support peace processes in more than 40 peacekeeping and political UN missions, as well as UN peacebuilding offices, around the world. They ensured access to basic social services, including education, primary health care, justice and administrative services to local communities in remote areas amid ongoing conflict.

Below you can find a collection of stories that showcase the positive impact of UNV and UN Volunteers in order to build a truly sustainable peace.
Statement by the UNV Executive Coordinator Olivier Adam on the occasion of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers

This year’s theme, calling Member States to invest in peace, comes at a particularly relevant time. In a world where most humanitarian crises are triggered by complex conflicts, resources invested in peace have to produce results while increasing their efficiency. This would mean more investment in conflict prevention but also an effort to build on successful experiences... Read more
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On a global scale, peace remains largely an elusive goal often negatively portrayed as merely the absence of violence. The work carried out by UN Volunteers, however, clearly demonstrates that there is much, much more to peace. The unique nature of their engagement in peacebuilding is characterized by solidarity, a will to initiate positive change from within...  

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UN Volunteer Anna Innocenti describes her experience in MINUSTAH

In this video produced by the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), UN Volunteer Anna Innocenti describes her experience as a human rights officer serving with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), a peacekeeping mission that will close in October and will be replaced by the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH).
Voices from the field
Hanan Ahmed is a UNV international civil engineer volunteer (Ethiopia) on assignment with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO). Based in Goma in the eastern part... Read more

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David Bzhania is a UN Volunteer serving as a technician for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). He implemented a service desk called "Ineed" in Goma (eastern DRC), which resolves in a... [Read more](#)

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