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In Guatemala, National UN Volunteer, Fredy Soto (right), Environmental Specialist is monitoring the improvements of the Community-Based Adaptation programme nursery garden in the village of Taltimiche, Comitancillo, San Marcos. (Daniele Volpe, 2012)

Service Line: UN Volunteers to enhance monitoring and evaluation capacity

In its effort to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation capacities of governments and ensure that projects under Agenda 2030 are measured against impact, UNV offers volunteer modalities that focus on monitoring and evaluation.

Highly-skilled UN Volunteer specialists with analytical expertise in measurement, monitoring and reporting assist UN partners and governments in identifying insufficiencies and prioritizing adequate measures to address development processes. In partnership with UNV, UN entities and governments can develop stronger standards to observe, evaluate and report on progress, design strategies for future engagement and cooperation and take full advantage of new technologies and innovations.
Monitoring and evaluation remains a top UN Volunteer professional profile requested by UN partners. The service line package provides a reliable and accurate service line for UN entities, governments and other partners to deliver relevant and evidence-based data and help actors address the challenges their societies and communities face. In the course of their monitoring and evaluation assignments, UN Volunteers specialists supervise the implementation of projects and provide expertise relevant to country needs. They can identify problems which will be later translated into policies.

"UNV provides UNODC with highly qualified cadres of motivated professionals as UN Volunteers. These individuals provide sound technical knowledge and promote the values of volunteerism. UN Volunteers support research and data collection."

Cesar Guedes, UNODC Representative, Pakistan

Statisticians, community mobilization specialists, ICT specialists and other UN Volunteers collect information about issues in their communities, monitor project progress and highlight priority areas. Analyses are undertaken in cooperation with governments and stakeholders to allow for relevant feedback taking into account the impact assessment of the initiatives and the mapping of good practices. UN’s push for responsibility, efficiency and accountability then becomes a reality.

"Through my efforts, the county has now begun producing regular field monitoring reports and departments have designated an officer in charge of monitoring and evaluation."
Nicholas Mutua Kiema, UN Volunteer Monitoring and Evaluation Programme Assistant in Kenya

UNV actively involves marginalized communities and makes sure their voices are heard. UNV promotes integrated monitoring activities through the exchange of suggestions between projects and partners, civil society and communities and makes sure knowledge is shared within the framework of relevant training programmes for monitoring and evaluation.

Data gathering and mining are maximized using the latest technological advances, with volunteers benefiting from mobile networks to carry out rapid reporting on development interventions to the attention of UN entities, national governments and civil society organizations. Thus, monitoring and evaluation capacities are holistically and multi-dimensionally enforced to champion progressive social environments.
Broad consultations with UN entities led to the establishment of UNV service lines. These embody a set of standardized volunteer services based on standard Descriptions of Assignments dedicated to facilitate developmental efforts across UN entities.

Download our brochure on the UNV Service Line: UN Volunteers in Support to Enhance Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity

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