



2018 State of World Volunteerism Report shows that volunteering is a fundamental coping strategy for communities in crisis

[**البيان الصحفي لاجتماع اطلاق التقرير السنوي للتطوع في العالم 2018](#)

The Arabic version of [the 2018 State of the World's Volunteerism Report \(SWVR\)](#) is launching today in Cairo, Egypt. An international panel of representatives of Government, the United Nations and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society will be presiding over the launch, addressing the report's findings and outlining a vision for how volunteers can best be supported by peace and development institutions.

In a fragile and turbulent world, volunteers are active in every major shock and stress situation experienced by communities – from earthquakes and flooding to climate change and local conflicts. Often working behind the scenes, they are the thread that binds communities together, finds the latest [State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2018](#), published by the United Nations Volunteers ([UNV](#)) programme.

Globally, around 1 billion citizens actively volunteer their time. The most comprehensive global figures produced to date from official statistics in this report show that Arab States have around 9 million equivalent full-time volunteers, 8.2% of the global volunteer

workforce. This means that there is a great potential in Arab States for drawing on local volunteers' support in facing development challenges. Building on this and other findings of the report, this event addressed the questions of:

- How local volunteerism in the Arab States can serve as strategic resource for community resilience?
- What role does local volunteerism play for women and youth?
- In what way local volunteerism can support with refugee management and relationship-building between host and refugee communities?
- Can local volunteerism provide a valuable resource for the implementation of the 2030 SDGs?
- How governments and other stakeholders can strengthen the contribution of volunteerism to resilience-building in Arab States?

UN Volunteers Regional Office Manager, Jason Pronyk, says: “the Arab States region has a long history of cooperation through voluntary action. This report helps us to understand further the ways in which people are coming together to shape their futures and to build a resilient region. There is a sense of urgency in supporting this response, and UNV will work with partners to be on the front foot when it comes to providing solutions.”

Background

The State of the World's Volunteerism Report draws on original research conducted during 2017-2018 across five continents to understand how communities view volunteering and explores how governments and development actors can best engage with volunteerism to nurture its most beneficial characteristics while mitigating against potential harms to the most vulnerable. In doing so, the report provides an important contribution to the evidence base on inclusive, citizen-led approaches to resilience-building.

Download the report and supplementary document

- 2018 State of the World's Volunteerism Report [[Full report - ARABIC](#)]
- 2018 State of the World's Volunteerism Report: Volunteerism and Resilience in the Arab States [[Regional perspective](#)]

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Panelists

- Mourad Wahba (Chair), Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States
- High-Level Representative, Egyptian Government
- Margaret Carroll, Co-author of the SWVR 2018
- Daniel Endres, Director of the Division of Resilience and Solutions, UNHCR

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