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UN mission in Mali celebrates 'The Voices of Courage' through a photo exhibition featuring women volunteers

On December 5, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) celebrated International Volunteer Day through a photo exhibition titled 'The Voices of Courage'. This aimed to recognize the many initiatives undertaken by women to make communities more resilient to natural disasters, economic tensions and political shocks.



Visitors reading stories featuring women volunteers during the photo exhibition activity to celebrate International Volunteer Day in Mali.

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In Mali, more than 200 UN Volunteers are advancing peace and development with the various United Nations entities, including more than 140 in MINUSMA.

'The Voices of Courage' photo exhibition paid special tribute to women volunteers in Mali: 10 women agreed to share their volunteer experience in this West African country. Their stories are illustrated by 10 portrait photos of women volunteers in action in their work environments.

The opening of the exhibition took place in the presence of Joanne Adamson, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Mali, in charge of political issues, Lizbeth Cullity, Chief of Staff of MINUSMA, Michael Mulinge Kitivi, Director of Support to the Mission, and Pauline Deneufbourg, UNV Programme Manager in Mali.

Women volunteers contribute every day to making communities more resilient in times of crisis, support the peace process in Mali and take all necessary measures to improve gender equality and address the issue of violence against women. --Joanne Adamson, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Mali



Participants in the opening of the photo exhibition activity featuring women volunteers as part of the IVD celebrations in Mali. (Marco Dormino/MINUSMA, 2018)

Volunteers are all around you; every day they write, analyze, listen, advise, report, coordinate. This International Volunteer Day is above all an opportunity for all to thank them.
--Pauline Deneufbourg, UNV Programme Coordinator, Mali

"We hope that this series of portraits and stories will encourage and inspire all future women and men Volunteers, in Mali and elsewhere", says Pauline Deneufbourg, UNV Programme Manager with MINUSMA in Mali.

The IVD activity took place at the MINUSMA operational base in Bamako, however, this touring exhibition will travel to the different regions of Mali where the UN is present until April 2019.

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