UNV partnering with Sweden

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme has been partnering with Sweden, represented by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) since 2007. The partnership was formally renewed in 2018, also in view of Sida’s Strategy for Capacity Development, Partnerships and Methods Supporting Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development (2018-2022).

In 2017, Sida and UNV signed the first agreement to supporting full funding of UN Youth Volunteer assignments for Swedish Volunteers. During 2018, 64 Swedish nationals served as UN Volunteers, 52 of whom were funded by the Government of Sweden.
In 2019, Sida and UNV engaged in a pilot initiative to support the UNDP-UNV Talent Programme for Young Professionals with Disabilities for Swedish nationals.

Sida provides a contribution to UNV’s Special Voluntary Fund (SVF), a flexible resource to implement UNV’s Strategic Framework. Sida and UNV hold annual consultations to assess the status and results achieved through this partnership.

The Swedish Government was also one of the 124 co-sponsors of the 2018 UN General Assembly Resolution on "Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" in 2018 (A/C.3/73/L.13).

Experiences of UN Volunteers from Sweden

![Graph showing financial contributions from Sweden (2014-2018) in USD]
→ **Volunteer Voices of inclusion from IOM Rwanda** (Louise Henry Bergman, UN Volunteer Project Support Officer with IOM, Rwanda)

→ **UN Youth Volunteers from Sweden learn new skills while supporting peace and development all over the world** (Alexandra Palmquist, UN Youth Volunteer in Environment and Climate Change with UNDP, Bolivia, Sara Larsson, UN Youth Volunteer in Monitoring and Evaluation with UNDP Ukraine and Oskar Tinnerholm, UN Youth Volunteer in Conflict Resolution with UNDP, Guatemala)

→ **In Jordan, supporting one of the biggest refugee-focused operations ever** (Anja Ingabire, UN Volunteer with UNHCR, Jordan)

→ **UN Volunteers break language barriers to support the protection of refugees in Niger** (Gabriella Fana Kidane, UN Volunteer with UNHCR, Niger)

→ **Strengthening the role of youth in peacebuilding in Guatemala** (Oskar Tinnerholm, UN Volunteer with UNDP, Guatemala)

→ **UN Volunteers fighting to keep biological diversity in Kenya and Tanzania alive** (Linda Jonsson, UN Volunteer Programme Support Specialist with UN Environment, Democratic Republic of Congo)

Social media coverage of UNV’s partnership with Sweden
Happy to meet @SweMFA & @Sida to convey UNV’s appreciation for their strong support. Since 2008, 181 Swedish @UNVolunteers have served with @UN to advance #SDGs. Look forward to further engaging with the Govt. of #Sweden in efforts to achieve the #2030Agenda through volunteering.

For more information, refer to UNV’s Special Voluntary Fund Report 2018 and Full Funding Report 2018. For partnership inquiries, kindly contact partnershipsupport@unv.org.

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