

## UNV FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME REPORT 2017



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Beneficiaries in the Improved Cookstove Diffusion Event as part of the project "Promoting Sustainable Bio-energy Production from Biomass" in Timor-Leste. UN Volunteer Environment Specialist Sung-gil Lee (left), who is fully funded by the Republic of Korea serves with UNDP on this project. (UNV, 2016)

In 2017, 474 UN Volunteers were funded by UNV partners for assignments worldwide. These individuals served, alongside the other over 6,000 UN Volunteers for this year, within United Nations projects and programmes, and made contributions towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The UNV Full Funding programme provides UN Volunteers an opportunity to share knowledge and gain experience volunteering with UN projects and programmes.

Through this sponsorship of assignments, partner governments contribute to international development and peace efforts and provide volunteers invaluable experience within the UN that they share at home and abroad.

### Facts and Figures 2017

**474** Fully funded **UN Volunteers** served with **24 UN partners** in **89 countries**

**58%** UN Youth Volunteer assignments  
(Youth modality 39% and University 19%)

**42%** UN Volunteer specialist assignments

**74%** women, **26%** men



# The Full Funding programme of UNV in 2017 worldwide

Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, AIESEC, Cisco Systems and Save the Children funded UN Youth Volunteer and UN Volunteer specialists' assignments in 2017. UN Volunteers, whether youth or specialist, are effective at engaging at the grassroots level, where they closely collaborate with communities, and bring innovative ideas to the work of the United Nations.

## UN Volunteers in the Full Funding programme served, in 2017, in:

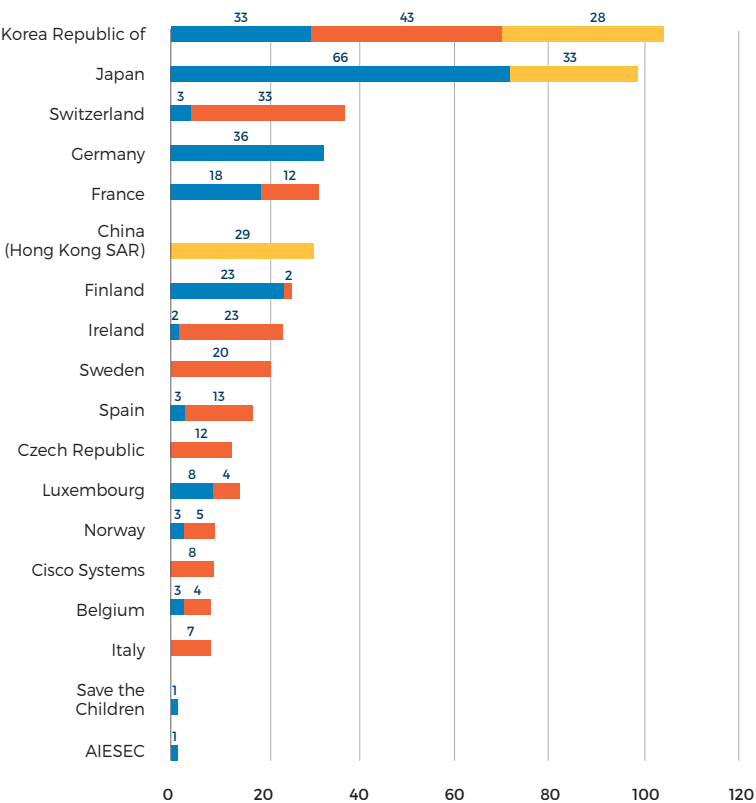


Paul Pointillart, whose assignment was fully funded by France, was a UN Youth Volunteer in Monitoring and Evaluation with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Cape Verde.

“ During my assignment, I was the focal point for the monitoring and evaluation of the Cape Verde United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF). I was engaged in following up on a number of programmes and initiatives at the inter-agency level with the 17 UN entities working in Cape Verde. ”

Paul also noted his support to the Resident Coordinator's office that included coordination, fundraising, partnership building, as well as the SDGs' roll-out within the country.

## UN VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS BY PARTNER 2017

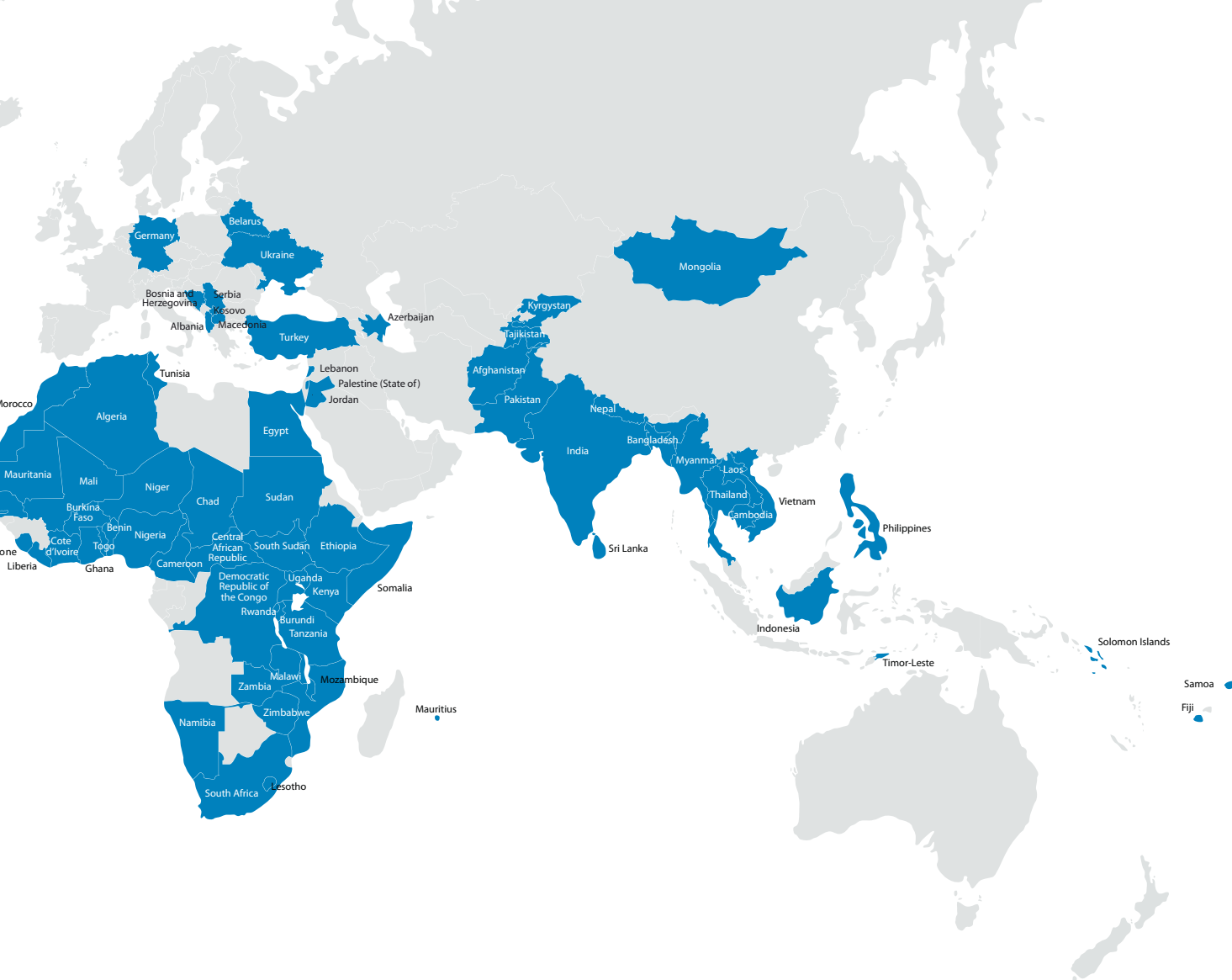


Minhee Noh is a UN Youth Volunteer, funded by the Republic of Korea, in humanitarian coordination in the State of Palestine with the United Nations Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

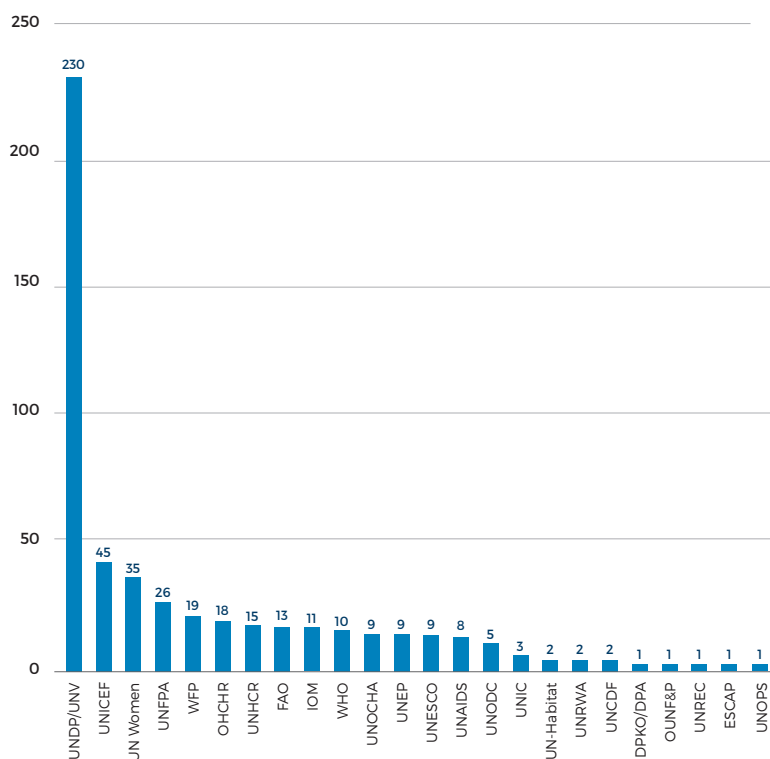
“ Before my volunteer assignment, I could never understand what it's like not to have access to basic social services.

Coordination saves lives – humanitarian response cannot reach all the beneficiaries without the work of assessing and monitoring on-the-ground realities. We, the youth, can make the world a better place for future generations. ”

- UN Volunteer specialist
- UN Youth Volunteer
- UN University Volunteer



## FULLY FUNDED UNV ASSIGNMENTS BY UN PARTNER 2017



Sophie Kräuchi Guillen, funded by Switzerland, served as a UN Youth Volunteer in Children's Rights for Social Inclusion with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**“ I support the UNICEF Country Office through efforts to accelerate the universal realization of child rights by fostering greater social inclusion. This includes children with disabilities, children of minorities, especially Roma, and children in impoverished communities.”**

Sophie has also become an active member of the 'IT Girls' initiative.

**“ Together with a group of national UN Volunteers, interns and young colleagues, we broke gender barriers for women in the field of Information and Communications Technology by providing young girls with training in coding skills, building confidence and empowering girls to think about IT programming. ”**

## Strengthening partnerships

This year, partners strengthened their commitment to volunteerism within the United Nations system.

In 2017, the Government of the Republic of Korea increased its contribution to UNV's Full Funding programme by 38 per cent or US \$1.19 million, up to a total of US \$3.15 million.

In March 2017, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and UNV signed the first agreement to deploy 20 UN Youth Volunteers from Sweden in the areas of monitoring and evaluation, climate change and peacebuilding. After successful deployment of the first volunteers in 2017, Sida doubled its funding for 2018 for up to 40 UNV assignments. This year, France also more than doubled their contribution to sponsoring UN Volunteers in the field.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNV FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME (2014-2017)

(Sum of thousands of US \$)\*

Funding partner	2014	2015	2016	2017
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,540	1,850	2,494	3,670
FRANCE	1,518	610	933	2,078
GERMANY	2,195	1,745	209	426
SWITZERLAND	1,219	1,082	440	867
JAPAN	1,093	164	4	1,542
IRELAND	462	481	500	479
SWEDEN	-	-	-	1,800
NORWAY	529	435		763
BELGIUM	1,714	-	-	-
FINLAND	-	-	628	829
LUXEMBOURG	501	409	418	-
CZECH REPUBLIC	231	188	237	323
CHINA (HONG KONG SAR)	-	200	200	370
BRAZIL	90	-	-	-
AIESEC/ Save the Children	-	-	-	46
GRAND TOTAL	11,092	7,164	6,061	13,194

\*These amounts reflect multi-year contributions received from funding partners. Funding partners are ordered by magnitude of total contributions over the four-year period.

## Learning

In 2017, UNV placed learning and development at the centre of UN Youth Volunteer assignments. The Assignment Preparation Training equipped UN Youth Volunteers with skills that are fundamental in their assignments.

Special emphasis was placed on developing leadership, problem solving and intercultural competencies to enable volunteers to be ready and skilled to best contribute to sustainable development. The training also helped them build a community of UN Youth Volunteers based on knowledge-sharing and peer support, and to reflect on their contribution as volunteers to the achievement of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.

Chihiro Saito, international UN Volunteer funded by Japan served with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Serbia.

“ I work as Associate Field Officer in a team that responds to the refugee and migrant situation in the country. As part of my assignment, I visit reception and transit centres where most refugees and asylum seekers are housed. I am responsible for ensuring asylum seekers’ basic social service needs are met and human rights respected. I have attained so much knowledge and experience working with asylum seekers and refugees. At times, we cannot do much but simply listen to people’s fears and concerns – nevertheless I feel proud that I’m able to help. A brief interaction can positively impact someone’s life. ”