

Over **25,000** readily available candidates on the UNV roster

Almost **40%** of these women in **20** professional areas

MOBILIZING TALENT



National UN Volunteer Civil Engineers Ganesh Paudel (second from right) and Sadhana Tiwari (right) speak with a local man and assess the damage of his collapsed house in the village of Kunchowk VDC, Sindhupalchowk District, one of the regions hardest hit by the devastating earthquake of April 2015 in Nepal. (Ayush Karki/UNV, 2015)



We are inspiration in action

ENGAGING PEOPLE

In Astana, Kazakhstan, UN Youth Volunteer for Community Development Han Na Kim (left, Republic of Korea) and Aizada Arystanbek (middle), a national student volunteer, support the MY World offline rollout on International Youth Day by helping members of the public fill in the MY World survey. (Ji Hyun Yang/UNV Kazakhstan, 2013)

OUR VISION

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme envisions a world in which volunteerism is recognized and valued within societies as a way for all people and countries to achieve peace and development; a world in which societies fully embrace volunteerism in their efforts to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities and exclusion.

Volunteerism is an opportunity for everybody, including marginalized groups, women and youth, to have their voice heard and their actions recognized. Volunteerism strengthens social cohesion and trust by promoting individual and collective action, leading to sustainable development for people by people.

"As UN Volunteers, we are the spokespersons of the United Nations and we implement the ethics of the United Nations through our actions and our work."
Adèle Libam (Cameroon), UNV Poverty Programme Coordinator in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

UNV engages people at all levels in peace and sustainable development. We recognize the role of women as a driving force for progress and as promoters of societal transformation. UNV boosts global advocacy and partners to promote youth volunteerism, and launched a Youth Volunteering Strategy and a UNDP/UNV Youth Trust Fund in 2013.

"We are linking volunteerism with the problems facing youth, like unemployment, exclusion and education. We are showing how youth, through volunteerism, can regain confidence, skills and work to make a positive change in their homelands, their societies, themselves and their families."

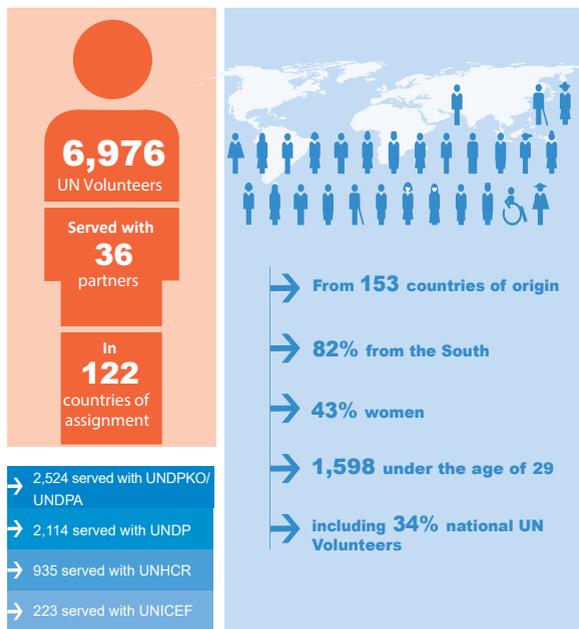
Noha Tarek, national UNV Youth Coordinator in Egypt

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Edouard Palogo, national UN Volunteer Refugee Registration Officer, with the family of Adama Ag Boubacar, his wife Fadimata Wasset Agah, and children Khadija (2 years old) and Hamed (5 years old), in Sag Nionioyo refugee camp, Burkina Faso. (Eric St. Pierre, 2015)

UNV has outlined a Strategic Framework for 2014-2017 that focuses on harnessing the power of volunteers and volunteerism to support the achievement of internationally-agreed goals. The Framework guides UNV's work over the coming four years and calls for working more systematically with United Nations partners to jointly deliver projects and programmes that can make significant impacts on peace and development worldwide. It also aims to help countries more effectively integrate volunteerism within national frameworks, enabling better engagement of people in development processes.

WHAT WE DO

UNV supports peace and sustainable human development around the globe through the promotion of volunteerism and mobilization of volunteers. It is active in 122 countries and has field units in more than 90 countries and a number of regional offices.

Every year, UNV directly mobilizes almost 7,000 UN Volunteers to serve either in their own countries or abroad. These UN Volunteers contribute to the peace and development projects and initiatives of 36 United Nations system partners. About 82 per cent of UN Volunteers come from countries of the global South. More than 30 per cent of UN Volunteers are assigned within their own countries.

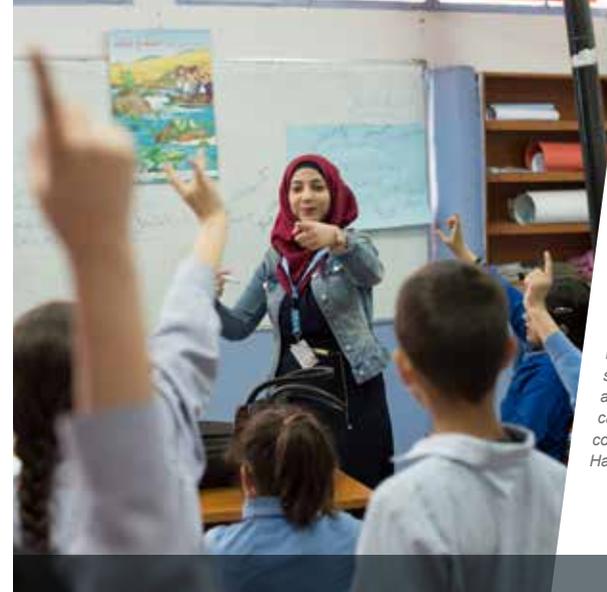
UNV also operates an Online Volunteering service, which connects United Nations entities, civil society organizations and public institutions directly with highly capable and motivated individuals who provide their support over the internet.

OUR PLAN

The UNV Strategic Framework 2014-2017 directs UNV efforts and programme resources into five priority areas:

- securing access to basic social services
- community resilience for environment and disaster risk reduction
- peace building
- youth
- national capacity development through volunteer schemes

UNV will also focus on building a credible body of knowledge informed by research, innovation and evidence in order to advocate and enhance the integration of volunteerism into peace and development programming. Throughout, innovation is a cross-cutting pillar of our work.



UN Volunteer Teacher Sanaa Hussein interacting with Grade 3 students at the Jefnah School in Taalabaya camp, Lebanon. Sanaa is one of 103 national UN Volunteer Palestinians providing basic education services to children at UNRWA refugee camps throughout the country. (Nadim Bou Habib, 2016)

OUR VOLUNTEERS

UN Volunteers are global citizens motivated to contribute to peace and sustainable development. Working with United Nations partners, governments, civil society, regional organizations and the private sector, UN Volunteers use their experience and talent to bring people to the forefront of development and give them a voice.

UN Volunteers make important contributions and are willing and able to work in all development and peace situations, including some of the most difficult and remote contexts.

Volunteers are catalysts of change and also constitute a flexible, cost-effective resource in ensuring scale, impact and sustainability in United Nations peace and development interventions.

"We are proud to cooperate closely with UNV as it seeks to channel volunteers and volunteerism to help tackle climate change and environmental degradation and to promote sustainable development."

Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme

WORKING TOGETHER

UNV works with a wide variety of partners to achieve collective goals. It collaborates with United Nations partners, governments, civil society and regional and private sector organizations. UNV is in a unique position to advance the mandates and goals of UN entities and Member States by:

- tapping into the commitment, solidarity and civic engagement that are the pillars of volunteerism;
- broadening the participation of people, including young men and women, and increasing development capacity and impact on the ground;
- achieving the sustainable development goals and engaging stakeholders in development debates, such as the ongoing consultations on the post-2015 development agenda; and
- meeting surge capacity requirements in times of disaster or epidemics through flexible and contingent UN Volunteer assignments.

"I am especially grateful to United Nations Volunteers who support efforts to prevent conflicts, help societies recover from fighting, promote sustainable development, assist in crisis situations and carry out numerous other projects for the greater good. Their work has advanced the Millennium Development Goals, and I am confident they will also contribute to progress on the post-2015 development agenda."

Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General