

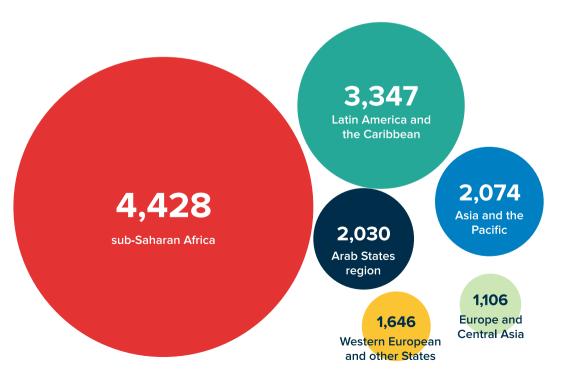
UN Volunteers are all over the map

UN Volunteers supported 59 UN partners in 169 countries and territories. The number of nationalities represented increased to 181 from the 173 represented in 2021, prior to the start of the current Strategic Framework. The increase has brought UNV a step closer in its collaborations with communities in countries across the globe.



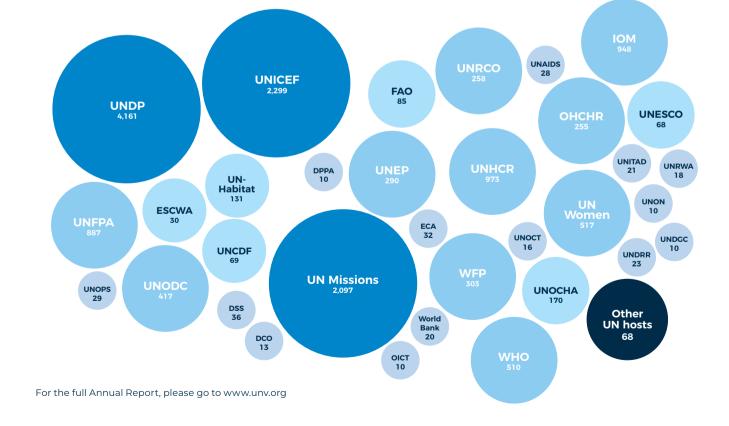
Of the total number of UN Volunteers, 10,150 served as national UN Volunteers in their countries of origin, while 3,175 served as international UN Volunteers abroad; most of the UN Volunteers - 13,288 - were from the Global South.

Hundreds of UN Volunteers participated as community UN Volunteers and refugee UN Volunteers. This demonstrated the combined commitment of UN partners and UNV to strengthen both the capacity of local volunteer talent and South-South cooperation in peace and development worldwide.





UN partners hosting UN Volunteers 2024



UNV partnerships

The Special Voluntary Fund (SVF) is a flexible fund that allows UNV to send volunteers where they are most needed, engage diverse groups and promote volunteerism worldwide. UNV continues to depend on the SVF, which is a flexible and unearmarked resource, to contribute to the implementation of the Strategic Framework results. During the current 2022–2025 UNV Strategic Framework, 13 Member States supported the SVF: Bangladesh, China, Czechia, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and Türkiye.

The UNV Full Funding (FF) programme is a targeted investment by Member States to equip their nationals with skills and experience that are globally and locally relevant. In 2024, fully funded volunteers served across 120 countries and territories. Full funding matters because it takes volunteers beyond their initial assignment and supports continuous Member State engagement through their nationals.

Member States including Australia, China, Czechia, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Norway, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland fully funded 846 UN Volunteers in 2024.

UNV also collaborated with the **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology in India, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi in Thailand**, and **Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan** to fully fund UN Volunteers.



Financial overview 2024

Expenditure overview 2023-2024 (million USD)

Financial volume



The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide.

UNV is administered by UNDP and reports to the UNDP Executive Board.







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UN Volunteers broaden their impact

UNV put in place a record-breaking number of **14,631** UN Volunteers, marking a **14 per cent** increase from 2023 and a **77 per cent** increase from pre-pandemic 2019. That growth demonstrated the strength of UNV's partnerships across the UN system worldwide and the essential role of UN Volunteers in diverse field-related and technical roles.

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The proportion of women UN Volunteers increased to **59 per cent**, a **2 per cent** growth from 2023. However, UNV continued to prioritize achieving gender parity in the UN peacekeeping and special political missions. The ratio of women in the five missions with the largest participation of UN Volunteers increased from **43 per cent** before the current Strategic Framework began in 2021 to over **47 per cent** in 2024.

The average age of UN Volunteers was **34**, while the overall age range was from **18** to **79** years. In 2024 UNV reinforced its efforts to promote intergenerational and lifelong volunteering, supporting volunteers at all life stages. In 2024 there were **167** UN Volunteers **60** years of age and above. At the same time, the **2,166** UN Volunteers from **18** to **26** years of age represent the commitment of UNV to youth.

Top five Sustainable Development Goals supported by UN Volunteers



5 GENDER EQUALITY

23%







14%



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The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) offers people opportunities to volunteer across the three pillars of the United Nations (UN):

development peace and security human rights

UNV has entered the final year of its 2022–2025 Strategic Framework with positive momentum. Despite the global development and humanitarian challenges, UNV remained steadfast and delivered.

These challenges demanded a proactive response to the needs of UN partners at a country level and, simultaneously, extra attention to the duty of care for UN Volunteers. UNV – in collaboration with its UN partners, Member States and civil society – is continually evolving to craft effective twenty-first century volunteer solutions.





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