Partnering with UNV to advance the COVAX Vaccination Campaign

The COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) campaign is an ambitious and complex operation. As the campaign rollout accelerates, innovative and flexible UN Volunteer solutions are available to support UN partners quickly reach scale and engage marginalized groups (women, young people, minority groups & people with disabilities).

UNV works with partners to mobilise qualified, highly motivated and well-supported UN Volunteers, offering a range of comparative advantages to the UN system:

**Large-Scale**
In 2020, UNV East and Southern Africa Regional Office (UNV ESARO) mobilised over 2,000 UN Volunteers to support the UN system in the East and South African region, with 135 directly supporting COVID-19 response.

**Local**
In 2020, over 44% of UN Volunteers mobilised were nationals, representing 23 nationalities across the East and South African region.

**Quick**
UNV’s average recruitment speed is just 19 days for nationals, with possibilities for fast-track.

**Highly qualified**
UNV ESARO Regional Talent Pool has about 100,000 candidates from 147 professional profiles, 50% of whom have over 5 years’ experience.

**Inclusive**
Over 51% of UN Volunteers currently serving in the East and Southern Africa region are women. The UNV Regional Talent Pool represents 169 different languages & includes people living with disabilities.

**Cost-effective**
Recruitment costs for UN Volunteers in the East and South African region are as low as $10,323 for National Specialists for 12 months.

**Duty of Care**
UNV ensures that all UN Volunteers are covered with medical, life, disabilities and malicious acts insurance plans that facilitate deployment.

From international experts to local community personnel, UNV has a rich range of talent solutions available to the UN system. More details [here](https://www.unv.org/Basic-Page/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19).

*For more information on recruiting volunteers, and to see standard Description of Assignments for UN Volunteers in the COVID-19 Response, please visit the link here: [https://www.unv.org/Basic-Page/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19](https://www.unv.org/Basic-Page/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19)*
The UNV Talent Pool is available for COVAX operations

UNV ESARO Regional Talent Pool has about 100,000 candidates ready for deployment in the East and Southern African region, with skills relevant for the COVAX campaign:

### Public Information & Community Engagement

- Mapping target groups and communicating vaccine safety 2,649 Public Information
- Information exchange, incl. through digital platforms 3,398 Partner Coordination
- Community engagement, training and advocacy 1,876 Knowledge Management
- 2,258 IT project Management

### Supply & Logistics

- Cold chain management, esp. for remote & rural regions 4,252 Logistics Management
- Medical equipment procurement, incl. syringes and PPE 3,273 HR Management
- Immunization supply and warehouse storage coordination 2,724 Procurement
- 790 Pharmacy/Medical Supply
- 2,978 Inventory Management

### Vaccination Delivery & Strengthening Health Capacity

- Vaccine handling and patient coordination 4,747 Public Health Specialists
- Vaccination administration by qualified professionals 364 Human Medicine
- Strengthening national healthcare infrastructure & capacity 918 Medical Testing
- 1,922 Healthcare Admin
- 1,510 Nursing

### Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation

- COVAX planning, monitoring and evaluation 5,491 Monitoring/Evaluation
- Monitoring Key Performance Indicators across the chain 2,359 Database Design
- Results reporting & analysis and documentation of lessons 7,753 Administration
- 1,152 Knowledge Management
- 1,738 Software Analysis

### Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups

- Vaccine provision to populations in crisis contexts 3,767 Human Rights
- Advocacy & training for inclusion of refugees/women/migrants 3,585 Protection of Refugees
- Monitoring and evaluating COVAX impact for vulnerable groups 1,922 Gender Inclusion
- 1,629 Social Inclusion
- 646 Camp Management

### Digital Solutions for Vaccine Distribution

- Digital storage, stock monitoring, and distribution solutions 2,258 IT project Management
- Digital vaccine admin, logistics, & beneficiary database 2,359 Database Design
- Geographical delineation of supply and digital track-and-trace 1,738 Software Analysis
- 1,876 Knowledge Management
- 828 Geographic IT systems

For more information, please have a look at the UNV resources below:

- UNV Partner Toolkit for more details on recruiting, hosting, and managing UN Volunteers
- How to request UN Volunteers and related proforma costs

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