We are inspiration in action

COVID-19 vaccines are being approved across the world, and the UN must ensure vaccines are widely accessible and fairly distributed. As the UN Secretary General said, “No country will be safe from COVID-19 until all countries are safe.” COVAX, the vaccine pillar of the UN’s ACT Accelerator, is directing the global procurement and distribution of vaccines (more information here: www.gavi.org/vaccineswork/covax-explained). This requires committing extensive talent and resources to regional operations, guided by principles of inclusion and fairness.

How can UN Volunteers support COVID vaccination operations?

To support a holistic vaccination campaign, within COVAX, WHO and UNICEF will help procure the vaccines, communicate vaccine safety, identify target groups, manage medical supply and cold chain, administer vaccinations, and monitor the vaccine’s impact. Other UN agencies will use their resources to support COVAX delivery, digital solutions and the inclusion of vulnerable groups.

For such a demanding task, partnership with UNV is a critical source of strength for the UN system in Europe & CIS. From international experts to local community members, UN Volunteers have proven their ability to significantly advance the impact of UN agencies throughout the pandemic. UN Volunteers can ensure that talent is not the bottleneck to UN COVAX operations in the region.

Why should UN agencies partner with UNV over other talent sources?

UNV have a range of comparative advantages as a provider of talent to the UN system. UNV Europe & CIS have demonstrated this throughout the COVID-19 response with mobilization that is:

- **Large-Scale** – UNV Europe & CIS have mobilised 600 UN Volunteers since the start of the pandemic
- **Quick** – Average recruitment speed of just 23 days, and there are possibilities to fast-track
- **Local** – In 2020, over 54% of UN Volunteers mobilised were nationals, spanning 17 nationalities across the Europe & CIS
- **Highly qualified** – UNV’s Regional Talent Pool has 50,126 multidisciplinary and multilingual professionals, with average experience of 7+ years
- **Cost-effective** – National Specialists Proforma Cost for 12 months starts from $11,751 per year
- **Inclusive** – Over 65% of the UN Volunteers mobilised in Europe & CIS in 2020 were women
- **Under a duty of care** – UNV ensure that all volunteers are covered with health medical, life, disabilities, malicious acts insurance plans that facilitate deployment


## How can UNV support COVAX delivery in Europe & CIS?

### Public Information & Community Engagement

- Mapping target groups and communicating vaccine safety: 7,430
- Information exchange, incl. through digital platforms: 8,029
- Community engagement training and advocacy: 6,881

### Supply & Logistics

- Cold chain management, esp. for remote settings: 3,375
- Medical equipment procurement, incl. syringes and PPE: 3,350
- Immunization supply and warehouse storage coordination: 1,795

### Vaccination Delivery & Strengthening Health Capacity

- Vaccine handling and patient coordination: 3,185
- Vaccination administration by qualified professionals: 289
- Strengthening national healthcare infrastructure & capacity: 211

### Monitoring & Evaluation

- In accordance with ACT accelerator planning, maintenance of:
  - A set of KPIs to monitor results across the chain: 7,065
  - A monitoring report compiling results and learning: 9,381

### Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups

- Vaccine provider of last resort for populations in crisis contexts: 9,876
- Advocacy & training for inclusion of refugees/women/migrants: 6,718
- Monitoring and evaluating COVAX impact for vulnerable groups: 5,826

### What UN Volunteer modalities are available to partners?

#### Experts

- 35+ years old, 15+ years of experience
- Master's Degree

#### Specialists

- 27+ years old
- 3+ years of experience

#### Youth/University

- 18-26 years old
- 0-3 years of experience

#### Community

- Basic Education
- Local to the community of work

#### Online

- Global, remote, free volunteer assignments
- Short, specific assignments

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### More information and contacts

- [www.twitter.com/UNVEurasia](http://www.twitter.com/UNVEurasia)
- [www.facebook.com/UNVEurasia](http://www.facebook.com/UNVEurasia)
- [www.unv.org](http://www.unv.org)

For further info on recruitment, proforma costs and success stories.