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# Engaging with UNV



## SERVICE LINE: UN VOLUNTEERS IN SUPPORT OF THE UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR SYSTEM

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme offers a service line through which UN Volunteers can be deployed to bolster UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams. These UN Volunteers can support efforts to assist national governments and other stakeholders in aligning national plans, policies and strategies within the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The service line for support to the UN Resident Coordinator system provides an opportunity to engage with UNV to co-create, design, and tailor assignments to strengthen capacities within Member States and the UN system to facilitate and localize the implementation of the SDGs. It aims to simplify the coordination of national-level UN system support mechanisms. This service line will amplify the voices of all people through participatory elements and local level data collection, both during the implementation of the SDGs and the monitoring progress.

### KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

UN Volunteers deployed under this service line in support of the UN Resident Coordinator system, contribute to **coordination and mainstreaming**. Specifically, they can:

- Support Resident Coordinators' offices to **facilitate dialogue between stakeholders** to promote a people's perspective on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- **Enhance inter-agency coordination** to improve coherence in line with UN Development Assistance Frameworks, UN system reform and the UN Delivering as One;
- **Promote aid coordination, and support financial oversight for development effectiveness;**
- **Strengthen national-level partnerships** to coordinate innovative solutions;
- **Promote gender mainstreaming and social inclusion**, ensuring that development benefits all and that no one is left behind; and
- **Enhance results-based management and reporting.**

In the area of **communication and advocacy**, UN Volunteers can

- Coordinate **advocacy and strategic communications**, in particular the dissemination of information on the SDGs;
- **Popularize and localize the SDGs**, with a particular focus on innovative use of e-communications, newsletters and advocacy; and
- Develop initiatives for **outreach, awareness raising, community mobilization and contribution to SDG review**, in conjunction with local partners.

As regards **monitoring and evaluation**, UN Volunteers can support UN Resident Coordinator offices and UN Country Team to:

- **Develop and implement SDG monitoring and evaluation frameworks**;
- Develop dashboards to **monitor progress and gather data on the implementation of the SDGs**;
- **Gather citizen-driven data** through training trainers and coordinating corps of local level youth and other volunteers to liaise with and report to local authorities and communities; and
- Respond to SDG monitoring needs, *inter alia*, through crowd-sourcing to closely **align citizen engagement with national implementation agendas**.

*"With a new and ambitious development agenda ahead, UNCTs are requested to work in a much more integrated manner than ever before. To deliver results, capacities of the different UN agencies are brought together with the facilitation of Resident Coordinators' offices (RCO). UNV is ideally placed to support this through the integration of UN Volunteers and volunteerism in RCOs. With an active roster of more than 25,000 vetted, well-qualified potential volunteers ranging from doctors to engineers, UNV can be a valuable resource for peace and development."*

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## UN VOLUNTEERS DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR SYSTEM

This is one of the most common service lines, based on UN system needs, and includes assignments to support the UN Resident Coordinator system, as well as advocacy and communication. Some funding partners, like Germany for example, have been leveraging targeted cooperation with UNV to fully fund UN Volunteer assignments in UN Resident Coordinator Offices to promote aid coordination and development effectiveness. UN Volunteers/UN Youth Volunteer professional profiles that are currently supporting UN Resident Coordinator offices include:

- UN Volunteer UNCT Coordination Analyst
- UN Volunteer SDG Review and Development Officer
- UN Volunteer Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
- UN Volunteer Social Media and Website Management Officer
- UN Volunteer Communications Specialist

## UNV SERVICE LINES

Consultations with UN and national partners led to the establishment of UNV service lines. These embody a set of standardized assignments dedicated to provide services across multiple countries. They leverage existing UN Volunteer modalities and initiatives to formulate standard Descriptions of Assignments. A service line package can include mixed teams of international/national UN Volunteers, UN Youth Volunteers and UN Online Volunteers, identification of highly qualified candidates (with relevant language skills and diverse experience), common induction/training, joint resource mobilization efforts and integration into global, regional and multi-country programmes.

To engage with UNV on this service line for volunteer deployment at H category duty stations, kindly visit [www.unv.org](http://www.unv.org) or contact your focal point at UNV.

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