



▶ National UN Volunteer Field Monitor Catalino Benitez Jr. monitors the coconut lumber production in sawmill sites operated by a local cooperative. He serves with UNDP in the Philippines, assisting farmers affected by Typhoon Haiyan to regain their livelihoods and use the lumber as shelter materials for reconstruction.

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Engaging with UNV



SERVICE LINE:

UN VOLUNTEERS TO ENHANCE MONITORING AND EVALUATION CAPACITY

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) offers this service line to build monitoring and evaluation capacities. This service line is offered in direct response to the need to strengthen UN accountability, as well as enhance national monitoring and evaluation capacities. It provides an opportunity to partner with UNV to co-create, design and tailor oversight capacities within Member States and the UN system for the Sustainable Development Agenda.

The service line to enhance monitoring and evaluation capacity will support UN host entities to benefit from highly skilled UN Volunteer specialists with strong standards of measurement, monitoring and reporting. It will also bolster country efforts to identify requirements for and ensure establishment of better monitoring of development processes and results. Monitoring and evaluation – in all of its dimensions – remains a top UN Volunteer professional profile requested by our UN partners.

Through this service line package, UNV offers technical guidance and UN Volunteers who collect reliable, accurate and coherent information to assess the performance and impact of programmes and projects. It also offers quality assurance of reporting, confirming that results are evidence based and supported by relevant data. This service line is premised on a model of active, engaged and bottom-up citizen and community-based monitoring that takes full advantage of new technologies and innovations.

The 2030 Agenda has revealed a significant demand for citizen involvement, as represented in the design of the development agenda, but also in its future implementation, specifically, monitoring, analyzing and reporting on progress against the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNV provides an opportunity to carry the conversation, through volunteerism, into the most remote areas and engage marginalized communities in a reflection about what matters to them and how they can contribute to addressing the challenges they face in their daily lives.





KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

Under this service line, UN Volunteers are well-positioned to:

- **Monitor progress in implementation** of UN Development Assistance Frameworks and Common Country Assessments;
- **Support SDG country-level monitoring and reporting**;
- **Promote integrated monitoring activities** through the exchange of experience and good practices between projects and partners;
- **Develop training programmes on monitoring and evaluation**, including how to incorporate a quality-assurance results framework;
- **Utilize volunteerism as a means to strengthen the provision of feedback** between people and governments;
- Enable collaboration to **build capacities for monitoring, analysis and reporting** on development interventions at the level of UN entities, national governments, civil society organizations and communities; and
- **Maximize innovative forms of data gathering**, for example through private sector participation and volunteers using mobile networks to carry out rapid assessments and citizen reporting on development interventions.

UN VOLUNTEERS DEPLOYED IN MONITORING AND EVALUATION ASSIGNMENTS

UNV has a wealth of experience in mobilizing UN Volunteers for monitoring and evaluation assignments. Some of these are specialists with mixed expertise relevant to country needs, for example, statisticians with exposure to policy and/or programme monitoring, community mobilization specialists with emphasis on data collection, analysis and use at local levels, as well as ICT specialists with knowledge of low-cost, accurate and rapid data collection, analysis and dissemination.

One of the many examples is Dinah Abd El Aziz (Germany), a UN Volunteer Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluating Specialist with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Indonesia. Fully funded by the Government of Germany, Dinah supported the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Indonesia in developing the UN Partnership for Development Framework for delivering on the SDGs. In this process, she was responsible for facilitating an agreement on priorities and a common strategy for implementation between 24 UN entities, the government and local stakeholders.

Volunteerism is “a powerful and crosscutting means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, that [...] can help to expand and mobilize constituencies and engage people in the national planning and implementation of the 2030 Agenda.”

[ref. A/69/700 (2014) – The road to dignity by 2030: ending poverty, transforming all lives and protecting the planet]

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.



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

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