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UNV Midwife Trainers with UNFPA in Haiti. Annick Coulibaly, from Côte d'Ivoire, attend to a newborn/new mother/pregnant woman at the Clinic Sonub, Petit Place Cazeau.

2014 - 2017

UNV STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



The vision of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is a world where volunteerism is recognized, within societies, as a way for all people and countries to achieve peace and development through the simultaneous eradication of poverty and significant reduction of inequalities and exclusion.

UNV provides the opportunity to:

- **Enable the UN system to increase voice and broaden participation of people within its work;**
- **Advance the Post-2015 development agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by mobilizing the commitment, solidarity and civic engagement that is unique to volunteerism;**
- **Strengthen social cohesion by promoting individual and collective action that helps resolve development problems and builds trust, which contributes to local, national and global efforts to eradicate poverty and sustain peace and development.**

With an active roster of more than 25,000 vetted, well-qualified potential volunteers, over 300,000 potential online volunteers and a growing number of UN Youth Volunteers, UNV offers a much-needed resource for UN entities, governments and civil society to draw upon.

Our pool of talented people across the world:

- **Are willing and able to work in all development and peace situations, including some of the most difficult and remote contexts;**
- **Have the ability to work with people and organizations in local communities to draw upon the synergies between local knowledge and expert solutions; and**
- **Constitute a flexible, cost-effective resource in ensuring scale, impact and sustainability in UN peace and development interventions, including in crisis and post-crisis situations.**

UNV's also offers, through its programmes and partnerships, a strong knowledge base on the value of volunteerism; a broad and effective partnership base, especially in terms of engagement with civil society at all levels; increased capacities to enable volunteer engagement in development processes; a focus on marginalized groups and populations; and opportunities to advance South-South collaboration.



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UNV's Strategic Framework for 2014-2017 is the first of its kind, focusing on harnessing the power of volunteers and volunteerism to achieve internationally agreed goals for peace and development. The Framework guides UNV's work over the coming four years and reflects a focus on working more systematically with UN partners to jointly deliver more impact in our work for peace and development.

UNV delivers results, according to country needs, through global, regional and country programmes and projects. These results are translated in the Framework in two interrelated components: programme results (two outcomes) and institutional effectiveness (result area).

Outcome 1

UNV assists UN entities deliver more impact in peace and development.

By integrating high quality and well-supported UN Volunteers and volunteerism in their programmes, UN entities are more effective in delivering their results. UNV tailors talent solutions with international, national and online volunteers to meet development challenges of partners in countries across the world.

UNV helps countries ensure that people are engaged in development processes.

UNV assists countries to more effectively integrate volunteerism within national frameworks enabling better engagement of people in development processes. This is an outcome that focuses on the complementary roles of public institutions and people to contribute to peace and development results. It also links the implementation of and reporting by UN Member States on their commitments within inter-governmental fora with volunteerism as a means for expanding people's spaces and voices at all levels.

Outcome 2

Institutional effectiveness

UNV commits to continuously improving its institutional efficiency and effectiveness.

UNV aims to ensure that it delivers quality results through motivated and engaged personnel (which includes staff and field personnel). Engagement with UNV personnel is essential to ensure ownership of plans and commitment to deliver high quality results. Moreover, UNV will be placing an emphasis on enhanced regional and country level capacities and outreach – i.e. placing UNV closer to its clients, partners and stakeholders.

This Strategic Framework focuses UNV programmatic efforts in five key areas: four thematic areas which directly contribute to Outcome 1 and one that contributes directly to Outcome 2. These are:



Securing access to
basic social
services



Community resilience
for environment
and disaster risk
reduction



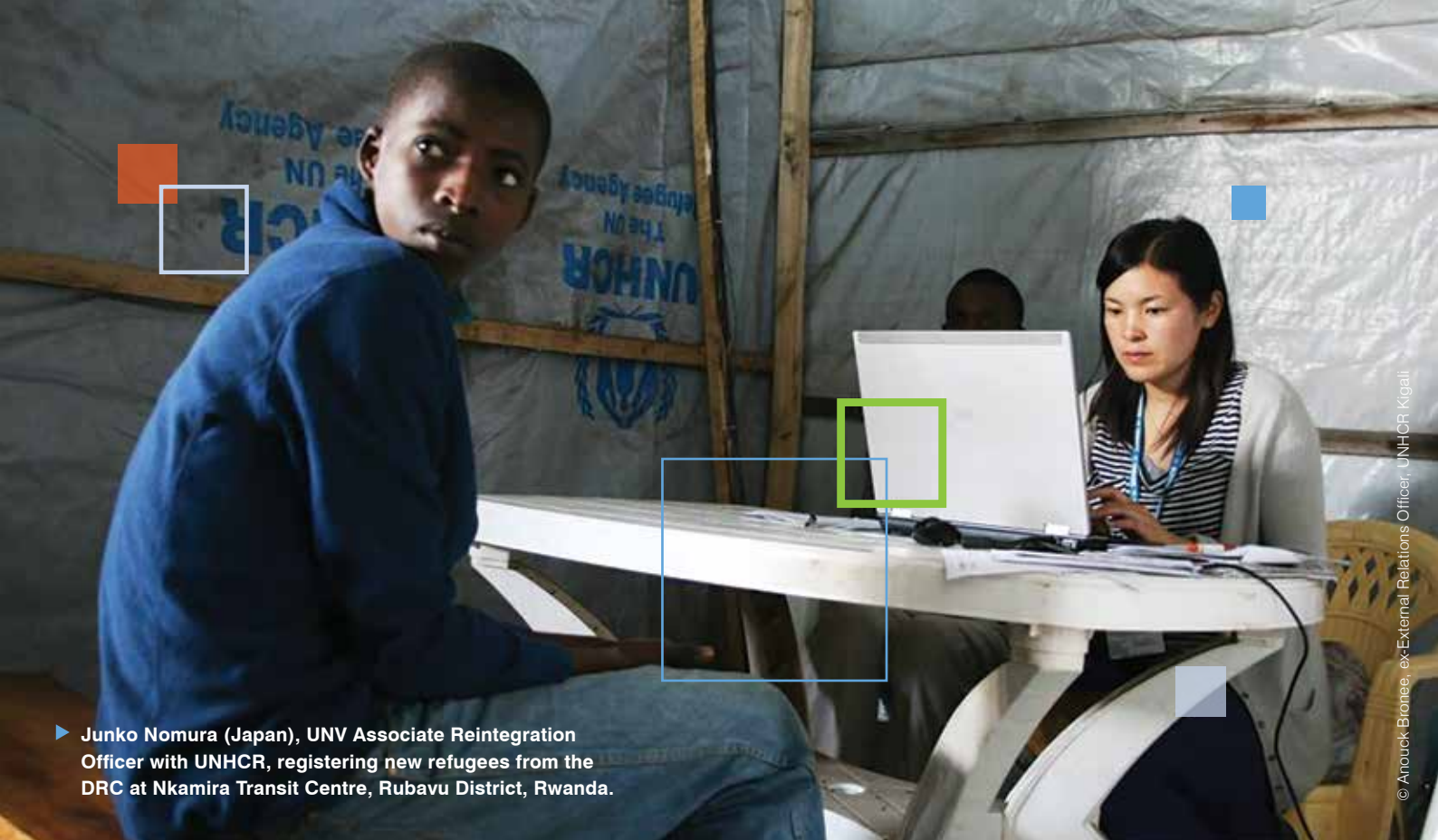
Peace
building



Youth



National capacity
development through
volunteer schemes



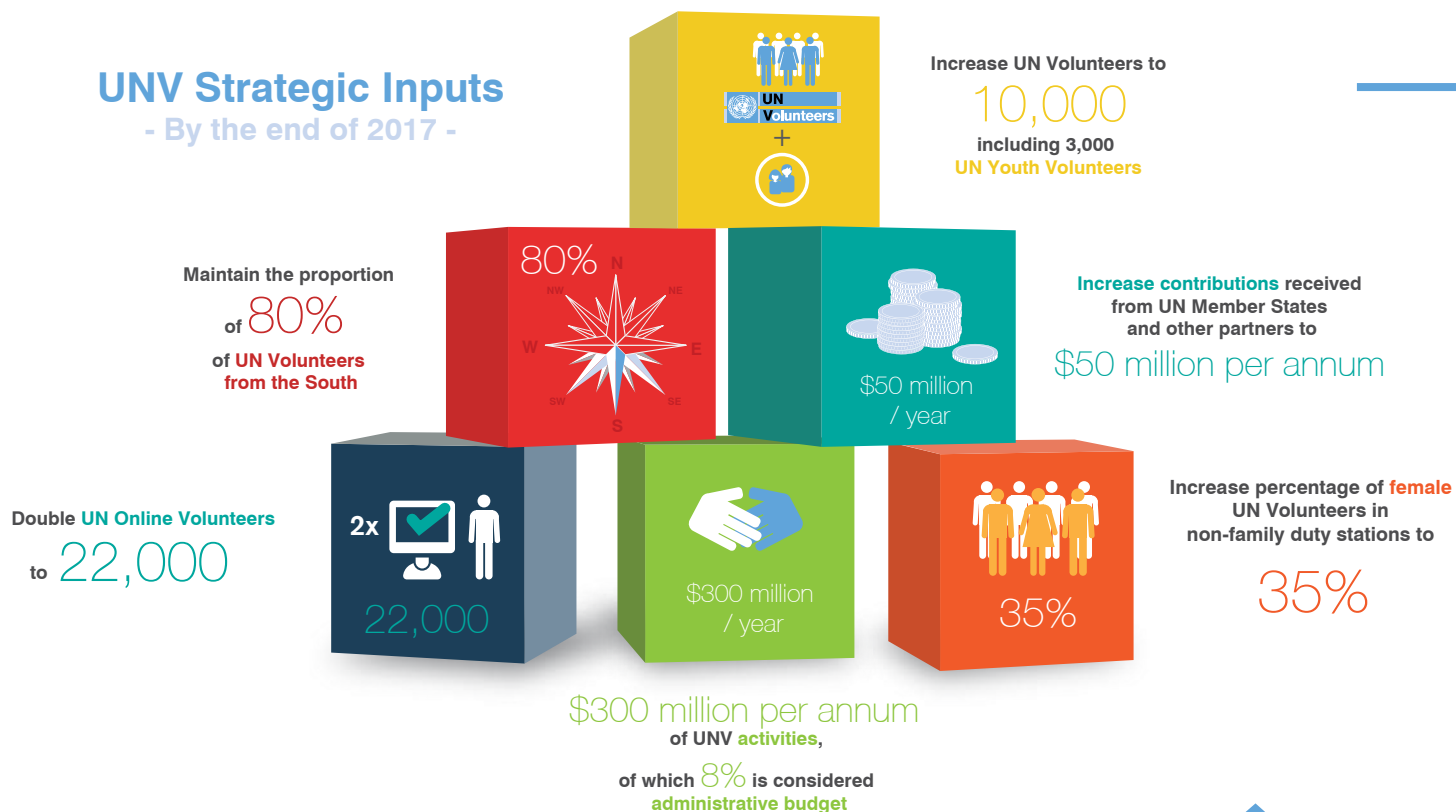
- Junko Nomura (Japan), UNV Associate Reintegration Officer with UNHCR, registering new refugees from the DRC at Nkamira Transit Centre, Rubavu District, Rwanda.

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// By working with partners, UNV will leverage and mobilize its technical expertise and knowledge to effect transformational impact and change in communities.

UNV Strategic Inputs

- By the end of 2017 -



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► **Saadia Ihihi (Morocco), a community volunteer working with the Community-Based Adaptation project, run by UNDP with support from UNV.**

What UN Volunteers contribute to peace and development

UNV will be rigorous in our understanding of the needs of UN partners and will proactively engage, at all levels, to achieve agreed targets. We take a strategic approach that prioritises a progressive, high-quality service, delivering impact and measurable results. UNV aims to engage people from all walks of life in national and international development efforts, and peace building. Volunteering is a vital activity because it enables people to have a positive influence in their society and community.

When people, as volunteers from different backgrounds, genders and ages are placed in peace and development interventions, they individually and collectively contribute to building capacities for delivering peace and development results. With more volunteers and volunteerism being better integrated into development processes, societies will become more cohesive and stable, with enhanced collective objectives and well-being of all.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that promotes volunteerism to support peace and development worldwide. Volunteerism can transform the pace and nature of development and it benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer. UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for volunteerism globally, encouraging partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming and mobilizing volunteers. UNV is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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