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in action



Funded by Korea, Yura Bak (left) UN Youth Volunteer Legal and Policy Assistant with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Cambodia, visits resettlement sites to determine whether international standards are being met. (UNV, 2016)

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme has served as a bridge between the United Nations, UN Member States governments and civil society since its establishment over 45 years ago. The organization deploys UN Volunteers who contribute to the peace and development projects and initiatives of 30 United Nations system partners in about 130 countries.

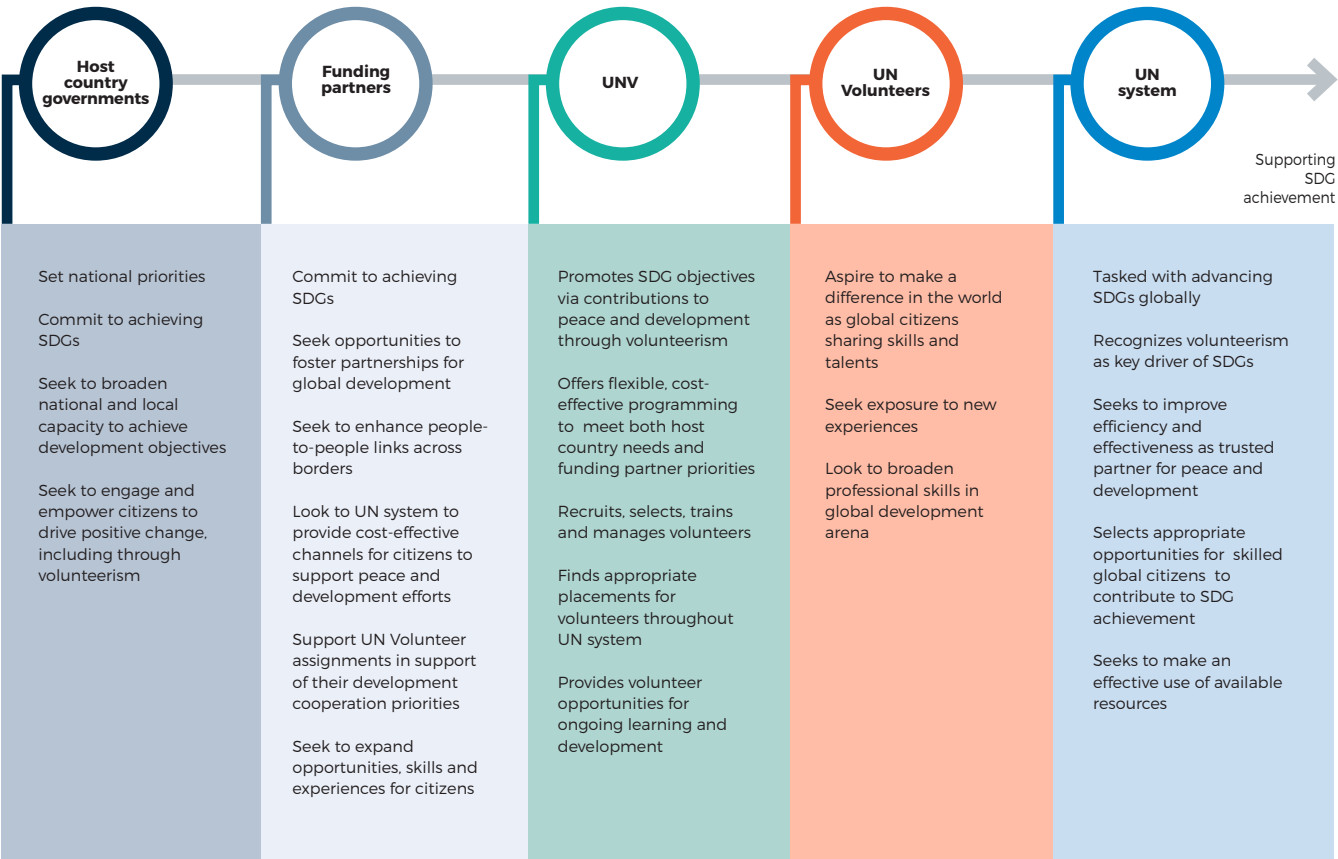
UNV offers a Full Funding Programme through which partners – including governments, universities, civil society organizations and the private sector – fund their nationals to serve as UN Volunteers. Through the Full Funding Programme, UNV brings together host country governments, funding partners, UN Volunteers eager to make a difference and the UN system to advance peace and development in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, while promoting the global recognition of volunteerism. In doing so, UN Volunteers contribute to key UN projects and functions at country and regional level, and address some of the most pressing peace and development challenges around the world.

In 2016, 418 fully funded UN Volunteers served with 24 UN entity partners across 85 countries. Of these, 143 served in Sub-Saharan Africa, 142 in Asia and the Pacific, 57 in Latin America and the Caribbean, 42 in Europe and the CIS and the remaining 34 in the Arab States.

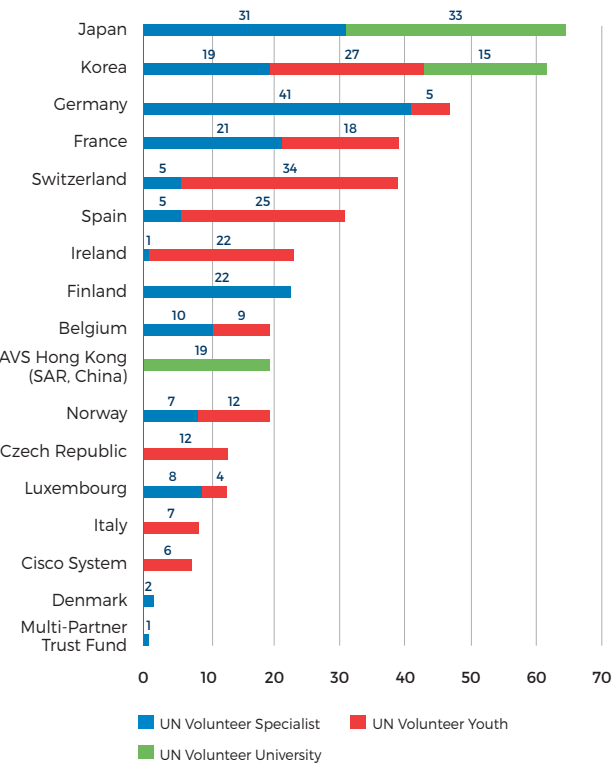
STATISTICAL INFORMATION

- ➔ **418 fully funded UN Volunteers**
- ➔ **served with 24 UN host entities**
- ➔ **in 85 countries**
- ➔ **59% UN Youth Volunteer assignments**
- ➔ **41% UN Volunteer specialist assignments**
- ➔ **73% women, 27% men**
- ➔ **253 UN Volunteers aged 29 or under**

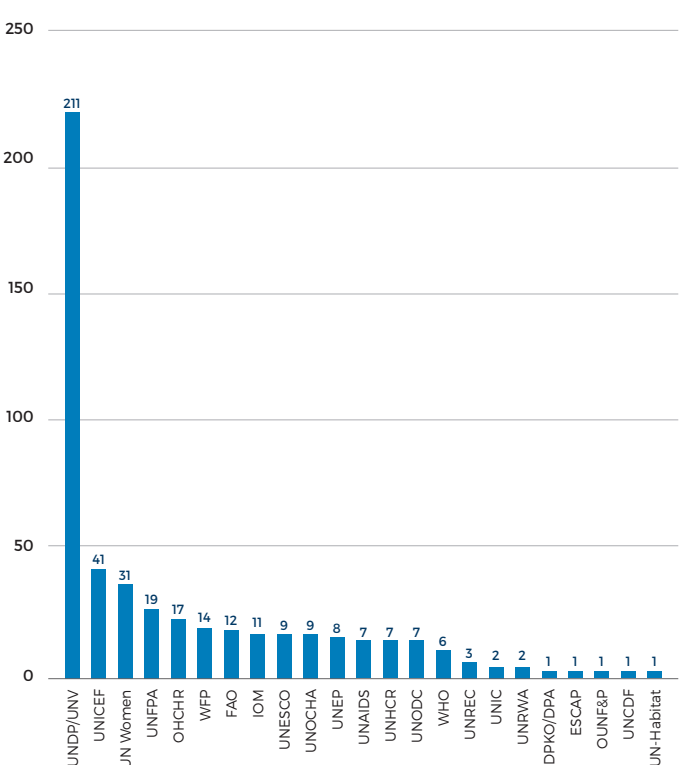
THE FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME PARTNERSHIP OFFERING



UNV ASSIGNMENTS BY FUNDING PARTNER



UNV ASSIGNMENTS BY UN PARTNER ENTITIES



THEMATIC PRIORITY AREAS OF FULL FUNDING PARTNERS



ASSIGNMENT SATISFACTION AND CAREER PROGRESSION

In June 2016, fully funded UN Volunteers who served between 2006 to 2015 were surveyed with an aim to explore assignment satisfaction and the impact of a UN Volunteer assignment on employability within international development – particularly within the UN system.

The three most highly rated aspects of the volunteer experience were:

- Intercultural experience
- Knowledge of the UN system
- Development of personal and social skills

Over **75 per cent** of respondents indicated that the UN Volunteer experience had been valuable for career development and employment perspectives.

27 per cent of respondents continued immediately after the assignments, to work with the UN.

76 per cent still worked in development cooperation and peace three years after their UN Volunteer experience.

24 per cent were still employed within the UN system.

Funded by France,
Sophie Descargues, UN Volunteer in Agro-
economy with the United Nations Development
Programme (UNDP) in the Comoros:

// The projects I work with relate to climate change and the development of cash crops. It has been enriching to serve with the UN and interact with government, non-profit sector and local stakeholders – many challenges and lessons learned both professionally and personally. Comoros is very close to my heart and that's why I've decided to stay another year in this assignment. Next up is a great opportunity in the non-profit sector also based in Comoros.

EXPANSION IN 2016

During 2016, funding partners increased their commitment to UN University Volunteer schemes:

- The Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS), supported by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China) – 2015: 10 volunteers; 2016: 20 volunteers
- The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) – 2015: 15 volunteers; 2016: 30 volunteers

Additionally, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) confirmed its commitment as a new funding partner to sponsor 20 UN Youth Volunteer assignments in 2017.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNV

RESOURCES RECEIVED FROM FUNDING PARTNERS 2014-2016
(Thousands of US \$)*

Funding partner	2014	2015	2016
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,540	1,850	2,494
GERMANY	2,195	1,745	209
FRANCE	1,518	610	933
SWITZERLAND	1,219	1,082	440
BELGIUM	1,714	-	-
IRELAND	462	481	500
LUXEMBOURG	501	409	418
JAPAN	1,093	164	3
NORWAY	529	435	-
CZECH REPUBLIC	231	188	236
FINLAND	-	-	628
AVS HONG KONG (Special Administrative Region of China)	-	200	200
BRAZIL	90	-	-
TOTAL	7,163	7,163	6,061

*These amounts reflect multi-year contributions received from funding partners. Funding partners are ordered by magnitude of total contributions over the three-year period.

Funded by Japan, Sho Matsumura, UN Volunteer Coordination Analyst with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Samoa:

// As a UN Volunteer, I feel driven to make a valuable contribution and have my service affect the community positively. This assignment has given me exposure to both operations and programming in development cooperation.

THE WAY FORWARD: 2017 AND BEYOND

UNV continuously seeks to expand and diversify its partnerships with governments, civil society organizations, foundations, universities and the private sector. This entails the following:

- Offering UN Volunteer assignments in specific thematic areas that align with the strategic priorities of funding partners;
- Providing efficient and customized services to meet the evolving needs of UN entities and funding partners;
- Expanding partnerships with middle-income country governments from Asia, Africa and Central Europe, and non-traditional partners, such as universities; and
- Exploring mobilization efforts with the private sector.

Funded by Switzerland, Ilya Novikov, UN Youth Volunteer in Protection and Promotion of Human Rights with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Senegal:

// I was part of a dedicated team of five people working towards the promotion and protection of human rights across 14 West African States – this involved capacity building of civil society; engaging in dialogue and establishing partnerships with local stakeholders; and monitoring, evaluation and advocacy of human rights in the region. What I do in my volunteer assignment brings the United Nations closer to the people we serve.

For more information about how to partner with UNV through its Full Funding Programme, please contact partnershipsupport@unv.org