



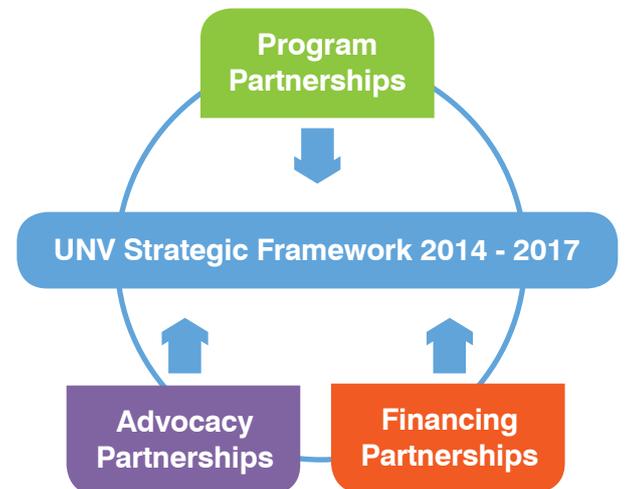
UNV PARTNERSHIPS STRATEGY

2014 - 2017

UNV Partnerships Strategy articulates the strategic direction for UNV's partnerships: focus, key partners, and institutional set-up across the organization at the headquarters and field levels, as well as outcomes to be achieved through partnerships. It centers on UNV's results-based management and accountability to partners over the next four years.

Partnering with UNV offers joint programming opportunities, a body of global knowledge, innovation, and global networks on volunteerism – all aimed at increasing the partners' capacity to engage in peace and development through volunteering activities.

Types of UNV Partnerships



On 31 January 2014, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited the UN campus in Bonn, Germany. Here, he is chatting with François Kernin, a former UN Youth Volunteer Associate Field Officer (Livelihoods) with UNHCR in Tunisia. François' assignment was fully funded by the Government of France.

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Joshi Chakma, a local volunteer in Bangladesh, conducts a meeting with the local community people, within a Community Empowerment Project implemented by UNDP and its partner organisations.



The UNV Partnership Strategy is a key building block to implement the UNV Strategic Framework 2014 – 2017. As such, it sets out a roadmap for UNV to:

- 1) build partnerships around innovation, and
- 2) manage partnerships for tangible development results.

This Partnerships Strategy also reflects the key findings of the UNV Partnerships Survey, conducted with 700 partners in March 2014, such as:

- 98% of respondents see UNV as a valuable partner;
- 87% of respondents believe UNV is good value for money;
- 92% of respondents would recommend UNV to others.

These results urge UNV to identify ways to deepen and widen its engagement with partners.

Strengthened partnerships with strategically relevant stakeholders are enablers for UNV to implement the new Global Programmes in the five priority areas.

As defined in the UNV Strategic Framework 2014-2017, these five priorities are:

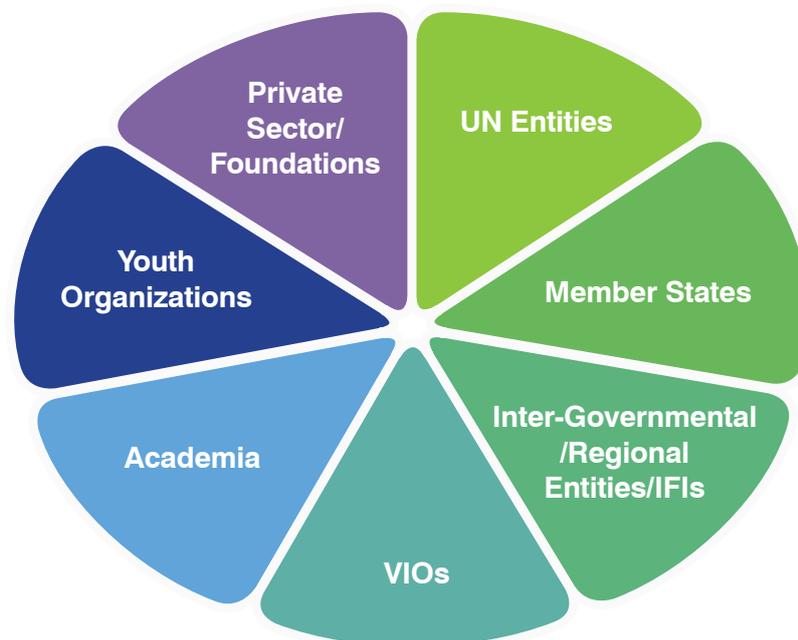
-  securing access to basic social services;
-  community resilience for environment and disaster risk reduction;
-  peace building;
-  youth; and
-  national capacity development through volunteer schemes.

UNV acknowledges the critical importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships that respond to the sustainable development agenda.

UNV partnerships are driven by the following key principles:

- **continuous innovation and results focus;**
- **credibility as the UN entity** mandated to work across the UN system to “deliver as one”;
- **proven ability to innovate**, pilot and scale up the most relevant talent solutions for partners;
- **recognized competencies** to demonstrate the development impact of UN Volunteers and volunteerism on sustainable human development;
- **inter-governmental goals** of achieving people-centered inclusive growth, broad-based social development, equality, sustainability, realization of human rights and human security for all;
- **extensive win-win collaborative engagements** with multiple stakeholders, supported by clear commitments from all partners with shared responsibilities and accountability for results;
- **diversity and plurality** of partners in a rapidly changing global context, South-South and triangular development cooperation, as well as deeper synergies of multilateral-bilateral cooperation to diversify the creation and sharing of development solutions and resources.

UNV Stakeholders



In a rapidly changing development cooperation environment, UNV will continue to promote more diversified programmatic partnerships, including with non-traditional donors, private sector enterprises and foundations.

Report of the UNDP Administrator on UNV to the Executive Board in 2012





More than 100 partners have gathered in Bonn at the United Nations Volunteers Partnerships Forum on 30 September and 1 October, 2014

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KEY APPROACHES

In order to strengthen partnerships to achieve the outcomes and results set out in the UNV Strategic Framework 2014-2017, UNV will pursue seven key approaches as described below.



ACCOUNTABILITY

UNV will improve its organizational accountability by ensuring effective and efficient partnership management. Particular emphasis will be put on the following:

1. **Develop and adhere to the highest standard of implementation, monitoring and results reporting to partners; and**
2. **Invest in transparency and external communication.**

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). For more information about UNV, please visit www.unv.org.