

UNV PARTNERING WITH UNODC

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme has been partnering with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) since 1999. A new Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2013. Some 72 UN Volunteers served with UNODC in 26 countries during the period 2007-2016.

Why recruit UN Volunteers?

United Nations Volunteers are global citizens motivated to contribute to peace and sustainable development. Working with United Nations entities, governments, civil society and the private sector, UN Volunteers use their experience and talent to bring people to the forefront of development and give them a voice.

UN Volunteers are one of the talent-management solutions available to the UN system. UNV manages this rich talent pool of volunteers who can be deployed to work in synergy with the staff and personnel of United Nations entities to bolster the effective delivery of their programmes and mandates.

UN Volunteers can effectively support UNODC in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime. They contribute in the areas of organized crime and trafficking, corruption, crime prevention and criminal justice reform, drug abuse prevention and health, and terrorism prevention. UN Volunteers have completed successful volunteering assignments with UNODC as Programme Facilitators, Legal Experts, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialists and Research Facilitators.



UN Volunteers support the UNODC alternative development project in Houaphan, Lao PDR. This project aims to reduce poverty and strengthen community capacities by giving farmers an economically viable and legal alternative to growing opium. (Philippe Pernet, 2011)

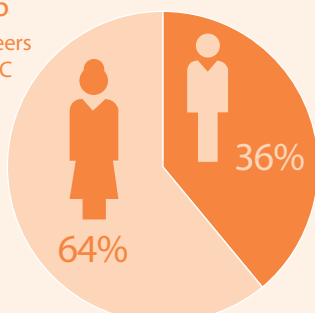
They have been engaged in collecting data, conducting field research and analysing trends, as well as making policy recommendations.

What is the added value of UN Volunteers?

Some 83 per cent of UN Volunteers come from the South. Thus, UN Volunteers tend to be familiar with local development challenges and societal norms. UN Volunteers apply culturally-sensitive approaches that foster participation and generate a sense of ownership. Through engaging community volunteers and strengthening local volunteering structures, UN Volunteers help make development more effective and sustainable.

2007-2016

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Top 3 countries of assignment

2007-2015		
8	7	6
Viet Nam	Senegal	Uzbekistan

Top 2 professional titles in 2007

UNV Project Management Officer
UNV Personal Assistant

Top 3 countries of origin

2007-2015		
6	4	4
France	Kenya	Australia

Top 3 professional titles in 2015

UNV Communications Officer
UNV Monitoring & Evaluation Off.
UNV Judicial Officer

“UNV provides UNODC with highly qualified cadres of motivated professionals as UN Volunteers. These individuals provide sound technical knowledge and promote the values of volunteerism. UN Volunteers can support research and data collection, drug demand reduction, alternative development and sustainable livelihoods to illicit crops, as well as advocacy for protection from and the prevention of human trafficking.”

Cesar Guedes, UNODC Representative, Pakistan

UNV is committed to reaching out to youth and bringing their voices to the table in a rapidly changing world. UNV is leading on youth volunteerism within the UN and established a UN Youth Volunteer Programme in 2014. Based on the UN Youth Volunteering Strategy launched in September 2013, this programme develops the skills and enhances the employability of young people, while at the same time tapping into the energy, unique strengths and perspectives of youth.

What categories of UN Volunteers are available to UNODC?

There are different categories of UN Volunteers, each with its own characteristics, which offer flexible solutions to the needs of our United Nations partners. UN Volunteers serve on contracts lasting three to twelve months on a renewable basis for assignments of up to four years, depending on the category of volunteer.

International UN Volunteers are typically professionals with specialized knowledge. They come from all walks of life and over 100 professions, bringing five to ten years of experience to their assignments. The average age of international UN Volunteers is 36.

National UN Volunteers are nationals of the host country (or a refugee or stateless person with legal status in the country), normally recruited locally. These volunteers concentrate in areas such as local community outreach. Recent university graduates with specialized skills are also recruited as national UN Volunteers.

UN Youth Volunteers are between the ages of 18-29 and may be engaged for national and international assignments of up to two years. UN Youth Volunteer candidates will have demonstrated their commitment to global peace and sustainable development through academic, extra-curricular and volunteer activities they have undertaken and/or up to two years of formal work experience. UNV supports these young volunteers by providing additional learning and guidance so that they are well supported throughout their assignments in areas such as primary health, education, climate change adaptation and human rights.

UNV also offers an innovative **short-term UN Volunteer** modality through which volunteers can be contracted for assignments of less than three months. This option may be useful for rapid deployment in many areas, such as shoring up emergency responses, census activities, and in general for projects that require a quick scaling up or rapid adaptation to changing circumstances. The short-term modality often suits diaspora nationals, the corporate sector and retirees. It allows partners to have an agile, flexible and adaptable talent solution when specific skill sets are required for a defined period.

Another modality that can provide strategic support to partners is **Online Volunteering**, a rapidly growing service of UNV. Over 11,000 UN Online Volunteers conduct 15,000 assignments over the Internet annually to bolster peace and development activities of United Nations entities, governments and civil society organizations.

In all the above categories, the very nature of volunteering for the United Nations inspires and attracts exceptionally motivated specialists and youth – people dedicated to advancing global peace and sustainable human development. Irrespective of the modality through which they serve, UN Volunteers come from all geographic regions and socio-economic backgrounds.

How can UNODC offices recruit UN Volunteers?

To partner with UNV and recruit UN Volunteers who will help you implement your development initiatives, contact the UNV Programme Officer based in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) country office. The UNV Programme Officer can provide advice and guidance on how to recruit volunteers for assignments relevant to UNODC.

For further information, refer to the partners section of our website at unv.org/partnerships/host-volunteer.

UNV-UNODC success stories

National UN Volunteer Research Officer analyses drug trafficking in Pakistan

The first cooperation between UNODC and UNV in Pakistan was through the deployment of Bahadur Khan as national UN Volunteer Research Officer in UNODC's Field Office in the country.

From September 2013 to March 2014, Bahadur was involved in conducting research on Pakistan's illicit pharmaceutical industry. The extensive collection of data encompassed different dimensions and sources. The southern drug trafficking route through Pakistan was a main point of reference for the national UN Volunteer specialist, who had already worked in the non-governmental sector in Pakistan. His national survey included an analytical element trying to determine the underlying causes of the existing illicit pharmaceutical industry.

In the first stage of his research Bahadur collaborated with government officials and agencies, the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, the Pharma Bureau of Pakistan, Health Department of KPK and Baluchistan, Customs Quetta,

and the Anti Narcotics Force of Quetta, in order to localize growing areas of the illicit drug industry. The second stage of his survey employed questionnaire interviews with drug users, pharmaceutical companies, pharmacies and grocery shops where illicit medicines were sold. Based on these findings, Bahadur proposed recommendations and solutions as to how the control over the pharmaceutical industry in Pakistan could be improved.

Bahadur admits to some challenges in addressing this issue, saying: "Some people were more comfortable with talking than others and I had to be careful how I approached the subject." Bahadur hopes that the insight gained into specific problematic areas can be used to strategically counter the illicit pharmaceutical industry and eventually lead to an improvement of Pakistan's health sector.

UN Volunteer supports people vulnerable to HIV/AIDS infection in prisons

Zeyin Zerihun, a UN Volunteer in Ethiopia, has been serving as Programme Associate since November 2011. Zeyin is involved in various projects under UNODC, including supporting the African Studies Centre in conducting the first situation analysis of HIV/AIDS prevalence in prison settings in the country.

Through its partnership with the Ministry of Federal Affairs in Ethiopia, UNODC provides direct support in the development of accessible treatment services that are an integral part of the main health system; training, community-based services and programmes for drug abusers in prison; and opportunities for networking with experienced professionals.

Zeyin has taken part in a project targeting 300 inmates in five different countries (Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Tanzania and Ethiopia) who receive different types of vocational training. This includes basic metal working, hairdressing, residential

electrical installation, carpentry and basic computer skills. Zeyin took part in an experience-sharing workshop and paid a site visit in Mombasa, Uganda, in order to bring the endeavour forward.

Among the findings of the analysis is the fact that adult offenders show a consistently lower than average level of educational achievement. They often have low levels of literacy and numeracy, and struggle with unemployment. These factors, together with the lack of skilled training, can make it difficult for ex-prisoners to secure and keep good employment upon release.

UNODC has engaged Zeyin in a sustainable livelihood project offering former inmates basic emergency social support, as well as medium- and long-term assistance for sustainable livelihood to individuals living with HIV or vulnerable to HIV infection.



Clay Nayton (Canada, right) is a UN Volunteer Community-based Drug Treatment Programme Officer with UNODC in rural Cambodia. Clay helps develop tailored strategies to prevent drug use and treat drug dependence. Here, he is talking to peer educators and people affected by drug use in Stung Treng, Lao PDR. (UNODC Cambodia, 2013)

UN Online Volunteers document global human trafficking cases

UN Online Volunteers are assisting UNODC in expanding the Human Trafficking Case Law Database. The database is the only global public record of information on human trafficking crimes and is vital to raise visibility and identify global patterns.

The ultimate goal of the database is to make available knowledge that will contribute to increasing the number of prosecutions and convictions for human trafficking globally. It serves as a practitioners' tool for police investigators, prosecutors and judges; a monitoring tool for government policy-makers; an awareness-raising tool for the public and media; as well as an information tool for researchers.

UN Online Volunteers with a legal background translate and summarize human trafficking cases to be included in the growing database, which currently documents around 900 cases from 76 countries.

UN Online Volunteer Mildred Rodriguez is a lawyer from Paraguay specializing in migration issues, public safety, development and human trafficking. She volunteered in her own community as well before becoming an enthusiastic online volunteer. "I chose to volunteer for UNODC because

I am really worried about human trafficking in my country and around the world," Mildred says. "I wanted to help to combat what I think is one of the most heinous crimes."

"Thanks to the collaboration with UN Online Volunteers, to date we have been able to add about 20 new case briefs from four jurisdictions to the UNODC Human Trafficking Case Law Database," says Tatiana Balisova of the Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section at UNODC. "We are happy to see that volunteers from different backgrounds and countries are interested to contribute to the work of the case law database. We look forward to continuing working with UN Online Volunteers in the future."

Another UN Online Volunteer is Tina Martin (Ireland), who is specialized in Criminology and Criminal Justice and works as a Research Associate to Birmingham Law School. "I chose to volunteer for the UNODC...because I believe their Human Trafficking Case Law Database is of inestimable importance," Tina shares. "UNODC is a truly incredible organization, providing a voice for those victims most often forgotten. I am proud to say I played a small role in their mission and would strongly encourage anyone to give their time, however limited it may be, to such a worthwhile cause."

UN Volunteers counter organized crime and illicit human trafficking, prevent drug abuse, enhance access to justice, facilitate criminal justice reform, support research, trend analyses and policy development, and so much more.

Is your office engaging UN Volunteers?

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. We work with partners to integrate qualified, highly motivated and well supported UN Volunteers into development programming and promote the value and global recognition of volunteerism.

UNV is active in around 130 countries every year. With field presences in over 80 countries, UNV is represented worldwide. UNV is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

