

UNV FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME REPORT 2018



In 2018, 561 UN Volunteers were fully funded by Member States and other partners for assignments worldwide. The deployment of these volunteers supported the United Nations system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda through the engagement of UN Volunteers and the promotion of volunteerism.

With the UNV Full Funding programme, Member States and other partners finance opportunities for people to serve as volunteers across the global United Nations system. Partners, by sponsoring UN Volunteer assignments, contribute to volunteerism as a mechanism to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the United Nations in peace and development worldwide.

UNV strives to mobilize and integrate qualified, highly motivated and well-supported UN Volunteers, while also promoting the global recognition of volunteerism and its unique benefits to individuals and communities. The UNV Full Funding programme extends the scope of the organisation, giving more specialists, young people and university students

2018 UNV Full Funding programme statistics at a glance

561 Fully funded UN Volunteers served with **26** United Nations partners in **88** countries

38% Specialist UN Volunteer assignments

62% UN Youth Volunteer assignments (45% Youth and 17% University)

79% Women



the opportunity to contribute to international development and peace efforts.

Like all UN Volunteers, fully funded UN Volunteers enjoy access to unique opportunities for personal and professional growth, often followed by a career in development cooperation upon completion of their assignment. For fully funded UN Volunteers exposure to the United Nations system increases their employability by allowing them to gain a foothold in a professional environment centred around global peace and sustainable human development.

In 2018, UNV's Full Funding partners sponsored 561 volunteer assignments worldwide. The number of fully funded deployments of both specialist UN Volunteers and UN Youth Volunteers increased by more than 22 per cent.

By fully funding UN Volunteer deployments, partners are investing in their involvement in the United Nations, while boosting development impact across the globe. UNV's Full Funding programme carefully matches the human resource needs of the United Nations with volunteers taking into consideration potential sponsors' geographic, thematic and development priorities.



Strengthening partnerships

In 2018, UN Volunteer assignments were fully funded by: **Belgium, China** (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), **Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland** and **Thailand**, along with **AIESEC, Alphabet Inc., CISCO** and **Save the Children Fund**.

UNV has expanded its targeted outreach to new partner governments, regional organizations, universities, private sector entities and foundations. There has been an overall focus on South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation, with the aim of increasing the number of fully funded UN Volunteers from the Global South.

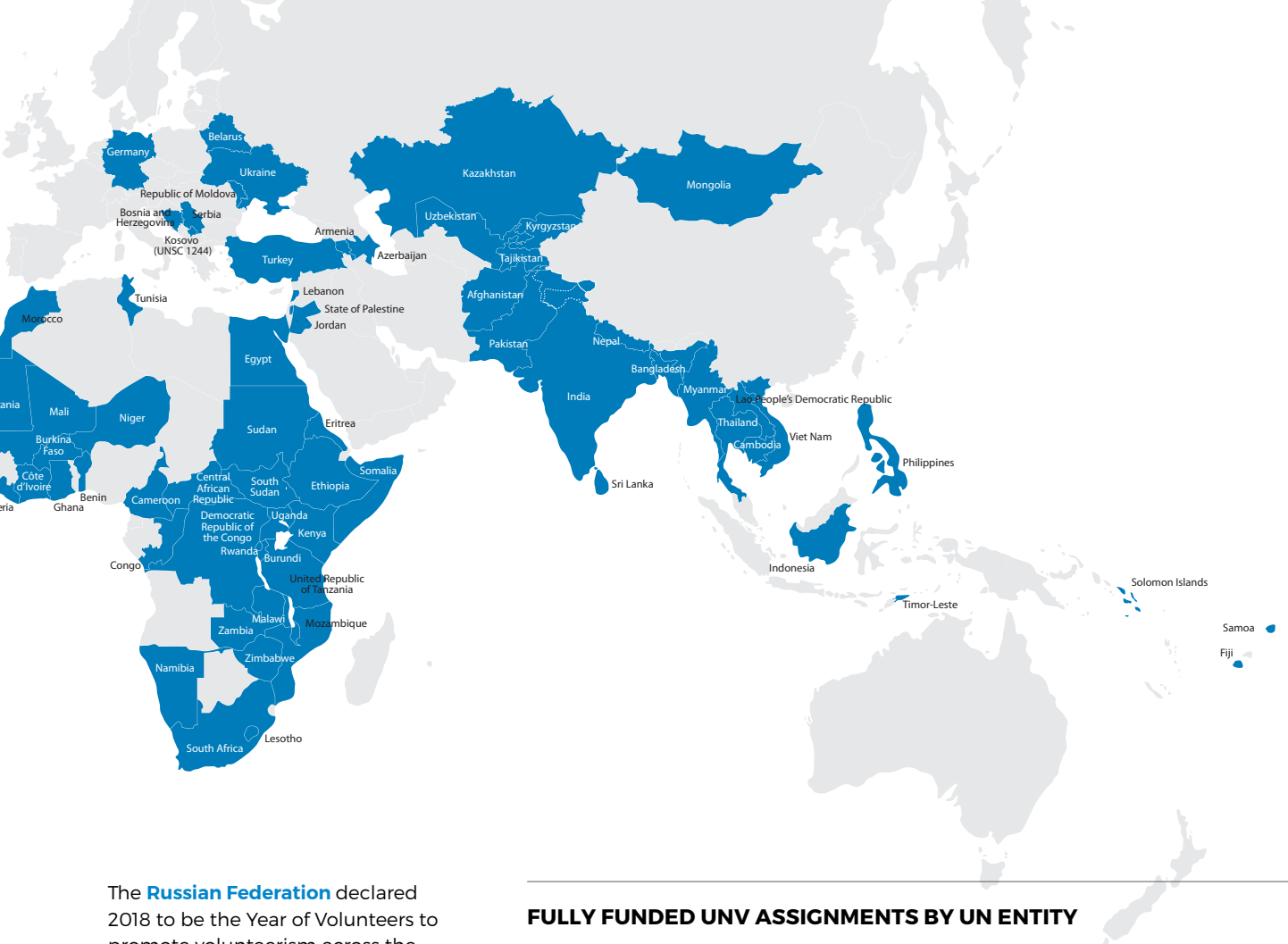
Member States, universities and private sector entities from the Global South express increasingly strong interest in engaging with UNV and financing assignments.

The Government of **Sweden** has partnered with the UNV programme through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) since 2007. Sweden strongly supports the deployment of Swedish UN Volunteers as well as UNV's programmatic work to promote volunteerism worldwide. Sida doubled its funding in 2018 for up to 40 UNV assignments, with a strong focus on supporting refugees and migrants.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNV FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME 2015-2018
(1000s of US\$)*

Funding partner	2015	2016	2017	2018
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,850	2,494	3,670	4,137
SWEDEN			1,800	3,900
FRANCE	610	933	2,078	1,107
SWITZERLAND	1,081	440	867	992
JAPAN	164	4	1,542	952
GERMANY	1,745	209	426	
FINLAND		628	829	859
NORWAY	435		763	867
IRELAND	481	500	479	518
LUXEMBOURG	409	418		491
AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, CHINA (HONG KONG SAR)	200	200	370	370
CZECH REPUBLIC	188	237	323	347
RUSSIAN FEDERATION				1,004
KING MONGKUT'S UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY THONBURI, THAILAND				47
SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND			38	4
ALPHABET INC.				17
AIESEC			8	
Grand total	7,164	6,061	13,194	15,611

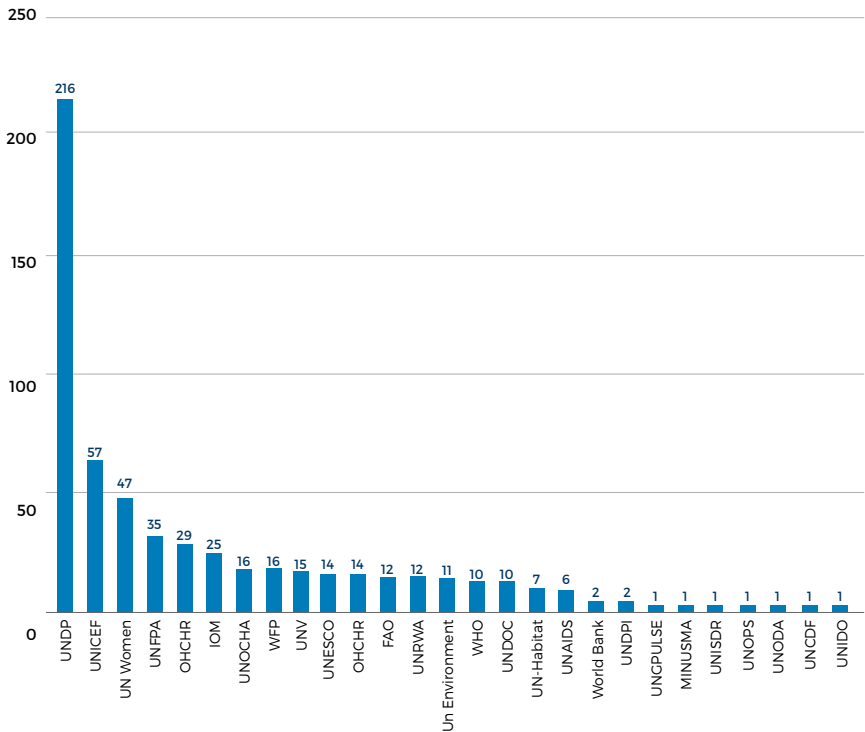
*These amounts reflect multi-year contributions received from funding partners. Funding partners are ordered by magnitude of total contributions over the four-year period.



The **Russian Federation** declared 2018 to be the Year of Volunteers to promote volunteerism across the country. Following this declaration, the Government of the Russian Federation strengthened its cooperation with UNV by sponsoring volunteer assignments through the UNV Full Funding programme. This partnership resulted in the agreement to deploy 19, competitively selected Russian citizens as youth and specialist UN Volunteers with United Nations entities across the globe.

UNV and the King Mongkut University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) in **Thailand** instigated a partnership in 2018 to provide UN Volunteer opportunities for KMUTT students. In doing so, KMUTT has become the first university in South-East Asia to provide national and international UN University Volunteer opportunities to their students to serve with UN Entities in the region and promote volunteerism as a key asset for sustainable peace and development in Asia.

FULLY FUNDED UNV ASSIGNMENTS BY UN ENTITY



Takako Kaneda, funded by Japan, served as a UN Volunteer Logistics Officer with the World Food Programme (WFP) Regional Bureau Nairobi under the Programme for Global Human Resource Development for Peacebuilding and Development programme.

“ The opportunity to work as a UN Volunteer encouraged me to learn the spirit of changing lives through volunteerism. Throughout the UN Volunteer assignment at WFP, I was amazed by the diversity of people and the established culture of embracing different and mutual perspectives in the humanitarian environment. ”

Learning

All UN Volunteer assignments have specific learning activities before and during their deployment, including the mandatory induction of their UN host entity and e-learning platforms specific to volunteering.

Fully funded UN Youth Volunteers participate in UNV's assignment preparation training – a central element of the learning journey for all UN Youth Volunteers. The group training lays a foundation for them to understand the United Nations and their role as UN Volunteers and to build the skills and resilience that will help them succeed in their assignments. Additional dedicated capacity development activities are made available to youth volunteers throughout their 12-month assignments. Known as the “UN Youth Volunteer Learning Journey”, the programme is delivered online (e-learning), remotely (coaching) and through conventional formats (learning platform, training sessions). In 2018, four of these trainings took place in **Bonn**, and one each in **Pakistan**, **Nairobi**, **Bangkok** and **Moscow**.

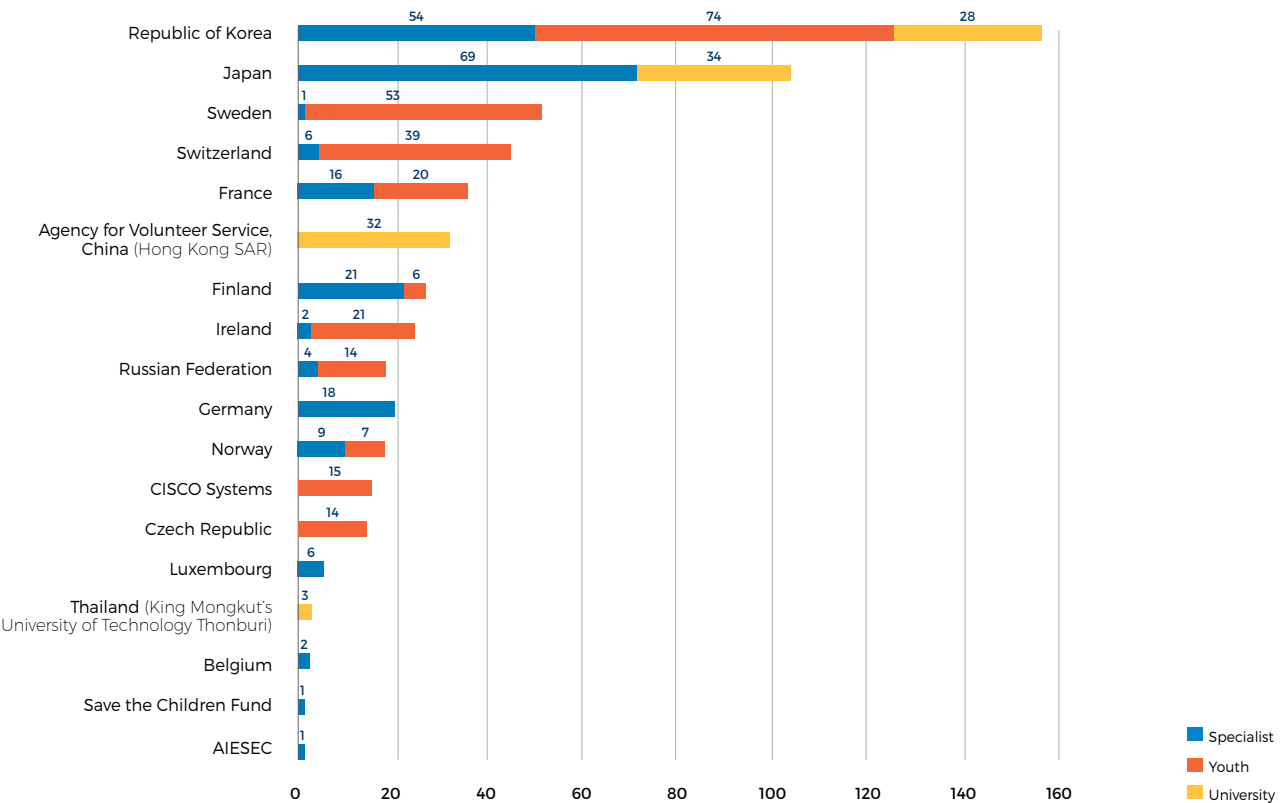
Jiye Suh, funded by the Republic of Korea, is a UN Volunteer Policy Specialist for Climate Change in the Solomon Islands, serving in the Resilience and Sustainable Development team with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

“ I find this project interesting, as it incorporates scientific evidence as the basis of decision making for the preparation of contingency planning at both national and community levels. The thing that keeps me moving is the fact that, as a UN Volunteer, I am doing something good for people and society, and I am contributing to the peaceful and sustainable development of the world. ”

Sabina Stein, funded by Switzerland, was an Associate Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations in New York and a UN Youth Volunteer with UNDP in Colombia.

“ I hesitated a lot before taking the UN Youth opportunity; I had a good job in Zurich, with wonderful colleagues and interesting work. I worried that in the Youth Volunteer programme I would not have sufficient responsibilities. It ended up being the complete opposite. Never have I had such an intense and enriching learning experience. The work was challenging and, to me, meaningful. I felt valued in my team and I was able to learn a lot from my supervisors and colleagues. ”

UN VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS BY PARTNER



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