

UNV Full Funding Programme



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*Yuji Kawai, fully funded UN Volunteer from **Japan** served as WASH Programme / Monitoring and Evaluation Officer with International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Uganda from 2018 to 2019. Yuji supported programming of WASH activities, including construction of water supply systems and latrines. In this photo, he monitored hygiene promoters in Palorinya refugee settlement in the West Nile region. In one year, the WASH intervention in four refugee settlements improved access to safe water, clean toilets and good hygiene practice to approximately 250,000 refugees and host communities across the settlements. Photo credit: (IOM, 2019)*

In 2019, 605 UN Volunteers were fully funded by 19 partners to support the United Nations system in 101 countries. Of these, 207 assignments were in sub-Saharan Africa, 145 in Asia and the Pacific, 112 in the Arab States, 85 in Europe and the CIS, and 59 in Latin America and the Caribbean.¹

By funding UN Volunteer assignments, Member States and other partners contribute to volunteerism as a means to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and bolster the impact of the United Nations across the world. In addition, partners offer volunteers – mainly their nationals – a chance to gain on-the-ground experience in sustainable peace and development efforts. UNV's Full Funding programme provides professionals and young people, including university students, a unique opportunity to support the work of United Nations worldwide.

During 2019, UNV continued to engage with its partners on the mobilization of UN Volunteers through full funding of their assignments. The Full Funding programme sponsored 605 UN Volunteers worldwide – an increase of more than 8 per cent on 2018 – covering a wide range of assignments matched to the needs of United Nations partners on the ground.

2019 UNV Full Funding programme statistics at a glance

605 Fully funded UN Volunteers served with **34** United Nations partners in **101** countries

211 UN Volunteer specialist assignments

394 UN Youth Volunteer assignments (300 Youth and 94 University)

486 Women
119 Men



¹ Three UN Volunteers served in more than one region.

Full Funding partnerships

In 2019, fully funded UN Volunteer assignments were made possible through the support of the Governments of **Australia**, the **Czech Republic**, **Finland**, **France**, **Germany**, **Ireland**, **Italy**, **Japan**, the **Republic of Korea**, **Luxembourg**, **Norway**, the **Russian Federation**, **Sweden** and **Switzerland** as well as the **Agency for Volunteer Service, China** (Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region), **Alphabet Inc.**, **Chinese Young Volunteers Association**, **Cisco Systems** and **King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi**, Thailand.

Contributions to the UNV Full Funding programme 2016-2019 (Sum of thousands of US \$) *

Funding partner	2016	2017	2018	2019
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2 494 000	3 669 578	4 137 367	4 001 751
SWEDEN		1 799 940	3 900 020	2 251 361
FRANCE	932 937	2 078 191	1 107 166	1 288 672
JAPAN	3 634	1 542 331	951 585	1 330 594
FINLAND	627 829	829 005	859 335	1 407 681
SWITZERLAND	439 969	866 831	991 851	994 761
IRELAND	500 145	479 138	517 523	935 094
RUSSIAN FEDERATION			1 004 000	1 000 000
NORWAY		763 076	866 920	249 960
CZECH REPUBLIC	236 554	323 421	346 675	462 478
AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, CHINA (HONG KONG SAR)	199 975	370 037	370 037	370 037
AUSTRALIA				1 039 016
LUXEMBOURG	417 800		490 840	
GERMANY	208 560	426 174		
CHINESE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION				103 686
KING MONGKUT'S UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY THONBURI, THAILAND			46 710	40 305
SAVE THE CHILDREN		37 896	4 193	
ALPHABET INC.			16 500	
AIESEC		8 245		
Grand total	6 061 403	13 193 863	15 610 722	15 475 395

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

Volunteer Service, China (Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region), **Alphabet Inc.**, **Chinese Young Volunteers Association**, **Cisco Systems** and **King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi**, Thailand.

Yujin Kim, fully funded by the **Republic of Korea**, is currently serving as a UN Youth Volunteer in youth engagement with the United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**) in **Jordan**.

“ Through this opportunity, I serve the most marginalized youth and adolescent population in Jordan. I support their economic resilience through programmes such as technical and vocational education and training, home-based businesses and social enterprises. This experience gives me meaningful insights into working in international development.”

Stella Vellendi, fully funded UN Youth Volunteer from **Finland** serves with the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) in South Sudan. As a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Stella supported entrepreneurial training projects for small and medium-sized businesses run by unskilled young people. In the photo, Stella monitored a ceremony revealing the foundation stone of a borehole at Masia Market, Yambio. (UNDP, 2019)



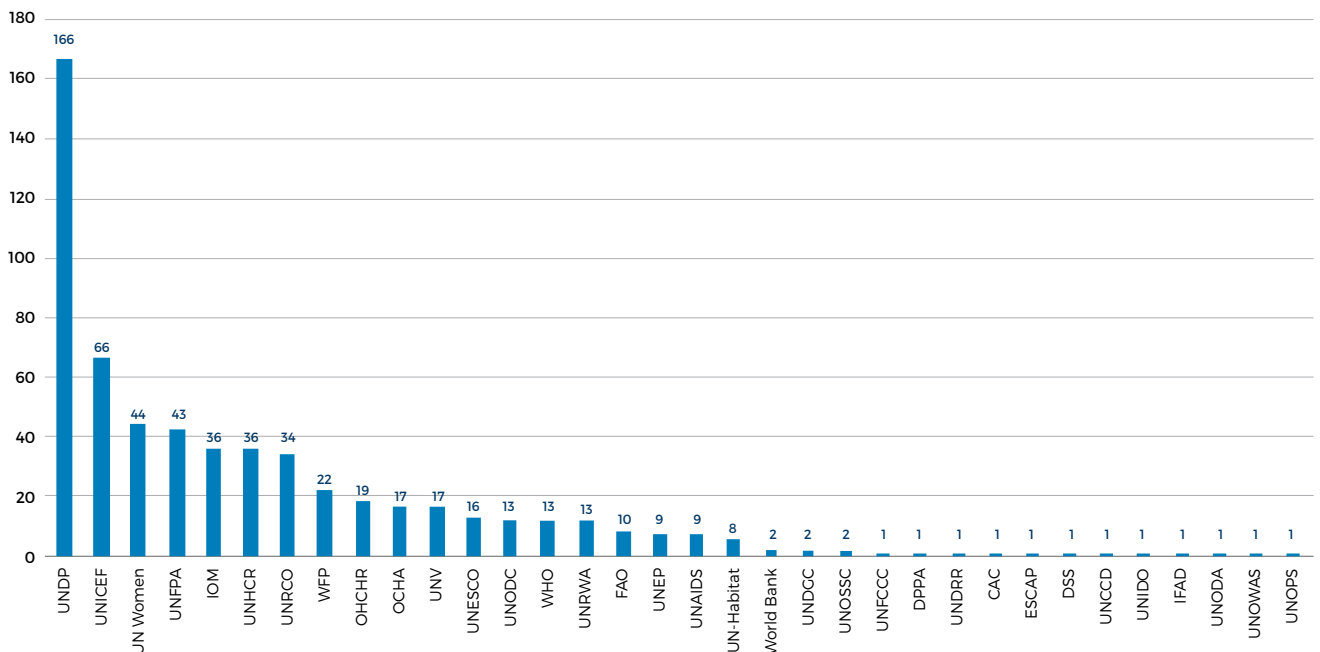
New partnerships in 2019

New partnership agreements on full funding for UN Volunteer assignments were signed in 2019 with the Governments of **Australia** and **Kazakhstan**. The partnership with the Government of Australia provides full funding for UN Volunteer assignments for Australian nationals mainly in the Pacific focusing on human rights, particularly disability inclusion, gender and United Nations reform. The Government of Kazakhstan signed a partnership with UNV to fund international specialist and youth UN Volunteers for 2020. Furthermore, following the successful implementation of a one-year pilot, the Government of the **Russian Federation** signed an agreement to deploy Russian citizens as international UN Volunteers over the next three years.

Also in 2019, **Mount Kenya University**, a private university in East Africa, signed a memorandum of understanding with UNV making volunteering opportunities available to students under a national UN Volunteer programme for universities. A cooperative arrangement between the **Chinese Youth Volunteers Association** was also signed in 2019. This marks the first cooperation between UNV and China at the national level, deploying UN University Volunteers and UN Youth Volunteers from 2019 to 2021.

Also in 2019, the Governments of **Finland**, **France** and **Sweden** provided full funding resources for the mobilization of UN Volunteers with disabilities in support of the United Nations' pledge to "leave no one behind".

Fully funded UNV assignments by United Nations partner



Louisa De Wet, a fully funded UN Youth Volunteer from **Sweden**, served with **UN Women** in **Uganda** in monitoring and evaluation.

“ Without monitoring and evaluation, you cannot measure the impact of our work on the ground, especially to see if the intended effects of United Nations interventions are working or not. Volunteerism is something that everyone can do, no matter their economic status or their geographical boundary.”

Anastasia Baskina, a fully funded specialist UN Volunteer from the **Russian Federation**, is currently serving as a gender and human rights officer with the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in **Cambodia**.

“ As a UN Volunteer, I initiated, designed and facilitated the first UN–Civil Society Organization Dialogue on Sustaining Peace in Cambodia, which strengthened United Nations cooperation with civil society in the country. I also had a chance to provide trainings on conflict analysis and resolution to the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Parliamentary Fellows and youth leaders.”

Professional outcomes for fully funded UN Volunteers

In a UNV survey of fully funded UN Volunteers who completed their assignments between 2008 and 2019, respondents reported that they highly valued the experience as contributing to their personal and professional development. A total of 93 per cent of respondents indicated that their UN Volunteer assignment had been valuable for their career development and employment prospects, and an impressive 67 per cent had gone on to work in peacebuilding and international development cooperation following their UN Volunteer experience.

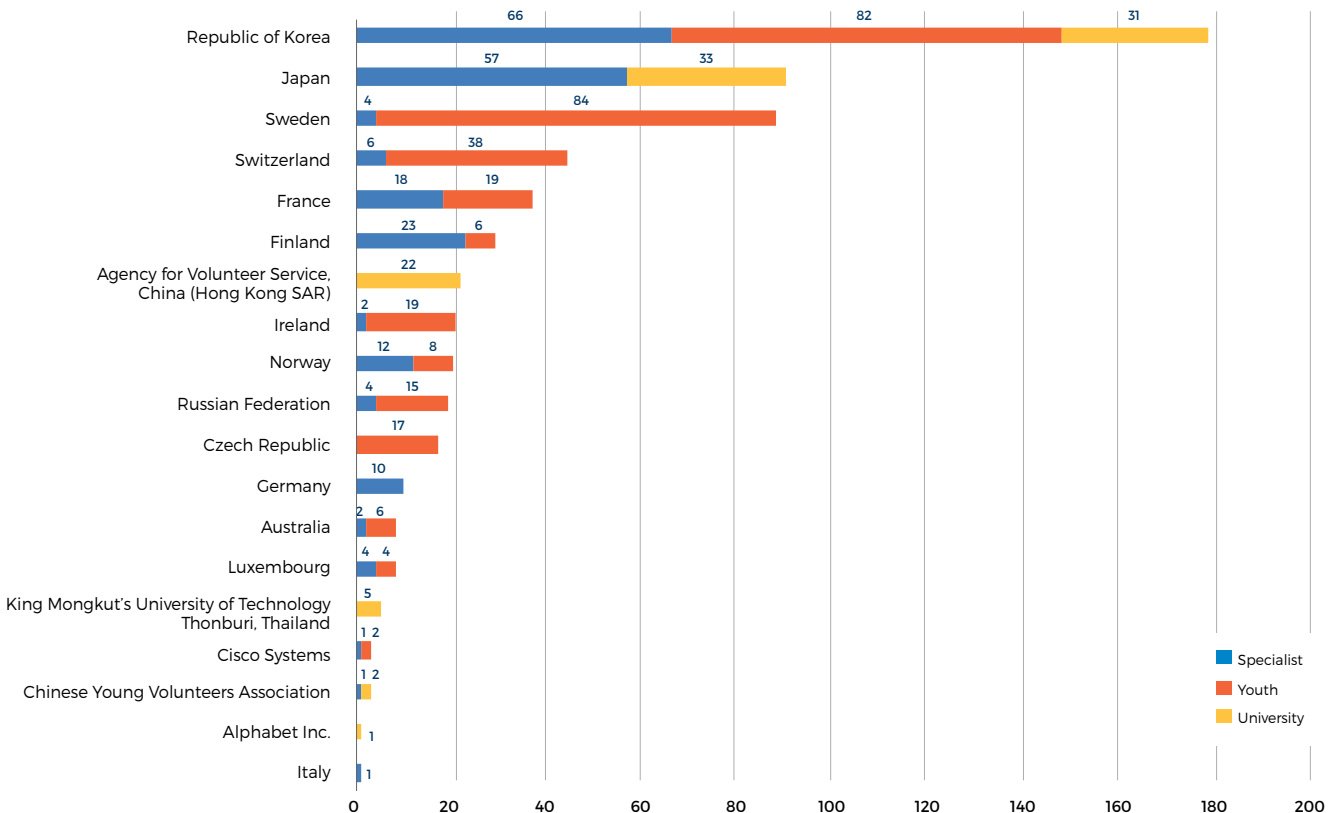
Sue Nguyen, a fully funded UN Youth Volunteer from the **Czech Republic**, served with **UN Women** in **Viet Nam** in women's economic empowerment in 2018-19.

“ I focused on cooperation with the private sector that employed women in their factories and shared value partnerships so that the private sector can help the United Nations fulfil its mission for equality for women's rights in the workplace. I focused on Vietnamese and multinational businesses following women's empowerment principles. I became a UN Volunteer as it was a great opportunity for me to come back to the country of my parents' origin.”

Nelly Mandengue, a fully funded specialist UN Volunteer from **France**, served with **UNDP** in the **Central African Republic** from 2017 to 2019 in communications to support the rule of law and national reconciliation.

“ As a specialist in communication and awareness, I joined the UNDP joint project support team for the Central African Special Criminal Court to contribute to the fight against impunity, restore the rule of law and support the process of national reconciliation. I have a permanent desire to learn, to improve and to put my skills at the service of development.”

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