UNDP & UNV JOINT INITIATIVE: TANDEM TEAMS

An opportunity for UNDP COs to contribute to localizing the SDGs through the Tandem Teams: Engaging National UNVs ‘in tandem’ with international consultants from the GPN/ExpRes Roster. Each Tandem Team works together across borders, time zones, languages, and cultures.

UNV

National UN Volunteers deployed as Specialist, Expert or Senior Expert UN Volunteers

UNDP

GPN/ExpRes Roster International Experts pre–contracted for advisory support assignments across one or several countries

UNV + UNDP = INFINITE BENEFITS

- Recognizing the incommensurable value of local expertise
- Increased availability of international expertise who can support remotely
- Lower carbon footprint and reduced travel costs, as travel will be done only on a needs–basis
- Contributing to the capacity building and visibility of national experts in UNDP’s work
- Full flexibility and fast processes to ensure COs receive the UN Volunteer profiles needed
- Knowledge transfer from local to global and vice versa
# COVID-19 TANDEM TEAM

**EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD**

In Somalia, National UNV Ibrahim Mohamed Diriye based in Mogadishu and Saeed Ibrahim Adam in Hargeisa, both deployed as a Country Plan Development Specialists, worked in tandem with UNDP international consultant Abagi Okwach to develop the Country Programme Document (CPD) 2021-2025 UNDP Somalia.

## HOW TO ENGAGE A TANDEM TEAM

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<td>UNDP Crisis Bureau (CB) identifies remote ExpRes International Experts</td>
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<td>UNV identifies national UN Volunteers from national UNV pools</td>
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<td>UNDP CO selects one ExpRes Expert and one or more national UN Volunteers</td>
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<td>CB and UNV issue contracts, support recruitment, and deploy</td>
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<td>CO fully manages on-boarding and inductions</td>
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## MORE INFORMATION

Information on UNDP’s international remote GPN expertise can be found [here](#) and for the ExpRes Roster [here](#). Information on UNV’s support to UN partners can be found [here](#).

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