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International Volunteers Day 2013 marked in Nairobi



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Above Photo @ UNDP Kenya OIC Mr. Thomas Ole-Kuyan with UN University Volunteer –Masai Ohiai

UNDP Kenya and UNV Kenya joined the world community to mark the International Volunteer Day (IVD). Following this year’s theme “**Young, Global, Active**”, the UN Volunteers in Kenya decided to celebrate the day by engaging in a number of environmen-

tal activities to ensure wider environmental awareness plus to demonstrate volunteer contribution to the greatest treasure they have for nature, and environment.

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UNV Kenya

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The UN Volunteers marked IVD by planting trees during their annual UNV Retreat in Voi near the Tsavo National Park in Kenya. On the 5th of December, 2013 the UNV Kenya team extended the tree planting at the natural environmental trail located close to Karura Forest Natural Reserve close to the UN Complex.

The IVD activity was officially opened by **UNDP Kenya Officer in Charge- Mr. Thomas Ole-Kuyan** who read the **official Message of the United Nations Secretary General on International Volunteer Day.**

Mr. Ole-Kuyan stated that the volunteers' work is highly appreciated by the UN and the world for it really offers sustainable solutions to daily challenges of communities. He also stated that **Volunteerism** has no borders and limitations due to the dedication and passion of the people involved.

Mr. Ole-Kuyan was joined by the youngest UN University Volunteer, Ms. Masae Ochai, to plant the first tree at the natural environmental trail.

The UNDP and the UNV team in Kenya wished to have more inspiration and further volunteer achievements to all volunteers worldwide.

"I appreciate the work and service offered by UN Volunteers in Kenya. You may not know, but you contribute much to the UN programmes and for the development of the world."

UNDP Kenya OIC –Mr. Thomas Ole-Kuyan

Renowned Kenyan Hip hop Musician – Octopizzo Commits himself to Volunteerism

"I am committed to Volunteerism, I use my voice to impact on young people, currently I have a volunteer food drive in Kakuma . I look forward to partnering with UNV Kenya on youth and volunteer initiatives..."

Octopizzo—Kenyan Hip Hop King.

The Mr. Octopizzo UN promotional tour brought an opportunity for UNV Kenya to interact with Mr. Octopizzo. It was so inspiring at how he uses his music and time to give back to society .

While giving his remarks he motivated his fellow young people to use what they have at hand to give back and to develop the country.



Above photo @ Octopizzo on the left receives a UNV t-shirt from UNV Communications Officer—Mr. Kelvin keya in suit.

Volunteerism sees through the launch of the child protection 2013 report in Nairobi



Above and below photo @ International UN Volunteer –Jollyn Samuel in black (Associate protection officer) -UNHCR while addressing the refugees

Jollyn Samuel an International UNV successfully pioneered the conduction Child Protection survey for UNHCR BO, the Urban Refugee Child - A Situational Analysis Report on refugee children in Nairobi was finally launched on the 11th of December 2013 at the East-leigh’s St Theresa Parish Hall.

The survey was conducted with the Child Protection thematic Group (CPTG) of the Urban Refugee Protection Network whose members include HIAS, Kituo Cha Sheria, Refugee Consortium of Kenya, and Heshima Kenya.

The participants included Department of Children’s Services - The County Director, Personnel from Ministry of Education, UNHCR’s Community leaders UNV Kenya and other Child Protection Stakeholders.

The report will be handy in ensuring accountability and guided approaches to children rights as well as programmes in refugee set ups and initiatives.





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