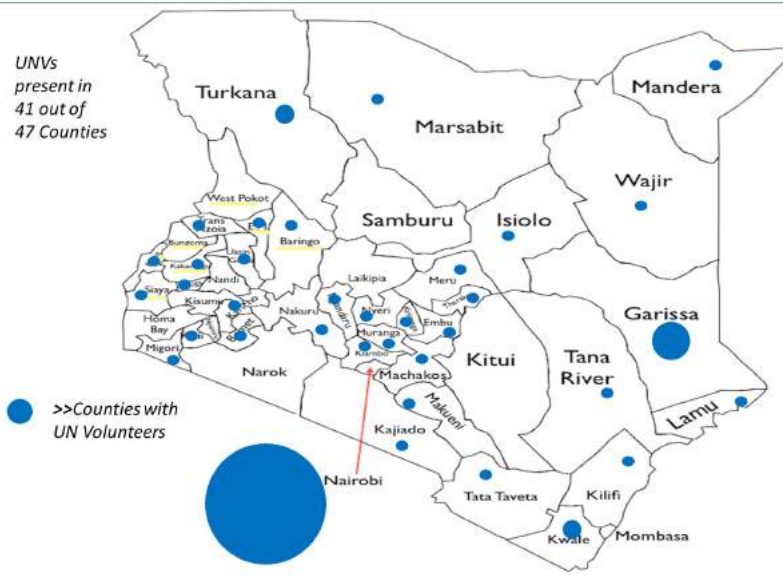




UN Volunteers strengthening devolution in Kenya

UNVs present in 41 out of 47 Counties



Map of Kenya showing location of UN Volunteers

The adoption of the Constitution of Kenya (CoK 2010) paved way for a transformative governance framework in Kenya through far reaching reforms. Of these, devolution of political systems and national resources has the most profound and transformative impacts. UNDP Kenya, through the *'Integrated UNDP Support to Devolution Process in Kenya project'* supports the implementation of devolved government to improve governance and socio-economic development in Kenya. [>>>more on page 3](#)

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UNDP Country Director's New Year Message to UN Volunteers

Since taking up her appointment as **UNDP Country Director for Kenya** in 2011, and by extension as Head of UNV programme in Kenya, **Maria-Threse Keating** has overseen the growth of the UNV programme in Kenya for more than 5 years now. In an inter-

view with **Kevin Ochieng from UNV Kenya**, she shared her hopes and faith in the endless possibilities for UN Volunteers and sent out a hearty new year message to UN Volunteers for their continued dedicated service to human development. [>>>more on page 2](#)



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Caroline Muguna – CoG/ UN Volunteer, Murang'a County



UN Volunteers stand at the frontlines of change

**Maria-Threase Keating,
UNDP Kenya CD**

UNV Kenya: How do UN Volunteers contribute to enabling UNDP deliver its mandate on Devolution and Governance in Kenya?

Maria-Threase Keating, UNDP Country Director, Kenya:

The UNV programme is an extremely important vehicle for bringing cohesion between UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes as well as the UN Country Team (UNCT). I say this because of the very wide diversity of UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes that are deploying UN Volunteers working in some of the most difficult circumstances here and interacting with us on a daily basis.

In Kenya, UNV was an integral part of the formulation of our new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) which runs from 2014-2018. There are seven paragraphs dedicated to volunteerism and volunteers role in moving forward development in Kenya.

This underlines how close the relationship is between UNDP, UNV and the entire UNCT IN Kenya. Whether it be a UN Volunteer with UNHCR in Dadaab in the Northern part of Kenya, or a peace monitor with UNDP in Kwale or Kilifi, where countering violent extremism is top of the agenda, or whether it be a UN Volunteer in Turkana, helping communities build resilience, and improve their food security, the flexibility of the UNV modality, and the quality which UN Volunteers bring to our work here in Kenya, I believe, is uncontested.

For example, we are so proud of the achievement of our UN Volunteers during the 2013 general elections here in Kenya, where 48 UN Volunteers served as community peace ambassadors, living and working in the counties and mitigating against any possible violence that could occur. UN Volunteers were so highly lauded by donors and many multi-lateral partners for significantly contributing to the maintenance of peace towards the elections, and we expect UN Volunteers to play a similar role in the forthcoming elections here in Kenya.

In her new year message, Maria extended her gratitude and congratulations to UN Volunteers for their continued commitment and service to human development, upholding the United Nations core values of integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity.

“On behalf of UNDP, I wish you all a successful 2016 as you continue working with our partners and communities in pushing the boundaries of positive change” Maria-Threase Keating, UNDP Kenya Country Director in her new year message to UN Volunteers in Kenya

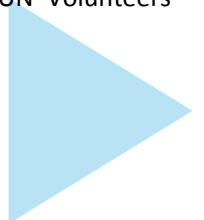
She reiterated that the year 2016 ushers in the official launch of the bold and transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by world leaders last September at the United Nations, with particular focus on eradicating poverty everywhere, in all its forms and dimensions, by 2030.



From Top: Maria-Threase Keating, UNDP Kenya Country Director, during a past UNV Retreat, International Volunteer Day event and at a UNV University Symposium.

She emphasized that as UNDP turns 50 globally this year, UNDP Kenya remains fully committed to further strengthening its strong partnership with the Government of Kenya through increased support in domesticating the global development agenda, delivering the Vision 2030 development agenda and implementing the relatively new constitutional dispensation.

She also reminded the UN Volunteers that they stood at the forefront of representing the UN in pioneering development solutions and democratic change at different levels during challenging times; yet filled with vast array of opportunities; extending her wishes to UN Volunteers for a successful 2016.



Strengthening devolution in Kenya

The 'Integrated UNDP Support to Devolution Process in Kenya project' is derived from the Delivering as One UN Strategy on Devolution and further guided by Kenya Government's Vision 2030 Medium Term Plan II Process. The Programme has thus earmarked key support to selected Counties on specific areas

aligned to the broad objectives of providing capacity building and technical support. These areas include monitoring and evaluation, public finance management and statistical support. To achieve this crucial mandate, UNDP has continuously worked with the UNV Kenya Field Unit to deploy and administer

qualified and passionate UN Volunteers to the 47 counties in Kenya, recently deploying UN Volunteers in 35 counties across the country. Six of these UN Volunteers shared their stories on what it means to be on the frontlines of delivering the devolution promise in Kenya. >>>stories on page 3,4,7 & 10

Making devolution work for communities

By Catherine Ngave, NUNV, Makueni

I began my assignment as a United Nations Volunteer in November 2015 as a County Statistician in Makueni County, Kenya. When devolution took shape in Kenya, the devolved governments were experiencing teething problems and a lot was said about the system. At some point Kenyans regretted pursuing that route. It is at this time when I decided to do something to make it work other than sitting back and complaining. I volunteered.

I am placed at the department of Finance and Socio-Economic Planning where I collect up-to-date data to facilitate in planning and resource allocation in the County. I compile this data both from the field and various County Government departments.



I started volunteering at a tender age in our community. We would volunteer to clean the market places and also fetch water for the elderly women in the village.

I never knew it would lead to national volunteerism!

My role also involves helping various departments carry out baseline surveys before embarking on projects; interpreting the data to the various stakeholders and assisting the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit in the County carry out the Participa-



Catherine Ngave, NUNV, Program Assistant-Statistics (2nd from the right) poses for a photo together with His Excellency the Governor Makueni County (forth from the left) during the International Volunteer Day 2015 in Makueni County

tory Rural Appraisal (PRA). Being a statistician, at times I help the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit report on the state of development projects in the different wards across the County.

It is so interesting to guide the community in making their own decisions on how to develop their various wards. I derive a lot of satisfaction in finding myself being part of a team that fulfills the essence of devolution: bringing the government to the local people.

It is a great motivation when I see the marginalized and the poor being facilitated to be self-sustainable. My role in the county has enabled me to interact with so many community challenges and opportunities.

I am currently involved in bringing together women from all the wards in the county for a volunteer event during the International Women's Day to ensure women are effectively involved in gathering development data that informs the county resource allocation. Working alongside the department of volunteerism in the county, we intend to establish a stronger women empowerment network that will also provide a tool for

voter education as we approach next year's General Elections.

My message to my community, and especially women who want to see change in the community is that ***the World is changing, are we? Will we take the initiative and VOLUNTEER***

to make our communities better, safer and more productive?

My experience overall has been quite profound. I have been able to grow both professionally and personally through volunteerism and it is so satisfying to work for the community.



Catherine Ngave (on the whiteboard), UNV program assistant-statistics, Makueni County, Kenya leading the Education department team in report writing after a survey on restructuring and revitalizing the youth polytechnics in the county.

My experience in Baringo County Government as a UN Volunteer

Cornel Ogutu, NUNV, Monitoring and Evaluation Programme Assistant, Baringo County Government, outside Kenya School of Government in Baringo during validation of sector plans



I was posted in the County in December 2015 with the objective of strengthening the capacity of the county on matters of monitoring and evaluation. The UNV experience has been quite exciting and rewarding to say the least.

By the time I arrived in the county, the key management priority was to finalize the sector plans for 2013-2017. I plunged right in the middle of the process.

Specifically, I directed the team particularly in setting Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-bound (SMART) objectives. My role was also to look at the sector plans with a Monitoring and Evaluation lens and ensure that the plans produce results that add value to the lives of the people.

The team aligned the Vision and Mission statements of different sectors to reflect the wishes and aspirations of the people of Baringo.

The second assignment that I was directly engaged with was the process of conducting a Mid-term review for the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for Baringo County. Since the implementation of the CIDP is half-way, there was need to establish the progress of the implementation, challenges experienced and how the process could be fast tracked and improved to better the lives of the people of Baringo.

Long Way to Go

Despite the great progress made in rolling out devolution, I realized that there is still a long way to go in order to achieve holistic development. For example, Baringo County government

is still grappling with capacity issues and has not fully realized the benefits of devolution.

Additionally, the County Government has various competing priorities that make it difficult to initiate new processes. As a result, the staff have very busy schedules hence push to the periphery new ideas and projects.

I was incorporated in the county strategic team to spearhead the completion and publishing of the sectors plans.

Role of statistics in development

Caroline Muguna

Caroline Muguna CoG/UN Volunteer, Muranga County

The Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates in the 4th schedule that various ministries, departments and agencies have overall task of implementing devolved functions. Statistics is one of the devolved functions that has important information bearing on the county's planning and development.

The recognition of statistics in volunteerism within the devolved functions in the county government can bring a huge impact on people lives. The statistics information is crucial in planning for resources towards effective service delivery to the people by the county government.

I feel humbled to be part of volunteerism in the

effort towards enhancing reliable data for development.

My first assignment was to collect relevant data for County Statistical abstract 2015 from relevant ministries and departments. This is a document that provides indicators for social, economic and physical aspects of the County.



Currently, I am rolling out data collection for county Monitoring and Evaluation indicators handbook. This handbook is meant to guide the county in tracking and reporting progress in implementation of the

County Integrated Development Plans (CIDP) as well as other policies, programmes and projects within the county.

It is quite humbling to use your skills and passion for volunteerism to make substantive contributions towards development at a community level where you can practically see the interactions between the science and community realities.

"I believe that recognition of statistics should always provide realities of life to impact the lives of the people and their environs"

UN VOLUNTEERS IN COUNTIES

UN Volunteers have enabled UNDP to significantly enhance capacities for 35 Counties in Kenya through working alongside Counties by providing the crucial linkages between the UN and the counties. Through the *'Integrated UNDP Support to Devolution Process in Kenya project'* designed in partnership with the Council of Governors to support the implementation of devolved government to improve governance and socio-economic development in Kenya, the UN Volunteers have been deployed in three thematic areas of public finance, statistics and monitoring and evaluation. Featured here are some of the most inspiring of these UN Volunteers helping drive the devolution agenda through providing much needed capacities to the counties.

Caroline- Muranga County



Caroline Muguna is a National UNV Statistician working at the County government of Murang'a. She feels humbled to be part of volunteerism in the effort towards enhancing reliable data for development.

Juliet- Narok County

Juliet Odindo is a Post Graduate Economics

student from the University of Nairobi with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Daystar University. She has been a UN Volunteer for the past year working with The Office of the Ombudsman as a Planning Assistant and currently as a Programme Assistant in Statics in Narok County. She has great interest in Health, Gender and Development Economics.



Volunteering at Red Cross as an Intern fueled this interest even further as she got much more exposure on Socio-economic Development. Currently in Narok, her wish is to combine her knowledge and experience in the above named areas, to deliver the best and contribute to the implementation of devolution.

Salim- Mandera County



Salim Mohamed Abdullahi joined the Integrated UNDP Support to Devolution Process in Kenya as a UNV - Programme Assistant (M&E) for Mandera County in November 2015. Previously he worked with various international organizations like; Mercy Corp Somalia, Handicap International in Dadaab refugee Camps and PACT-Kenya as Programme Management and Monitoring person in different emergency and development programs., he is a holder of Bachelor's degree in Development studies and has vast experiences on areas of Programme Management, Monitoring and Evaluation both in the refugee set up and under normal circumstances.

Duncan- Migori County



Duncan has over six years' experience in the civil society in the areas of Program Coordination and Project Management. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social work from the University of Nairobi and a Diploma in Project Management from Kenya Institute of Management. Previously, he worked at Global Peace Youth Corps, Kenya Correspondence Association and Mwelu Foundation. He is also an Associate fellow of the Royal Commonwealth Society for his commitment to promoting the values of the commonwealth and working to improve the lives and prospects of commonwealth citizens. Duncan is the team leader of the county UNVs posted to various counties to assist in various areas such as M&E, Statistics and Public Finance Management. He has a passion for photography and acting. Follow Duncan on twitter @chandoDchando

Cornel- Baringo County

Cornel Ogutu is a seasoned social worker and a development expert. He has a Diploma in Community Development and Project Management, a Bachelors Degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) and a Masters of Arts in International Studies from University of Nairobi. Cornel has about 18 years' of social work experience with children, youth and families, as well as organizational development in the areas of lobbying, advocacy and policy. His key competencies are capacity building in the development sector, planning, monitoring and evaluation and community mobilization and participatory methodologies.



Isaac - Elgeyo Marakwet County



Isaac Wamuhu holds a Bachelors of Commerce Finance degree from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. An Accountant by profession and a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK). Prior to joining the UN as a Volunteer Isaac has worked with various corporates as an accountant with over six years' of experience.

He is currently assisting to ensure compliance and implementation of Public Finance management act 2012 at the county level. Isaac likes nature and traveling when time allows and is a fun of football and swimming.

Carolyn - Tharaka Nithi County



Carolyn Mage is a National UN Volunteer under the UNDP - GoK Programme for Devolution Process in Kenya. Prior to this position, Carolyn worked for Strathmore University where she acquired over ten years' experience in administrative functions.

Currently she is undertaking a Master's degree in Public Administration at the University of Nairobi and holds a Bachelors degree in Leadership and Management (Public Administration & Healthcare Management) of Strathmore University.

Carol's assignment is based in Tharaka Nithi Liaison Office. I love to be associated with good ideas which can make use of my skills, time and knowledge for the development of the common good to humanity.

Dennis - Nyamira County



The ever-elegant looking Denis is a passionate team-worker with excellent attitude to work who has joined UNDP as a Programme Assistant-Public Finance Management.

He is a graduate of the University of Nairobi and the Kenya School of Government-Public which has equipped him with proficient expertise required.

Prior to this position, Denis acquired over three years' experience from two leading banks in Kenya as a relationship operations officer. Denis has also worked with Uwezo Kenya Initiative as a data assessment officer.

Denis participated in 2015 Hilton tower race organized by UNITED KINGDOM and Equity Bank of Kenya in collaboration with MasterCard and ranked as cooperates 1st runners up. In his free time, he likes online article writing and watching/playing soccer/rugby.

Kanze - Kwale County

The ever jovial Joyce Kanze Nzovu is a Kenyan native born in August 1989. She has experience in diverse fields with on focus in social work and development. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (honours) degree in Sociology and Psychology and a certificate in Transformational leadership from Kenyatta University.

Kanze is a UNV-Project Officer with the United Nations Development Programme through the Inclusive Economic Growth Unit, but still helping strengthen the devolution process in Kenya. She is passionately driving the Sustainable Economic Development agenda in Kwale County through the flagship UNDP Biashara Centres project. Previously, Joyce worked as an Account Manager with Hogg Robinson Group - Kenya engaging in management of service delivery to clients. And as a volunteer she has worked at Madaraka Primary School, Christian Legal Education Aids and Research and Don Bosco Centre Korri.



Pappilon - Nyandarua County

Pappilon Odhiambo Othieno is a graduate from United States International University (USIU) class of 2010 with a Bachelor's Degree in International Business Administration, with a minor in Management. Currently, Othieno is pursuing his MBA in Finance and Marketing at USIU and a professional accounting qualification CPA at KASNEB.

He has worked as Field Marketing Assistant at the New K.C.C., the PTP Accountant at EABL-Glass and currently serves as project consultant with Miles Success International. Since 2008 to date, he has been a resource person with Another Level Sports Associates (ALSA). His key attributes include being a team player, high integrity and attention to detail.



UNDP PLAYS A KEY ROLE TO SUCCESS OF DEVOLUTION IN KENYA



Geraldine Moige Bandari,
Program assistant, Monitoring and Evaluation, Bomet County

UNDP has had a long history of working partnerships with the Kenya Government. My recent posting as a UN Volunteer in Bomet County Government was part of that continuum, and my experience so far has a very positive story to tell.

My experience as a UNDP-UN-Volunteer has been amazing and I am learning a lot as much as I am contributing to the development of the County Government and Devolution in Kenya as a whole.

Having completed my UNDP induction and after being informed of my work station, I set off to Bomet County. Bomet was not a strange place at all to me; I went to School in Sotik Sub-County, a town within the County Government of Bomet. I am a Social Worker by profession, having studied Social Work and Social Administration at Busoga University in Uganda and currently on the final stages of my Master's degree in Development Studies from the Mt. Kenya University.

I have extensive interest in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and have done sev-

eral courses and attended several forums on the subject. It was therefore quite easy for me to settle in my assignment under the Monitoring and Evaluation based in the Finance and Economic Planning department of the County.

My first achievement was helping develop the first ever M&E policy for the County Government and an Indicator handbook to help in rolling out the policy.

I came to the County when the department of M&E had been established but needed a new drive and motivation for it to have its necessary impact on the county infrastructure. After spending a month in studying the county and finding gaps to address in the M&E program, and in consultation with my direct supervisor who is also the Chief Officer for Finance and Economic Planning, we came up with

a plan of mainstreaming M&E in all county departments, but first had to develop a M&E policy and an M&E indicator handbook.

Within two months of my engagement with the County of Bomet, the Policy is done and is on its final draft stages and the M&E indicator handbook draft is complete and undergoing review. Through my initiative, the M&E Unit for the first time in three years has moved out of desk-top-monitoring-and-evaluation to hands-on-field-work. Its quite exciting to contribute to ensuring that the devolution story in Kenya makes real impact in our communities. This, to me, is the true spirit of service and volunteerism.

“Through my initiative, the M&E Unit for the first time in three years has moved out of desk-top-monitoring-and-evaluation to hands-on-field-work.”

Geraldine



This evaluation exercise was conducted on 02/02/2016 and consisted of site visits to various projects being implemented by different departments. Above is Kuruma bridge bordering chebebi, Kimulot and Chepchabas wards in Bomet County.

Picture 1: Kuruma Bridge, Data Source: County Government of Bomet





UNV Kenya Field Unit gets a New Programme Officer: Mr. Dimitri Lermytte



Mr. Dimitri Lermytte joined the UNV Kenya family as the new Programme Officer for UNV Kenya on 14th March 2016, taking over from Dmitry Frischin who left to serve in Ethiopia in the same capacity last year.

Mr. Dimitri Lermytte, a Belgian citizen, is excited to be in Kenya as the country has been leading in advocacy and inclusion of volunteerism in the development agenda at country level; especially considering Nairobi's position as the UN-hub for the region.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following important events are scheduled between April and August 2016

- National Devolution Conference, April 19-23, Meru, Kenya
- World Humanitarian Summit, 23-24 May 2016, Turkey
- United Nations Environment Assembly, 23 -27 May 2016
- Fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 14) UNCTAD, 17 - 22 July 2016
- Tokyo International Conference of African Development (TICAD), 27th & 28th August, 2016

National Volunteerism Policy adopted by the Cabinet

The Ministry of Labour together with other stakeholders, including UNDP/UNV, formulated the National Volunteerism Policy that was approved by the Kenyan Cabinet on 16th February 2016. UNDP hugely supported the policy development process through UNV, allocating USD20, 000 for consultancy and validation workshop towards the process. UNDP also co-funded the publication of the policy in the local daily newspapers for public scrutiny and input.

The policy is expected to provide a framework for efficient and effective coordination, management and sustenance of volunteerism in Kenya. Specifically, the policy is expected to establish a Volunteer framework and management systems; create guidelines for effective protection of the rights of institutions, volunteers and beneficiaries; establish a platform for quantifying and strengthening qualita-

tive evidence-based volunteer contribution to national development; and define volunteerism, its forms, categories and modes.

Following the cabinet approval of the National Volunteerism Policy, UNV Kenya will continue supporting and participating in the implementation framework and development of the national volunteerism Bill.

UN Volunteers numbers on upward trend

As at the end of March 2016, the total number of UN Volunteers in

Kenya grew to 211 with 22 UN Volunteers joining the UNV family while 7 leaving to pursue various opportunities within January-March period. Additionally, there were 15 Kenyan

UN Volunteers who left the country to serve in other regions of the world during the same period. *More on UNV Kenya numbers on page 11.*

UNV Launches [#AcrossBorders](#) campaign in partnership with Devex

UNV partnered with Devex on an online campaign, [Across Borders campaign](#) during the month of March in the lead up to the World Humanitarian Summit.

The campaign aimed to take a close look at the current refugee crisis, the influx of migrants to developed countries, and what a successful fu-



ture looks like in terms of global security, development and humanitarian work.

Partners in the campaign included the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department, the US Association for International Migration (IOM's US non-profit partner) and World Vision, with UNHCR also contributing

to the campaign.

Over a period of four weeks, the campaign offered an opportunity to look at the root causes of movement, the journey set in motion, and our opportunities to build resilient and stable communities that can thrive economically and socially amidst rapid growth and change. It also identified the solutions needed for the future.

The campaign is already generating buzz, with the UNV Executive Coordinator joining others in voicing what we can do better to handle the global refugee crisis.

Richard Dictus, UNV Executive Coordinator, penned an op-ed <https://www.devex.com/news/global-responsibility-and-volunteers-in-the-time-of-crisis-87959>

Another interesting expert piece on how we can we get smarter at pre-

venting people from fleeing? was by Jan Snoeks <https://www.devex.com/news/acrossborders-and-origins-can-we-get-smarter-at-preventing-people-from-fleeing-87787>

VRRS pitched for special recruitment in support of refugees arriving in Greece. <https://www.devex.com/news/want-to-work-on-migration-issues-here-s-how-87922>

In recognition of all UN Volunteers supporting refugees and internally displaced persons, and otherwise supporting peace and development worldwide, and as the World Humanitarian Summit (23-24 May 2016, Istanbul, Turkey) approaches, kindly share the site and featured content widely with colleagues and partners in your networks and across your social channels using the [#Across Borders](#) hashtag.

UN VOLUNTEERS IN KENYA PLEDGE FOR PARITY



UN Volunteers participating in the IWD Pre-run event. (Photo by Kennedy Okoth/UN Women)

UN Volunteers in Kenya turned out in large numbers to participate in the 5km run on March 4, 2016 as one of the events to commemorate International Women's Day (IWD) 2016. The event was flagged off by Ms. Sahle – Work Zewde Under-Secretary General and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

“Like today's pre-run, our work on gender equality is something of a race. A race against the

clock” she remarked as she flagged off the event.

In the lead up to the IWD, UNV ran a campaign on gender parity dubbed [#womenvolunteers](#), sharing via social media photos and stories of women volunteers either in traditionally male-dominated areas.

Catherine Ngave, a UN Volunteer in Makueni County, was one of the eight UN Volunteers whose stories were featured in the global campaign.



**Pappilon -
Nyandarua
County, on the
redefinition of
volunteerism**

The UNV opportunity really changed my perspective of the term volunteer. The fact that volunteering doesn't have to only be works of charity but can also take a professional form, before I only

volunteered in children's homes and old age homes but through UNV Support for Devolution Program the term got a whole new meaning that over time I came to realize was both very exiting and challenging at the same time.

I began my assignment as a volunteer in November 2015, The program is called Support for Devolution in Kenya, This is a UNDP initiative that is very positive towards the positive smooth lining of operations within the set up of the county government. Investment in governance is a great concept that really addresses the issue of human capital within the county government both in terms of numbers and quality. The program is also addressing the 30% human capital issue that is a condition in the constitution of Kenya 2010, this bring diversity to the staff and new angle and scopes created.

Personally, I have had a great journey of transformation in the short period I have been in the program. The transition from working in the private sector to the public sector through UNDP received a soft landing due to the rigorous training organized by UNDP and executed at the Kenya School of Government Nairobi. I felt adequately prepared and ready for the challenge to work though the second part of

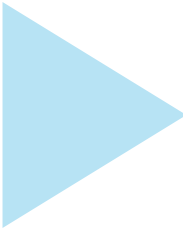
the surprise was still to come. Though it took me some time to adopt to the new environs, new people and new language and modes of operations, I am now am actually enjoying my stay. Its such a great experience contributing to development of my country Kenya while travelling and relating with a wide range of communities.

Seeing how great results are achieved because of great work from teams I am involved with is a very fulfilling achievement I have come to cherish in my roles as a UN Volunteer in Nyandarua County.

The UNV experience has generally given me a great learning opportunity, building me both personally and professionally.

Thank you UNDP - UNV for the opportunity.

Long live volunteering.



**Carolyne -
Tharaka
Nithi County,
on inclusive
economic and social
growth**

My work as a UN Volunteer Programme Assistant is to provide support in the establishment and operationalization of County Liaison Offices. My passion emanates from the belief that devolution of Government services will achieve both economic and social development and hence eradicate poverty. As a volunteer, we are supporting the County Governments in Kenya to promote inclusive economic and social growth and job creation at the County level through resource mobilization and proposal writing. I encourage many professionals to volunteer their time, skills and expertise to developmental activi-

ties that would change the World and make it the best place for the future generations.

Volunteering is one of the best ways we know of to make a difference in the community. Whatever your passion, however you get involved, volunteering offers a way to have a real and lasting impact on the world. Volunteering has been a great way to me, to meet new people, strengthen ties with the communities and expand my support networks, exposing me to people with common interests, resources, and participate in fulfilling activities.

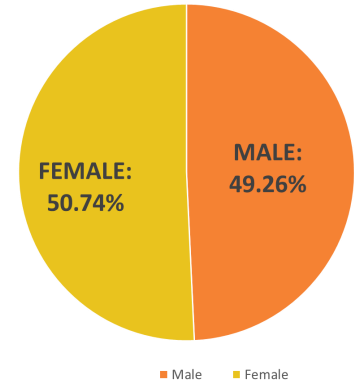
In a recent County activity, I volunteered to mobilize liaison Officers from Kitui, Machakos, Meru, Nairobi, Taita Taveta, Tharaka Nithi and Turkana Counties for an interactive investor meeting held at Delta Corner, Westlands. All the counties present at the meeting had different projects that are of interest to each county and needed resource to actualize the projects. In the county development, Public Private Partnerships [PPPs] would be key, in promoting economic

development. PPPs arrangements require the co-operation between public and private parties, which have a common goal in the long term, and share equal responsibilities and risks and for the provision of the public services. PPPs assume various contractual forms, the most common forms of PPPs models are Design-Build-Finance-Operate (DBFO), Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), Build-Transfer-Operate model (BTO) the Private sector designs and builds the facility then entitles the facility to the government. Then the private sector will operate the facility for a specified period.

Youth development programmes catalyze empowerment and succession plans, which are critical factors to spearhead and ensure continuity of both the social and economic development of Counties. Youth inclusion in major projects is essential as it creates a sense of responsibility and opens avenues for initiatives and somehow guarantees ownership of these projects.

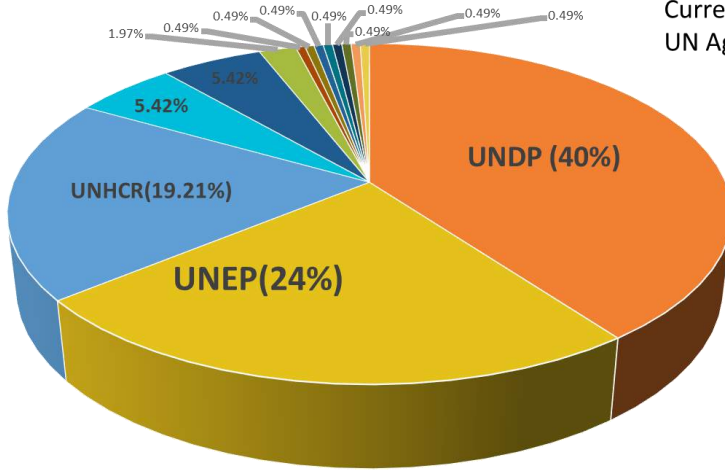
UNV KENYA NUMBERS AS AT START OF 2016

KENYA UN VOLUNTEERS BY GENDER

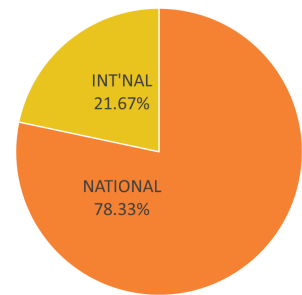


KENYA UN VOLUNTEERS BY AGENCIES

UN Volunteers Currently in 14 UN Agencies

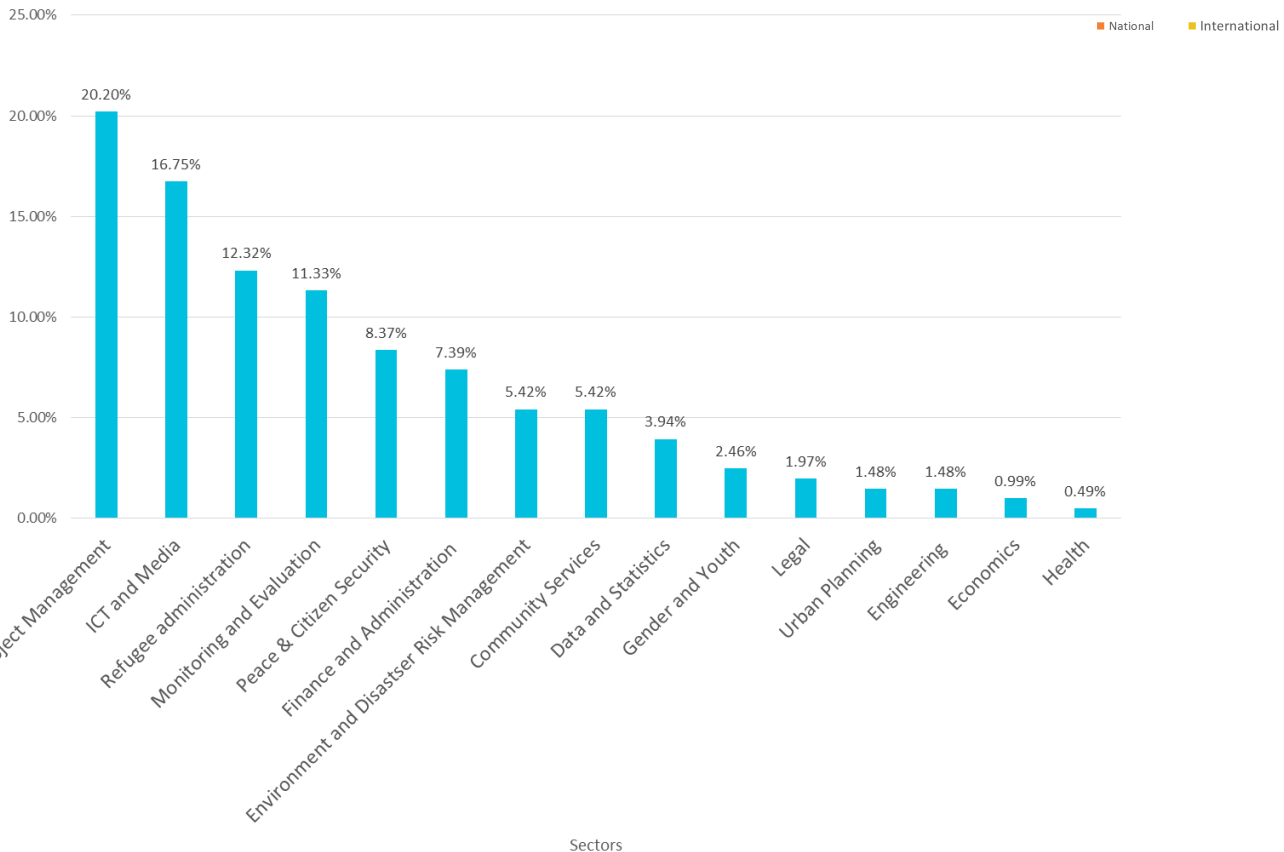


KENYA UN VOLUNTEERS BY MODALITY



- UNDP(81)
- UNEP(49)
- UNHCR (39)
- UNWOMEN (11)
- UNHABITAT (11)
- UNODC (4)
- UNICEF (1)
- UNESCO (1)
- IMO (1)
- IFAD (1)
- UN-REDD (1)
- FAO (1)
- UNISDR (1)
- UNAIDS (1)

KENYA UN VOLUNTEERS BY SECTORS



UNHCR UN VOLUNTEER PUBLISHES

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Influence of Drug Abuse on Students Academic Performance



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Patricia Tuwei, a UN Volunteer with UNHCR recently published a book with The Lambert Publishers on the influence of Drugs on Students' Academic Performance in Kenyan Public Universities.

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The findings of this study also provide valuable insights that the government, stakeholders, scholars and researchers can rely on in their collective endeavour of addressing the challenges and making the fight against drug abuse a success.

The book can be found on

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