

VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR FUTURE

The difference the **United Nations Volunteers (UNV)** programme makes is by demonstrating peace and development results and impacts through volunteerism. UNV has the ability and knowledge to bring about **transformational change through volunteerism, community avoluntary action and civic engagement** through active partnerships with civil society, volunteer involving organizations, United Nations agencies and governments.

This is inspiration in action. – *Excerpt from UNV Annual Report 2011* -

“At the heart of volunteerism are the ideals of service and solidarity and the belief that together we can make the world better. In that sense, we can say that **volunteerism is the ultimate expression of what the United Nations is all about.**” – *Kofi Annan, Former United Nations Secretary General* -

“**Beginning with the words “We the peoples”, the United Nations Charter** reminds us that **crafting solutions to global challenges is a job not only for Governments, but for people, communities and civil society.....** I congratulate the UN Volunteers programme and commend the many millions of **volunteers working for sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, environmental preservation, and progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.**” – *Excerpt from Statement by BAN Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary General, on International Volunteer Day 2011* –

“A guiding principle for UN Volunteers is that **people closest to the problems are also often the people most able to contribute to the solutions.**” - *Excerpt from Statement by United Nations Development Programme Administrator, Helen Clark, on International Volunteer Day 2011* -

“UNV promotes **volunteerism as a catalyst for community participation**, and as a key ingredient in consolidating peace and development.” – *Message from UNDP Administrator, Helen Clark, in May 2012* -

“Why volunteer for peace and development? Because of **belief n solidarity among people**, personal commitment and the importance of doing all one can to make a positive difference in the world in which we live.” – *Message from UNV Executive Coordinator, Flavia Pansieri, in May 2012* -

“**Volunteerism is an essential component of any strategy** that recognizes that progress cannot be measured solely in terms of economic return. As **the State of the World’s Volunteerism Report** explains, it’s also about ‘well-being’. Volunteering not only delivers peace and development results; it is uniquely able to impact on the inner lives of individuals, communities and societies, binding them with bonds of trust and reciprocity. Volunteerism provides opportunities for all people to be active agents of positive change. **Volunteers promote cooperation and contribute to the well-being of individuals and of society as a whole.** Active participation empowers people from the grassroots up, especially when supported by **strong partnerships at every level.**” – *Excerpt from Statement by UNV Executive Coordinator, Flavia Pansieri, on International Volunteer Day 2011* -



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World Volunteer Web (Volunteerism worldwide: News, views & resources)
<http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/>

International Year of Volunteers + 10
<http://www.ivvplus10.org/>

Online Volunteering Service
www.onlinevolunteeringservice.org

Volunteer Action Counts
<http://www.volunteeractioncounts.org/en/>



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About UNV programme globally: “Volunteerism for Peace and Development” and “Inspiration in action”

- **Mission:** The **United Nations Volunteers (UNV)** programme is the UN organization created by the United Nations General Assembly in 1970 with **the mandate to support UN system** in its efforts to move forward **sustainable human development globally through the promotion of volunteerism**, including the mobilization of volunteers. UNV contributes to peace and development by **advocating for recognition of volunteers**, working with partners to **integrate volunteerism into development programming**, and **mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers**, including **experienced UN Volunteers**, throughout the world. UNV **works with all UN organizations**, including UN specialized agencies and UN peacekeeping and political missions worldwide.
- **Volunteerism** is a powerful means of engaging people in tackling development challenges, and it can transform the pace and nature of development. Volunteerism benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer by strengthening trust, solidarity and reciprocity among citizens, and by purposefully creating opportunities for participation. It serves the causes of peace and development by enhancing opportunities for participation by all peoples. UNV embraces volunteerism as **universal and inclusive**, and recognizes volunteerism in its diversity as well as the **values** that sustain it: **free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity**.
- UNV, headed by an Executive Coordinator, has about 150 staff members **headquartered in Bonn, Germany** and small **field presences in close to 100 countries**. UNV is **administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**.

➤ **UNV Statistics in 2011:**

- **Number of individual UN Volunteers:** 7,303 / **Countries of origin:** 162 (From developing countries 83% and male 62%)
- **Number of UNV assignments:** 7,708 / **Countries of assignment:** 132 (By region: Sub-Saharan Africa 54%, Arab States 15%, Latin America and the Caribbean 14%, Asia and the Pacific 13% and Europe and the CIS 4%)
- **Types of UNV assignments:** International UNV assignments 5,397 (70%) and National UNV assignments 2,311 (30%)
- **UNV assignments by practice area:** Crisis Prevention and Recovery (41%), Poverty Eradication and MDG Achievement (31%), Democratic Governance (24%) and Environment and Sustainable Development (4%)
- **Number of UNV assignments with main partners** (total 7,708): United Nations Department of Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO) and United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) hosted UNV assignments reached at 3,205 (42%), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at 2,651 (34%), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at 991 (13%), World Food Programme (WFP) at 203 (3%), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) at 121, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) at 117, United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) at 83, United Nations Women at 54, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at 48, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHABITAT) at 31, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) at 23 and others at 181 (2%).

➤ **Online Volunteering Service in 2011:**

- **Number of online volunteers** **10,910** (From developing countries 60% and female 56%)
- **Number of online volunteering assignments** **16,982**
- **Online volunteering assignments by region:** Global focus (projects across multiple countries) 35%, Sub-Saharan Africa 40%, Asia and the Pacific 10%, Latin America and the Caribbean 6%, Europe and the CIS 5% and Arab States 4%

About UNV programme in Mongolia

- UN Volunteers in Mongolia:

Since the first international UN volunteer was recruited to serve in **Mongolia** in 1987 and the first national UN Volunteer in 1995 respectively, a total number of 157 international UN volunteers from 34 countries of the world and 155 national UN volunteers have served including the currently serving UN volunteers in 2012.

UN volunteers in Mongolia have worked with various UN agencies as well as partner government ministries and NGOs to contribute to Mongolia's development. Some notable **development projects that UN volunteers have contributed to** include the "Decentralization and Democracy Support Project" from 1997 to 2002, a human rights project in 2002, and the "STI and HIV/AIDS Prevention Project" from 2007 to 2009. In 2004, the UNV programme supported **the establishment of the Network of Mongolian Volunteer Organizations** (a network of about 30 national volunteer-involving organizations) to strengthen national volunteerism.

- Mongolians serving as international UN Volunteers abroad:

For Mongolian nationals who have served as international UN volunteers in other countries, there were a total number of 24 people since first dispatch in 1995. In 2011, a total of 3 Mongolian international UN volunteers served in Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Timor-Leste. The range of countries where Mongolian nationals served as international UN volunteers include Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Kosovo, Albania, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Timor Leste, Democratic Republic of Congo and Trinidad and Tobago.



- International Volunteer Day for Social and Economic Development (IVD):

Every year on **the 5th of December**, the UNV programme cooperates with other international and national volunteer-involving organizations to celebrate **International Volunteer Day for Social and Economic Development (IVD)**. IVD is a chance for volunteer-involving organizations and individual volunteers to promote their contributions to development at local, national and international levels. By merging UN support with a grassroots mandate, IVD is a unique opportunity for volunteer-involving organizations to work with government agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups and the private sector. **IVD 2012** is the moment to build on positive results achieved in the past years and the opportunity to raise awareness through an already established platform, **"Volunteer Action Counts."** For IVD 2012 the main focus is awareness and recognition.



During IVD 2011, marking and celebrating **the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10)**, the very first **State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR)** was launched by the UNV programme on 5 December 2011 globally including Mongolia with the Overview of the Report translated into and published in Mongolian language. The Report promotes a better understanding of volunteerism and helps to move volunteerism into a new era in which its true dimensions and significance are an integral part of the general discourse on global issues. **The UNV programme Mongolia** was awarded as **the Best Supporting Organization for Volunteerism in the year 2011** for the **Best Volunteering Awards Ceremony** which is organized annually by the **Network of Mongolian Volunteer Organizations**.

- Providing support to creating an enabling environment for national volunteering and civic participation:

The UNV acts as an outreach arm of UN system to establish and strengthen partnerships with diverse stakeholders involving civil society and volunteering sectors. Since volunteerism is at the heart of active civic participation and at the root of civil society organizations, the UNV is committed to **creating an enabling environment for strengthening volunteering and civic participation in national development process**, of which work include but not limited to conducting research and studies, providing support to develop national policy and registrlartive framework conducive to civil society and volunteering sector development and raising public awareness on and advocacy for volunteerism and social inclusion with attention given to youth development through volunteering activities.

- Partnerships for Volunteerism for Development (V4D):

The UNV Mongolia convenes and facilitates **the Core Volunteer Group (CVG) meetings** which work as a platform for collaboration and resource group between international and national volunteer-involving organizations (VIOs). The current CVG member organizations include the Network of Mongolian Volunteer Organizations, the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD), the Australian Red Cross and Australian Volunteer for International Development (AVID) Programme, the Mongolian Red Cross Society, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) & Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV), the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) & Korea Overseas Volunteers (KOV), the Peace Corps, the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) and other international and national volunteer-involving and supporting entities.

FAQ & Fast Facts

What is UNV's mission?: Volunteerism for Peace and Development (V4D)

UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers, including experienced UN Volunteers, throughout the world.

How to Become UN Volunteer?

- To become **international UN Volunteers**, who are UN Volunteers serving abroad other than their own country of nationality, visit and **register online in the UNV database** at <http://www.unv.org/how-to-volunteer/register-to-be-a-un-volunteer.html>

To become **national UN Volunteers**, who are UN Volunteers serving within the country or territory of their own nationality (for instance, as Mongolian national you cannot serve as international UN Volunteer in Mongolia but only serve as national UN Volunteer), **check vacancy announcement** at

<http://www.un-mongolia.mn/web/jobs.html>
<http://www.undp.mn/eannouncement.html>
<http://www.un-mongolia.mn/unv/>

Common Qualifications both for international and national UN Volunteers?

- Commitment to Service (Motivation to Serve Others rather than a Desire for Financial Reward):**

A key feature of all UN Volunteers is a personal commitment to service. Financial compensation is limited to what is required to meet basic living expenses. The commitment to service is emphasized in advertisements and is assessed in the recruitment and interview process.

- Technical Competencies (Education, professional experience and maturity):**

- The candidates must demonstrate the required level of education, relevant professional experience and the requisite maturity, character and strengths in order to be selected as UN Volunteers (including the abilities to work in a multi-cultural environment and to adjust to difficult living conditions and strong interpersonal and organizational skills etc.).
- For each UN Volunteer assignment, specific requirements in terms of education, age and experience as well as required competencies are set out in the individual Description of Assignment (DoA).

- Language Requirements:**
 - All UN Volunteers should be able to read and write and communicate effectively in UN working language in the country.
 - National UN Volunteers should be able to read and write and communicate effectively in one or more local languages.
- Age Limits:**
 - For international UN Volunteer at least 25 years old.
 - For national UN Volunteer at the minimum of 22 years old.

Where do international and national UN Volunteers work?

- UN Volunteers are assigned to a **Host Agency which is a UN organization or entity that requested the service of UN Volunteer**.
- Together with other UN personnel, UN Volunteers work within **the framework of specific UN development project** designed by various UN agencies or directly assigned to support any **given office functions of specific UN agency** and contribute to **the neutrality and visibility of the United Nations**.

What do UN Volunteers?

- The major professional functional areas of UN Volunteer assignments** include technical cooperation with governments, with community-based initiatives, in humanitarian relief and rehabilitation and in support of human rights, electoral and peace- building processes. UN Volunteers listen and discuss; teach and train; encourage and facilitate; share and exchange ideas, skills and experience, in a way to develop capacity of national and local counterparts with whom they interact.
- The UNV programme involves a **wide spread of sectors** (maintaining a roster covering 115 professional categories): Agriculture, health and education feature prominently, as do human rights promotion, governance, electoral assistance, information and communication technology, community development and civil society engagement, vocational training, industry and private sector development, population and social inclusion of marginalized groups including all segments of society such as children, youth, gender, people with disabilities, culture and sports, environmental protection and crisis prevention and disaster risk reduction, peace & conflict resolution, emergency relief and partnerships.

What other homepage for Mongolian volunteers?

- Mongolian Organization of Volunteer Efforts (MOVE) as part of International Association for Volunteer Efforts (IAVE) at <http://www.move.org.mn/>