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UN Volunteers with the UNHCR have been instrumental in responding to the needs of people displaced by the war in Ukraine. @ UNV, 2022.

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND OF UNV

REPORTING FOR 2022

The Special Voluntary Fund (SVF) is an open trust fund through which the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, flexibly and strategically, allocates resources to support its mandate.

The SVF supports UNV in fulfilling its role as a United Nations system-wide service for engaging UN Volunteers in peace and development initiatives around the world. In doing so, the fund also helps advance global advocacy for volunteerism to achieve sustainable development results. Established in 1970, the SVF is comprised of financial contributions from partners.

IN 2022, SVF FUNDS WERE USED IN SEVERAL WAYS TO SUPPORT UNV:

in **responding** to emergencies and crises

in **promoting** volunteerism

in **“walking the talk”** on diversity and inclusion

For the full names of United Nations entities refer to unterm.un.org

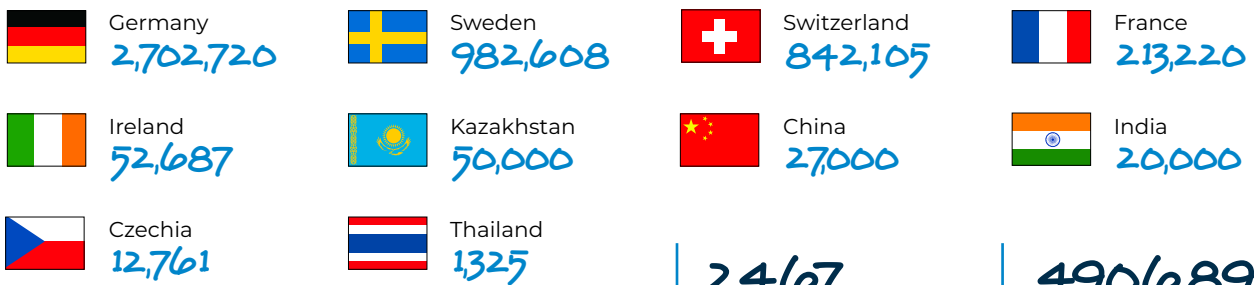
Tatenda Chimbwanda, UN Volunteer Communications Officer with WHO, assists a child receiving medical treatment during a mass drug administration campaign in Mount Darwin, Zimbabwe. @ Tatenda Chimbwanda, 2022.



SVF FUNDING 2022

In 2022, 10 Member States contributed to the SVF: **China, Czechia, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Sweden, Switzerland** and **Thailand**.

SVF CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2022 (US \$)

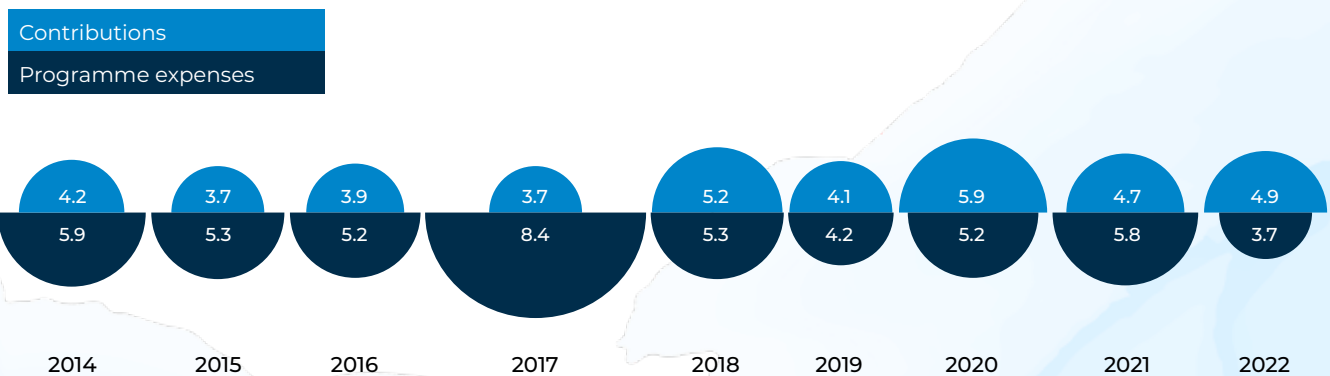


2,467
Donations received through the UNV Digital Giving Platform (US \$)

4,906,893*
Total programme resources received (US \$)

* Ireland (US \$100,000) and Bangladesh (US \$2,000) 2022 contributions were accounted for in early 2023.

SVF CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROGRAMME EXPENSES 2014-2022 (MILLION US \$)





Giorgio Angiolani (second from left), UN Specialist Volunteer, is the Humanitarian Assistance Manager at the Migrant Assistance, Orientation and Referral Centre operated by IOM in Ecuador. He and his colleagues provide information, food and hygiene kits to people in situations of human mobility travelling through the capital city of Quito. @ Santiago Arcos, 2022.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES AND CRISES

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In response to the war in Ukraine, UNV used the SVF to fund 16 UN Volunteer assignments at partner entities in 2022. In total, UNV deployed 284 UN Volunteers to 15 United Nations entities in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. From the very first weeks of the crisis, UN Volunteers delivered crisis response and coordination, field assistance, community engagement, protection and mental health services. Additionally, 182 online volunteers provided services to United Nations entities and civil society organizations for geographic location-neutral tasks in information technology, data and reporting, communications, graphic design, translation and interpretation.

Other examples of post-emergency assistance include support during the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake and the floods in Pakistan. In Haiti, UNV used the SVF to fund national UN Volunteers to strengthen the work on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. In Pakistan, through the SVF, UNV mobilized UN Volunteers to support response efforts soon after the devastating floods in 2022. In the context of the crisis in Afghanistan, the SVF enabled UNV to continue supporting the redeployment of 11 Afghan UN Volunteers who were moved out of the country in 2021 and have since served in UNV Regional Offices as well as with UN Women.

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PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM



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In support of this responsibility, UNV relies on SVF funding. In 2022, UNV allocated the SVF to recognize the contributions of volunteers towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by marking International Volunteer Day (5 December) and organizing Volunteer Country Awards.



The SVF **enables UNV to broker research and knowledge** on volunteerism and to support the integration of data and evidence on volunteerism in development policy and planning. UNV continues to focus on research on the added value of volunteerism for the SDGs and share regular updates of relevant data via its knowledge portal on volunteerism.



The SVF also **supported the promotion of the State of the World's Volunteerism Report: Building Equal and Inclusive Societies**, launched in December 2021. This is the fourth in a series of triennial publications that inform about, advocate for and present evidence on the role of volunteerism for peace and development. With the support of SVF, UNV and its partners collaborated on six regional launches of the publication (in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan Panama, Senegal and Thailand) and four country launches (in Bangladesh, China, Kenya and Nigeria). The events highlighted how volunteering can advance inclusion by reducing barriers encountered by marginalized groups seeking volunteering opportunities.

Participants gather during the Reconocimiento Nacional de buenas prácticas de Voluntariado (National Recognition of Volunteering Good Practices) event in Peru. Part of the International Volunteer Day 2022 celebration, the event recognized volunteer-involving organizations that focus on humanitarian assistance and the environment. @ UNV, 2022.





UNV further provided **technical support** for integrating volunteerism into common country analyses and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks to 16 country teams. Of the nine such frameworks published to date for which UNV provided technical support, all have integrated volunteerism.

UN Volunteers and online volunteers mobilized by UNV promote volunteerism through their actions and conduct. Funded by the SVF, **the online volunteering service of UNV is an immediate resource used by United Nations entities, Member States and civil society partners** to find skilled and passionate individuals ready to contribute to their development efforts from afar. Online volunteers are requested and engaged through the cloud-based Unified Volunteering Platform, which is powered by artificial intelligence. Examples include the engagement of 456 online volunteers for system-wide electoral support in Fiji, Kenya, Nepal and the State of Palestine. These volunteers raised awareness, collected and analysed data, monitored media and developed messages to counter hate speech and misinformation.



Sanam Gul (left), community UN Volunteer, works with WFP to distribute food ration packets to people affected by floods in the Dadu District, Sindh Province, Pakistan. @ WFP, 2022.



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Raymonda Chamoun, a national UN Volunteer who serves as a Water and Irrigation Engineer with UNDP Lebanon, monitors the implementation of an irrigation canal rehabilitation project in Sir El-Denniyeh, North Lebanon. @ UNDP, 2022.

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN ACTION


In 2022, UNV upheld global gender parity, increased the number of nationalities represented among UN Volunteers, and continued to be a strong advocate for disability inclusion. As a result, United Nations partners increasingly turned to UNV for volunteer talent solutions and as partner of choice for diversity, equity and inclusion.


The SVF continued to play a key role in the organization's efforts to "walk the talk" on inclusion and diversity. As an example, the SVF helped increase


opportunities for UN Volunteers from unrepresented and underrepresented small island developing States in the Caribbean and North Pacific.

As well, the SVF supported disability inclusion through a financial commitment to the UNV Reasonable Accommodation Fund. By providing reasonable accommodations, UNV enables persons with disabilities to access and benefit from learning and career development opportunities on an equal basis with others.

	GENDER DISTRIBUTION	NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES	UN VOLUNTEERS WITH DISABILITIES
2020	52% women	168	98
2021	53% women	173	155
2022	55% women	179	205









WHAT'S NEXT?

UN Volunteers in Indonesia (left to right): Mr. I Made Wikandana, Disability Inclusion Officer, UNICEF; Chiara Aurelia, Data Support Assistant, UNDP; Mazayannisa Suyuthi, Volunteerism Mainstreaming Officer, UNRCO; Herzel Mukandi, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, UN Women; and Gwangsu Hwang, Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Associate, IOM. @ Anto Wicaksono, 2022.

Géraldine d'Hoop, UN Volunteer Communication and Liaison Officer with MINUSMA, speaks at a community outreach session in Mali on the occasion of a widely celebrated UN International Day. @ Géraldine d'Hoop, 2022.

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In 2023, UNV will continue to use the SVF to drive the implementation of its Strategic Framework 2022-2025. UNV will use the fund to further accelerate the integration of volunteerism in common country analyses, country programmes of individual United Nations partners, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks.

In recent years, the flexible and effective local and international talent pool that UNV engages has become an integral part of the system-wide emergency and crisis response of the United Nations. With the support of the SVF, UNV will continue to invest in its organizational agility and fast-track deployments, making UNV an increasingly relevant partner for United Nations country teams. Digitalization has quickly become an important tool, one that UNV is using to boost the effectiveness of its Strategic Framework 2022-2025. This new Digital Strategy allows UNV to sharpen its focus on delivering business value for its partners, volunteers, candidates and staff. In further support of this effort, UNV has committed resources from the SVF to review and update its business processes for efficiency and cost-recovery improvements in 2023.

UNV will continue to invest resources from the SVF to support a people-centred United Nations that advances diversity and inclusion. UNV will support the efforts of the United Nations system in development, peace and humanitarian affairs and human rights by expanding opportunities for diverse, empowered and motivated global citizens to volunteer with the United Nations partners.

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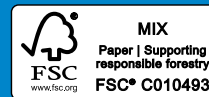
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