

Partnership with UNV to advance the COVID Vaccination Campaign

We are inspiration in action

COVID-19 vaccines are being approved across the world, and the UN must ensure vaccines are widely accessible and fairly distributed. As the UN Secretary General said, “No country will be safe from COVID-19 until all countries are safe.” COVAX, the vaccine pillar of the UN’s ACT Accelerator, is directing the global procurement and distribution of vaccines (more information here: www.gavi.org/vaccineswork/covax-explained). This requires committing **extensive talent and resources** to regional operations, guided by principles of inclusion and fairness.

How can UN Volunteers support COVID vaccination operations?

To support a holistic vaccination campaign, within COVAX, WHO and UNICEF will help procure the vaccines, communicate vaccine safety, identify target groups, manage medical supply and cold chain, administer vaccinations, and monitor the vaccine’s impact. Other UN agencies will use their resources to support COVAX delivery, digital solutions and the inclusion of vulnerable groups.

For such a demanding task, partnership with UNV is a critical source of strength for the UN system in Europe & CIS. **From international experts to local community members**, UN Volunteers have proven their ability to significantly **advance the impact of UN agencies throughout the pandemic**. UN Volunteers can ensure that talent is not the bottleneck to UN COVAX operations in the region.

Why should UN agencies partner with UNV over other talent sources?

UNV have a range of comparative advantages as a **provider of talent to the UN system**. UNV Europe & CIS have demonstrated this throughout the COVID-19 response with mobilization that is:



Large-Scale – UNV Europe & CIS have mobilised **600** UN Volunteers since the start of the pandemic



Quick – Average recruitment speed of just **23 days**, and there are possibilities to fast-track



Local – In 2020, over **54%** of UN Volunteers mobilised were nationals, spanning **17** nationalities across the Europe & CIS



Highly qualified – UNV’s Regional Talent Pool has **50,126 multidisciplinary and multilingual professionals**, with average experience of **7+ years**



Cost-effective – National Specialists Proforma Cost for 12 months starts from **\$11, 751 per year**



Inclusive – Over **65%** of the UN Volunteers mobilised in Europe & CIS in 2020 were women



Under a duty of care – UNV ensure that all volunteers are covered with health medical, life, disabilities, malicious acts insurance plans that facilitate deployment



How can UNV support COVAX delivery in Europe & CIS?

Area of support

Number of candidates and professional areas
in our Talent pool*

Public Information & Community Engagement

• Mapping target groups and communicating vaccine safety	7,430	Public Information
• Information exchange, incl. through digital platforms	8,029	Project administration
• Community engagement training and advocacy	6,881	Community Outreach
	3,301	Knowledge Management
	1,451	IT project Management

Supply & Logistics

• Cold chain management, esp. for remote settings	3,375	Logistics Management
• Medical equipment procurement, incl. syringes and PPE	3,350	HR Management
• Immunization supply and warehouse storage coordination	1,795	Procurement
	580	Pharmacy/Medical Supply
	1,414	Inventory Management

Vaccination Delivery & Strengthening Health Capacity

• Vaccine handling and patient coordination,	1,852	Public Health Specialists
• Vaccination administration by qualified professionals	1,289	Mental Health
• Strengthening national healthcare infrastructure & capacity	211	Medical Testing
	716	Healthcare Admin
	700	Nursing

Monitoring & Evaluation

• In accordance with ACT accelerator planning, maintenance of:	7,065	Monitoring/Evaluation
◦ A set of KPIs to monitor results across the chain,	9,381	Coordination
◦ A monitoring report compiling results and learning	8,029	Administration
	3,301	Knowledge Management

Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups

• Vaccine provider of last resort for populations in crisis contexts	9,876	Human Rights
• Advocacy & training for inclusion of refugees/women/migrants	6,718	Protection of Refugees
• Monitoring and evaluating COVAX impact for vulnerable groups	5,826	Gender Inclusion
	9,014	Social Inclusion

What UN Volunteer modalities are available to partners?

Experts

- 35+ years old, 15+ years of experience
- Master's Degree

Specialists

- 27+ years old
- 3+ years of experience

Youth/ University

- 18-26 years old
- 0-3 years of experience

Community

- Basic Education
- Local to the community of work

Online

- Global, remote, free volunteer assignments.
- Short, specific assignments

