



**UN
VOLUNTEERS**



**COVID-19
RESPONSE**

COVAX

United Nations Volunteers - Arab States Partnership with UNV to advance the COVID Vaccination Campaign

We are inspiration in action



EQUAL ACCESS

HIGH IMPACT

PREPAREDNESS



Photo:
WHO
2020



Photo: UNICEF 2020



UNV and the potential to advance the COVID Vaccination Campaign

What does the COVID vaccination campaign mean for Arab States?

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). All 19 countries in the Arab States region are involved in COVAX, with ten signing commitments to the COVAX Facility and nine benefitting from the COVAX Advance Market Commitment. The magnitude of this warrants **unprecedented efforts across the UN system**. It 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 an ambitious task, **UN Volunteers are a critical source of strength** for UN partners. Partnership with UNV can ensure that talent does not constrain Arab States vaccination operations.*

Why should UN agencies partner with UNV Arab States?

UNV have **a range of comparative advantages** as a provider of personnel to the UN system. We have proven an ability to significantly advance the impact of UN agencies throughout the pandemic, with mobilisation of UN Volunteers, **from international experts to local community personnel**, is:



Large-Scale – UNV Arab States have mobilised over 1,000 UN Volunteers since the start of the pandemic



Quick – Average recruitment speed of just 22 days for nationals, and there are possibilities to fast-track



Local – In 2020, over 65% of UN Volunteers mobilised were nationals, spanning 18 nationalities across the Arab States



Highly qualified – UNV's Regional Talent Pool has candidates from 147 professional profiles, 50% of whom have over 5 years' experience.



Cost-effective – Costs in Arab States go as low as \$12,201 for a National Specialists for 12 months



Inclusive – Over 60% of the UN Volunteers mobilised in Arab States in 2020 were women and UNV's regional candidates represent 155 different languages



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

*For more information on recruiting volunteers, and to see standard Description of Assignments for UN Volunteers in the COVID-19 Response, please visit the link here: <https://www.unv.org/Basic-Page/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>



How can UNV resolve COVAX bottlenecks in Arab States?

UNV have a diverse, highly skilled Talent Pool in Arab States. With over **33 thousand candidates** ready for deployment in a range of volunteer modalities, UNV can cater directly to partner needs. Half of UNV's candidates in the region have **over 5 years' experience** and **42% are women**.

The implementation of COVAX presents specific technical challenges for UN partners, and the recruitment of talent in these areas could constrain regional COVAX operations, acting as a bottleneck. **Partnership with UNV** can ensure that talent recruitment is **not a bottleneck on UN activity** in:



Bottlenecks for Direct COVAX Delivery: WHO & UNICEF

No. UNV candidates in Arab States*



Public Information & Community Engagement

• Mapping target groups and communicating vaccine safety	815	Public Information
• Information exchange, incl. through digital platforms	559	Partner Coordination
• Community engagement training and advocacy to Arab States.	2,544	Community Outreach
	437	Knowledge Management
	607	IT project Management



Supply & Logistics

• Cold chain management, esp. for remote Arab States settings.	1,431	Logistics Management
• Medical equipment procurement, incl. syringes and PPE	972	HR Management
• Immunization supply and warehouse storage coordination	735	Procurement
	562	Pharmacy/Medical Supply
	1,917	Inventory Management



Vaccination Delivery & Strengthening Health Capacity

• Vaccine handling and patient coordination,	1,034	Public Health Specialists
• Vaccination administration by qualified professionals	648	Human Medicine
• Strengthening national healthcare infrastructure & capacity	279	Medical Testing
	621	Healthcare Admin
	216	Nursing



Monitoring & Evaluation

• In accordance with ACT accelerator planning, maintenance of:	1,965	Monitoring/Evaluation
◦ A set of KPIs to monitor results across the chain,	527	Database Design
◦ A monitoring report compiling results and learning	3,125	Administration
	437	Knowledge Management
	491	Software Analysis

* All candidates have at least 3 years' experience, 25 years old, and speak English and Arabic. Language.

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Bottlenecks for COVAX Support:
UNDP, IOM, UNHCR, WFP, OCHA, UNRWA, UNFPA, UN Women, UNOPS etc

No. UNV candidates in Arab States*



General COVAX Support - All Partners

• Support to Supply & Logistics; cold chain etc	1,395	Public Information
• Support to Public Information using available platforms	1,431	Logistics Management
• Continuation of all other essential services throughout COVAX	1,965	Monitoring/Evaluation
	621	Healthcare Admin
	562	Pharmacy/ Medical Supply



Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups - UNHCR, IOM, UN Women, UNRWA, UNFPA, etc

• Vaccine provider of last resort for populations in crisis contexts	1,156	Human Rights
• Advocacy & training for inclusion of refugees/women/migrants	1,481	Protection of Refugees
• Monitoring and evaluating COVAX impact for vulnerable groups	717	Gender Inclusion
	319	Social Inclusion
	234	Camp Management



Digital Solutions for Vaccine Distribution - UNDP

• Digital storage, stock monitoring, and distribution solutions	607	IT project Management
• Digital vaccine admin, logistics, & beneficiary database	527	Database Design
• Geographical delineation of supply and digital track-and-trace	491	Software Analysis
	437	Knowledge Management
	168	Geographic IT systems

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What UN Volunteer modalities are available to partners?

Experts

- At least 15 years of experience
- Master's degree

Youth

- 0-2 years of experience
- Can be university students

Specialists

- At least 2 years of experience
- National or International

Community

- Basic Education
- Local to the community of work

Online

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

