



UNV FULL FUNDING REPORT

2013



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Volunteers

inspiration in action

Cover:

UNV Ecuador coordinated a UNDP corporate volunteering activity in collaboration with the non-governmental organization TECHO Ecuador. Here, UNV Programme Assistant Akiko Nojiri (Japan, centre) is taking part in the construction of emergency housing in Cutuglagua, Pichincha Province, Ecuador. (Pablo Galarza/UNDP Ecuador, 2013)

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In Kigali Rwanda, fully funded UN Volunteer Ineke Adriaens (centre) joins national and international volunteers and 1,500 Rwandan youth in a peace walk in celebration of International Volunteer Day. (Kazushige Tsumita, 2013)

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PREFACE

Through the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) full funding programme, governments and partners are addressing development challenges across the world, while at the same time offering their own nationals an opportunity to share knowledge and skills and gain the experience of working in United Nations agencies and programmes.

This special UNV funding mechanism first began in 1971 supported by Denmark and Japan. The year 2013 saw a record number of fully funded UN Volunteers supported by 17 governments—Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland—as well as the Asan Nanum Foundation in Korea and the Peace and Development Foundation in Hong Kong, China. The largest number of fully funded UN Volunteers originated from Belgium, Finland, France, Japan and Switzerland. Of the 479 fully funded UN Volunteers, 69 per cent were women. Over the years, the full funding programme’s scope has expanded from just government donors to include universities, civil society organizations and private sector actors. Some governments, such as Germany and Luxembourg, have expanded the concept by funding UN Volunteers from programme countries, reinforcing the spirit of South-South exchange through triangular cooperation agreements. This is a practice that UNV encourages its full funding programme partners to explore even further.

I am pleased to present herein the first annual report of the full funding programme. The report presents over a dozen examples of UN Volunteers assigned to United Nations partners throughout the globe, working on projects ranging from health care to disaster relief, human rights to sanitation improvement. The report highlights the important role these fully funded volunteers play in advancing peace and development world-wide.

The full funding programme not only contributes to bettering situations in host countries but also enriches the lives of those who volunteer and provides them with extraordinary career and personal opportunities. UN Volunteers strengthen their professional expertise, broaden peer networks and gain regional and international exposure and experience within the United Nations system. Committing to a volunteer assignment and the concept of serving others shows a striking strength of character and humanity. The testimony of the United Nations partners and some volunteers themselves in this report illustrates how the United Nations profits greatly from this commitment and from the skills, energy and enthusiasm that fully funded UN Volunteers bring to their assignments.

Richard Dictus

Executive Coordinator, United Nations Volunteers

INTRODUCTION

THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the United Nations organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide.

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

Pivotal to the UNV mandate is assisting United Nations partners to create more impact from their peace and development initiatives by integrating high quality and well-supported UN Volunteers and volunteerism and by tailoring talent solutions to meet development challenges of partners in countries around the globe.

In 2013, 6,351 UN Volunteers from 152 countries served with 33 United Nations partners in 129 countries in a diverse array of areas. Of these volunteers, 1,021 were UN Youth Volunteers and 81 per cent were from developing countries, creating constructive South-South and triangular cooperation exchanges.

*Hyun-Joo Youn (Korea),
UNV Programme Officer,
attends a workshop in
Bosnia and Herzegovina.
(UNV, 2013)*



THE UNV FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME

Through its full funding programme, UNV helps governments and other partners link their development priorities in a given country with the priorities of national governments and the United Nations system. In particular, with the recent formulation of its Strategic Framework 2014-17, UNV aims at providing the opportunity to design more focused assignment opportunities for fully funded UN Volunteers. This enhances their experience and adds further value to their contribution to national development goals through different United Nations supported projects and programmes.

Fully funded UN Volunteers are currently deployed using two UN Volunteer modalities.

Under the regular international UN Volunteer modality, fully funded **UNV Specialists** are usually mid-career professionals who hit the ground running and are deployed for a period of 12 months to four years. They provide substantive support to achieving the development results set out by their host United Nations partners.

In recent years, governments have increasingly sought ways to support young people while utilizing their creativity, energy and enthusiasm. This led UNV to integrate its UNV internship scheme into the recently established UN Youth Volunteer modality. **UN Youth Volunteers** are between 18 and 29 years of age and usually serve between 6 and 12 months. By supporting UN Youth Volunteer assignments, donor governments provide young people with first-hand experience in the development arena and within the United Nations system. At the same time, the young volunteers have an opportunity to develop personally and professionally, while contributing to sustainable peace and development. Such an experience can evoke a life-long passion for volunteerism and helping others and contribute to positive change.

As part of the UN Youth Volunteer modality, UNV is partnering with two leading **universities** to provide their students with a chance to gain experience with a United Nations partner while tackling the world's greatest challenges. In 2013, UNV worked with *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid* in Spain and *Kwansei Gakuin University* in Japan. These two universities have been leading consortiums with other participating universities (25 and 5, respectively), coordinating volunteer recruitment processes and providing pre-departure training to the UN Youth

University Volunteers. Young people deployed under the UN Youth University Volunteer initiative work in humanitarian assistance, primary health care, disaster management, peacebuilding and other areas under the supervision of United Nations experts. These UN Youth University Volunteers usually undertake shorter assignments, lasting between three to six months. UNV works closely with the volunteer-sending universities to ensure that the assignments best complement the students' academic studies.

The UNV full funding programme also provides governments and partners with an opportunity to support **South-South and triangular cooperation**. The Peace and Development Foundation in Hong Kong supported three national UN Volunteers to serve with UNDP and UN Women in Beijing. The Government of Luxembourg since 2001 has been supporting national and international UN Volunteers from countries with which they have programmatic bilateral relations. Luxembourg funded UN Volunteers from Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Mali, Nicaragua and Niger to serve in Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Liberia, Mauritania, Senegal and Vietnam and three national UN Volunteers in Nicaragua. In 2012-13, four Tunisian nationals were deployed in Burkina Faso, Cape Verde and Senegal. The Government of Japan has been funding volunteers from Asian countries through a programme called *Human Resources for Development in Asia for Peacebuilding*.

In terms of opportunities opening up for volunteers following their UNV assignments, a 2013 study of 415 UN Volunteer Specialists and UN Youth Volunteers found that 91 per cent felt their volunteer experience had increased their employability. Another 89 per cent said their social skills improved through the volunteer experience. 58 per cent believed that volunteering had been critical to them securing a job—many of whom were retained by the host United Nations partner as regular staff following completion of their volunteer assignments.

More specifically, a survey on former UN Volunteers from France at the end of 2013 reported that 42 per cent of the respondents were deployed by the United Nations system one year after they finished their UN Volunteer assignment and 33 per cent obtained a professional opportunity with a non-governmental organization. In terms of personal experience, 77 per cent considered the UN Volunteer experience important for their career development and 82 per cent were interested in signing up for another UN Volunteer assignment.

'What I believe I have gained is the sentiment that I am indeed a purpose-driven individual, and that being creative and putting your heart into something – even against all odds – can lead to great achievements.'

Sébastien Taylor (Belgium), UN Youth Volunteer, Burundi

'I learned more in these 12 months than I did during all my university studies. I developed so much as a person, both in how I see the world and in terms of my professional skills.'

May Buchmuller (Switzerland), UN Youth Volunteer, Kosovo

FULLY FUNDED UN VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

The following examples highlight how fully funded UN Volunteers and UN Youth Volunteers have contributed to peace and development through United Nations partners and programmes working in the four priority areas of the UNV Programme Strategy for 2011-2013, as well as through the UNV corporate project on volunteerism and the post-2015 agenda:

DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES

ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER PREVENTION AND RISK REDUCTION

CRISIS PREVENTION, RECOVERY AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

SUPPORTING NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING SCHEMES

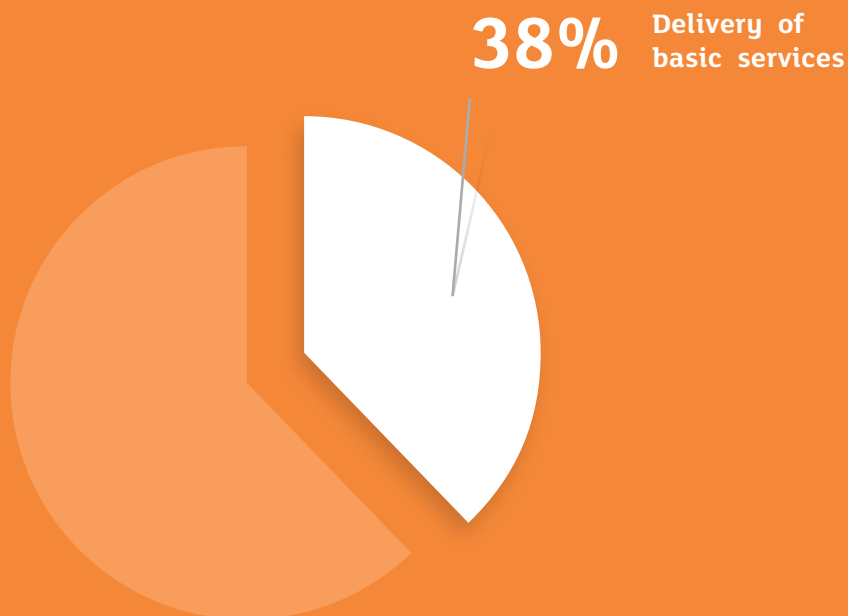
VOLUNTEERISM AND THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES

Delivering basic services, promoting rights and supporting local governance are at the core of the mandate and activities of many United Nations partners. Over time, UNV has developed a strong knowledge base and documented learned lessons on the benefits and application of volunteerism in service delivery. Volunteers play a primary role in the consultative processes that identify community needs. They build capacities to bring services home to local communities, while strengthening demand for accountability.

In 2013, four per cent (US \$268,000) of UNV-administered funds were spent on four projects supporting the delivery of basic social services, and 130 fully funded UN Volunteers worked in this priority area.

FULLY FUNDED UN VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENTS IN 2013



KAORI DEZAKI

(JAPAN)

UNV HIV and AIDS Technical Officer

Served with UNAIDS in Egypt on the national HIV response

Kaori Dezaki embarked on her assignment as HIV and AIDS Technical Officer with a strong background in resource mobilization and monitoring and evaluation in the HIV and AIDS context. Her behind-the-scenes technical assistance to the UNAIDS Country Office in Egypt proved invaluable.

With only one national staff member in the UNAIDS Egypt office (the Country Coordinator), the presence of a fully funded UNV technical specialist significantly strengthened the ability of UNAIDS to support stakeholders in the national HIV response.

Kaori worked closely with the UNAIDS Country Coordinator to assess the current HIV situation and responses in Egypt. This included undertaking a stocktaking exercise that incorporated the views of government, civil society and international organizations and fed into a strategy for a United Nations joint programme of support for 2013–15.

Kaori also drafted concept notes and reports for assessment and implementation of HIV response projects, including those that deliver treatment, care and support for people living with HIV, that help to eliminate stigma and discrimination and that address gender issues.

Kaori's diligent groundwork kick-started several interventions and products and enabled stakeholders to deliver their projects more effectively and to actively engage in inclusive, evidence-informed activities. This successful UNV assignment played an important role in sustaining and scaling up national HIV responses in Egypt.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

'Kaori has been a great asset, especially in drafting concepts, joint programmes and publications. Her work reflects a true dedication and grounded belief in the UNAIDS mission and a commitment to the HIV response.'

– Ahmed Khamis,
Country Coordinator, UNAIDS Egypt



FOCUS ON
CONCEPT
DEVELOPMENT
AND RESOURCE
MOBILIZATION

LIISA FOLKERSMA

(FINLAND)

UNV Associate Programme Officer

Served with UNICEF in Brazil to promote the benefits of sport for development

The upcoming sports mega-events in Brazil – the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2016 – provided a uniquely exciting backdrop against which Liisa Folkersma undertook her UNV assignment with UNICEF as an Associate Programme Officer in Sport for Development.

With the aim of ensuring that these international events leave a positive legacy for children and adolescents, UNICEF in Brazil is harnessing the surge in public interest in sport to promote the right for all young people to practice safe and inclusive sport as a way of achieving the Millennium Development Goals and addressing socio-economic inequalities.

As the representative of UNICEF in Sport for Development, Liisa applied her programme management expertise to many aspects of UNICEF's sports-related activities, including the making of educational videos and the publication of a monthly bulletin for UNICEF and implementing organizations. She met with partner organizations outside Brasilia to activate local volunteer-based networks that promote and protect the rights of children and adolescents in and through sports and help young leaders contribute towards building a positive social legacy.



FOCUS ON
RIGHTS OF
CHILDREN AND
ADOLESCENTS

'The promotion of the right to practice safe and inclusive sport was used as a cross cutting strategy for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, addressing inequities and promoting social change.'

KEVIN KIFFER

(FRANCE)

UNV Support to Community Development

Served with UNDP in Congo on inclusive local development planning

In recent years, UNDP in Congo has adopted a highly successful community-based approach to local development that harnesses the power of inclusiveness for development planning and empowers communities to drive their own development agenda. Four local development plans are currently under way in targeted regions, where the main goal is effective local governance and the ability to provide basic services to the community. Through these projects, the lives of over 30,000 people will be improved by enhanced access to basic needs, such as water, health and education.

Kevin Kiffer exemplified UNDP's community participation approach; he organized and trained 40 volunteers to collect relevant information from more than 300 local development committees across the country. From this and other data, Kevin drew up an analysis of local governance that would inform UNDP's community-based development budget, action plan and recommendations. The analysis also defined concrete solutions to the main obstacles to effective governance and suggested ways to promote women's empowerment. With Kevin's invaluable help, UNDP in Congo was able to more strategically conduct development planning and monitoring.



Kevin Kiffer (France), UN Youth Volunteer with UNDP in Brazzaville, Congo, conducts surveys of beneficiaries to identify their aspirations and to encourage the involvement of communities in local development. (Séraphin Ngoma/UNDP, 2013)

'By delivering an extensive analysis of the local governance dynamics, I tried to identify the main obstacles to solid long term governance and define concrete solutions for its improvement. If implemented, these actions should help strengthen local management capacities, ensure efficient management of the investments made and promote women's empowerment.'

FOCUS ON
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

'Thanks to Kevin's support, we were able to conduct in-depth analyses of the community management committees operating in UNDP Congo's targeted areas. He designed and implemented a monitoring system of those committees, allowing for better knowledge sharing and cooperation on local governance issues between all stakeholders. Through a variety of relevant initiatives, tools, field visits and advice, Kevin contributed to a more rational and efficient approach to community-based management.'

– Alain Mpoue, Programme Advisor, Poverty Reduction Unit, UNDP Congo

YOUTH

EOIN RYAN

(IRELAND)

UNV Specialist for Improving the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*Served with UNDP in Cambodia as a disability rights advocate*

FOCUS ON
RIGHTS OF AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A social worker specializing in disability and mental health, Eoin Ryan represented UNDP on a team tasked with designing and implementing a national programme to improve the rights of and services to people with disabilities in Cambodia. Eoin worked alongside representatives from UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the Australian Agency for International Development, international experts and people with disabilities, leading to the signing of a *Joint United Nations Programme of Assistance* (2013–18). The five-year programme's interventions range from strengthening national-level policy and regulatory frameworks related to people with disabilities to supporting the rehabilitation sector.

Eoin drove forward the *Disability Rights Initiative Cambodia*, advocating particularly for the rights of women and children, people with intellectual disabilities and hearing impairments and ethnic minorities with disabilities.

In the spirit of flexibility and responsiveness that characterizes the nature of both UN Volunteers and their host United Nations partners, at short notice, Eoin became involved in an early recovery needs assessment following widespread flooding in October 2013 which affected 19 of the country's 24 provinces. The assessment was planned, coordinated and executed efficiently, and the team of which Eoin was a part provided evidence-based recommendations for the strengthening of management capacity to respond to similar disasters in the future.

In Cambodia, Eion Ryan (far left) during a field visit to an ethnic minority village in Ratanakiri. This field visit was part of nationwide consultations organized for the Disability Rights Initiative, a joint UN Programme to promote the rights of persons with disabilities. (Velibor Popovic/UNDP, 2013)

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

'After working with Eoin for the last 12 months, I have become a big fan of the UN Youth Volunteer programme. I was most impressed with his attitude and dedication to his work. UN Youth Volunteers bring indisputable benefits to the United Nations system and a lot of positive and refreshing energy. Thumbs up!'

– Velibor Popovic, Governance Specialist and Team Leader, Governance Unit, UNDP Cambodia

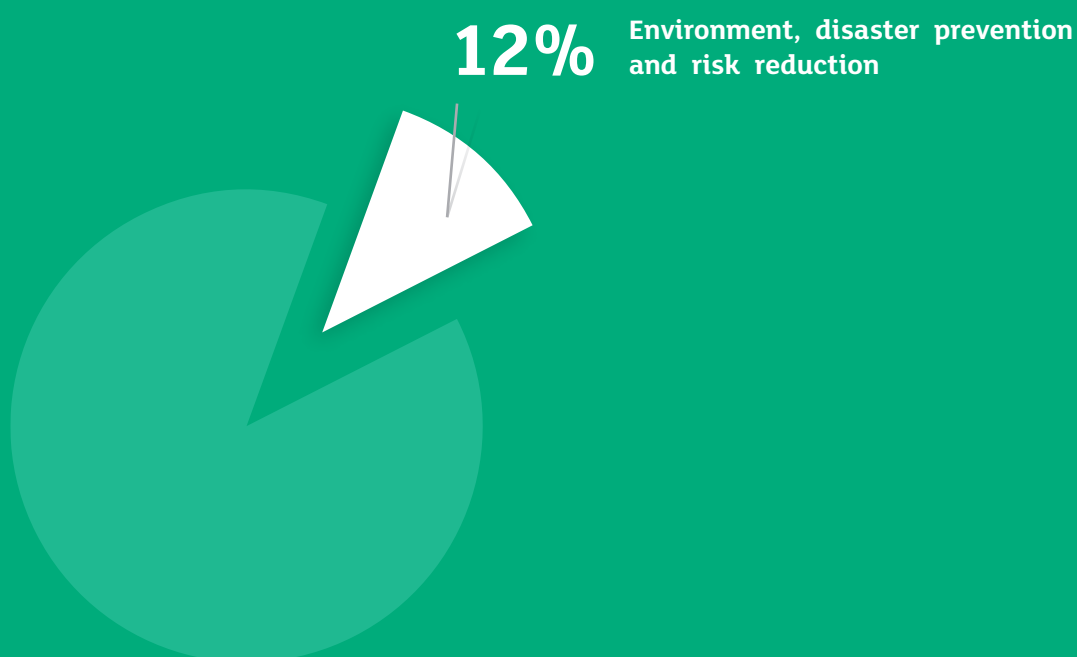


ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER PREVENTION AND RISK REDUCTION

The Hyogo Framework for Action explicitly recognized the added value and contribution of volunteerism to disaster risk management, particularly by bolstering the capacity and resilience of communities to respond to and prevent disasters. Closely linked to disaster risk reduction is the environment, and a number of factors underpin UNV environment-related initiatives, including the global recognition of volunteerism's role in environmental protection. UNV's significant experience in these areas shows that community resilience, which can be enhanced through volunteerism, is the basis of successful programmes.

In 2013, three per cent (US \$214,000) of UNV-administered funds were spent on three projects on community resilience to environment and disaster risk reduction and 40 fully funded UN Volunteers worked in this priority area.

FULLY FUNDED UN VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENTS IN 2013



AKIKO FURUYA

(JAPAN)

UNV Environmental Consultant

Served with UNDP in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to promote sustainable energy development

**FOCUS ON
SUSTAINABLE
ENERGY AND
'GREENING THE
BLUE'**

Akiko Furuya's primary function as UNV Environmental Consultant with UNDP in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was to support the creation of strategies that encourage the adoption of sustainable energy practices throughout the country. A secondary, but no less important role was to help the UNDP office 'go green' by joining the United Nations internal environmental initiative called 'Greening the Blue.'

Recognizing the as-yet untapped potential of hydropower in the country, Akiko devised and proposed a strategy to deploy micro hydro plants to help the government increase access to renewable energy. She also conducted an analysis of an improved cook stove project in support of UNDP expanding that project around the country. Akiko spent a great deal of time with the non-governmental organizations implementing the cook stoves project, both building technical skills and reinforcing their sense of ownership of the project.

Akiko's approach to her work also led to tangible results in the UNDP office itself. Akiko noted a change in her colleagues' attitudes towards 'green actions.'

'Through the process, my fellow colleagues now know that they can make change happen from their office. The spirit of ownership is visible in the actions they take on a daily basis.'



Akiko (left) meets with local stakeholders to monitor and evaluate the results of an improved cook stove project in Maniema Province. (UNV, 2013)

JULIE TENG

(FRANCE)

UNV Climate Change Specialist

Served with UNDP in Niger to build resilience to climate change

As the main climate change expert with UNDP in Niger, Julie Teng supported the Government of Niger to conduct climate-related activities and helped build project management and monitoring and evaluation capacities of officials.

Julie provided technical and financial supervision to a government-led project called the *Niger National Action Programme of Adaptation* which builds the resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change in the agriculture and water sectors. During 2013, more than 3,000 people benefited from income-generating opportunities and the distribution of drought-resistant seeds under this project.

Julie also provided technical advice for UNDP's participation in national dialogue on the post-2015 development agenda. She helped organize a youth forum and contributed to Niger's report on the country's national post-2015 consultations.

The mobilization during 2013 of nearly US \$7 million for a range of climate and food security projects that Julie helped to design and launch will strengthen Niger's ability to adapt to various climate change challenges well into the future.

'My knowledge of donors and project development and my diplomatic skills have improved. I gained new interpersonal skills after two years in Niger – thanks to the multicultural environment – and my UNV status helped me to get along well with local staff.'

FOCUS ON
CLIMATE CHANGE
RESILIENCE AND
ADAPTATION

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

'Julie's excellent communication skills, as well as her good knowledge of negotiations and financing, have contributed to mobilizing additional financing in support of the fight against climate change and of adaptation to its negative impacts, which will ultimately strengthen the resilience of threatened Niger populations.'

– Mahamane Lawali, Programme Officer, Environment/Energy, UNDP Niger



Julie Teng (centre) with beneficiaries of the resilience project in the Zinder region, Niger. (UNDP, 2013)

YOUTH

AMY WICKHAM

(IRELAND)

UNV Climate Change Assistant

Served with UNICEF in Zimbabwe addressing the effects of climate change on women and children

Climate change is acknowledged to be an ever-increasing driver of humanitarian needs; early diagnosis, mitigation and adaptation are vital to tackling this global challenge. Amy Wickham's role as Climate Change Assistant for UNICEF in Zimbabwe was to research, analyse and document the current and potential future consequences of climate change on women and children.

The Government of Zimbabwe's first national climate change response strategy was formulated in 2013, and Amy championed UNICEF's mandate during this process, advocating for children's participation to be incorporated into the strategy.

Amy also turned her efforts to advocating internally within UNICEF to mainstream climate change considerations across all programme sectors, including water, sanitation and hygiene and education. As an example, Amy participated in a curriculum review process to ensure ample coverage was given to climate change in the environment and geography curriculum for both primary and secondary schools.

Having a strong desire to build upon her successes in the first year, Amy extended her contract for a second year.

'By amplifying UNICEF's voice and participation in the area of climate and environment, I am assisting other UNICEF staff and country offices to prioritize this area. Also, stakeholders and partners with whom I meet are further encouraged to include women and children as a focus of their work.'

FOCUS ON EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Amy Wickham, UNV Climate Change Officer with UNICEF, chats with school children as part of a study to determine the impacts of climate change on children in Zimbabwe. Surveys and focus group discussions took place throughout the country as part of the process, which was conducted jointly by UNICEF and the University of Zimbabwe. (Farai Chirenje/UNICEF, 2013)



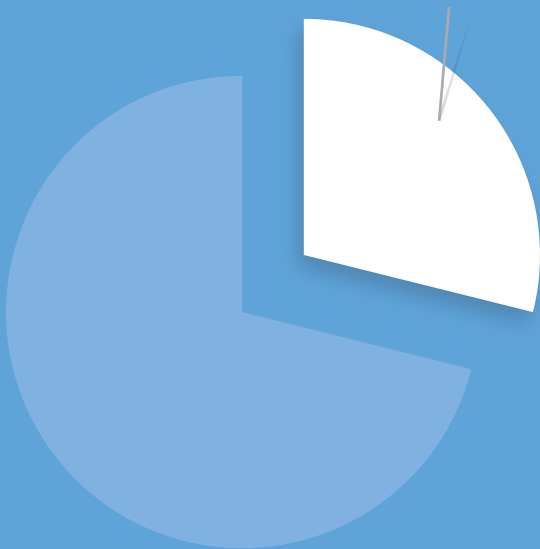
CRISIS PREVENTION, RECOVERY AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

The United Nations Secretary-General's *Report on Peacebuilding in the Immediate Aftermath of Conflict* in 2009 encouraged UNV to continue supporting special political and peacebuilding initiatives, in particular activities that strengthen national civilian capacities that make peacebuilding efforts sustainable. Peacebuilding requires inroads in all aspects of community life. It demands paying attention to social inclusion, access to rights and citizen action to prevent violence and promote social dialogue.

In 2013, UN Volunteers constituted around 30 per cent of the international civilian capacity within the 18 peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions in which UNV was engaged. Peacekeeping and peacebuilding accounted for over 40 per cent of UN Volunteer assignments globally. UN Volunteers held important roles, in areas such as human rights monitoring, local institutional capacity support, democratic governance and operational technical support. One hundred fully funded UN Volunteers were deployed in this priority area.

FULLY FUNDED UN VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENTS IN 2013

29% Crisis prevention, recovery and humanitarian assistance



BIRGITTE BELLSUND

(NORWAY)

UNV Associate Human Rights Officer

Served with OHCHR in Bolivia to promote human rights and monitor violations

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Bolivia focuses on monitoring and promoting human rights across the country. The human rights challenges that Bolivia currently faces are being tackled by OHCHR and other United Nations partners through democracy building, strengthening the rule of law and improving gender equality.

As Associate Human Rights Officer, Birgitte Bellsund spent the bulk of her workday raising awareness of the principle that every person, regardless of gender, origin, religion, ethnicity or age, is entitled to the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She worked closely with the Ministry of Justice on campaigns targeting the Bolivian population, including the country's many indigenous groups, to promote respect for human rights and a greater understanding of Bolivia as a democratic state.

Birgitte served as communications coordinator and press focal point for the 14th Ibero-American seminar for female judges, held in 2013, which examined gender issues and women's rights in Latin America and Spain. The event delved into issues related to violence against women and the participation of women in the judicial system and promoted the exchange of ideas and perspectives among female judges from participating countries. The meeting resulted in a declaration to raise gender issues higher on the judicial agenda.



FOCUS ON
**HUMAN RIGHTS,
RULE OF LAW AND
GENDER EQUALITY**

'Working on monitoring of the human rights situation in Bolivia has given me a profound understanding of the political and social situation and the challenges remaining to improve rule of law and ensure more sustainable development at governmental and community level.'

ALEXIS DE HERDE

(BELGIUM)

UNV Gender Officer

Served with UN Women in Senegal to promote gender in democratic governance

The broad aim of Alexis De Herde's UNV assignment with UN Women's regional office in Senegal was to advance women's political participation and promote gender in democratic governance across West Africa. Specifically, Alexis gave communications and operational support to the UN Women Country Office in Mali to create a women's oversight platform for fair and violence-free elections in Bamako in 2013.

Every day during the Malian election campaign, the women's oversight platform hosted debates on a series of crucial issues, such as the importance of the women's vote, the impact of electoral violence on voting and the role of young people in elections. In 20 days of activities, the platform welcomed 3,000 women and youth visitors, and every presidential candidate was invited to present their policies and outline programmes that would promote gender equity and women's empowerment.

Under the guidance of the Deputy Regional Director and the Policy Advisor, Alexis also co-chaired the Working Group on Women, Peace and Security for West Africa. In partnership with the United Nations Office for West Africa and other United Nations partners, he worked closely with gender focal points from civil society organizations of countries in the West Africa region to develop joint action plans and review progress on gender, peace and security issues.

'Women were able to express their concerns to the candidates so that they could possibly review their policies in light of the concerns expressed. Women were no longer going to vote for T-shirts or tea, but for policies. They were going to vote for meaningfulness and accountability.'



In Bamako, a member of CAFO, a coordination platform of women organizations in Mali, displays her National Identification Number voter card. (Alexis De Herde/UNV, 2013)

**FOCUS ON
GENDER-EQUITABLE
GOVERNANCE**

YOUTH

CATHAL ELDER

(IRELAND)

UNV Coordination Analyst

Served with UNDP in Malawi to improve United Nations coordination

Cathal Elder’s UNV assignment was based in the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in Malawi. The primary focus of his work was enhancing the effectiveness of aid delivery by supporting a more coordinated and coherent approach to development across all United Nations partners in the country. Known as ‘Delivering as One,’ this work was done in partnership with the Government of Malawi and other development organizations.

Cathal led a review of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for Malawi which led to the completion of a detailed progress report, a streamlined UNDAF and joint annual work plans for United Nations partners.

He also facilitated a mission in Malawi of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food – the first such mission in 20 years – and ensured that United Nations partners, the Government, development partners and non-governmental organizations were actively engaged in the mission.

In an extremely important step towards ensuring that humanitarian responses in Malawi are efficient and effective, Cathal played a role in establishing the Humanitarian Fund, which provides United Nations partners and non-governmental organizations with a rapid and flexible in-country funding mechanism to use in times of slow- and fast-onset emergencies and to meet the short-term needs of vulnerable communities.

Cathal also contributed to the development of a post-2015 report outlining the top development priorities of Malawians, following achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. That report fed into the global post-2015 development agenda process.

FOCUS ON
EFFECTIVE
COORDINATION
OF AID AND
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES



On International Volunteer Day, UNV Coordination Analyst Cathal Elder (what position is he in the photo? note it here) joins other volunteers in painting and renovating the Malingunde Primary School in Lilongwe, Malawi. (Steven Kamponda, 2013)

SILKE GATERMANN

(SWEDEN)

UNV Human Rights Officer

Served with OHCHR in Colombia to address human rights violations

Silke Gatermann was deployed as a Human Rights Officer to the Neiva Field Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Colombia. Silke observed and monitored local human rights issues, bringing human rights violations that may have been committed to the attention of national institutions and advising victims of human rights abuses on how to have their rights addressed.

During her assignment, Silke advised 30 individuals who approached the office with human rights complaints on the best course of action to take. Silke took extra care to be sure the victims were given the information and tools needed to restore their rights, so that they could take ownership of the process.

Silke believes that the strong personal commitment that characterizes those who choose to serve as UN Volunteers gave her a definite edge when dealing with authorities. She found that being a volunteer made it easier to create harmonious working relationships and engender trust when approaching representatives of the Government about breaches of human rights, likewise with the individual beneficiaries.

'In my day to day activities, I have had the privilege of meeting people who are bravely fighting for their rights and those of others, and often doing so at great personal expense. I deeply admire these people, and I have gained great humility from working with them.'



FOCUS ON
ADVISING
GOVERNMENT AND
INDIVIDUALS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS

YOUTH

FRANÇOIS KERNIN

(FRANCE)

UNV Associate Community Services Officer

Served with UNHCR in Tunisia on self-reliance projects for refugees

**FOCUS ON
SELF-RELIANCE
OF REFUGEE
POPULATIONS**

Approximately 600 refugees, mostly from Eastern Africa, remained in Tunisia following the closure of a transit camp in the south of the country in mid-2013. UNHCR's services were then transferred to urban areas and self-reliance projects initiated to assist these remaining refugees. François Kernin worked closely with UNHCR's implementing partner to provide refugees with vocational training and access to micro projects and employment opportunities.

With a team of outreach volunteers from among the refugee community themselves, François developed and implemented a monitoring system to assess the effectiveness of UNHCR's activities in urban areas, including education and health services, protection activities and the self-reliance projects. The team also identified vulnerable individuals in need of more targeted assistance.

François drew on the findings of the protection monitoring of his team, as well as dialogue with the host community, to create awareness-raising campaigns on three topics: the rights of refugees, tolerance, and acceptance of refugees among the Tunisian host community.

The training François gave to the team members empowered the refugees to manage and respond to minor protection issues in urban areas. The team plans to continue working with UNHCR into the future.

François Kernin (center) with two refugees who had just participated in the Fraternity Wall painting activity in the city of Medenine on 02 November 2013. (Francois WPA, 2013)



‘My work with a team of outreach volunteers has contributed to limiting the refugees’ dependency on UNHCR by giving them the knowledge and tools to act in response to protection problems. It has given them a sense of ownership and responsibility to act.’

RAKEL LARSEN

(DENMARK)

UNV Rule of Law and Monitoring Officer

Served with UNDP in Sierra Leone on access to justice

Rakel Larsen's UNV assignment in Sierra Leone was as a team member of UNDP's *Access to Justice Programme*, a flagship project under the thematic area of democratic governance. The programme strives to improve access to justice, particularly for women, children and vulnerable groups, and to bolster institutions to provide more effective and efficient justice-related services.

Rakel oversaw UNDP's relationship with two of the programme's main partners, Sierra Leone's judiciary and the Human Rights Commission. She ensured that projects were developed and implemented and the expected results achieved.

As UNDP's gender focal point, Rakel was called upon on several occasions to provide support to special court hearings to expedite cases involving violence against women. Rakel also promoted civil society engagement on the issue of women's land rights, which complemented UNDP's advocacy for land reform.

'Personally, I have learned to work and manage in a new and unfamiliar context, to handle different working and office environments and cultures, and to connect and work with people from very diverse backgrounds. I made many good friends among fellow UN Volunteers, and we supported each other.'



FOCUS ON
IMPROVING
ACCESS TO JUSTICE
FOR WOMEN AND
VULNERABLE
GROUPS

NICOLAI STÖHR

(GERMANY)

UNV Geographic Information Systems Officer

Served with WFP in the occupied Palestinian territory on vulnerability analysis and mapping

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

‘Nicolai’s work in the WFP office in the occupied Palestinian territory has been invaluable in assisting the Programme Support Unit to enhance identification and targeting of food-insecure households. The time and effort he has given to the team has not only been appreciated, but it will also make a long-term difference to how our field teams use data to improve the programme’s implementation.’

– Laura Turner, Head of Programme Support Unit, WFP Palestine

As UNV Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Officer with the World Food Programme in East Jerusalem, Nicolai Stöhr was one of a two-member vulnerability assessment and mapping team assisting WFP to integrate physical, socio-economic and food security-related spatial data into decision-making processes.

Nicolai wasted no time in applying his considerable technical skill and experience in GIS mapping to draw up a comprehensive work plan with his supervisor which began with undertaking spatial analysis to evaluate the location of food distribution points and voucher shops. He geo-referenced the existing data of other organizations to add a spatial dimension to WFP’s vulnerability analyses. He conducted land use analysis in support of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization’s emergency response to a large storm and trained WFP staff in Global Positioning Systems data collection and GIS tools.

In cooperation with the International Food Policy Research Institute, Nicolai also assisted in the creation of a web-based development and food security atlas of the occupied Palestinian territory.

Clear and direct benefits of Nicolai’s efforts can be seen in the office’s strengthened analytical tools for targeting beneficiaries, as well as the production of thematic maps, which have increased the visibility of the programme’s activities in the occupied Palestinian territory.

‘This conflict is noticeable every day and leads to frustration and tension in people around me. It is an extreme situation that all international United Nations personnel have to learn to live with, but it also strengthens you for future challenges.’



**FOCUS ON
FOOD SECURITY
VULNERABILITY
ANALYSIS AND
MAPPING**

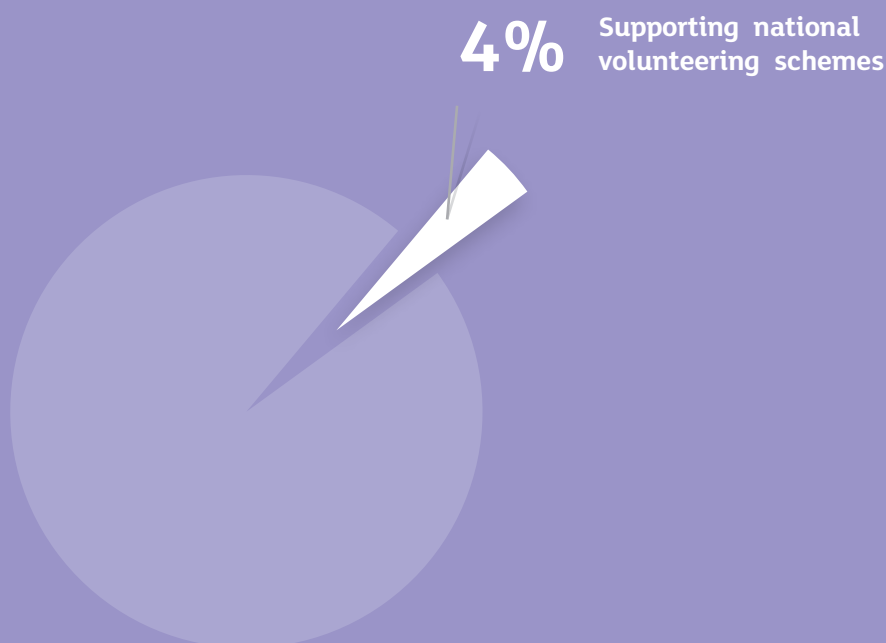
SUPPORTING NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING SCHEMES

UNV has been, and continues to be, a catalyst and multiplier for volunteerism. Through UN Volunteers and UNV projects, as well as UNV-assisted volunteerism schemes, collaborations and networks, hundreds of thousands of volunteers have engaged with communities. The creation of and support for volunteer schemes is an important platform for nationally-led and owned multi-sectoral development and peace initiatives.

There has been a growing demand from United Nations Member States for UNV to support the establishment of national volunteer schemes that can help nations address specific development challenges.

In 2013, 14 per cent (US \$986,000) of UNV-administered funds were spent on national capacity development for volunteer schemes through 11 projects. There were 15 fully funded UN Volunteer deployments in eight countries in this priority area.

FULLY FUNDED UN VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENTS IN 2013



LUCIA BERNARDO FERNANDEZ

(BELGIUM)

UNV Youth, Adolescent and Monitoring and Evaluation Programme Officer

Served with UNICEF in Morocco on youth projects

**FOCUS ON
YOUNG PEOPLE'S
INVOLVEMENT
IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

Lucia Bernardo Fernandez was the UNV youth focal point for UNICEF in Morocco. In this role, Lucia coordinated the UNICEF task force on youth and the United Nations thematic group on youth, ensuring that knowledge on youth issues and developments was shared among partners and colleagues.

Lucia spearheaded an innovative action-research project called the *Social Responsibility of Universities Project* during its pilot year. Through this project, UNICEF partnered with national and international youth associations and two Moroccan universities to provide concrete opportunities for young people to participate in local development processes, including through skills development.

In 2013, more than 34 student associations were trained in project cycle management and communication for development. Following this training, six communication initiatives to raise awareness of children's rights and four student association projects were supported and financed through the project fund. It is envisaged that the next stage of the project, covering 2014-15, will involve at least five more universities.

Lucia points out that this work has helped UNICEF in Morocco engage with young people as hands-on partners and actors in socio-economic development programmes that affect their lives and communities.

Université Mohammed V - Souissi, C4D training supporting student associations initiatives to raise awareness on children's rights in the framework of the RSU/ Etudiants et Citoyens projet. (Etudiants et Citoyens)



'In UNICEF Morocco, we are working with young people as partners and actors in our development programme. The main idea is to bring together all the key development actors within the Social Responsibility of Universities Project concept and go beyond the promotion of civic engagement recognition to join forces to respond to human development challenges at national and local levels.'

SOOJIN CHEN

(KOREA)

UNV Programme Officer

Served with UNDP in the Philippines on the UNV programme

As Programme Officer in the Manila UNV Field Unit, Soojin Chen was responsible for managing the UNV programme in the Philippines. She focused on mobilizing volunteers, advocating for volunteerism and operational issues.

Soojin's efficiency and proactive approach to recruiting UN Volunteers resulted in a remarkable increase in the number of volunteer assignments from two in 2012 to 30 in 2013 (23 national and seven international). Soojin coordinated volunteer deployments, including liaising with hosting United Nations partners, selecting candidates and facilitating interviews.

Soojin also actively promoted volunteerism. She conducted five information sessions at universities and organized a three-day event to celebrate International Volunteer Day, which included a blood donation drive, a volunteer dialogue and kite-flying and was attended by around 200 people. In light of the Typhoon Haiyan disaster occurring just prior to International Volunteer Day, the three-day event was themed 'Honouring the Volunteer Hands and Hearts of Hope' in acknowledgement of the selfless efforts of volunteers in response to the devastating typhoon.

'I have come to understand that everything we do should be the result of a participatory process in which the broadest possible range of stakeholders is mobilized and empowered. The importance of partnership and coordination through real participation is the key I need to carry on into the next chapter of my assignment in 2014.'



**FOCUS ON
THE
IMPORTANCE OF
PARTNERSHIP AND
COORDINATION**

YOUTH

ANDREAS KARPATI

(CZECH REPUBLIC)

UNV Community Outreach Specialist

Served with UNDP in Uzbekistan on youth volunteerism

FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL INNOVATION PROJECTS

Until recently there have been few opportunities for young people interested in volunteering in Uzbekistan. Andreas Karpati positioned himself in his role as Community Outreach Specialist as a two-way communicator, connecting UNDP's *Social Innovation and Volunteerism Project* with the local community on one hand and with the international volunteerism community on the other. Andreas researched best practices in volunteerism and wrote locally-relevant guidance for the project. As the project progressed, he communicated the project's achievements to interested parties at regional and global levels.

Over the course of his one-year assignment, Andreas directly reached 200 young people by organizing and conducting workshops and outreach events at universities, language schools and summer camps. In many cases, this was the first time that local youth had heard about the concept of social innovation, so Andreas was mindful of the importance of presenting the information in an accessible way that was applicable to the local context. Participants then wrote proposals for projects that could work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals or other social inclusion outcomes. These proposals could be submitted to the project's small grants scheme, which Andreas was closely involved in administering.

Based on his practical experiences, Andreas created a detailed handbook and demonstration videos for facilitation of social innovation training events. The handbook will be translated into Russian for broad dissemination across the region.

In Uzbekistan, international UN Youth Volunteer Andreas Karpati (2nd from left) announces the Volunteer of the Year on International Volunteer Day. (UNV, 2013)



'Having worked on the topic of promoting youth volunteerism, I have been very positively surprised by the creativity, energy and concrete activities young volunteers can contribute to the development process. This has been a very motivating experience and one to which I would like to contribute more in the future.'

YANIRA SANTANA

(SPAIN)

UNV Monitoring and Evaluation and Communication Officer

Served with UNDP in Guinea-Bissau on improving project planning and monitoring

During her one-year assignment in Guinea-Bissau, Yanira Santana delved into two pivotal areas of UNDP's work: the *Reinforcement of the Capacities of Civil Society Organizations Project* and the UNV programme itself. For both, she supported the development and implementation of activities and promoted efficient, results-based communication.

Under the capacity-building project, Yanira helped 15 beneficiary civil society organizations improve planning and activities through results-based monitoring and evaluation. Thanks to the training and technical assistance provided, these organizations became engaged in a process of structural improvement and enhanced progress measurement, the result of which was that by the end of the year, 14 of the 15 partners had reoriented their planning and were using improved monitoring tools.

For the UNV programme, Yanira increased the visibility of volunteering activities in Guinea-Bissau through, among other things, the production of the *Volunteering Photo Year Book 2011* and support to a UNV study on the impact of volunteers across the country.

Yanira's work in advocacy and volunteer mobilization through partnerships with civil society organizations resulted in the mobilization of more than 300 national volunteers – an impressive number – but certainly made easier by the fact that volunteering is already a way of life in Guinea-Bissau. The capacity-building project reached more than 100 individuals, who are now better equipped to contribute towards achievement of the country's Millennium Development Goals.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

'Yanira is a highly dynamic volunteer who participates in UNV programme activities with engagement and passion. She provided important contributions in the efforts to build the capacity of civil society organizations, especially youth organizations, through coaching, advocacy work and mobilization, as well as technical support related to management, monitoring and evaluation.'

– Gabriel Dava, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, and Laura Amadori, UNV Programme Officer, UNDP Guinea-Bissau

**FOCUS ON
CAPACITY-
BUILDING FOR
BETTER PLANNING,
MONITORING AND
EVALUATION**



Yanira Santana (Spain), UNV Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, leads a participative evaluation with the users of the Hadduna Cyber Café, a pilot project in the Bafata region of Guinea-Bissau. The project is carried out by the Association of Volunteers of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries. (UNV, 2013)

VOLUNTEERISM AND THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Volunteerism is a way to engage people from the bottom up to address development objectives.

As a global advocate for volunteerism, UNV aims to integrate volunteerism into national and international policies and strategies that will shape the post-2015 development framework for the next decade.

UNV has set up a corporate *UNV post-2015 project* that contributes to the global aspiration to a sustainable post-2015. The UNV post-2015 project advocates for positioning volunteerism as a concept relevant to the SDG structure, and volunteer groups as an actor in the process, in collaboration with such groups. It also provides thematic and substantive inputs to UN processes aimed at developing the new sustainable development framework.

One of the participants to the Dhaka Youth Consultation. This was one of three Youth Consultations organized by UNV Bangladesh to promote the inclusion of young voices as an input to the post-2015 agenda, and their more active participation as agents of change. (UNV Bangladesh, 2013)



The UNV post-2015 project recruited 24 national and 17 international post-2015 UN Volunteers. Of these, 15 were UN Youth Volunteers financially supported by Germany, deployed in Algeria, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Timor Leste; and two were international UN Volunteers, supported by Finland and the Republic of Korea, assigned to Bhutan and Sri Lanka respectively.

The post-2015 UN Volunteers contributed to UNV's corporate efforts to integrate volunteerism into the post-2015 development agenda, with a focus on leveraging the voices of stakeholders, in particular of youth constituencies, in national post-2015 discussions. They also contributed to the work of their host entities: in most cases the UNV Field Unit, in some countries the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator. Their main areas of activity included supporting the UNDG post-2015 consultations, advocating for volunteerism through the MY World survey, and engaging local stakeholders for joint positioning in a post-2015 context, with a special focus on youth.

'...the consultations have revealed a huge appetite and demand for involvement not only in the design of the development agenda, but also in its future implementation.[...] [People] are asking not just for a one off consultation, but an ongoing conversation and concrete opportunities for engagement. They want not only to articulate the problems, but to help find solutions and be involved in implementing them.'

*A Million Voices: The World We Want
United Nations Development Group*

YOUTH

JOSEFINE ULBRICH

(GERMANY)

UNV Youth Networks and Volunteering Programme Officer

In Astana, Kazakhstan, during a workshop, Josefine Ulbrich explains the global and national Post-2015 development process and the MY World Campaign to participants. (Ji Hyun Yang/UNV, 2013)

Served with UNV Field Unit in Kazakhstan on youth volunteerism and engagement



Josefine Ulbrich's role as the UNV Field Unit's first focal point for youth networks and volunteering centred around finding meaningful ways of engaging young people – including rural youth – in shaping the post-2015 development agenda in Kazakhstan. To Josefine, this meant demonstrating that youth volunteerism and engagement must be seen as fundamental elements of any future development framework.

Josefine lobbied for the integration of youth considerations into every relevant UNV activity. She then used the results and achievements of these activities to raise the profile of UNV among the UN Country Team as well as with the general public.

With UNV's commitment to integrate young volunteers into the development process high on Josefine's list of priorities, she organized a national UNV Youth Stakeholder Workshop called 'The World We Want: Youth and Volunteerism through the Prism of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.' This workshop was attended by 25 youth representatives of volunteer organizations from nine regions of Kazakhstan. More than 250 young people participated in the workshop's pre-activities, including a social media survey and Skype interviews. The workshop resulted in a Call for Action, a video and a report.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

'Josefine made valuable contributions to promote youth empowerment in Kazakhstan.

Her positively infectious enthusiasm and good practices reached beyond the borders of Kazakhstan and were shared globally through the UNV post-2015 project. Her notable achievements included organizing the UNV Youth Stakeholder Workshop and the MyWorld outreach campaign, as well as strengthening the partnership with the National Volunteer Network.'

– Ai Watanabe, UNV Programme Officer, UNDP Kazakhstan

'According to the feedback I received from the participants, the importance UNV placed on their opinion gave them renewed energy to address local issues and sustain the network among organizations established through the workshop.'

**FOCUS ON
YOUNG PEOPLE'S
INVOLVEMENT
IN POST-2015
PROCESSES**

KEY OUTCOMES

The post-2015 UN Volunteers added legitimacy and credibility to the work of UNV, both in terms of advancing the integration of the concept of volunteerism into the discussions with stakeholders and policy-makers at the national level, and in terms of supporting the UN system-wide efforts to define a new development framework for the coming decade.

Post-2015 UN Volunteers benefitted from being part of a global project, with a common core and framework of tasks, and from dedicated support from UNV Headquarters. These greatly enhanced internal peer support and networking. The mix of national and international volunteers in the group was an additional factor for the success of their assignment. Most remarkable outcomes include:

- *A significant contribution in facilitating and stimulating the UNDG multi-stakeholder national post-2015 consultations, working towards making them inclusive and incorporating recommendations from volunteer-involving organizations into national reports.* Their support contributed to the numerous mentions of the importance of volunteerism in the final national reports of several countries, some of which are featured in the UNDG report of the post-2015 consultations. They also contributed to the review of MDG-related activities.

Examples include: Algeria, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Guatemala, Haiti, Rwanda

- *The support to the MY World survey both directly and through the mobilization of civil society organizations, collecting tens of thousands of votes, making UNV a strategic partner of the UN Millennium Campaign and reaching out to minorities and marginalized people who would otherwise not have had a chance to make their voice heard at the UN.* The organization of voting sessions was also as a means of establishing contacts and partnerships with local volunteer groups and civil society organizations, and to stimulate people's engagement.

Examples include: Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Haiti, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Rwanda

'Volunteerism has to start somewhere as a little light, a little spark – it is something that has to be guarded. Belief in volunteerism transcends my job, which is how I can convince others to volunteer: walk the talk. This is what also kept me going when I faced obstacles.'

Tharaka Sriram (Germany), UN Youth Volunteer, Côte d'Ivoire

'In one evening, we visited five different regional universities, encountered deans, professors, students and teachers, all active and interested in the development and change of their community, their country and the world. This is only one part of the commitment to involve youth and volunteers in giving their votes on priorities for the new development agenda. Our strategy is to create synergies, make connections and to use local social networks to promote volunteerism through MYWorld.'

Lea Ritter (Germany), UN Youth Volunteer, Guatemala

- *An extensive engagement of a variety of stakeholders, such as civil society organizations, governments, UN entities and private sector actors, and the building of networks or expanding the network of partners at the Field Unit level, thus increasing the participation of volunteer-involving organizations in policy-making and strategic planning. This allowed furthering the recognition and integration of volunteering as a way of engaging people in development at the local and national level, thus enhancing development gains.*

Examples include: Algeria, Bhutan, Cambodia

- *The facilitation of civil society and volunteering organizations' participation in national discussions on development and the post-2015 agenda. In particular, they promoted the inclusion of young voices as an input to the new development framework, and their more active participation as agents of change. In Bangladesh and Kazakhstan, for example, building on the outcomes of the national UNDG-led consultations, post-2015 UN volunteers and UNV Field Units organized separate youth consultations, which resulted in a Call for Action from youth to their governments. In Sri Lanka, the results of a V-methodology workshop and of a research undertaken to highlight the value of youth volunteerism in a post-2015 context informed the World Youth Conference hosted by Sri Lanka in May 2014.*

Examples include: Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Rwanda, Sri Lanka

- *A showcase of the contribution of volunteers to development and the promotion of volunteerism through video documentaries. In addition to individual national initiatives, five Field Units pooled funds to produce a joint video on the contribution of volunteerism to development in these countries and to underline the relevance of integrating the concept in the post-2015 agenda.*

Examples include: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guatemala, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda

Last but not least, all volunteers promoted volunteerism through their very example. They dedicated their passion and capacity, creating that added value that UN Volunteers and volunteers in general can bring. They engaged people in a complex debate, empowering them to express what mattered to them at a local and personal level.

The successful implementation of the post-2015 agenda will require a transformative shift in terms of people's attitudes, behaviors and life choices which cannot be dictated from above. Achieving this shift will greatly depend on the person-to-person advocacy of millions of ordinary citizens ready to change their own lifestyles and ready to inspire others along the way.



UN Volunteers in Haiti, assisted by many local volunteers from the Haitian Volunteer Coalition (COHAIV), engaged poor and marginalized people in voting their priorities for a better world. This picture was taken during a major MY World voting session held across the country on the fifth Caribbean Day against HIV / AIDS. (Benjamin Frowein/UNV, 2013)

FEEDBACK FROM THE POST-2015 INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

All post-2015 international UN Volunteers who completed their assignments in 2013-2014 reported that being part of the UNV post-2015 project contributed significantly to their personal growth. They mentioned having benefited from the experience not only through overall professional development and the acquisition of new skills and competencies, but also from enrichment on a personal level. Volunteers were confronted with different cultural, political and economic scenarios and had to learn to adapt in order to contribute their best performance under the given conditions. Volunteers noted that being responsible for a project was professionally challenging, and helped to reveal personal strengths.

In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, national volunteer Morn Moeun (left) facilitates a workshop for youth on the post-2015 agenda. (Veronika Jemelikova/UNV)



'Promoting the role of young people in national development processes, and making the establishment of the post-2015 development agenda an open, participatory procedure with inputs received from all over the world, corresponds to my belief in the responsibility we all share for shaping the world we want.'

Peter Prix (Germany), UN Youth Volunteer, Cambodia

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The contributions captured in this report represent only a few examples of the great value fully funded UN Volunteers bring to peace and development worldwide.

Over the coming years, UNV will work closely with partners to contribute to our global programmes in the five priority areas identified in the UNV Strategic Framework 2014-17. This will reinforce UNV accountability and help us stay focused during the current programming cycle. An example of such targeted cooperation is the renewed commitment of the Government of Japan to support UNV's global peacebuilding programme. This focused approach will leverage UN Volunteer assignments for strategic initiatives, particularly for piloting innovative development initiatives, increasing numbers of UN Youth Volunteers and securing a greater number of South-South and triangular cooperation agreements.

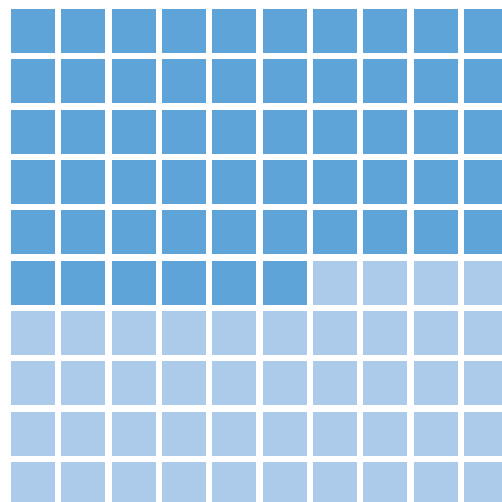
Finally, as demonstrated by the experience of the fully funded UN Youth Volunteers supporting the post-2015 dialogue, we encourage partners to consider employing the full funding mechanism to accompany global scale initiatives that can benefit from the engagement of citizens at all levels within a new, more globally-connected, development agenda.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In 2013, the contribution to full funding was US \$9.4 million; this represents 56 per cent of total programme funds received, excluding multi-year contributions from earlier years.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: **US \$11.2 MIL**

REPRESENTING **56%** OF TOTAL
UNV PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE



ANNEX

FULL FUNDING REVENUE AND PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE IN 2013

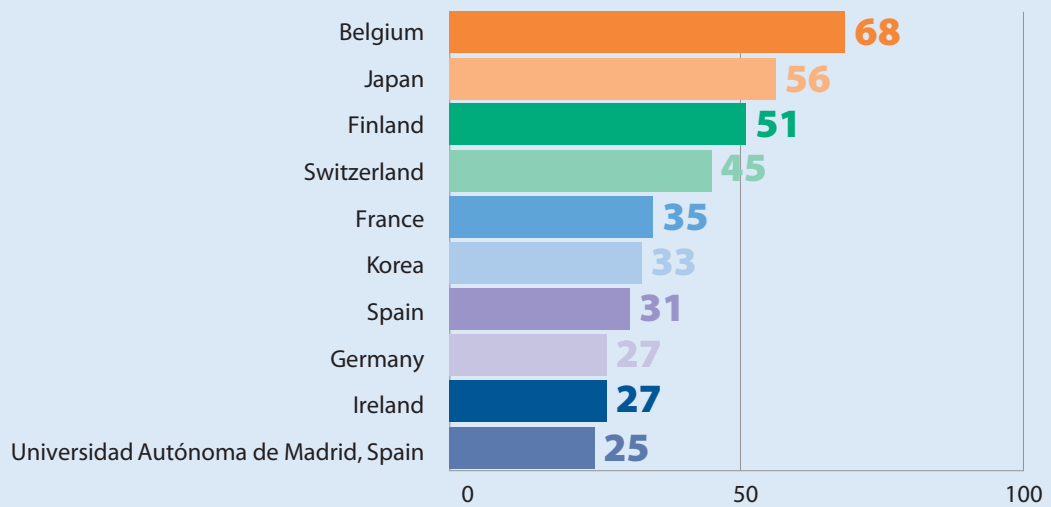
RESOURCES RECEIVED FROM PARTNER COUNTRIES

DONOR	AMOUNT IN US\$
Belgium	3,023,222
Korea	1,380,000
Japan	992,226
Switzerland	856,165
France	645,974
Luxembourg	542,280
Ireland	474,378
Norway	462,648
Italy	395,520
Denmark	300,000
Czech Republic	233,866
Sweden	62,607
China – Peace and Development Foundation Hong Kong	38,646
Spain – Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	10,226
Grand Total	9,407,532

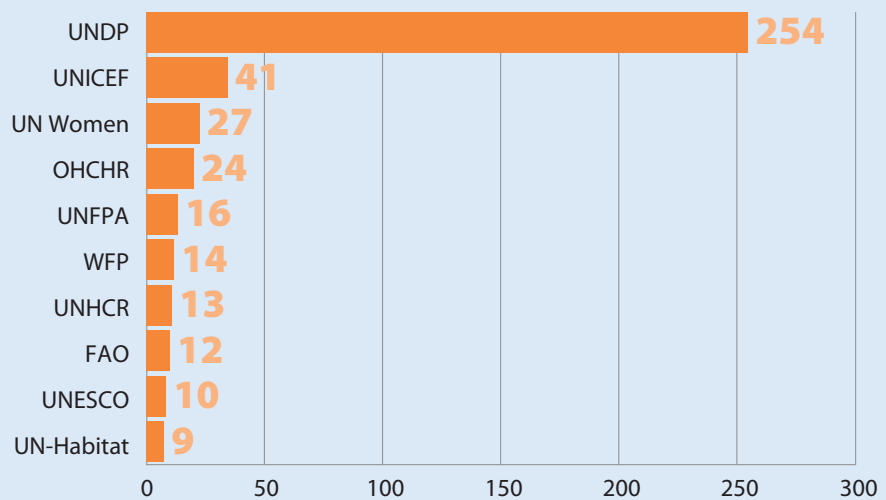
The following partners provided multi-year contributions in 2012:

- Germany: US\$ 2,604,113
- Finland: US\$ 1,752,467
- Spain: US\$ 794,062

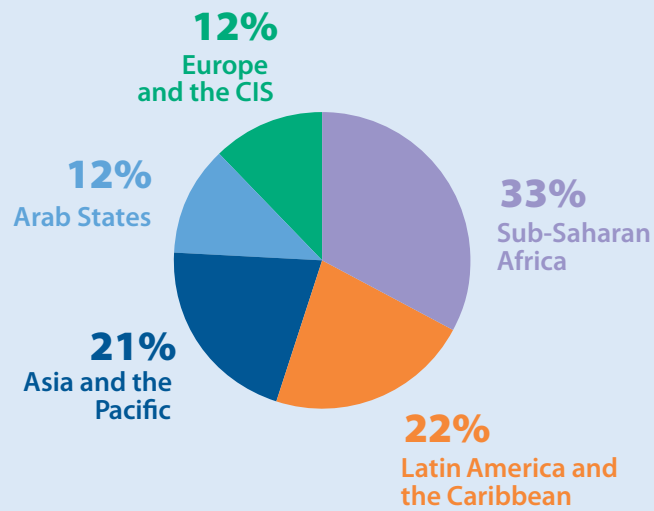
Top ten donors (number of fully funded UN Volunteers)



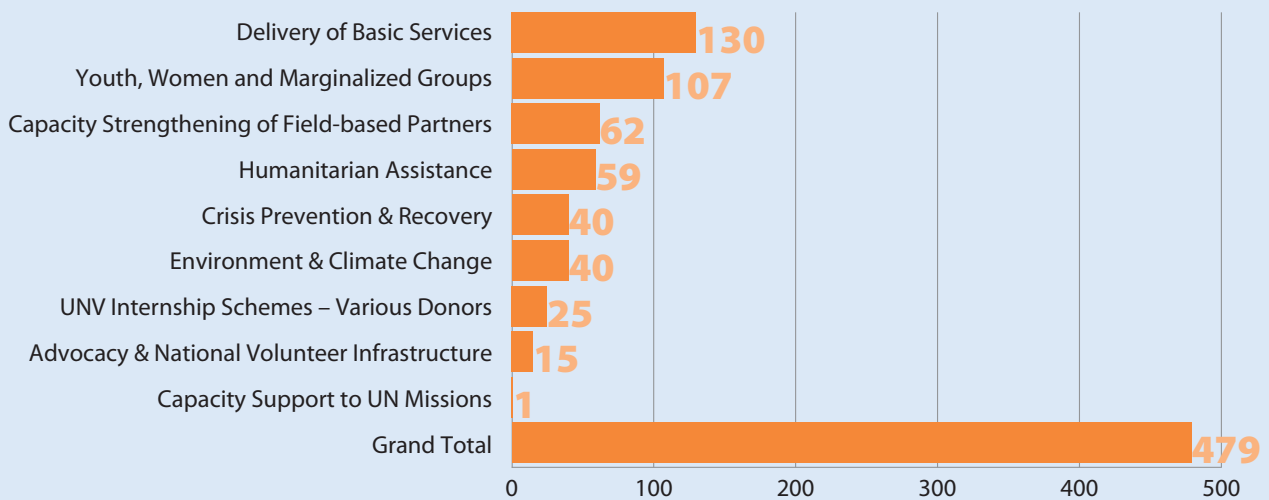
Main host UN partners



Fully funded UN Volunteer assignments by region



Breakdown of fully funded UN Volunteers by programmatic focus area



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