

MISSION OF THE UNV PROGRAMME

The United Nations Volunteers is the volunteer arm of the United Nations that supports sustainable human development globally through the promotion of volunteerism and mobilisation of volunteers. It was created by the UN General Assembly in 1970 to serve as an operational partner in development cooperation at the request of UN member states. It serves the causes of peace and development through enhancing opportunities for participation by all peoples. It values free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity, which are the foundation of voluntarism. At the heart of volunteerism are the ideals of service and solidarity and the belief that together we can make the world a better place. It extends hands on assistance for peace and development in nearly 150 countries. Volunteering brings benefit to the volunteer and the society through economic and social contributions. It contributes to creating social cohesion and capital, through helping to build trust and reciprocity among citizens. The UNV programme is administered by UNDP and its headquarters are in Bonn, Germany. (For more information visit www.unvolunteers.org)



UNV PROGRAMME IN KENYA

The United Nations Volunteer Programme in Kenya was launched in mid 1970s with the National component introduced in 1996. The Programme has since then been an active partner through the assignment of international and national



UN volunteers as more than 500 UN volunteers have served in Kenya with 177 UN volunteers recruited in 2002 to support the electoral process. Both national and international UN volunteer specialists have been providing valuable support and expertise to national and international executing implementing agencies.



The UNV Programme has provided support to agencies and Ministries such as the Office of the President, Ministry of Planning and National Development, the NEPAD Secretariat, National Aids



Control Council (NACC), the Federation of Kenyan Employees (FKE). The United Nations Volunteers have holistically provided services ranging from technical advice, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, capacity building, information and communication, peace building, advocacy gender and gender down streaming approaches, among diverse orientation areas. Additionally, the UNV programme has played a key role in providing opportunities to Kenyan to serve both as national and international UN volunteers. Similarly, over 160 Kenyan Volunteers are currently serving in other countries such as Liberia, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Botswana, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and South Africa. It is for this reason that in 2004 Kenya was rated as one of the highest net suppliers of volunteers globally competing with the Philippines.

There are currently 141 serving UNVs in Kenya: 49



national UN volunteers community facilitators spread throughout the country, 58 national and 34 international specialists serving in Kenya's various provinces: Central, North Eastern, Rift Valley, Nyanza, Coast and Western Provinces. National and international UN volunteers specialists represent 23 different countries and of them 56% are female and 44% are male.

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Within the United Nations Family, the United Nations Volunteers have been instrumental in providing pivotal support to critical UN programmes. Both national and international UN volunteer

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- They are working with the UNDP democratic governance, disaster management, environmental and sustainable human developments programmes where they have provided support to the various units under these programmes which have impacted positively within the communities and UNDP. As the Kenyan Government is responsible for executing the majority of these programmes, support is being provided to a number of agencies and ministries from the Office of the President, the NEPAD Secretary, National Aids Control Council to the Ministry of Planning and National Development.

Within UNHCR, UN volunteers provide support and assistance in various aspects of UNHCR field activities ranging from support to health and nutrition, logistic





management, reintegration and rehabilitation of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), and capacity building to the two major camps (Kakuma and Dadaab) and Nairobi as well. With United Nations Environment

(UNEP) the partnership with the UNV office has been strengthened and UNVs are providing support in Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), capacity building and programme support management. With UNHABITAT, UN volunteers assist in capacity building and activities related to post Tsunami as the disaster management specialists.

● With World Food Programme, the UN volunteers provide support in food aid and monitoring to IDPs in Southern Sudan. They coordinates all M&E activities with the sub country office, promotes the dissemination of WFP M&E guidelines, undertakes field visits to ensure the smooth implementation of M&E guidelines prepares reports and coordinate the food for work programme.

TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS

The UNV programme has several operational schemes such as international UNV specialists and field workers, national UNV specialists and field workers, UNV associates, Corporate private sector – UNV advisors (former UNISTAR), TOKTEN (transfer of knowledge through Expatriate Nationals) and UNITES (ICT for development) and online volunteering. UNV is not a career or a long-term employment. A Contract varies from 3-12 months renewable based on performance, availability of funds. An International UNV can serve upto eight years, while a national UNV can serve upto four years.



HOW TO BECOME A UN VOLUNTEER

- ✔ Age: At least 25 years
- ✔ Education: University degree in any given field
- ✔ Professional work experience: 3-5 years
- ✔ Fluency in one or more of the five UN languages preferably in English and French
- ✔ Good health
- ✔ Commitment and interest to supporting the efforts of the others.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

If you have the relevant education and experience and are interested in applying please check out the recruitment process on the global website by following the link “ how to become a UNV” or send your CV and contact details to:

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