BUILDING RESILIENCE WITH VOLUNTEERISM

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promote volunteerism

mobilize volunteers

- Circa 7,000 UN Volunteers deployed in the field
- Over 13,000 UN Online Volunteers

- As human-centered and relational approach that strengthens social cohesion and build resilience:
  - ability to self-organize around priorities
  - speed and availability in times of crisis
  - can help to expand and mobilize constituencies
ITU engaged a team of seven UN Online Volunteers to research new trends and global best practices in ICT innovation.
FIGURES AND AREAS

13,000 online volunteers per year
60% people from developing countries
187 countries engaged
94% satisfaction of organizations and volunteers

Writing and editing
Art and design
Teaching and Training
Research
Technology development
Outreach and advocacy
Translation
Leadership and strategy
ONSITE VOLUNTEERS

• A total of 107 UN Volunteers were swiftly mobilized to perform critical functions to support Nepal earthquake response.

UN Volunteers used UNDP-Microsoft app for demolition and debris management operations.

• Organize community brigades
• Record and track damage assessment
• Monitor daily attendance and cash for work payments

Volunteerism served to:

• mobilize and develop the capacities of distraught communities
• increase coordination efforts among key players that responded to the earthquake

“What we witnessed in the aftermath of the earthquake was the dedicated and selfless efforts of UN Volunteers at a time when their assistance mattered most. UN Volunteers have played and continue to play a vital role in helping ensure that no one is left behind as the country endeavors to build resilience.”

- Valerie Jullian, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative of Nepal
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- Youth Innovators: CISCO and UNV partnership

“What is exciting about the partnership with UNV is that it enables young people to bring together the skills and knowledge learned through the Cisco Networking Academy program and apply them to addressing real social problems and challenges in this region.”

- Sandy Walsh, Director, Social Innovation Group – Asia Pacific and Japan, Cisco
THE WAY FORWARD

II. Expand ICT volunteering partnership for the SDGs

Leveraging private sector skills and expertise provides innovative, concrete employee volunteering opportunities providing a means to share knowledge and skills between the private sector and the UN and its partners. Businesses and the UN, supported by governments, will be able to identify where their interests align best and focus their resources, time and energy to reach the Global Goals together.

I. UNV to further leverage volunteer modalities in the context of South-South Cooperation

80% of UN volunteers deployed in the field are from countries from the south.
III. Demonstrating the role of volunteers in the implementation of the SDGs

There are over one billion volunteers in the world.

Volunteers can be key interlocutors in humanitarian crises, post-conflict situations and peacebuilding efforts at local, national and global levels. Volunteerism harnesses the power and participation of individuals and communities to address challenges in peacebuilding and development providing critical societal shared commitment leading to social cohesion for resilience.

Volunteers are playing a key role in ‘Leaving no one behind’
We are inspiration in action