

# Volunteerism and the SDGs

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# Plan of Action for the next decade and beyond

## Strategic Objectives

Strengthen people's ownership of the development agenda through enhanced civic engagement and enabling environments for citizen action

Integrate volunteerism into national and global post-2015 agenda implementation strategies

Measure volunteerism to contribute to a holistic understanding of the engagement of people and their well-being, as well as to be part of the monitoring of the SDGs

UN Resolution A/RES/70/129 and Report of Secretary-General A/70/118

## Role of UNV



Stronger alliance

Evidence and data on volunteering



Knowledge sharing

Convening



# WHY engage volunteers: Value addition

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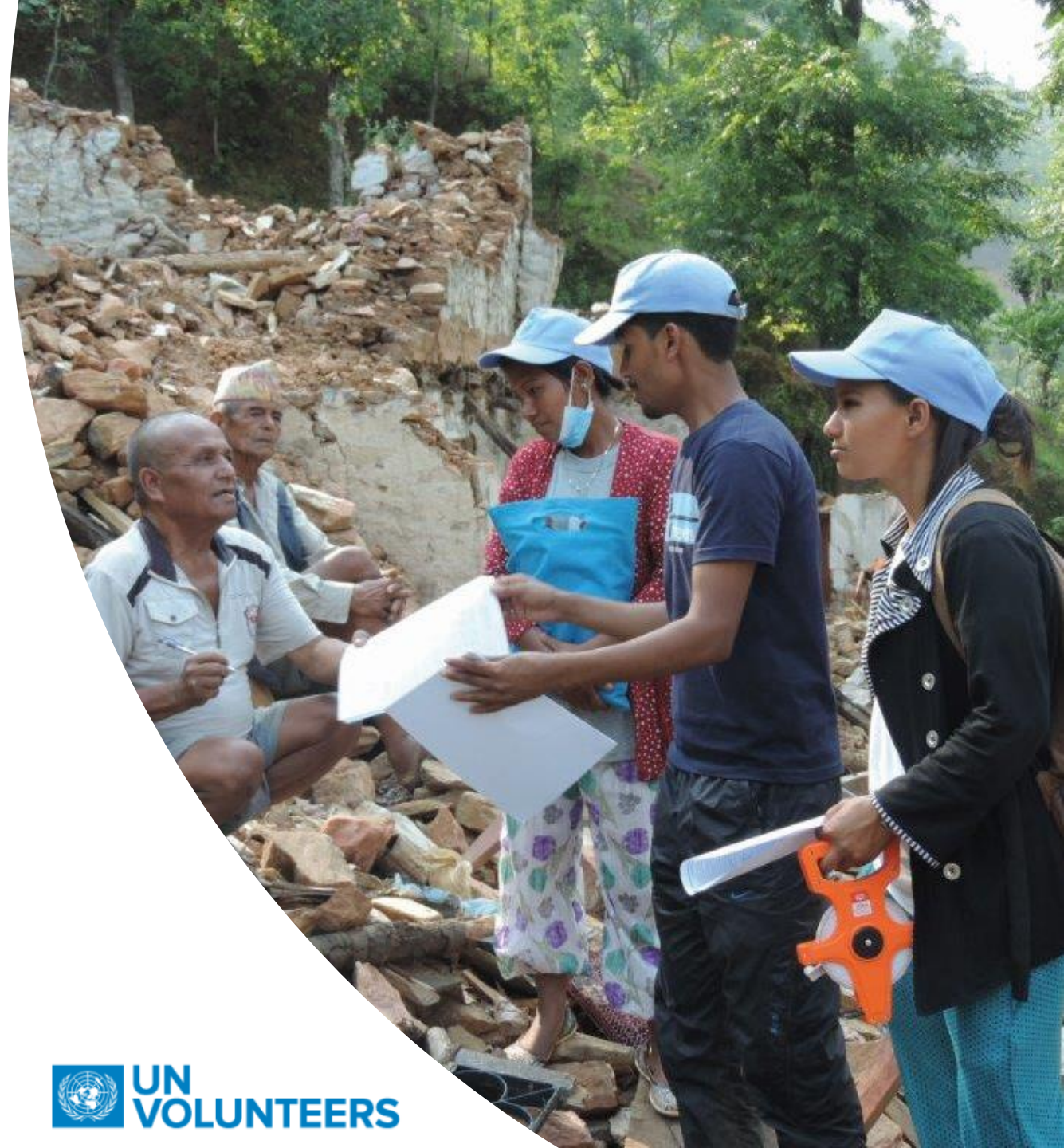
- Raising awareness
- Delivering technical expertise
- Facilitating spaces through participatory forms of engagement
- Monitoring SDG progress
- Facilitating knowledge sharing and leveraging local expertise
- Complementing essential basic services
- Modelling behaviors



# HOW to integrate volunteerism in national processes

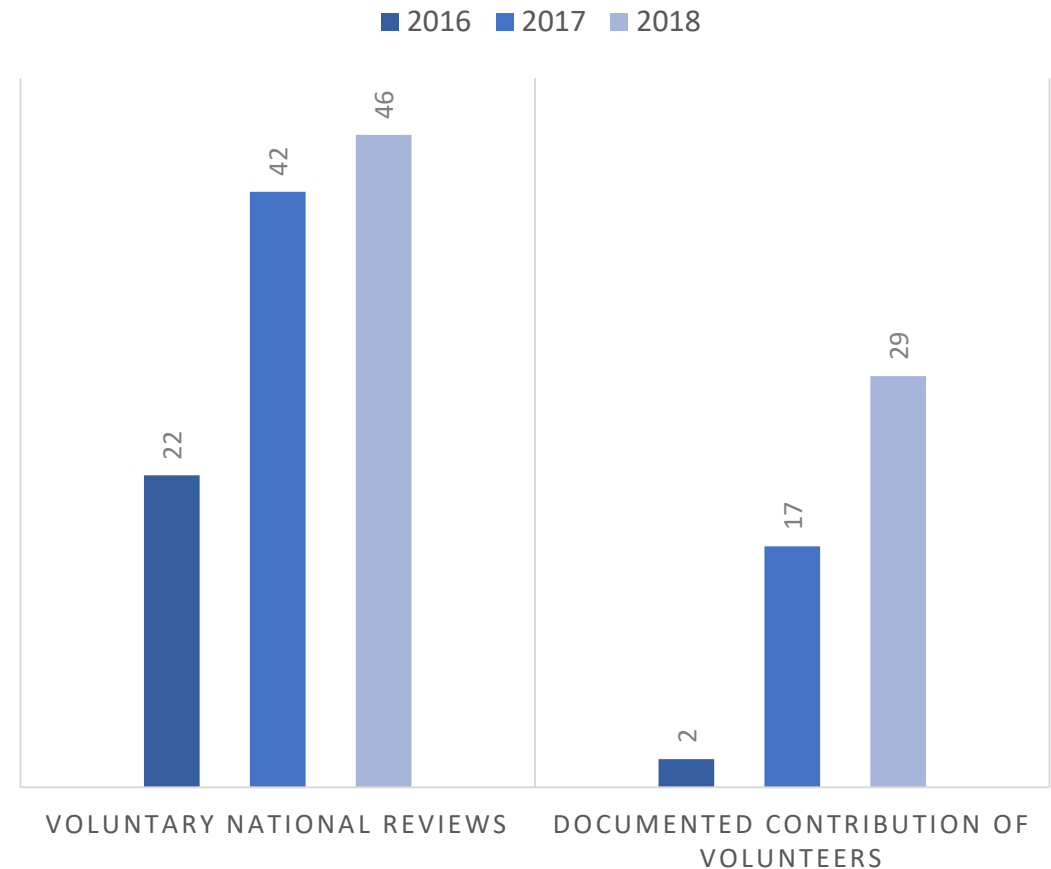
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- Volunteers as a cross cutting means of implementation under SDG 17
  - Member states are encouraged to include information on the voluntary contributions and participation of citizens in their countries, to help with analysis on progress and challenges
- Volunteer contributions under individual SDGs
  - Member States are encouraged to work with other stakeholders to identify sources of information from key sectors
- Volunteer participation in VNR development process
  - As part of a multi-stakeholder approach, volunteers and volunteering agencies and platforms can support consultations, workshops, reporting, evaluation of data within VNR processes themselves



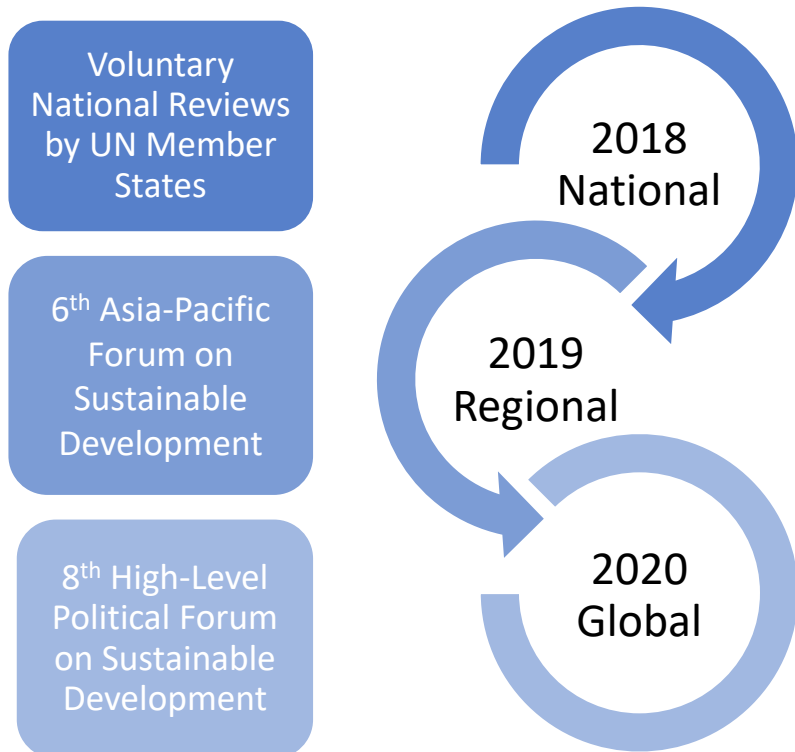
# Reflection of volunteerism in VNRs

- 2018 VNR confirm volunteers as critical partners for implementation of the SDGs
- Member States continue to develop specific volunteer initiatives and programmes to reach the furthest behind first
- Member States starting to leverage volunteer-led data collection, validation and consultation processes as a cost-effective approach to widening stakeholder involvement in SDGs monitoring and reporting



# Implementation process of the Plan of Action

## Global Mechanisms



## UNV supported initiatives



# Thank you

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