UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME

UNV Field Unit
occupied Palestinian territory

How to Volunteer

International UN Volunteers

Every year, close to 8,000 qualified and experienced women and men of around 160 nationalities serve as UN Volunteers in some 130 countries. They are professionals who play key roles contributing to peace and making an impact on development results. UN Volunteers are recruited at the request of UN agencies, national governments and other partners. They serve in two focus areas: development assistance and humanitarian and peace keeping operations.

International UN Volunteers serve in countries other than their own. They are recruited for specialized inputs to development programmes, and increasingly, in the areas of peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance and UN-supported electoral processes.

To become an International UN Volunteer, you have to register yourself on the UNV Roster of volunteers. Please notice that for international assignments, UNV PAPP Field Unit does not accept applications. To learn more on how to be a volunteer, please visit UNV global website at http://www.unv.org/how-to-volunteer.html

National UN Volunteers

National UN Volunteers serve in their own country; hence only Palestinians are eligible to apply for national assignments in the occupied Palestinian territory. They support national capacity building initiatives, facilitate networking and exchange. They play active roles as interface between local communities and international organizations.

All the national UN Volunteer positions are advertised on the UNDP/PAPP website and in local newspapers. Please refer to the section on “Vacancies” for volunteer opportunities currently open. Please notice that the recruitment for national UNV assignments differ from that of the international recruitment process. All national recruitments are done locally in cooperation with UNV PAPP unit and the agency hosting the volunteer. You can only apply for national positions as they are advertised locally, during the dates indicated in the vacancy notice.

In general, the requirements for national UNV assignments are the following:

- Being a Palestinian
- Excellent communications skills in English (written and spoken)
- Minimum of 22 years old
- Academic or higher education

All assignments are full time positions, in which a UN Volunteer serves for a limited period of time in a specific task. The assignment can last up to four years, but are initially for 6-12 months. UN Volunteers can be hosted by any interested organisation; currently UN Volunteers serve with UNDP, UNRWA, UN-WOMEN, UNFPA, OCHA, WFP, and UNESCO.

How to Apply

Please apply to open vacancies as you see them advertised on these pages. Please notice that UNV PAPP does not accept open applications on a continuous basis. Vacancy announcements will outline the specific tasks, requirements, application periods and documents to be submitted as part of your application.
### Conditions of Service

National UN Volunteers are not staff members of the United Nations, and hence their conditions of service differ from those of UN staff. UN Volunteers receive monthly Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) intended to cover basic living expenses. Additionally, they will enjoy:

- Life, health and permanent disability insurance
- Settling in grant (when relocating from another city to the duty station)
- Annual leave at a rate of two and a half working days a month
- Resettlement allowance which is paid upon satisfactory completion of the assignment

The key benefit of being a UN Volunteer is the personal satisfaction the volunteer assignment brings to you as you make a positive impact on peace and development, rather than financial remuneration. The level of VLA is intended to reflect the volunteer and non-career nature of assignments.

### Hosting a UN Volunteer

**Why host a UN Volunteer?**

**What types of volunteers are supported by UNV?**

**What are the roles and responsibilities of UN Volunteers?**

**What is your responsibility in managing a UN Volunteer?**

These questions and many more are answered in the UNV publication, [Hosting a UN Volunteer: An Orientation Guide](#).

The orientation guide is to both inform and inspire partner organizations who wish to harness the power of volunteerism to achieve their peace and development objectives by hosting UN Volunteers within the context of their programmes, projects and field operations. It provides basic information about the mission and goals of UNV, the areas of its programmatic outreach, and the different types of UN Volunteers.

The orientation guide provides basic information about how host entities can partner with UNV and integrate elements of volunteerism and UN Volunteers into their own programmes, and what kind of services UNV offers to partner organizations wishing to host UN Volunteers. It also describes the responsibilities of partner organizations towards volunteers.