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UN Volunteers in Guyana

UN Volunteers Mission Statement

Volunteering brings benefits to both society at large and the individual volunteer. It makes contributions economically as well as socially. It contributes to more societies by building trust and reciprocity among citizens. The United Nations Volunteers is the United Nations organization that supports sustainable human development globally through the promotion of volunteerism, including the mobilization of volunteers. It serves the causes of peace and development through enhancing opportunities for participation by all peoples. It is universal, inclusive and embraces volunteer action in all its diversity. It values free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity, which are the foundations of volunteerism

UN Volunteers in brief.....

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the volunteer arm of the UN System. Created by the UN General Assembly in 1970 and administered by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNV works through UNDP country offices to send volunteers and promote the ideals of volunteerism around the world. It extends hands-on assistance for peace and development in 140 countries.

- UNVs come from more than 158 countries and near two thirds of them are from the developing world.
- Close to 5300 professionals who each year bring skills to communities within their borders or abroad to help local people become the driving force of their own development
- They range in age from 25 to over 70 years, with an average age of 39
- All have special skills and years of valuable work experience
- The UN Volunteers work with governments, NGOs and the private sector to deliver efficient and effective professional assistance in a culturally sensitive manner

UNVs in development activities....

UNVs carry out development activities at the grassroots level and in government, with the private sector and UN agencies. They also work with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the South and North. UN Volunteers bring the United Nations to communities, whether by building stronger neighborhoods or restoring local environments. UNV support is designed to combat poverty and foster self-reliance, and to help villages or groups develop a stronger voice and visibility in the political arena. UN Volunteers offer a broad range of expertise, as they can serve as international and national specialists and field workers, short-term advisers for business and industry, or expatriate who consult in their countries of origin.

UNVs in Guyana...

We are present in Guyana since 1984 and a total of 190 International and National UNVs have served under the different Government Ministries and Agencies, UN Agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, UNAIDS, PAHO/WHO), NGOs, National and International Organizations. At present, thirteen (13) volunteers are serving at the following institutions (**in bold**) and other organisations where UNVs served in the past years:

- Institute of Applied Science and Technology
- University of Guyana
- **Ministry of Health**
- Guyana Forestry Commission
- State Planning Secretariat
- Ministry of Agriculture – Hydraulics Division

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- Ministry of Finance
 - Guyana Pharmaceutical Corporation
 - Guyana Geology and Mines Commission
 - Guyana Manufacturing and Industrial Development Agency
 - Guyana Elections Commission
 - **UNICEF**
 - **PAHO/WHO**
 - **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**
 - Georgetown American School
 - Department of International Economic Cooperation
 - Public Corporations Secretariat
 - Bank of Guyana (Central Bank)
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - National Agricultural Research Institute
 - **Bureau of Statistics**
 - Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association
 - UN Dispensary
 - Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association
 - **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
 - **Ministry of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation**
 - Civil Defense Commission
 - National Dairy Development Programme
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society
 - **National Parks Commission**

Areas where UNVs are currently contributing.....

1. Information and Communication Technology
2. Legal Affairs on Trade
3. Library Science
4. Epidemiology
5. Psychology
6. HIV/AIDS and Communication
7. Health Promotion
8. Community Development
9. Volunteerism
10. UN Coordination
11. Water and Environmental Sanitation
12. Data Processing on Statistic

UNV Modalities.....

- **UNV:** UNVs are professionals with formal qualifications and experiences in working with local Governments, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). International UN Volunteers (IUNVs) serve in designated countries where their skills are needed most. National UN Volunteers (NUNVs) support national capacity building initiatives, facilitate networking and exchange and mobilize local volunteer efforts, through people-centered approaches and participatory methods. UNV assignment vary 3 months to 2 years or more. (www.unvolunteers.org)

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- **UNISTAR:** United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources (UNISTAR) provide strategic advice to companies and industries – making a real impact in a matter of weeks. An assignment of UNISTAR can last from one week to a maximum period of three months.
 - **TOKEN:** Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKEN) enables professionals living outside their country of origin to return for short periods to assist academics, research, public or industrial bodies. Consultant Contracts vary from one week to three months.
 - **UNITeS:** United Nations Information Technology Service - these volunteers work directly with people and institutions in developing countries to build capacity on the applications of information and communications technologies (ICT) to human development. (www.unites.org)
 - **Netaid Online Volunteering:** For individuals with Internet access and wanting to volunteer a few hours each week. Netaid is an exciting opportunity to get involved. (www.netaid.org)

FAQ...

What Qualifications are needed to be a UNV?

For International and National United Nations Volunteers posting, a minimum of a Bachelor or Masters Degree with more than 3 years of related professional experience is required.

Do volunteers receive compensation?

International and National UNVs receive a modest Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) plus medical benefits and other benefits as per the Condition of Services of National and International UNVs.

How long are UNV assignments?

UNV placements require a full-time 1 or 2 years of commitment. UNV can serve a maximum 8 years with proven record of satisfactory service but not more than 6 years in the same assignment/project.

Where are locations of assignments?

Usually in the developing countries, volunteers can be working with community groups, international agencies, government and non-government organizations.

In what sectors do UNVs work?

UNVs recruitment roster includes 100 professional categories.

For any detail information please contact with UNV CO Team in UNDP Guyana.

Contact info.....

If you have the commitment to become UNV and have the right professional skills or you are an employer in need and looking for right professional experts with years of experience and skills please contact with us.

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Application forms are available through the UNV Unit in Guyana or for more information visit our global website at www.unvolunteers.org and you are encouraged to apply through the on-line volunteer application form.

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