

# **POSITIONING VOLUNTEERISM**

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## **VOLUNTEERISM**

**AND THE** 

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

# UN VOLUNTEERS SDGS' FEATURES

- ✓ 3 pillars: environmental social economic
   = sustainable
- ✓ Universal = concern all countries
- ✓ Holistic = work across pillars
- ✓ Transformative = human rights-based, governance, local dimension, inclusive ('leave no one behind')
- New global partnership = new actors, including the private sector and volunteer groups
- Focus on people and participation



# SDGs: STRUCTURED AROUND 5 PRINCIPLES

- ✓ People
- ✓ Prosperity
- ✓ Peace
- ✓ Partnership
- ✓ Planet



# SUSTAINABLE GEALS







































# AND WHAT ABOUT THE VOLUNTEERS...?

#### THE ROAD TO DIGNITY

As we seek to build capacities and to help agenda to take root, the new volunteerism can be another powerful and cross-cutting means implementation. Volunteerism can help to expand and mobilize constituencies, and to engage people in national planning and implementation for sustainable development goals. And volunteer groups can help to localize the new agenda by providing new spaces of interaction between governments and people for concrete and scalable actions.





## VOLUNTEERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SDG ACHIEVEMENT BY...

- ...raising awareness about the 2030 agenda through local campaigns and creative approaches, including in remote areas and with marginalized populations;
- ...delivering technical expertise;
- ....facilitating spaces for dialogue and action through participatory forms of engagement during planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Agenda at local and national level;
- . ...monitoring SDG progress through citizen driven qualitative and quantitative data collection;
- ...facilitating knowledge sharing and transfer and leveraging local expertise;
- . ...complementing essential basic services where they are lacking or where they are insufficient;
- ...modeling behaviors to inspire others and enhance willingness to contribute to SDGs locally.



# VOLUNTEER ACTION ADDS VALUE TO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BY...

- ... widening inclusive spaces for engagement, including for remote and marginalized populations, as well as for youth and women;
- . ...enhancing capacities and developing skills;
- ...building trust as well as 'bridging social capital' between diverse people who are not used to interacting with each other;
- ...developing a sense of opportunity and ownership for local challenges, leveraging collective engagement;
- ...strengthening local governance and accountability through increased people's participation;
- ...building resilience and preparedness, enhancing knowledge and a sense of responsibility for one's community;
- ... building an enabling environment for volunteerism as a form of civic engagement.





- Consultations with stakeholders including civil society, academia, private sector and government officials held between August and November 2014 in Cambodia, Bahrain (SWVR launch), Australia (IAVE), Peru (IVCO) and South Africa (CIVICUS), involving 500+ participants and >180 organizations
- Online survey made available from August 2014 to January 2015 to complement face-toface consultations. 250+ respondents from governments, international, national and local organizations.
- 2 informal consultations with Member States in New York
  - Consultation on Draft 1 Plan of Action, 4 December 2014
  - Consultation on Draft 2 Plan of Action, 8 May 2015



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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 Sustainable Development Goals.

## **ACTIONS**

Objective 1: Strengthen people's ownership of the development agenda through enhanced civic engagement and enabling environments for citizen action.

#### **Main Action 1:**

Strengthen community outreach and awareness-raising

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Objective 2: Integrate volunteerism into national and global implementation strategies for the post-2015 agenda.

**Main Action 2:** Mobilize more and diverse volunteers to broaden engagement of people.

**Main Action 3:** Integrate volunteerism into national development plans.

**Main Action 4:** Integrate volunteerism into environmental protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resilience.

**Main Action 5:** Facilitate volunteer action in poverty reduction and economic empowerment efforts, including employment (especially for youth).

**Main Action 6:** Ensure volunteerism positively contributes to gender equality, women's empowerment, including economic empowerment and combating violence against women.

Main Action 7: Engage volunteers to enhance social cohesion and economic inclusion.

**Main Action 8:** Strengthen health awareness and support the provision of health services through volunteerism.

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**Main Action 9:** Leverage volunteerism to engage more people in monitoring and reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Main Action 10:** Strengthen evidence of volunteerism's contribution to development through deepening research and knowledge sharing on volunteerism.

**Main Action 11:** Devise comparable volunteerism indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals.



