

# Volunteerism in India

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# Volunteering

Volunteers are active in every major shock and stress situation experienced by communities – from earthquakes and flooding to climate change and local conflicts. Often working behind the scenes, they are the thread that binds communities together, finds the latest State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2018, published by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme.

More than one billion people volunteer globally. Considering the hours they contribute, this is equivalent to over **109 million** full-time workers. This global volunteer workforce, or “Volunteeria” as the report calls it, exceeds the number of people employed in six of the 10 most populous countries worldwide. The vast majority of volunteer work happens informally, with **70 per cent** of all people who volunteer working directly to help people in their communities, while the remaining 30 per cent volunteer through formal organizations.

*Women represent 57 per cent of all volunteers*



Volunteerism is a universal social behaviour that builds on people's desire to engage with change rather than to passively experience development processes

# Volunteering

## Defining Characteristics



1. It has a direct benefit to the community and the volunteer (whether the benefit is tangible or intangible)
2. It is undertaken by choice
3. It is unpaid.
4. However, the volunteer may receive reasonable or appropriate reimbursement for expenses incurred that are associated with the role, and/or may receive a monetary or other incentive/reward



# Research

## Methodology

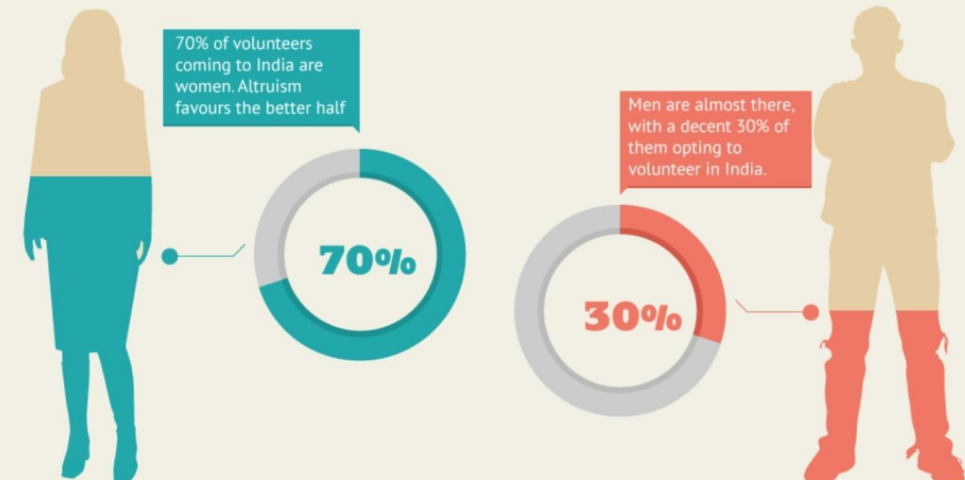
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## VOLUNTEERING TRENDS IN INDIA

[A REPORT]

Out of 3500+ Volunteers



## Top Countries Volunteers Come From

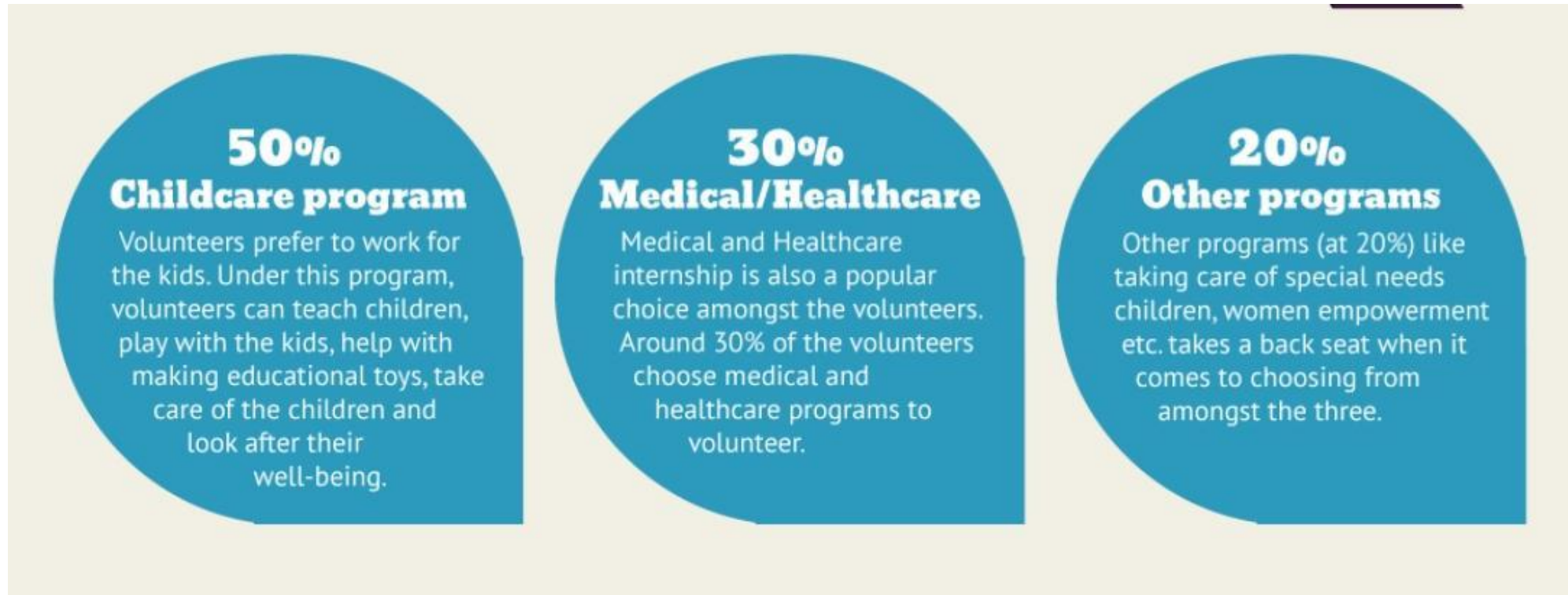


Americans love to volunteer in India, overseas and within their country (\*search data). At a decent figure of 40%, USA sends out maximum volunteers to India, followed by the British at 30%, then Canadians at 15% and a combined traffic from Australia, Spain, Germany and other countries at 15%.

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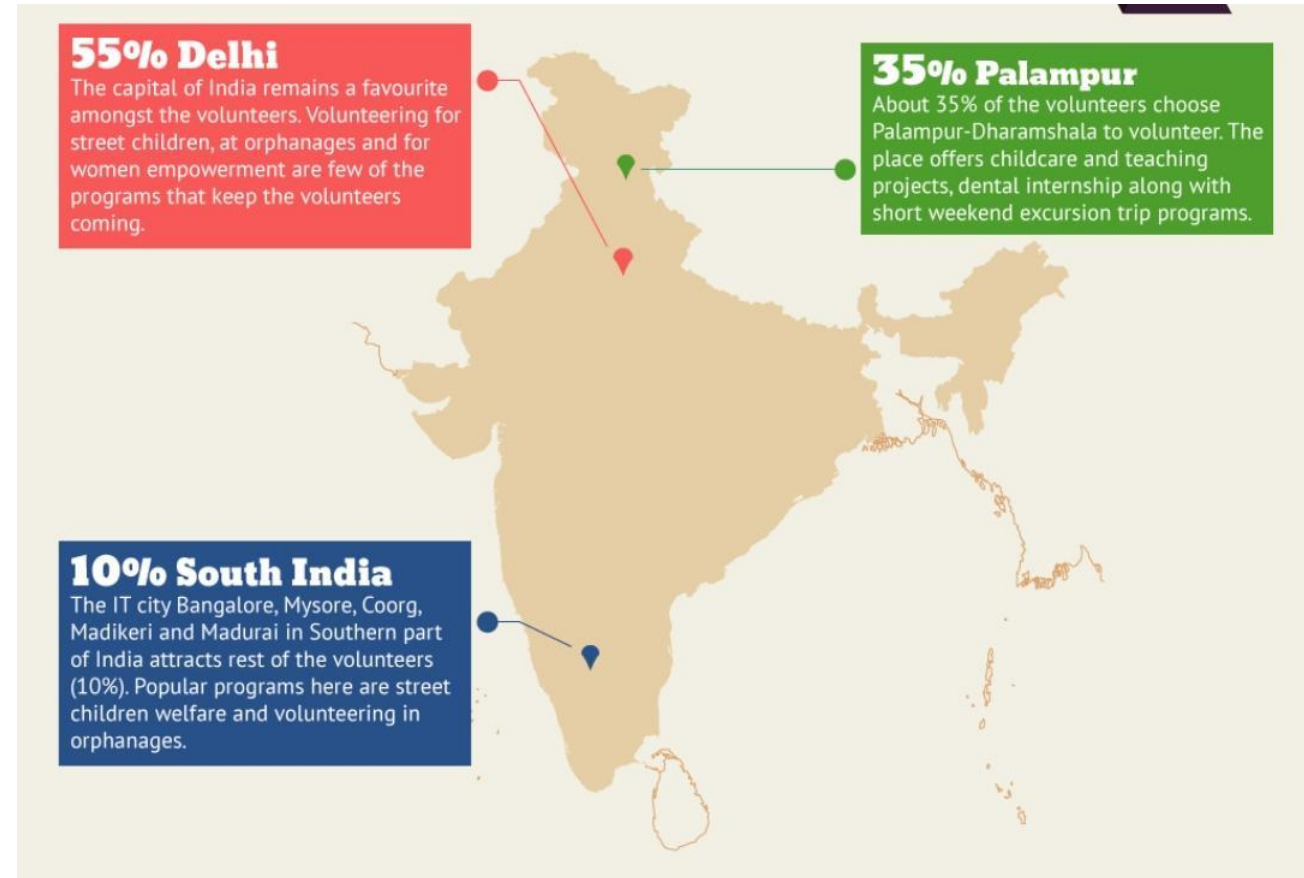
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# Most preferable volunteer program in India



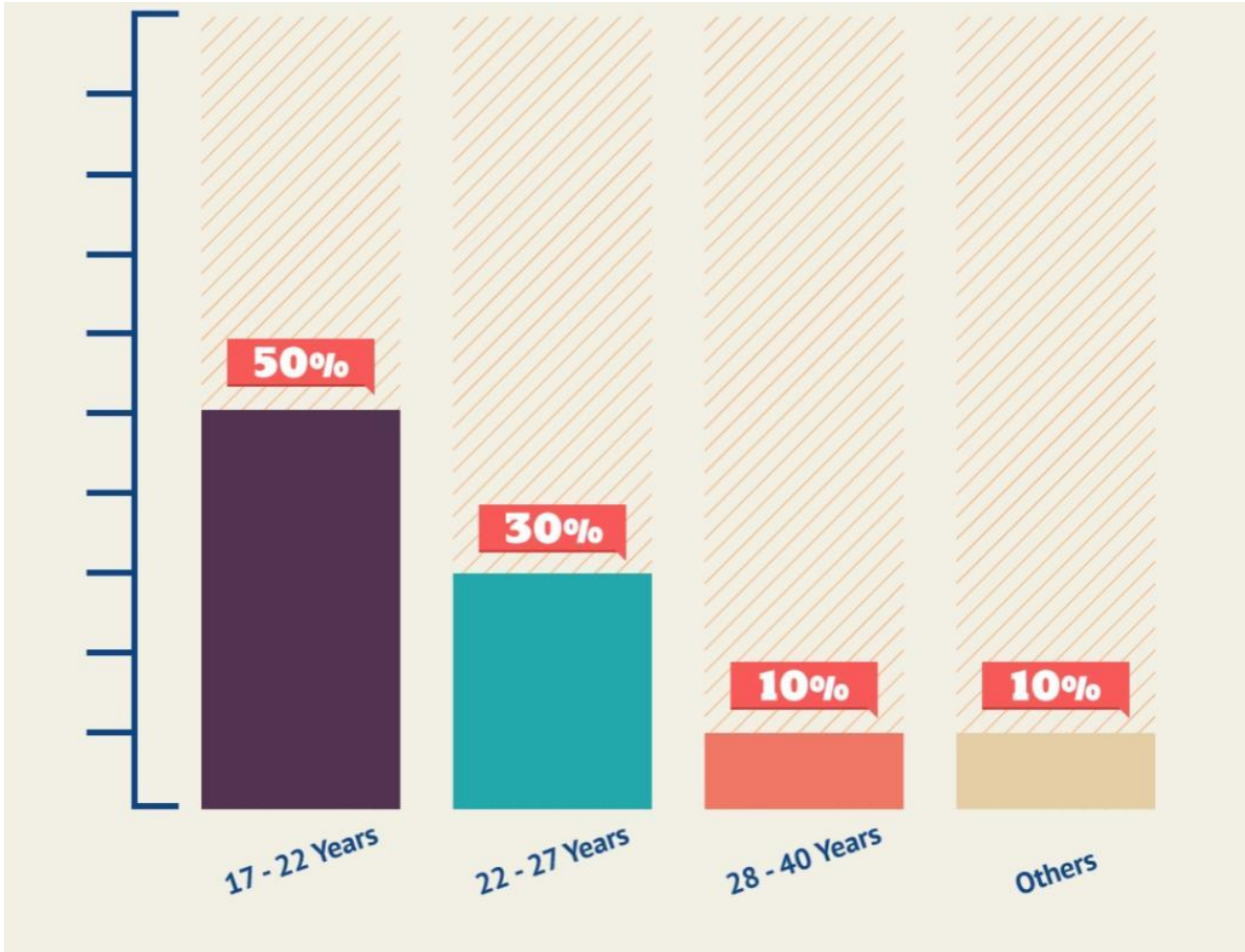
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# Age group of Volunteering in India



**AGE GROUP:** Contrary to the expectations and norms, young people between the age of 17-22, volunteer more (50%). The working and the people in their twenties follow suit with 30% of them opting to volunteer. This number keeps on decreasing with increasing age.

**GROUP VOLUNTEERING:** Preference to volunteer in groups is very high. College and University students try to participate in groups. Even colleagues get together to participate in group.



# Common problems in Volunteering

The most common problems for volunteers is a disorganized program. Some basic reasons volunteers abandon a cause are :

- Being overworked
- Giving meaningless work
- Lack of communication from a volunteer manager.
- Lack of appreciation from staff.
- Losing interest in the cause.
- Change of personal schedule.



# Thank you



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