UNV Full Funding Programme for Russian citizens

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. Over 60 volunteers have been serving under the Russia-UNV FF programme since 2018.

ESCAP FAO IOM RCO UNDP UNFPA UN-Habitat UNICEF UNOCHA UNODC UNOPS UN Women WFP



60+
Russian UNVs

30+
countries and territories

10+
UN agencies
worldwide

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The UNV Full Funding Programme for Russian citizens is implemented as a joint initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and UNV within the framework of the signed Memorandums of Understanding.

Source of funding

The Government of the Russian Federation has allocated \$1 million for the UNV FF Programme each year since 2018



What for

Russian volunteers work for achieving the UN SDGs. They assist projects in sustainable agriculture, clean energy, climate change, economic and social development, etc.



Where

Russian volunteers have worked in 37 countries in Africa, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia.



What's after

Most of the Russian UN FF Volunteers continue working for the UN system or other international organizations after the end of UNV assignments. They work on staff and consultant positions in UN offices, including the UN HQ.

Gender of UNVs from Russia



Examples of UNV assignments











Knowledge Management and Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist with UNDP, Belarus

The Russian UNV contributed to knowledge sharing and continuous learning at UNDP Belarus by leading projects on internal digital transformation, organizing an international ESG conference to foster public-private dialogue on sustainability, and conducting audits of climate and environmental projects, including one supporting ecotourism development.

Partnerships Assistant with WFP, Kyrgyzstan

The Russian volunteer supported the optimization of the National School Meals Programme in Kyrgyzstan by coordinating field visits of the parliament members, implementing PR activities, preparing reports and communication materials, as well as liaising with partners and donor countries, including Russia and Japan. Furthermore, she served on the Organising Committee for the First CIS School Meals Forum.

Coordination Officer at RCO, Jordan

In Jordan, the Russian UNV supported the UN Country Team in enhancing the UN's development efforts, aligning with SDGs and national priorities. His contributions included interagency planning, joint programming, and providing support for major events and field missions. He also contributed to supporting collaboration across UN agencies, including initiatives like the UN-EU Strategic Dialogues and the Jordan Development Partners Group.

Youth Connekt Officer with UNDP, Botswana

The Russian UNV assisted with the implementation of the YouthConnekt project, aimed at empowering young people in Botswana. The UNV facilitated the organisation of National Youth Dialogues, the first-ever Innovation Challenge and leading Corporate Social Responsibility activity in Molepolole village. Additionally, she also took an active part in renovating a local school for disabled children.

Project Management Office Analyst with UNOPS, Myanmar

The UNV contributed to strengthening sustainable programme management capacities and supported programmes focused on health, food security and livelihoods, as well as humanitarian assistance. The volunteer's responsibilities included coordination, compliance and monitoring of UNOPS-managed funds. Also, she participated in coordinating response measures on the aftermath of Cyclone Mocha, destructive floods and earthquakes.



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- visit the UNV website
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