

Why Volunteering?

Social value: Volunteerism is a fundamental source of community strength and resilience that exists in all societies everywhere.

Exponential power: Acts of volunteerism can inspire further acts of volunteerism which enables to tackle development challenges more collectively.

Economic value: Empirical evidence is growing that volunteerism makes a significant contribution to the economic life.

Professional value: applying, sharing and gaining skills are an important part of the volunteering experience.



Corporate volunteer Tatiana Petrova (Shell) during her assignment in UNDP's Mae Hong Son programme.

How to Volunteer

Your options for working with UN Volunteers could be as:

- International UNV volunteers; you can register online via: <http://www.unv.org/how-to-volunteer.html>
- UNV online volunteers; you can support development initiatives from your home comfort via: www.onlinevolunteering.org

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Our Inspiration

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is inspired by the conviction that volunteerism can transform the pace and nature of development and by the idea that everyone can contribute their time and energy towards peace and development.

With partners, UNV advocates for volunteerism, integrates volunteerism into development programming and mobilizes volunteers. The enormous potential of volunteerism is an inspiration to UNV and to volunteers around the world.



Volunteering for the Community: Mae Hong Son villagers give their time to mark out a map that will be used to improve their livelihoods.

UNV Thailand in 2009



UNV volunteer Intern Linda Germanis receives her award from the Minister of Social Development and Human Security, His Excellency Mr. Issara Somchai.

Highlights

Linda Germanis, a UNV volunteer Intern with UNESCO fully funded by the Italian Government, was named 'Outstanding Volunteer' on 21 October, Thailand's National Volunteer Day, for her devotion and contribution to Thai society.

UNV was involved in the organization of International Volunteer Day and His Majesty the King's birthday in Korat, one of Thailand's major municipalities. 'Volunteering for our Planet' activities will consist of planting trees to create a low carbon city. The trees will be symbolically given to His Majesty the King as his birthday present.

More info: www.VolunteeringForOurPlanet.org

Other activities

UNV and UNDP Thailand conducted a "Research on the Corporate Social Responsibility Development in Thailand" to identify potential areas of cooperation and intervention.

UNV Thailand promoted UNV Online Volunteering as the theme for International Volunteer Day 2008.

- Take action for development
- Agissez pour le développement
- Actúe en pro del desarrollo



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Statistics

In 2009, more than 25 international UNV volunteers were present in Thailand engaged with many UN agencies (UNHCR, UNDP, UNOCHA, UNIFEM, UNESCO and UNFPA). These volunteers were funded by the respective UN agencies or by donors of UNV from Japan, Italy and Spain.

A number Thai UNV volunteers were serving overseas, mainly in Africa and Southeast Asia.

Recognition

UNV salutes all volunteers and partners who are supporting the development of Thailand.

"The cultural form and definition of a volunteer may change depending on circumstances, but the underlying principle never wavers: every individual can make a difference in society."

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General
International Volunteer Day, 2008