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# UNV Primer

Career advancement Management Youth  
Sustainable development and the SDGs  
UN Development System and Country Programming



					
<b>LANGUAGE</b> English	<b>DURATION</b> 20 - 30 minutes	<b>ENROLL BY</b> 31 Dec 2026	<b>PRICE</b> Free	<b>LOCATION</b> ONLINE	<b>TARGET</b> UN Only

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The UNV Primer is a self-paced learning journey designed for UN Resident Coordinators (RCs) and RC Office Staff. It explores the valuable contributions of UN Volunteers to the Sustainable Development Goals and highlights how easily they can be engaged. Through compelling case studies and practical examples, the Primer illustrates the transformative impact of UN Volunteers and how country programming can effectively harness their potential.

## Introduction

In the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UN Volunteers serve as vital agents of change—helping the UN to be more agile and act as ONE to implement the 2030 Agenda.

As former Assistant Secretary-General Robert Piper [affirmed](#), “UNV is one of the jewels in the crown of the UN development system and the humanitarian system. We couldn’t do what we do without them”.

In response to Member States’ call for greater ownership of sustainable development through volunteerism, the UNV Programme and the UN System Staff College developed the UNV Primer—a self-paced learning resource for Resident Coordinators and their Offices, showcasing how UN Volunteers contribute to the SDGs.

This learning journey includes case studies that highlight who UN Volunteers are, what they do, and the impact of their work. It also provides key information on how to rapidly engage UN Volunteers and outlines the distinct categories of service.

Finally, the Primer highlights how Country Teams are responding to calls from the [2020 QCPR](#) and the General Assembly Resolution [A/RES/76/131](#) by integrating the unique contributions of volunteers into country programming.

# Course contents

The UNV Primer is a single, self-paced online module designed to be completed in approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

There are no mandatory completion tracks or knowledge checks. Learners are free to explore the module at their own pace and access the content that interests them most.

**Summary chapter** | A concise overview: how UN Volunteers contribute and how to engage them effectively.

**Chapter 1** | UN Volunteers and the 2030 Agenda: essential to UN service delivery.

**Chapter 2** | Who are UN Volunteers?

**Chapter 3** | Categories of UN Volunteers and their deployment modalities.

**Chapter 4** | UN Volunteers strengthening collective UN results.

## Target audience

UN Resident Coordinators (RCs) and RC Office Staff.

## Cost of participation

Free of charge.