

Newsletter

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Joint Efforts of UN Volunteers and V-Force Volunteers in Cold Chain Management

COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT & VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Based on the joint efforts of **UN Volunteers and V-Force volunteers**, Sri Lanka successfully commenced the **distribution of 264,000 doses of vaccines.**



On the occasion of World Health Day (WHD), a blog article on the joint efforts of UN Volunteers and V-Force volunteers who supported the data collection for UNICEF Cold Chain Equipment Inventory (CCEI) was featured on the UNV corporate website.

In early February 2021, two UN Volunteers and twenty-three V-Force volunteers supported the cold chain work of UNICEF Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Health, through data collection, validation and documentation in preparation for the COVID-19 vaccination roll out in the country.

"It was amazing to see the contributions of the young V-Force volunteers towards achieving timely results through this innovative partnership. I believe that selfless volunteering in any capacity is essential in overcoming times of difficulties."

- Dilini Ekanayake, Volunteer Coordinator with UNICEF Sri Lanka

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Volunteering for the Planet



Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22 demonstrating a commitment to environmental protection. We shared a few reflections on caring for Mother Earth through volunteering and invited ideas from our social media followers.

Here is [the Instagram Story](#) capturing our viewers' thinking. Let us do our part for the planet by contributing on a daily basis to protect our Earth by voluntary actions.

Welcome to the UNV Family!



"I am truly honored to be a part of the UN Volunteers since it has been one of my goals in life. I believe that putting my knowledge and skill to change the world is a massive opportunity and as a UN Volunteer, I am thrilled to take action on these dreams. I'm very excitedly looking forward to working together with everyone and learn so much along the way!"

Anagi Perera
Project Operations Coordinator- UNV

"Thankful for the opportunity given to me as it is a privilege to work towards causes that I believe in, in an esteemed organization. I am looking forward to the times ahead in this new role as a UN Volunteer in an inspiring project!"

Giaksha Antony
Project Assistant – UNV



"I'm so excited to be a part of the UN family as a UN Volunteer to engage the children and their mothers in Sri Lanka, and this excellent opportunity must provide me with the wonderful experience on both a professional and personal level."

Kyoko Nishimura
Nutrition Specialist – UNICEF

"As a first-time volunteer with UNV, I am excited to embark on this journey. I consider it a privilege to be and be a part of such a great organization that helps youth to actively participate in helping our communities to the best of our abilities and learn from the professionals across the United Nations agencies."

Randilini Fernando





“I firmly believe that empowering one another to become the best version of ourselves while integrating with a community outside our own through the transformational power of hard work enables me to be proactive in my response to support, and connect with people while making a positive impact in society. As this is my first time volunteering with the UN Volunteer Programme I believe this opportunity will give me the chance to do so and I am excited to take on the challenges and the new experiences it brings!”

Suhela Abeynaiké
Advocacy Coordinator – UNV

UNV Video Competition



LAUNCH OF A VIDEO COMPETITION

to showcase how volunteers contribute to the SDGs



UN Volunteers HQ invites all UN Volunteers to take part in their **new video**

competition! Apply by sharing the best videos of yourself or other UN Volunteers in action.

1. What they are looking for?

- Videos showing the real change volunteering brings in an individual, community or society (ex. the difficult situations you faced while serving for UN entities, the actions you took to achieve SDGs and the changes your actions brought in other people's lives.)
- The videos can date back to 2018

2. Deadline

15 June 2021

3. How to submit?

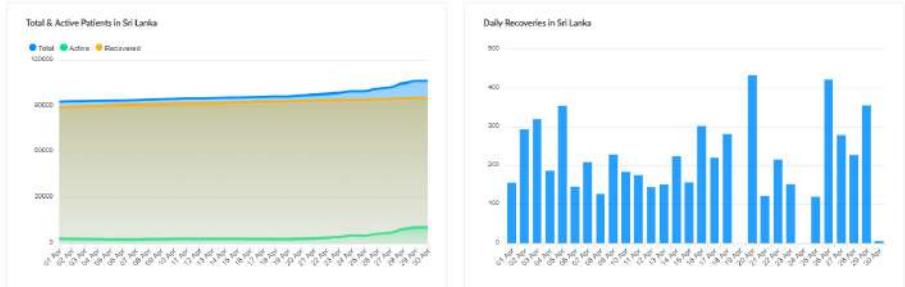
- Send the video through a computer file transfer service of your choice (WeTransfer, Dropbox, etc.) to unitednationsvolunteers@gmail.com
- **Please indicate the following information:** 1) Your full name & your country of origin; 2) The UN agency where you serve; 3) Details about where the video was taken: country, city, etc.; 4) The names and roles of the people providing testimonials in the video: full name, role (volunteer, head of the agency, project beneficiary, etc.)

4. Awards

- The winners will receive **360-degree cameras and training** on how to use them.
- After the training, the winners will use the cameras to develop further 360-degree video content about the SDG challenges they are tackling in the field.
- The final clips will be **showcased on Kopernik's 'VR for SDGs' platform** and on **UNV's Facebook profile for popular voting.**
- The most voted video will be announced via social media and a joint web article with Kopernik, mentioning the collaboration with Ricoh, on International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2021.

COVID-19 Status in Sri Lanka

Stay updated on the COVID status in Sri Lanka by visiting the official website which can be accessed by clicking the link shared below.



Source: [The Official Website for Sri Lanka's Response to COVID-19](#)

Join the campaign promoting life-saving information

Cost to the global economy
if we **don't share** COVID-19 vaccines
equally around the world

\$9.2 TRILLION

Only together can we end the crisis

Source: International Chamber of Commerce, Jan 2021

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