#### Dear Colleagues,

Greetings and welcome to our newsletter, a monthly update on what UNV Sri Lanka is doing in promoting volunteerism for peace and development.



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# **United Nations Day**

## - Volunteering for Our Common Agenda



On the United Nations Day on 24th October 2021, UNV Sri Lanka showcased UN Volunteers' contributions towards achieving 'Our Common Agenda.'

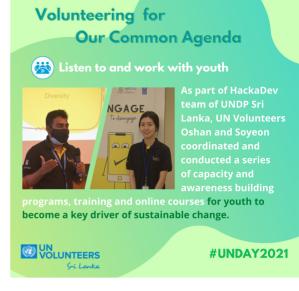
Our Common Agenda is an agenda of action centred on the Sustainable Development Goals to make a tangible difference in the lives of people. Find more about [the agenda and twelve areas of actions] and do join us to volunteer for the common goals.





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# IVD2021 & the Golden Anniversary of UNV

During the International Volunteers Day (IVD) this year, UNV will celebrate **its** Golden Anniversary and will be commemorating important milestones in the volunteer journey. Through the UNV50 Awards, UNV will recognise fifty

organisations and individuals under diverse categories.

**Stay tuned for further updates** through our social media platforms, website and upcoming newsletters!

IVD is an international observance that was mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985. The day is an opportunity for us all to promote volunteerism, encourage governments to support volunteer efforts and recognize volunteer contributions to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at local, national and international levels. The IVD this year UNV will highlight and support the spirit of volunteerism to help create a better future under its theme "Volunteer Now for Our Common Future."

# Welcome to the UNV Family



"I thank UNV for this opportunity providing me to work with the most powerful and universal plan to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda. I hope to utilize my experience and knowledge in this platform at my best. I have no doubt that my contributions will be adding value to this global growth. I am ready for the journey with you, dear colleagues."

G.Bosco Rajah Community Volunteer Development Coordinator – UNV

"It is an honor for me to work for UNV Sri Lanka as a Communication and Outreach Assistant. I look forward to contributing to world peace through the spread of volunteerism worldwide. At the same time, I would like to enrich my knowledge by learning from my excellent colleagues and expanding my skills. Together, for a splendid

future!"

Nonoka Kawakami Communication and Outreach Assistant – UNV



## Farewell & Thank You



"As I move on to the next chapter of my professional life, I thank you for being a remarkable milestone. Beyond the literal meaning of the word 'work', working with UNDP and UNV for me was something different. It was a wonderful gift I received in my life. Thank you for showing me kindness, sharing your wisdom, and creating a joyful professional environment like home. Today, I leave here knowing more than when I used to. I'll never forget my time here. Best wishes to all."

Lakshitha Prasad

Community Mobilizer ESA project – UNDP

"The time has come to leave my dear colleagues. I had a lovely time while working with you all. Thank you so much for your support. I wish that our paths will cross again in the future. Goodbye, team ESA & UNDP"

Chamodi Sandunika
Community Mobilizer ESA project – UNDP



# **COVID-19 Updates**

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

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