

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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"Together at Home Challenge"

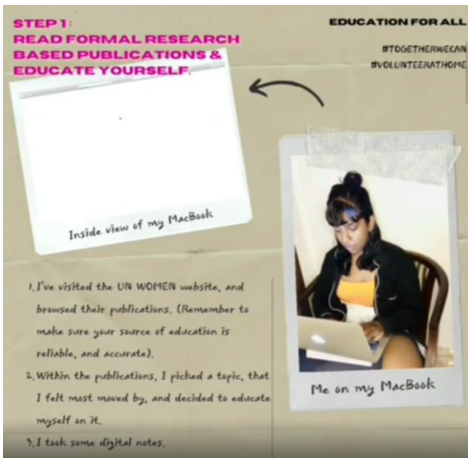
National Youth Volunteering Week



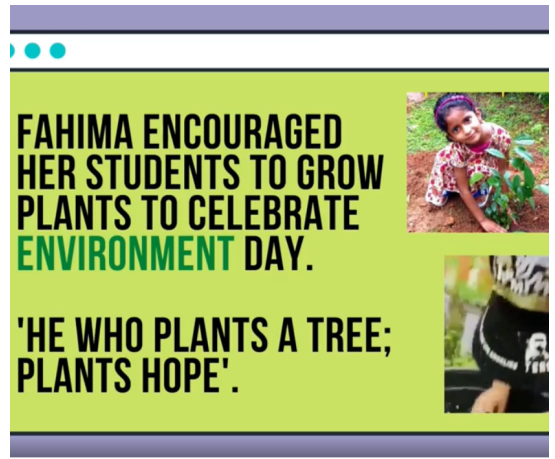
The "Together at Home" challenge which was launched in lieu of the National Youth Day on the 23rd of May 2021 has been concluded on 14th June. UNV Sri Lanka promoted the spirit of volunteerism encouraging youth to volunteer within their households during the lockdown and shared useful information around five thematic areas including fun activities which can be found on our social media platforms.

The response towards the campaign is noteworthy with over 90 entries received from across Sri Lanka showcasing innovative and inspiring volunteering stories. The selected inspirational stories will be recognized in August during the International Youth Day (IYD).

Stay tuned on UNV Sri Lanka's social media platforms!



Volunteer Week 1 Recap



Volunteer Week 2 Recap



Final Week Recap



Volunteer to help create a dengue free environment

UN Volunteer Stories

World Environment Day

#GenerationRestoration #Volunteering2030



Together at Home, we can protect the environment!

On 5th June - World Environment Day, UN Volunteers in Sri Lanka shared ideas on the urgent action required to protect the planet. Watch the video and let us all join this urgent cause by taking action in our daily life.

[Watch the video](#)

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



Niels Peters Williams (right), UN Volunteer Programme Support Officer with UNODC in Sri Lanka supports vessel search operations courses to tackle piracy and maritime crime in the Indian Ocean. ©UNODC, 2020

Over the last three years, a number of UN Volunteers have served with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)'s Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP).

On the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which fell on 26th June, UN Volunteer Niels Peters serving as Programme Support Officer with the GMCP based in Sri Lanka, shared his story on his contributions towards enhancing capacities to effectively respond to maritime crime, including illicit drug trafficking by sea.

[Read more](#)

Building Resilience to the Risks of Climate Change



Sohee Lee, UN Volunteer Resilience Building Assistant with WFP in Sri Lanka is in the field mission in Matale, Sri Lanka. ©WFP, 2021

In commemoration of the month of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13: Climate Action, World Food Programme (WFP) Sri Lanka shared a video about UN Volunteer Sohee and her contributions to WFP in Sri Lanka. Sohee is a member of WFP's Resilience Building team which focuses on strengthening smallholder farmers' resilience to the risks of climate change. WFP's flagship resilience building project "R5n" is carried out with the support of the Government of the Republic of Korea, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Korean Embassy in Sri Lanka.

[Watch the video](#)

Volunteers Supporting the Cold Chain Work of UNICEF and MOH Sri Lanka



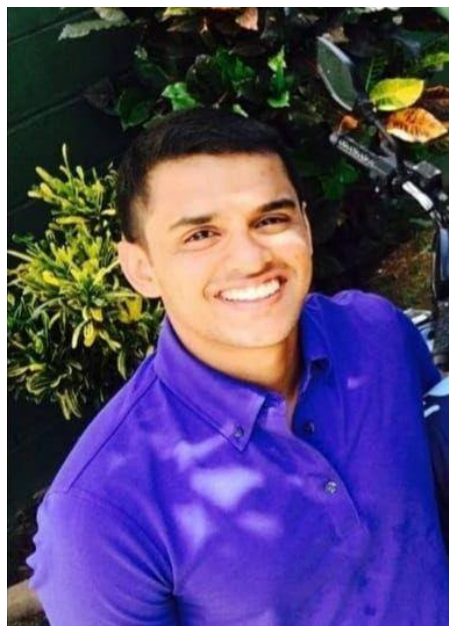
In February this year, UN Volunteers Sri Lanka mobilized two UN Volunteers and 23 volunteers from the UNV V-Force programme to support UNICEF Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Health in preparing data on cold chain facilities to store and distribute COVID-19 vaccinations.

Find out this video on their outstanding contributions and efforts as the world steps towards COVID-19 recovery. You can also find an article about the story by clicking the link below.

[Read the story](#)

Farewell & Thank You

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for all the memories and learning



experiences which I will take into account for my next chapter in the future. Being at UNV for almost two years has given me valuable insight on developing my outlook with different partners. Working on the V-Force initiative has given me exposure on meeting enthusiastic volunteers and focal points at the UN agencies. The spirit of volunteerism that this UNV assignment has given me will live on with me as I take on my future endeavors. Thank you to my team for making my assignment at UNV one to never forget.”

Shenaal Chandiram

Volunteer Management Assistant – UNV

“Looking back, I can undoubtedly say that one of my greatest achievements and contributions; designing and implementing the Engage to Disengage programme within UNDP Sri Lanka happened during this assignment. It was an opportunity to learn new things, meet inspirational people and consistently contribute towards global goals. I am grateful to UNV Sri Lanka for this opportunity to create such impactful initiatives to serve the country's youth and promote their participation in the national development and democratic process.”

Oshan Gunathilake

Youth UNV for Learning & Innovation– UNDP



“How quick a year passes by! And a very different one on top of that. I would like to thank all of my colleagues who made my professional experience here in Sri Lanka memorable. Although it was a tough year working from home, with sudden changes in projects and unexpected challenges, you made me feel like I was at the right place, at the right time.



Thank you. Until next time!"

Frans Elinder
Resilience Building Junior Officer– WFP

"I would like to thank my host agency, colleagues and the UNV office in Sri Lanka for this unique opportunity. As my first work experience within the UN system, not only did I grow exponentially on the personal and professional side, but it also enabled me to have a better picture of how I envision my career path in the international development world. I am grateful to UNV for facilitating the opportunity to be embedded within UNODC and supporting the agency's valuable and beneficial work. Goodbye to all and I look forward to returning to Sri Lanka in the near future."



Niels Peters
Programme Support Officer– UNODC

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.

[Click here for the COVID-19 updates](#)

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