#### 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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## The Virtual Commemoration of International Youth Day



On the International Youth Day (IYD) that fell on 12th August, UNV Sri Lanka in collaboration with FAO Sri Lanka co-organized a panel discussion titled 'Community Engagement in Food Systems Transformation through Volunteering.' The panelists and guest speakers shared their insight, perspectives and experiences around the topic of food systems transformation. They also stressed on the key role youth have in achieving more sustainable food systems.

Watch the recording for more details and see below quotes from the participants.

Watch the recording

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# The Story of UN Volunteers Ensuring Resilience Building



Global development efforts will not be successful without the meaningful participation of young people. To mark the **International Youth Day 2021** based on the theme "Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and

Planetary Health", UNV published a story about the contributions and difference **six talented UN Volunteers** are making through their assignments with WFP in Sri Lanka.

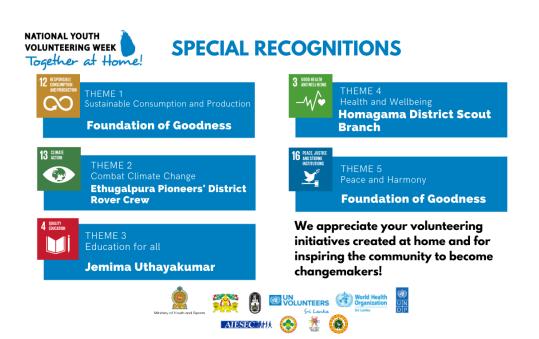
"My thanks to UN Volunteers for a great partnership over the years and for their enthusiasm and commitment. UN Volunteers at WFP engaged with beneficiaries on the field with great passion and have become part of the WFP family."

- Andrea Berardo, Deputy Country Director, WFP Sri Lanka

Find out more about how these UN Volunteers tackle food insecurity, ensure resilience building, and support livelihoods.

Read the full story

## Recognition of Volunteerism - 'Together At Home Challenge'



UNV Sri Lanka announced **five volunteer initiatives** that were recognized under the **'Together At Home Challenge'** conducted in May 2021 under five themes.

Find out the details of these initiatives on our social media channels.

- Foundation of Goodness THEME 1 Sustainable Consumption and Production
- The Ethugalpura Pioneers' District Rover Crew THEME 2 Combat Climate Change
- Jemima Uthayakumar THEME 3 Education for All
- Homagama District Scout Branch THEME 4 Health and Wellbeing
- Foundation of Goodness THEME 5 Peace and Harmony

## **Welcome to the UNV Family**



"I am thrilled to be joining the UNV in the capacity of Volunteer Management Coordinator. I look forward to making a positive impact on the organization's wider goals both at home and abroad while learning from the other members of the team. I am excited to see what the future holds!"

Piyusha Sumanapala Volunteer Management Coordinator – UNV

## Farewell & Thank You

"First of all, I consider myself highly privileged to have this wonderful opportunity to contribute towards sustainable development goals, particularly zero hunger. It has broadened my knowledge, skills,



and network by allowing me to participate in a variety of tasks. Any UN Volunteers can use this as an entry point where we serve our best and learn from our experience. We commit to making an impact and it is always for a good cause. It allows us to change people's lives, including our own.

I can strongly recommend this UNV program to anyone who wants to create a solid career because it provides numerous opportunities and a platform for career advancement."

Sathsara Deyalage
Nutrition Assistant – WFP

## **COVID-19 Updates**

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