

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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International Peace Day

- Messages from UN Volunteers

Each year on 21 September the **International Day of Peace** is observed around the world. The theme of this year is '**Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world.**'

On Peace Day, we featured reflections of three UN Volunteers on social cohesion and sustainable development as well as the important role of volunteerism.



" As a UN Volunteer serving with UNV , I am glad that I could support volunteers and local communities with partners and various stakeholders to recover trust, reciprocity, and build equity through actions for peace. Sustainable peace could be achieved with united communities by volunteering as catalysts of peace to establish greater social cohesion."

UN Volunteer Sam Stembo
Project Manager
UNV Sri Lanka





"As a passionate youth practitioner in transformative education and advocate for peace, justice and sustainable development, I have always found UNV as a place with so many opportunities to learn, grow and expand my competencies in professional and social capacities while serving my community to achieve positive peace and development with sustainable impact."

UN Volunteer Oshan Gunathilake
Volunteer Management and Community
Engagement Specialist
UNV Sri Lanka



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"Peacebuilding is an essential component to create a safe space for youth to engage in inter-community dialogue and exchanges. Volunteering has always played an important role in shaping society and improving communities at the ground level. I would encourage fellow colleagues to continue volunteering towards peacebuilding initiatives for a safer future."

UN Volunteer Fahim Aslam
Project Data Associate
UNDP Sri Lanka



IVD2020 Round-up Video

: Reminiscing the value of volunteerism in the COVID-19
pandemic

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



UNV Sri Lanka published a video recounting insightful and powerful messages of participants from **the IVD2020 celebration**. These reflections shed light on the sustained efforts of volunteers and frontline workers across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watch the video above and share it with your networks.

Welcome to the UNV Family



"I am so excited to begin work as a Resilience Building Assistant here at WFP. I hope to contribute to creating a positive impact among communities. I look forward to learning and growing further through this meaningful journey!"

Yoona Choi

Resilience Building Assistant – WFP

"I am excited to be a part of the WFP Sri Lanka team as a Gender and Protection assistant. I look forward to empowering women, children, and vulnerable people and making real changes during my time here!"

Dain Park
Gender and Protection Support Assistant – WFP



"I am very excited to work with my colleagues. I hope to make the most of my time here by learning every possible way and by making a positive impact on projects. Also, I am looking forward to playing my part passionately and decisively in achieving SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions."

Poornima Abeygunasekera
**Project Assistant- CSO and Monitoring
Coordination – UNDP**

Welcome back!

"I am thrilled to be joining WHO as the Project Support Officer –Training Development. Having been a National UN Volunteer both at UNDP and UNV since 2017, I am excited to be working with yet another UN Agency and I am certain I will be able to enhance my skills during my time here. I am looking forward to making a positive contribution to my assignment and towards SDG 3 – Good health and Wellbeing and SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. I am looking forward to an enriching and fulfilling experience!"



Dinithi Wijayasekera
**Project Support Officer–Training Development –
WHO**

Farewell & Thank You



"I would like to thank all my colleagues who made precious memories with me in Sri Lanka. Thanks to their support and help, I was able to experience and learn a lot, both in personal and professional ways. Even though I sometimes met difficult situations, my colleagues were always with me and encouraged me with kind words. With this first working experience at the UN, I will keep going on my dream toward international development. I will never forget this valuable experience as a UN Volunteer and this beautiful country, Sri Lanka. Goodbye, and I look forward to coming again to Sri Lanka. Thank you all!"

Sohee Lee

Resilience Building Assistant – WFP

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