

**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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# 2021: A Year in Review

Despite the many challenges caused by the pandemic last year, UNV together with partners and volunteers moved forward to promote volunteerism.

Read our **year in review** below and watch the [2021 Highlight video](#) to find out how together we stepped forward together through volunteering.

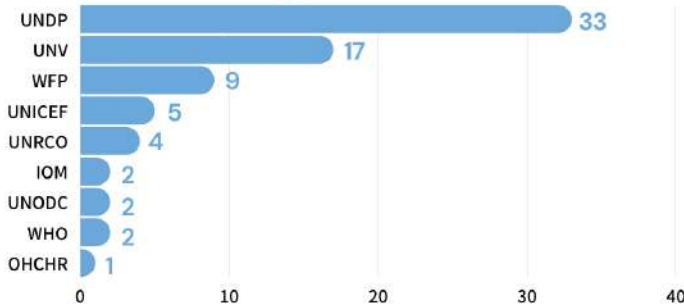
# UNV Sri Lanka in 2021

## 72 UN Volunteers



- 61 Nationals & 11 Internationals
- 31% Male & 69% Female
- Age Average 28.4

## 9 Host UN Agencies



## 10

## Duty Stations



## Social Media



25.2K Likes



11.1K Followers



4.8K Followers

## Domains of Expertise

- Technical Co-operation / Sociologists / Computer Information Systems / Public Information / General Administration etc.

## Major Activities

- Webinars with partner UN Agencies during the **Global Cultural Jamboree**
- **Together at Home Campaign** which encouraged youth to volunteer within their households during the lockdown
- Live event co-hosted with FAO on **International Youth Day 2021**
- **UNV50 Country Awards:** Recognition of contributions to volunteerism in Sri Lanka
- Launch of the **Youth Community Leadership Initiative (YCLI)**, a youth capacity-building programme



141

## V-Force Volunteers

serving 7 UN Agencies:  
UNICEF, UNV, UNDP, UNODC, FAO, WFP, IOM

While the majority of 141 V-Force Volunteers mobilised last year served online working from home due to health guidelines and restrictions, a fair number of V-Force Volunteers had on-site opportunities supporting noteworthy initiatives such as [UNICEF Cold Chain Equipment Inventory Data Collection](#), the **Fifth South Asia Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals**, and the **UNV50 Country Awards** among others.



## Join the YCLI Programme

**We are currently receiving applications for the YCLI programme from our young future leaders!** Join us by applying or share with those around you who might be interested.

**The YCLI** is a 12-month fully-funded **Leadership Programme**, for young people to enhance leadership skills and engage their communities to collectively contribute towards sustainable development in Sri Lanka. The programme design includes residential workshops, personal development plans, community action projects and other policy-level engagements intended to provide aspiring youth with competencies in building sustainable, just and peaceful communities through volunteer action.

**YCLI** Youth Community Leadership Initiative  
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**ARE YOU AN ASPIRING YOUNG LEADER?**

Join the 'Youth Community Leadership Initiative (YCLII)', organized by the National Youth Services Council (NYSC), United Nations Volunteers (UNV), World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Who can apply?  
 • Sri Lankan citizens  
 • Youth between 18 - 32 years of age  
 • Able to periodically commit over a 12-month period

Visit [www.youthindex.lk](http://www.youthindex.lk) to apply now!

For more details: [ypr@unv.lk](mailto:ypr@unv.lk) or 076 664 7197

Apply before **28<sup>th</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2022!**

Logos for UNICEF, UNV, WHO, and UNDP are visible at the bottom.

Anyone interested in joining the programme, meeting the requirements given below is welcome to apply by **28 February!**

- Sri Lankan citizens
- Youth between 18-32 years of age
- Able to periodically commit time over a 12 month period

Registration

# Welcome to the UNV Family



*"I am very excited to be joining the UNV Programme as the Chief Instructor, Indian Ocean East (UNODC) for Maritime Law Enforcement Training. I look forward to working alongside colleagues from all walks of life, passing on my experience and also learning from others, ensuring Training is delivered to a high standard."*

**Stuart Melville**  
**Programme Officer- Expert - UNODC**

## Farewell & Thank You



*"I am thankful to my colleagues at the RCO and at UNV for a great experience during the past year. I learned a lot through my role as a Research Associate, and have gained valuable exposure through my work with multiple UN agencies. Working on insights related to pressing issues such as COVID-19 and the country's economic crisis have been both insightful and challenging, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a UN Volunteer during the past year."*

**Lahiri Jayasinghe**  
**Research Associate – COVID-19 Socioeconomic Impact - RCO**

## 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](#)

## Join the campaign promoting life-saving information



Verified assembled expert panelists from around the world to speak at the UN's Global Media and Information Literacy Week, and they shared some of the vital lessons that they have learned about how to connect with vulnerable people during a global pandemic, and how to equip them with the tools to protect themselves against misinformation.

[Find more](#)

## Keep updated with our latest news!



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