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**Online Volunteering**

**Best way to engage and support each other**

UNV’s Online Volunteering (OV) service connects development organizations and volunteers over the Internet and supports their effective online collaboration. It gives development organizations access to a broader pool of knowledge and resources to enhance their capacities, while it offers individuals worldwide additional opportunities to volunteer for development and contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The OV service enabled 1,347 non-profit development organizations in 2009 (CSOs, government institutions, academic institutions, United Nations organizations) to benefit from the support of almost 9,500 individuals from 182 countries (53% women, 62% from developing countries) who:

- Provide technical expertise (e.g. advice on waste disposal, contract drafting)
- Support project and resources management (e.g. project planning, volunteers management)
- Contribute to knowledge management (e.g. data collection, database development)
- Facilitate communication and networking (e.g. newsletters production and translation, moderation of online discussion groups)

If you are interested in volunteering online, your first stop should be UNV's Online Volunteering service at

[www.onlinevolunteering.org](http://www.onlinevolunteering.org)

For the moment, you can apply and support UNV Field Unit Nepal, as we are looking for online volunteers to monitor our online contents of our website and facebook page. Please visit the website and join us in volunteering online!

**New UN Volunteer in May 2012**

In May, Veronica (Korea) as Programme Officer for the World Food Programme (WFP) joined Nepal as UN Volunteer.

**Welcome to Nepal!**  
***Nepalma Swagat Cha!***

Hi everyone!

My name is Veronica, I am from South Korea and have recently joined WFP as a Programme Officer. Prior to this, I was Assistant Manager at a London-based international development consultancy, supporting the management of various donor funded projects in fragile and conflict-afflicted states for the UK Stabilisation Unit, DFID and the FCO.

I am excited to be in Nepal and very keen to learn, contribute with my knowledge and skills to the Nepali society, and exchange views and experiences with fellow UNV peers, WFP colleagues and new friends. I am looking forward to taking on this new and exciting challenge!

Namaste!!!

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## UNV and all our volunteers are invited to make a pledge for World Environment Day!

Greening the Blue, the United Nations in-house sustainability campaign, is inviting UN staff in all UN organizations to pledge to make a difference for World Environment Day 2012. The Greening the Blue Pledge-athon provides an opportunity for individuals to commit to make one small action that will help to reduce their carbon footprint. Examples of pledges made so far include choosing trains over planes where possible and having a meat free day once a week. Staff can either sign up to an existing pledge or create their own. When a user submits a pledge their name appear on a map of the world. Everyone who pledges will be entered into a prize draw giving them the chance of winning one of five prizes - a box of fair-trade chocolates, a box of renewable light bulbs, a bicycle bell a top of the range water-bottle or a vegetarian cook book. World Environment Day takes place on the 5th of June each year and aims to be the biggest and most widely celebrated global day for positive environmental action.

Organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) the event seeks to personalize environmental issues and enable everyone to realize their responsibility and become an agent for change. You can make a pledge by visiting the Pledge Page and telling us what you're planning to do.

First, make a pledge at [www.greeningtheblue.org/get-involved](http://www.greeningtheblue.org/get-involved) , or promote #letsgreentheblue on Twitter (@UNGtB).

Share GtB posts on Facebook [www.facebook.com/GreeningtheBlue](http://www.facebook.com/GreeningtheBlue)

### First ever National Policy on Volunteerism in Nepal

The Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission, National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS) are formulating Nepal's first ever *National Volunteerism Policy* for which series of consultations and meetings have been made so far. This policy formulation will be a milestone development in terms of volunteerism in Nepal. This will recognize and facilitate the issues related to volunteerism in real sense. Few stakeholder meetings have been organized in Kathmandu. UNV Nepal is financially as well as technically supporting NDVS to develop *National Volunteerism Policy*. As per the agreement, NDVS and UNV Nepal organized 4 regional policy consultation workshops to generate recommendations from local as well as national level stakeholders and volunteers.

**Biratnagar, April 18-19, 2012**, Eastern Region/ **Pokhara, June 20, 2012**, Western Region / **Dhangadhi, June 27-28, 2012**, Far-Western Region/ **Chitwan, July 5-6, 2012**, Central & Western Region

Most of the participants including volunteers from the region suggested that previous *NDS (National Development Service)* program should be given continuity by any other means, as this was very popular and effective program. Suggestions and recommendations clearly indicated that NDVS should be an autonomous umbrella organization and resource centers for volunteers and volunteerism in the future.



### Government of Nepal Announces “National Volunteering Campaign”

The Government of Nepal (GoN) has launched a ‘National Volunteering Campaign’ beginning from April 6. A Directive Committee has been formed under the Prime Minister to operate the Campaign.

The Committee comprises representative from all political parties, all the ministries, National Planning Commission Vice-Chairman, Nepal Government Chief Secretary, Secretaries at the all ministries, three people working for the promotion of volunteering service, chiefs of the University National Volunteering Directorate and Higher Secondary Education Board (HSEB)'s Member-Secretary.

The campaign is aimed at garnering people's support for the overall development of the country through volunteerism. Encouraging the people interested in voluntarism to mobilize skills, talents and knowledge they have for the welfare of the nation and promoting the interested organizations to invest in the social sector. Sanitation, reconstruction works, construction of school buildings, community buildings, irrigation canals and health posts, tree transplantation and roadways construction are among those projects (out of 12 projects) focused in the Campaign.

Meanwhile, the GoN has announced to launch the “**One Village One Pond**’ campaign across the country under the irrigation component of the National Volunteering Campaign. Deputy Director General of the Department of Irrigation announced this at the NPC Secretariat in Singha Durbar. It is estimated that some 2,375,000 families benefitted through this campaign, with the provision of irrigation facilities to 26.4 million hectares farmland.