

The State of the World's Volunteerism Report

The very first State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR) by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme will be launched on 5 December 2011 in many countries around the world.

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The Report is expected to enhance recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteerism worldwide. It will also increase recognition of the critical role of UNV as an organization that sets standards in peace and development, as well as in volunteerism, in the United Nations system.

The SWVR promotes a better understanding of volunteerism. It demonstrates the universality, scope and reach of volunteerism along with new trends in the twenty-first century.

The report examines important contributions in diverse fields such as sustainable livelihoods, social inclusion, social cohesion, disaster risk reduction, governance and political participation. By suggesting how volunteerism can be taken forward, the SWVR also provides an alternative vision of a better society.

The State of the World's Volunteerism Report shows that, in most societies around the world, volunteers make significant contributions to economic and social development. Through their voluntary actions, millions of people are contributing to meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The Report will help to move volunteerism into a new era in which its true dimensions and significance are an integral part of the general discourse on global issues.

It is anticipated that SWVR and successor reports will result in fundamental changes. These will affect the perception, discussion, research and practice of volunteerism for peace and development in the future.

The Report will be published online and in print. On 5 December, the main launch will be held in New York, United States, with many national launches around the world.