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Who is Using the OV Service?

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The [United Nations Volunteers programme](#), which manages the Online Volunteering service, is often ask questions relating to how many people and organizations are using the OV service, and where these users are from.

Here are numbers we have recently compiled that give an overview of who is using the Online Volunteering service, and what they use the service for, as of the end of March 2004:

Since the launch of the Online Volunteering service in early 2000,

- more than 15,000 people have signed up to volunteer online through this service,
- more than 400 host organizations have posted online volunteering opportunities, and
- more than 1200 assignments, each often asking for more than one online volunteer, has been posted.

Of the more than 400 organizations who have posted online volunteering assignments to the OV service to date, 47% have been from the "North" or "developed" countries, while 53% have been from the South, or "developing" countries. The online volunteering service uses the [UNDP Human Development Report](#) to determine which countries are classified as "developed" or "developing."

Of all users of the service, both volunteers and organizations, 38% are from the South. Of these, 54,5 % are in Asia and former CIS countries, 22,5 % are in Africa, 6,5 % are in Arab states, and 16,5 % are in Latin America

Of the more than 200 organizations based in developing countries that have posted online volunteering opportunities, 43 % are in Asia and former CIS countries, 41,5 % are in Africa, 3 % percent are in Arab states, and 12,5 % are in Latin America.

There is an average of 100 organizations with open assignments on the service each month.

There is an average of 240 assignments available to potential online volunteers on the OV service each month.

In February 2004 alone, more than 39,000 people visited the Online Volunteering service.

We will update this information again this summer, and again at the end of 2004. If you are a member of the press and need the most up-to-date information available, please [contact us](#), and include your full name, the name of your publication or media program, and a URL of this publication or program.

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