



For Volunteers

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Anyone who has the time and the desire to contribute to development causes; has regular, reliable access to a computer and the Internet; and has skills and experience that would be of value to a volunteer hosting organization is a great candidate for Online Volunteering. Skills could be a programming knowledge, good writing ability, experience in project management, knowledge of another language, expertise in law or education or another profession, or simply the time to offer expert advice or answer email for that organization.

Online volunteers undertake a variety of assignments for organizations through our Online Volunteering service: translations, research, web design, data analysis, database construction, proposal writing, editing articles, online mentoring, publication design, moderating an online discussion group, or any other services that can be done through computer networks.

Online volunteering provides organizations with new volunteers, new and additional talent and skills, and a more diverse volunteer-base. It also helps promote organizations and their mission to a much broader audience. [See the benefits of online volunteering.](#)

[Are you ready to volunteer online?](#)

This should be the FIRST document you read if you are considering online volunteering.

[Keys to success for online volunteers](#)

Basic guidelines for online volunteers. If you are going to try online volunteering, or if you are already engaged in such, this is a must read.

[How to choose the right assignment?](#)

A key to success in Online Volunteering is in choosing the assignments that are appropriate to your skills, interests and availability. Use your answers to these questions to guide you in choosing organizations and assignments.

[How to Become an Online Volunteer?](#)

The step-by-step process to become an Online Volunteer.

[Online Volunteering Guidelines](#)

Basic guidelines to help Online Volunteers maintain good relationships with hosting organizations.

[Additional Support Materials for Online Volunteers](#)

This includes detailed information to help Online Volunteer, including advice for expertise volunteers, tips for researching grants and funding resources online, resources for cultural projects involving technology, resources for volunteer moderators and facilitators of online discussion groups, and tips for managing other online volunteers.

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Why Join This Online Volunteering Service

As a member of our service, you are enabled to apply for any available online volunteering assignment posted to our website by organizations all over the world serving communities in developing countries. You also receive support for your online volunteering activities, and ways to provide input to UN Volunteers about OV and its impact.

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Online Volunteering Update

This twice-monthly email update provides practical tips for both volunteers and organizations on how to make the most of online volunteering. [Join](#) to subscribe if you are not yet an OV Service member.

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