



**UN**

**Volunteers**

# **Volunteerism for Development**

**PRESENTATION ON UNV**

29 June 2007 Uganda



# UNV – who we are

The UN's **focal point** for volunteerism

- Established in 1970 by the UN General Assembly as a **development partner**
- An **advocate** for volunteerism as a major form of civic engagement
- A **partner** to UN bodies, governments, civil society & private sector to **integrate** volunteerism into development planning

Administered by the United Nations Development Programme





**UN**

**Volunteers**

# **Volunteerism for development**

## **Delivers benefits**

- to society and to volunteers

## **Makes important contributions**

- economically and socially

## **Improves social cohesion**

- builds trust and reciprocity



# Why **Volunteerism** for Development?

Achieving the MDGs needs millions of people to **get involved**.

Societies need to **build their own solutions**. Volunteerism is a key way to **include ordinary people** in development.

Volunteerism is part of the fabric of most societies.

UNV **advocates the benefits** of volunteerism for development, and helps **integrate volunteerism** into development planning.



# Millennium Development Goals



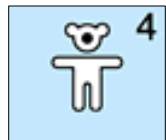
Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger



Achieve universal primary education



Promote gender equality and empower women



Reduce child mortality



Improve maternal health



Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria & other diseases



Ensure environmental sustainability



Develop global partnerships for development



# **Distinctive contributions to effective development**

## UNV targets:

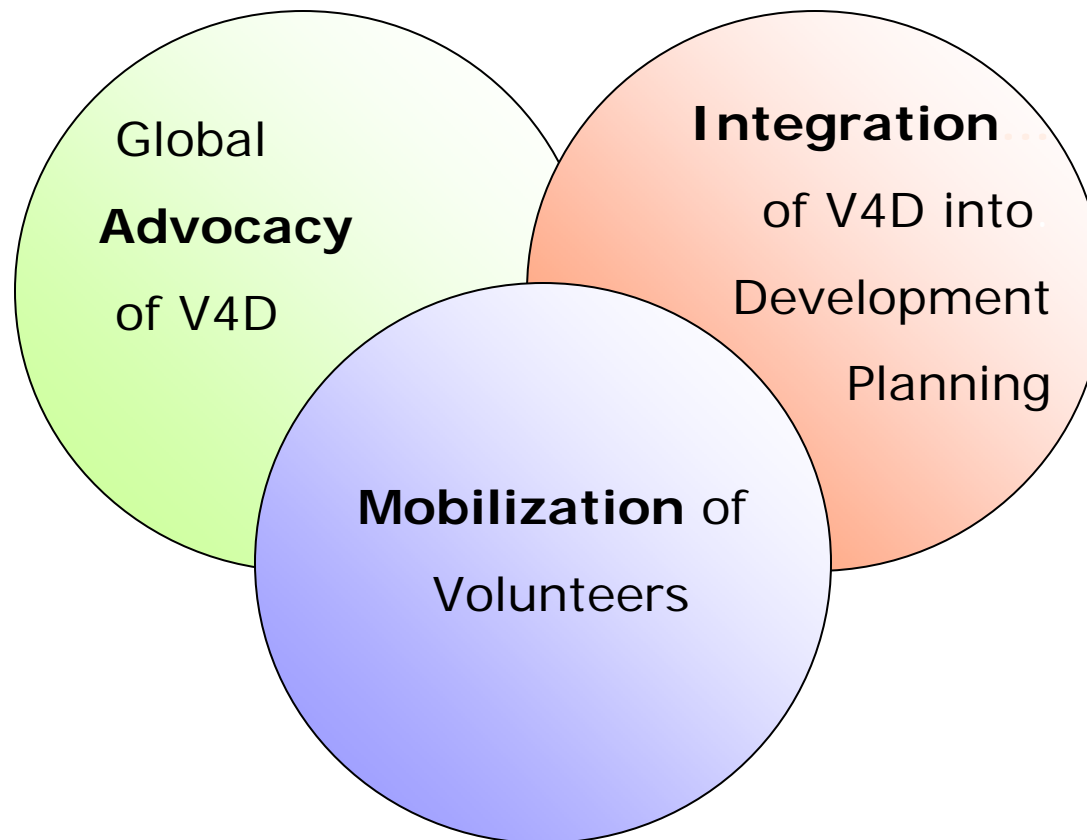
- Access to opportunities
- Access to services
- Improved delivery of services
  
- Inclusion and participation in development
  
- Mobilizing communities through voluntary action



“ UNV embraces all types of volunteer action, while holding to the values of free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity. ”

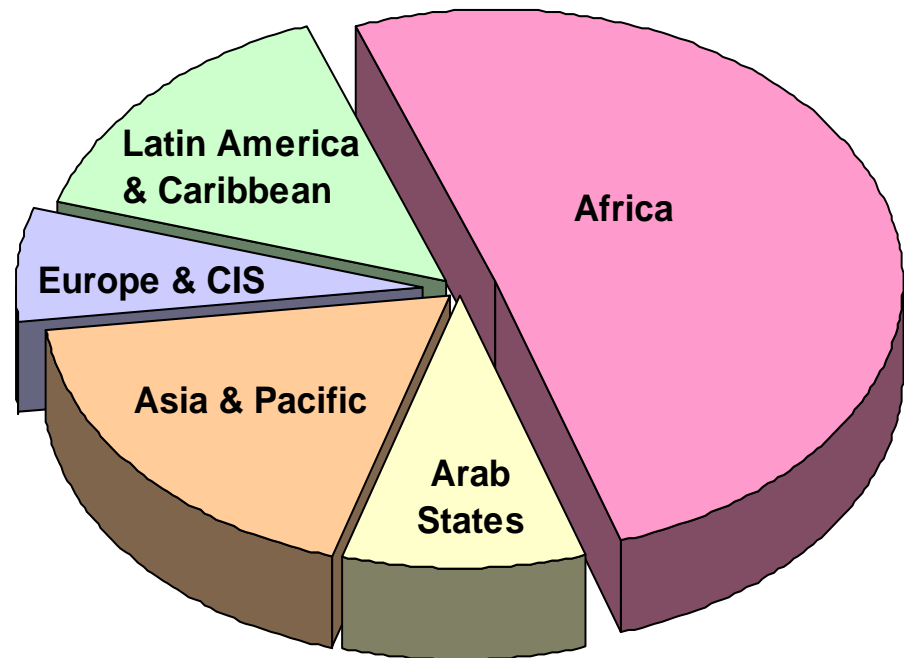


# How UNV works





## Where UNV volunteers work



**7,570** volunteers in 2006

**76%** from developing countries

**37%** volunteered within their own countries



# Online Volunteering.org

Free!

**950** registered development organizations

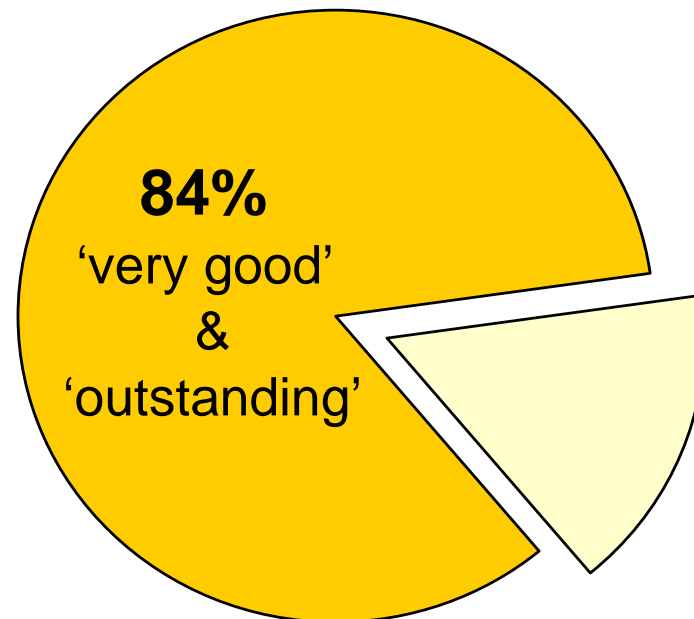
**2,100** online volunteers per year

**2,800** assignments per year





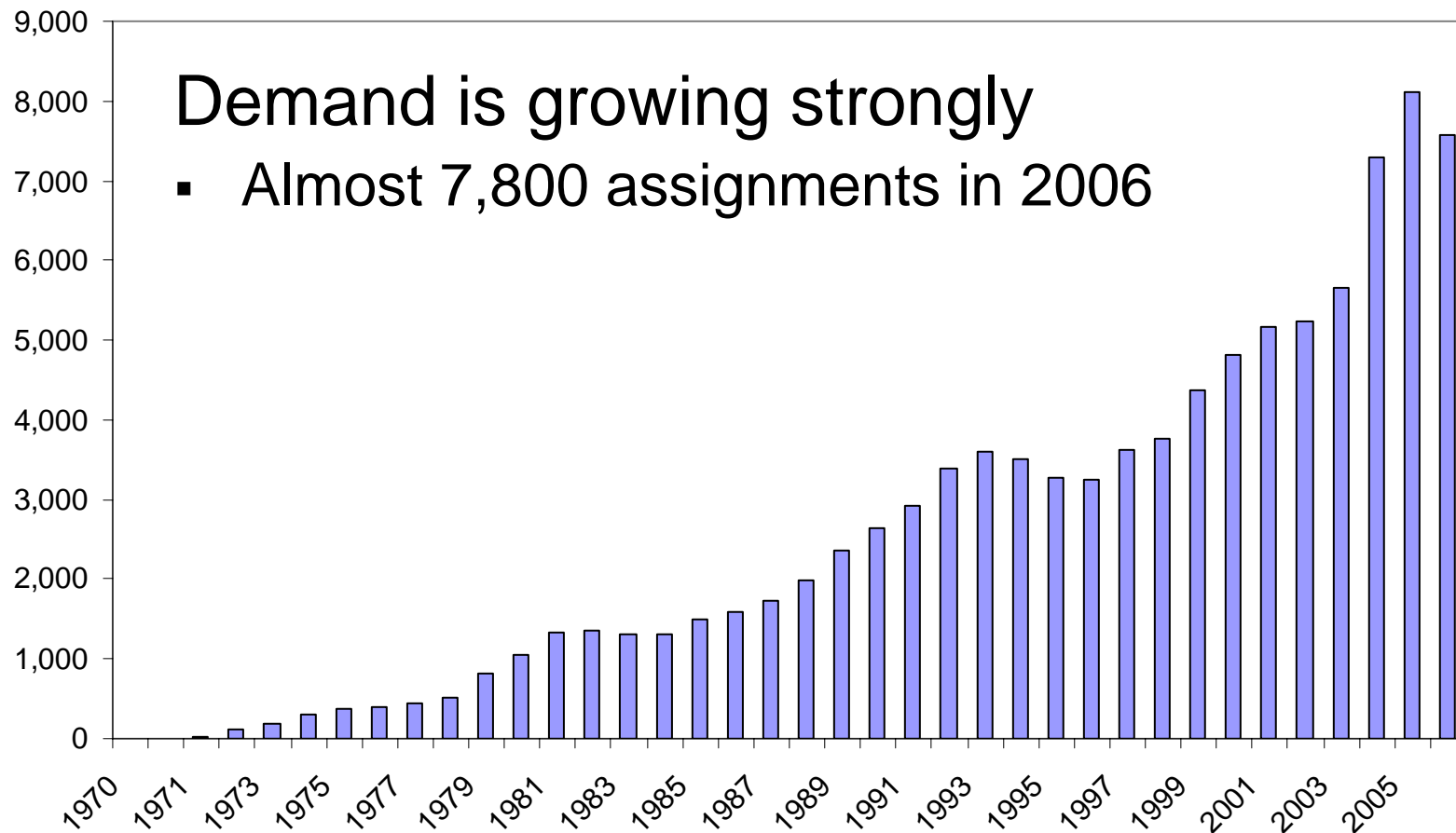
## Online Volunteers' **performance**



*(as voted by Development Organizations, 2006)*

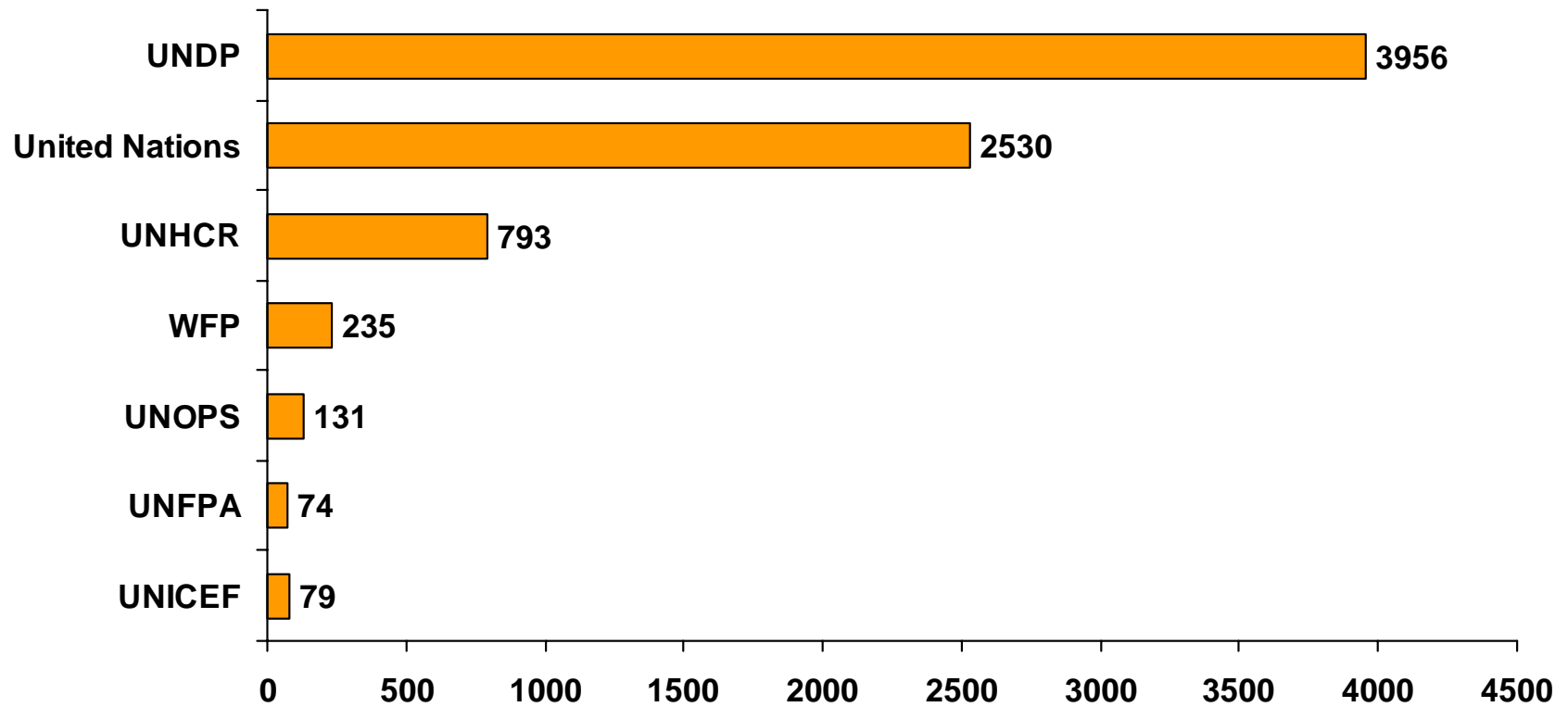


# Demand for UNV volunteers





# Sources of assignments



UNV is the UN's focal point for volunteerism



# Partnerships are important

## Corporate & Private Sector

- CIVICUS
- European Union
- IAVE
- IADB
- IFRC
- IPU
- New Academy of Business
- OneWorld
- Cisco
- Kraft
- Project Urgent
- Shell Project Better World
- Suez

## UN agencies

- ESCAP
- FAO
- ICAO
- IFAD
- ILO
- IMO
- Millennium Campaign
- OCHA
- UNCDF
- UNHCHR
- UNHCR
- UNCHS
- UNCTAD
- UNDOC
- UNDP
- UNDPKO
- UNESCO
- UNICEF
- UNOPS
- UNIDO
- UNFPA
- WFP
- WHO

## Cooperating agencies

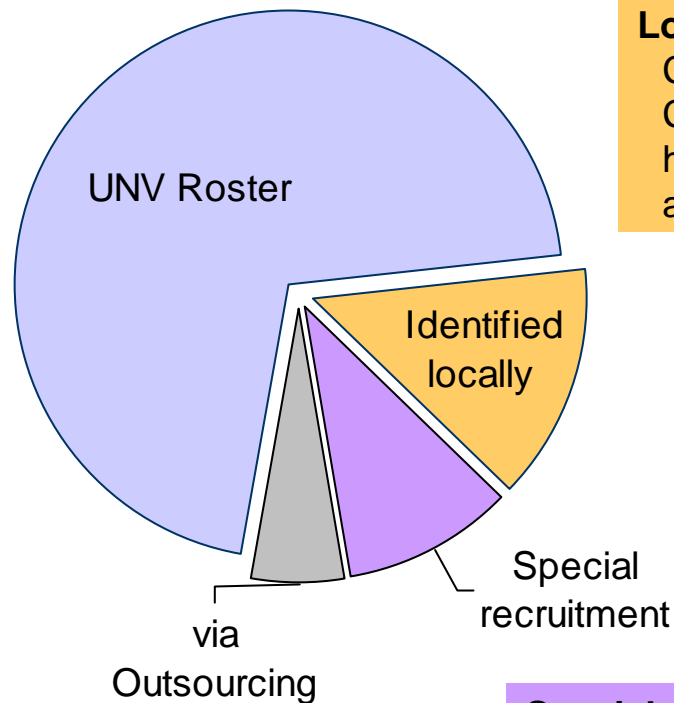
- AVI
- DED
- FORUM
- VSO



# How we mobilize UNV volunteers

## UNV Roster:

Most candidates are identified this way, by team in Cyprus.



## Locally:

Candidates are identified by Country Office Teams and/or host agencies in the country of assignment

## Outsourcing:

Candidates are identified by partner organizations recruiting and/or funding volunteers

## Special recruitment efforts:

Candidates are identified through -

- ❖ Adverts on UNV website
- ❖ Adverts on other job websites
- ❖ Specialized recruitment sources



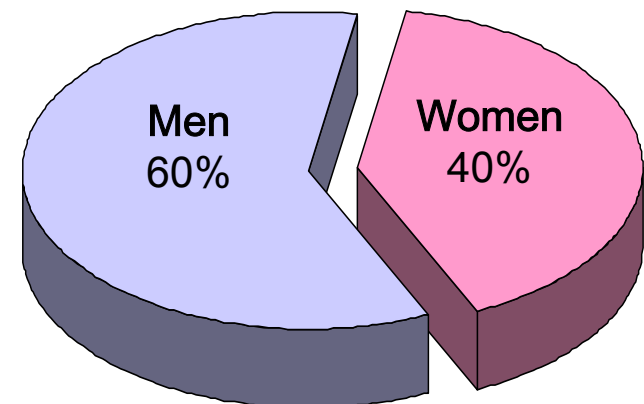
# Who are UNV volunteers?

**37** average age, with 5-10 years working experience

**163** nationalities

**100+** professional categories, e.g.:

- Project managers and administrators
- Specialists and policy advisors
- Engineers & technicians
- Doctors and health professionals





# Interns as UNV volunteers

Engaging younger people in development

University graduates

Developed and developing countries

6% of UNV volunteers in 2006





# What do UNV volunteers do?

## Volunteerism for development

- ✓ Achieving the MDGs and reducing human poverty
- ✓ HIV/AIDS awareness, training, monitoring & evaluation
- ✓ Disaster Prevention, Management and Recovery
- ✓ Support for elections and democratic governance
- ✓ Peace building and conflict resolution
- ✓ Civil affairs and human rights
- ✓ Communications and training
- ✓ Community development and mobilization
- ✓ Environmental monitoring, eco-tourism, energy, and sustainable development





**UN**  
**Volunteers**

**THANK YOU**

**TAPIWA KAMURUKO**  
**UNV AFRICA SECTION**  
**SENIOR PROGRAMME SPECIALIST**  
**UNV HEADQUARTERS**