

# Volunteering Taiwan +20

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# AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF VOLUNTEERS IN DELIVERING THE SDGS

- Global coalition of more than 70 organizations



# POLL

Before we begin,  
have you heard of  
the SDGs  
(Sustainable  
Development  
Goals)?

- Yes, absolutely!
- No, the what?
- Maybe, sounds kind of familiar...



# WHAT ARE THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS?



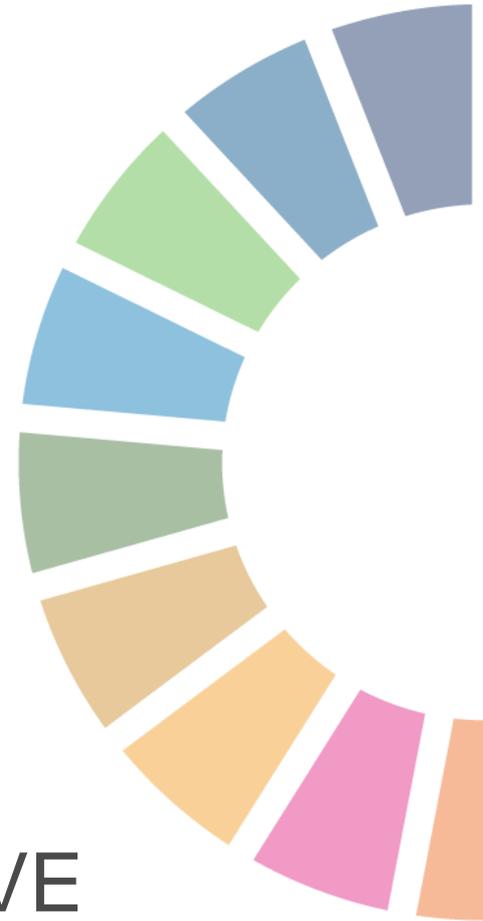
The World's must-do list by 2030



# THE GLOBAL GOALS:

- ARE **UNIVERSAL**
- ARE **INDIVISIBLE**
- ARE **TRANSFORMATIONAL**
- REQUIRE **ALL SECTORS**

**NEED VOLUNTEERS** TO ACHIEVE



# PEOPLE

- Ending poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions
- Ensuring that all human beings can fulfill their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment



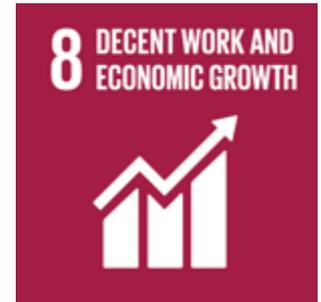
# PLANET

- Protecting the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production
- Sustainably managing its natural resources
- Taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations



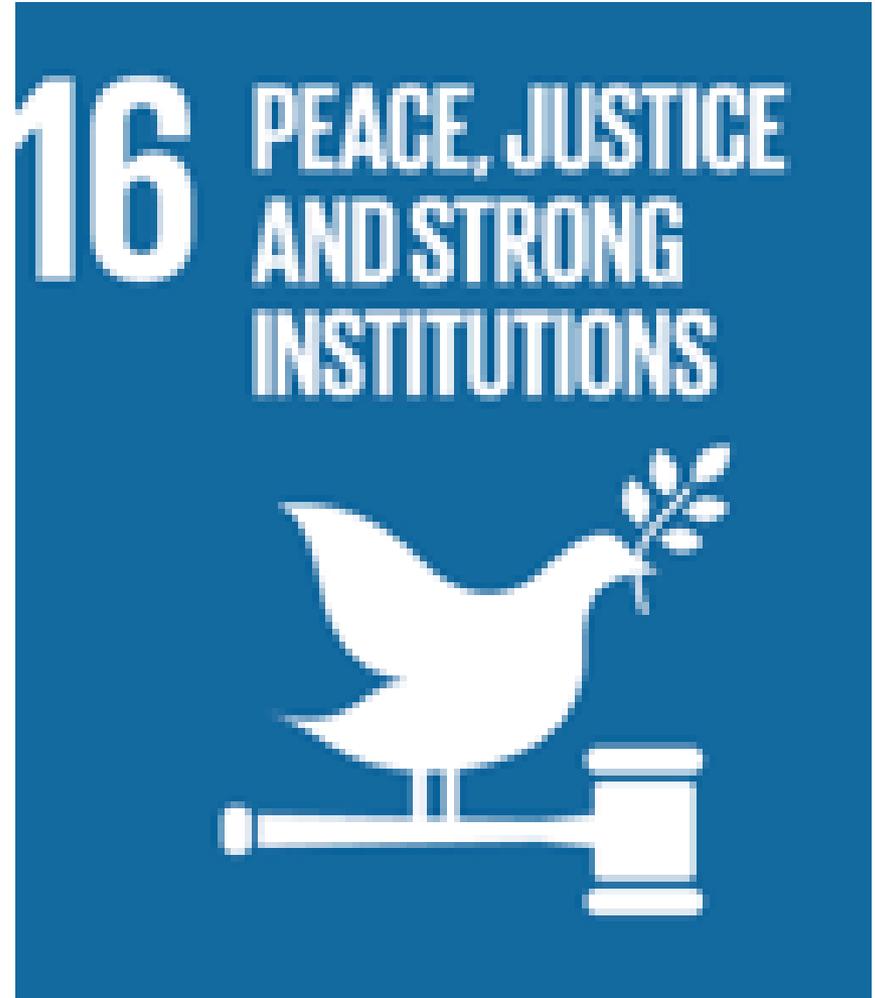
# PROSPERITY

- Ensuring that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature



# PEACE

- Fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence - there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development



# PARTNERSHIP

- Mobilizing the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity
- Focusing in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people



# AMERICAN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST MARGARET MEADE:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

[sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs)



# 3 OBJECTIVES

- I. Increasing ownership of the development agenda through volunteering
- II. Integrating volunteering into national and global development strategies
- III. Measuring volunteering and its contributions to the SDGs



# I. INCREASING OWNERSHIP

A. Participation in development processes

B. Volunteering during COVID-19

C. Strengthening inclusion through volunteering



# A. PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- Introduce mechanisms to consult with citizens and to localize the SDGs
- Strengthen institutional arrangements to enable people to participate in development efforts through volunteering



# A. PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- Maximize existing volunteering organizations and raise awareness of their actions
- Introduce the Year of Volunteers
- Help create opportunities for people to volunteer on a wide range of issues



## B. VOLUNTEERS DURING COVID-19

- Exercised leadership roles in national responses and recovery
- Played critical roles in addressing the consequences of COVID-19 and mitigating its socioeconomic impacts



## B. CONTINUED NEEDS DURING AND BEYOND COVID-19

- Recognize the important role of volunteers in the pandemic
- Promote a conducive environment for volunteering to enhance the sustainability of development efforts
- Partner with the UN development system, with Member States, civil society, and the private sector



## C. STRENGTHENING INCLUSION

- Include in meaningful ways all people – youth, older persons, women, migrants, refugees, persons with disabilities, and all marginalized groups
- Increase participation and leadership opportunities for women
- Address the risks that volunteers face to expand opportunities for all types of people to participate in development processes



## II. INTEGRATING VOLUNTEERING

- Increased recognition of the contribution of volunteers and strengthened country-specific data on the economic and social contributions of volunteering under the 2030 Agenda
- Increased laws, policies, and new legal instruments on volunteering
- Integrating volunteering into disaster risk reduction strategies and initiatives



# III. MEASURING VOLUNTEERING

- National statistical measurement
- Measuring the economic and social value of volunteering
- Increasingly active roles by volunteers themselves in addressing gaps in data collection and analysis



## 2 AREAS OF TO IMPROVE ACTION

- Integrating volunteering into national development strategies, plans, and policies to expand and mobilize constituencies and engage people in national planning and implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- ACTION: Advocate for increased government support of volunteer efforts for the broader SDGs



## 2 AREAS OF TO IMPROVE ACTION

- Sharing data, evidence, and knowledge on the impact of people's engagement through volunteering
- ACTION: Ensure evidence gathering links volunteering policies and investments to development strategies



# THE WAY FORWARD

- Improve data on the scale and scope of volunteer work for the SDGs by accelerating investment in measuring the scale of volunteering
- Build on experiences of promoting volunteering among youth and extend these opportunities to all demographic groups



# THE WAY FORWARD

- Support a wider range of evidence-based, quality volunteering practice and sharing knowledge and scaling up ways to address barriers to volunteering for specific groups
- Integrate volunteering in other sector policies and national development strategies
- Replace anecdotes with evidence of the economic and social contributions of volunteers



**THANK YOU!!!!**

**Volunteering is a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementing the 2030 Agenda**

**– UN Resolution 75/233**

