A Mapping Exercise into International Volunteer Co-operative Agencies 2009

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Chapter One: Introduction

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing, because he could only do a little.” Edmund Burke

1. **Statement of intents and purposes**
   FORUM’s Executive Members are acutely aware that the spectrum of volunteering opportunities worldwide is growing exponentially. Type in ‘international volunteering’ into a search engine like Google and you are likely to get some 376,000 + results! There are numerous organisations in the public and not-for-profit arenas that work in the area of International Cooperation and Volunteering which FORUM is not working with at the present time. FORUM also understands that scoping the potential in all countries and recognising the **growth in non-profit and private sector organisations** that engage in international volunteering are crucial components of a mapping exercise. The following paper reveals relevant information on **FORUM and non-FORUM members**. The focus of this research has been organisations involved in international development volunteering.

2. This paper was first written to stimulate discussion at the IVCO Conference in November 2008 in Cambodia.

3. The paper draws on extensive online research conducted by the paper’s primary author. Any inaccuracies or misplaced assumptions in this draft are the responsibility of the author and we would be grateful to have your comments and corrections in order to inform the final version.

About FORUM
4. International FORUM on Development Service (known as ‘FORUM’) is a network of organisations engaged in international volunteering and personnel exchange. FORUM aims to share information, develop good practice and enhance co-operation between its members. FORUM’s members include both non-governmental (NGO) and state organisations from around the world.

5. The main activities of FORUM include the following:
   - Facilitating the sharing of information, through the FORUM website, news updates, sharing of knowledge and experiences.
   - Commissioning and undertaking research, as well as facilitating members’ involvement in research into issues around international volunteering.
   - Organising an annual conference for heads of agencies known as IVCO. This conference is primarily concerned with issues of change, redefining international volunteering and offering opportunities to learn about new models of activity.

6. FORUM is resourced by membership subscriptions, the staff time and budgets of the organisations providing the Chair and Executive Board of Officers as well as occasional grants. Subscriptions from members enable FORUM to operate at a basic level and organise the annual IVCO (International Volunteer Cooperation Organisations) conference, which has proved very successful since it began in the late 1990s.
History of FORUM

7. FORUM was founded in 1964 in Strasbourg under the auspices of the Council of Europe. Until 2000, FORUM was an exclusively European based body. At that point it was decided to open membership to incorporate organisations on a global basis. This change also sought to recognise that bodies with similar objectives and ways of working are emerging in developing countries and are entitled to access to the network of organisations that operate in this field. The use of technology is seen as a key mechanism to promote such world-wide cooperation.

New volunteerism

8. “Volunteerism is as old as mankind, existing in all cultures and religions. In its simplest expression, it is the notion of solidarity and reciprocity. Although, the form of volunteerism varies from one culture to another, it can be characterised as an act undertaken freely, without coercion, for reasons other than financial gain, and for the benefit of others as well as volunteers themselves.”

9. As people travel more frequently and more widely, the international volunteering sector is rapidly diversifying and expanding. Many people, especially those aged in their twenties and thirties or at the latter stages of their careers and family commitments, are seeking travel experiences with meaning. Volunteering abroad is increasingly being looked upon – and marketed – as an enriching and viable experience. Of course there is the altruistic concept of ‘giving back’ central to volunteering, but for each potential volunteer there are a myriad of motivations to consider international volunteering from gaining work experience to learning a foreign language or the social component of making new friends.

10. New technology and sophisticated news delivery has enabled masses of people to become ‘connected’ with an increasingly globalised world. A story breaks about unrest in Burma and anyone interested can scan the internet for related blogs and footage. A village in South Africa can be pinpointed on Google Earth. A grassroots NGO in Peru can promote its agenda to an English speaking audience and seek financial contributions from an eclectic mix of, previously untapped, donors. Our immediacy to issues and, in turn, our connectedness to others is like at no point in history. This has surely revised an interest in international volunteering and made it accessible to people outside the development arena. Sustainable development is gaining increasing currency among non-traditional audiences so it’s not just policy advisors thinking in these terms but average people wanting to extend themselves and, in the process, contribute to a more peaceful, more equitable planet.

11. ‘International volunteering has always represented a special dimension of international solidarity, initially characterised by transfer of skills from developed to developing countries but increasingly by supporting capacity-building and involving exchanges of volunteers among developing countries themselves, as well as diaspora initiatives.’

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1 Final Report, International Conference on Volunteerism & the Millennium Development Goals, 2004
2 Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 10.
12. The ‘think globally, act locally’ catch phrase of the early 1970s still has relevance today, especially with regards to ‘greening’ one’s own lifestyle and making smart choices for the benefit of the global environment. But these days, the opportunity to ‘act globally’ has been facilitated by affordable air travel, knowledge sharing via the internet and less conventional approaches to work and lifestyle. Whether it is a holiday, a gap year, career break or period in retirement, many people are choosing to contribute their knowledge, skills and/or labour for an international volunteering effort.

13. Long standing campaigns like Make Poverty History [www.makepovertyhistory.org] are putting global inequalities in the media spotlight. Celebrities from Angelina Jolie to George Clooney, have their preferred issues and are recruited by INGOs to raise the profile of particular issues such as hunger in central Africa, land mines in Cambodia and genocide in Darfur. It’s hip to be interested in global affairs as these ‘cause celeb’ examples show. Another reason perhaps why international volunteering is experiencing a renaissance.

International volunteering grows and diversifies
14. As the popularity of international volunteering reaches new heights, the vast number of volunteering opportunities is multiplying at such a rate that the extent of it has been anyone’s guess. Certainly private sector opportunities associated with volunteering, and online portals, has risen aplenty. Nowadays, some businesses are also encouraging their staff to volunteer as a way of skills/career extension.

15. ‘Private-sector interest in employee volunteering as an expression of corporate social responsibility is well established in many developed countries. Founded on the notion of reciprocal benefits, this interest is emerging in developing countries in the form of schemes that build employee skills, increase employee loyalties to their companies and raise company profiles in the communities served.’

16. It is difficult for the would-be volunteer – and/or businesses as described above – to wade through the options and decipher genuine volunteering options from less legitimate ones. Within this confusing landscape the debate about whether international volunteering is the new colonialism still exists: zealous missionaries wanting to ‘convert’ indigenous populations, and legions of ‘do-gooders’ from the West setting sail to the Global South (or countries of the developing world) to instruct people in right living. As crude as this sounds, international volunteering still struggles with such connotations. The reality is that it depends: it depends on the mindset of the volunteer, it depends on the sustainable development credentials, values and practices of the organisation facilitating the volunteering, and it depends on the willingness of the local community and major actors to get involved.

17. Ethical volunteering assumes volunteers understand the cause they are working for, and host communities really benefit in a tangible way, i.e. capacity building and sharing technical skills, and avoiding exploitation, as opposed to working for free for a commercial operation. Volunteers should have a clear sense of where the

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3 Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 5.
money goes (especially true if they paid for their volunteering experience). Lastly the negative impacts should be minimised, e.g. environmental impact of development.

18. This ideal is embraced and practised by many development agencies, however, its less likely to be monitored in market based volunteering whereby people are prepared to pay for an international volunteering experience. As a shift has been noted from longer to short term exchanges – suiting time poor professionals and people on vacation – the private sector volunteer outfits, and online portals, have created a suite of volunteering products appealing to a diverse range of niche markets. In turn, International Volunteer and Cooperation Organisations (IVCOs), a small self-identified subset of organisations that send personnel overseas4, are losing their ‘exclusivity’ among the mainstream sector. These days volunteering can be as much about skills transfer, as skills upgrade (and CV enhancement) of the volunteer, whether it be for youth learning or market enhancement of graduates entering the competitive global jobs market.

19. As previous FORUM commissioned discussion papers such as ‘International volunteering: trends, added value and social capital’ (2004) have noted, social capital is intrinsically linked to social networks which have tangible value. This particular report notes that ‘...without effective social networks, there can be no collective action...’ This is no more relevant than now when social networks have been harnessed on the World Wide Web with sites like Facebook and MySpace. Facebook is an online directory that connects people through social networks. MySpace is an international site that offers email, a forum, communities, videos and web blog space. Both are important new tools for mobilising people around causes, whether it is in their own neighbourhood or internationally, and potentially prompting people to volunteer (mostly in a national or local context). In this way, social networking websites with active online communities traverse ‘bonding social capital’ (between people who are similar or who have a lot in common) and ‘bridging social capital’ between different types of people or groups. As the ‘International volunteering: trends, added value and social capital’ (2004) report notes: ‘international volunteers provide a common denominator between different groups or people – and can be a catalyst for bridging social capital.’

20. Independent volunteering has been greatly enhanced by the increasing availability of online directories, or portals, dedicated to listing local charities and grassroots NGOs that accept volunteers directly, or for a fee. In some cases, a small fee will enable some directories to offer a matching service. Chat room postings such on Lonely Planet’s Thorn Tree (www.lonelyplanet.com/thorntree or www.lonelyplanet.com/volunteering) are another avenue for people interested in international volunteering activities to access up-to-date information on opportunities, recommendations and pitfalls. It is a new form of technologically aided (truly global) word-of-mouth.

21. ‘Developments in communication technologies are spreading awareness about volunteerism and are catering for growing interest in short-term, flexible volunteer assignments, especially among young people. Global social networking sites host forums for volunteers and organisations to interact. Online networking opportunities

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4 For a useful overview of international volunteering see Sherraden et al , The Forms and Structure of International Voluntary Structure.
22. Similarly, virtual volunteering enables anyone, anywhere to contribute time and expertise to organisations that utilise volunteer services through the click of a computer mouse. In this sense, it crosses borders, can facilitate people-to-people connections and is international. This type of volunteering can be self-initiated or made possible through websites like InterConnection [www.interconnection.org] which recruits volunteers to provide free or low-cost websites and virtual training for not-for-profit groups. IESC Geekcorps [www.geekcorps.org] is another example. Imagine: a small micro finance project in Nicaragua can be assisted in funding applications by an economics professional in Chicago or a web producer in Singapore. The possibilities – made possible by linking people virtually – are limitless.

23. And such volunteering is not just limited to technical advice. ‘Online volunteering is moving into other fields such as capacity development and project and resource management. The Online Volunteering service of the United Nations Volunteers has received over 26,000 applications since 2001 and mobilised 13,000 volunteers from 182 countries. Over 60 per cent of the volunteers were women and 46 per cent were from developing countries.’

24. In fact, many of the world’s most successful and emulated new technologies are the result of volunteer efforts. Behind the successes of big corporations such as Microsoft, many ideas are conceived in the studies and bedrooms of those savvy with information services. ‘Volunteers have been active in promoting ways to use new information technologies. Tim Berners-Lee, creator of the Web and coordinator of the World Wide Web Consortium, has paid tribute to the role volunteers have played in developing the computer systems, network protocols and internet applications that form the basic technological pillars of the information society. A high profile example of this is the Linux operating system created by Linus Torvalds with assistance from volunteer systems developers and programmers all over the world. Countless online or “virtual” volunteers have also played a part in disseminating information and promoting development. Online opportunities have facilitated the involvement of individuals who might not otherwise have been available to assist organisations. Online volunteering has also created space for the involvement of people who find it difficult to engage in on-site volunteering such as those with home-based obligations, people with disabilities and people living in remote areas.’

25. Simultaneously, this trend for democratic knowledge dissemination is being mirrored in-country. With offices in Nigeria and the United States of America, Youth for Technology Foundation (YTF) is setting about helping young people in rural communities achieve their goals using appropriate technology.

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26. “YTF’s theme is Delivering to the Community. This theme was borne out of an aspiration to help communities in potentially strong developing nations, like Nigeria, embrace technology at the grassroots level. YTF recognises that technology is not going to solve the problems of African communities but it is an instrument that can be used to help bridge different social and economic obstacles. To this effect, all YTF programs are innovatively designed to use technology to address a concrete community need while equipping young people with the skills they need to prosper in the global digital village.” YTF aims to “unlock talent.” For more information see www.youthfortechnology.org

27. This FORUM Mapping Exercise seeks to highlight the scope of international volunteering across development organisations (NGO and government), private non development organisations (profit and not-for-profit), and umbrella / peak and multilateral organisations which promote international volunteerism. By understanding the scope and range of international volunteering activities in different parts of the world and within its own membership base, FORUM can consider the impacts on its vision and mission, and opportunities and threats. This initial work was presented as an interim report at IVCO 2008 in Cambodia (refer to Discussion Points for issues to review and discuss).

28. The growth of the volunteering industry – since the 1960s to today – may have prematurely slowed due to ‘global financial crisis’ of late 2008/09 – first sparked in the United States and then reverberated across the world. This will have considerable impacts on the international volunteering and development sectors as did the 1990s credit crunch.

Kinds of international volunteering
29. ‘International volunteering has always represented a special dimension of international solidarity, initially characterised by transfer of skills from developed to developing countries but increasingly by supporting capacity-building and involving exchanges of volunteers among developing countries themselves, as well as diaspora initiatives.’

30. Essentially a volunteer must be giving up their time to help others. Sometimes a stipend is paid, often not. A volunteer experience is dependent on whether the volunteer opts for an organised (all-inclusive), structured (semi-organised), self-funding or religious volunteer program. Then there is a raft of specialisations: development, teaching, conservation, wildlife, executive, construction, scientific, archaeological, disaster relief, working as a voluntary staff member, packages – volunteering and courses, volunteering and expeditions and ‘voluntourism.’ This paper focuses on development volunteering across FORUM members and non FORUM members worldwide.

31. Development volunteering tends to be the most influential type of international volunteering whether through a placement. Charities, sending agencies and NGOs have organised volunteer programs and self-funding volunteer programs. Religious organisations are also involved in dispatching volunteers internationally.

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8 www.youthfortechnology.org
9 Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 10.
32. ‘Organised volunteering programs’ tend to be packaged experiences paid for by the volunteer, motivated largely by adventure and personal development. These are targeted at a wide range of people including the under 25 year old market, professionals who want to volunteer as a staff member for a gap-year or year-out organisation, those who want to combine volunteering with a language course and/or structured adventure travel, and holiday-goers who go on a tour with a component of volunteering. Organised volunteer programs can specialise in conservation and wildlife including scientific and archaeology expeditions. Skilled or ‘executive volunteering’ whereby volunteers with specific know-how, knowledge and skills can also fit within this rather broad category, as with emergency relief style volunteering (e.g. post disasters and war).

33. **Structured and self-funding volunteer programs typically involve a longer term commitment** with often more to arrange by the volunteer and often less cost to the volunteer than the organised programs mentioned above. In addition, volunteers are often dispatched on their own or in pairs (rather than groups) but this is not always the case. This type of volunteering is often described as the middle way: not completely organised but volunteers are not left to their own devises either. Skilled volunteering, conservation and wildlife specific volunteering and under 25 volunteering is often cited within this category.

34. **Religious organisations are also a major player** in international volunteering. Typically they are more likely to run humanitarian and development programs than conservation efforts etc.

35. Many aspiring volunteers are also subscribers to the ‘DIY’ phenomenon whereby they plan their own volunteer experience direct with a local charity or grassroots NGO. Many travellers incorporate volunteering into their trips this way. This type of independent volunteering (without sending agency involvement and set up entirely by the individual communicating with a development agency abroad by email etc) is certainly something for FORUM to keep track of as it sits separately to industry trends and yet is favoured by some potential development volunteers. **Foundation HELP** [www.foundationhelp.org], a not for profit NGO based in Musoma, Mara in the north west of Tanzania, runs a flexible volunteer intern program with assignments built around the specific interests of the prospective volunteer. Placements available in Musoma include teaching and working with AIDS orphans and/or widows to support micro-business, water and sanitation and sustainable agriculture. All this work is in accordance with the United Nations’ Local Agenda 21. If volunteers are interested in working in Mwanza, Kagera, Shinyanga and Kigoma, a wide variety of opportunities exist to work with refugees or refugee-affected communities on similar projects.

36. Bangladesh based, **BRAC** [www.brac.net] is the largest NGO on the Indian subcontinent and with 100,000 staff (most of whom are women) it is the largest NGO in the world by default. BRAC is concerned with poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Their work also extends to Africa. **As part of BRAC’s internship program, volunteer placements for students and young professionals are offered with details available on the BRAC website.** These enable the volunteer to witness BRAC’s multifaceted activities. In return BRAC seeks a commitment to undertake some specific piece of output, which contributes to the needs of the organisation. Volunteers stay for a minimum of three months and cover all costs for food, accommodation, transportation and interpreter.
37. The FORUM Mapping Exercise presents ‘list style’ information on non-FORUM and FORUM members worldwide. In the process of understanding and documenting the scope and range of international volunteering in different parts of the world, it is envisaged that a clearer picture of the sector will emerge.

Numerous non-FORUM members are listed in this document. Although the author has taken reasonable care in preparing these listings, FORUM makes no warranty about the accuracy or completeness of its content and, to the maximum extent permitted, disclaim all liability arising from its use.
Chapter Two: Charter of International Volunteering

The Meeting of International Volunteer Sending Agencies held in Prague, 24 October 2001, saw International Volunteer Sending Agency representatives agreeing to a range of best practice guidelines. These included:

- To adopt in principle a Charter of International Volunteering which sets out the aspirations, objectives and principles which we believe should underpin International Volunteering.
- To continue to meet as a broad inclusive coalition of International Volunteer Organisations with the aim of ensuring regular exchanges of views and ideas and to facilitate on-going contact between volunteer organisations both sending and receiving and to cooperate and collaborate in the fulfillment of the aspirations set out in the draft charter.
- To cooperate actively with partner volunteer organisations in the Central and Eastern European countries (especially but not exclusively the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia) as they continue to develop their capacities in the field of international volunteerism.
- The Meeting of International Volunteer Sending Agencies re-affirmed that "volunteers make an important contribution to the creation of a more equitable world, where poverty is reduced and human rights are universally recognised...International volunteerism is a relationship based on reciprocal benefit and responsibility. It is underpinned by people centered development and the imperative for people of different cultures to get to know each other and respect different beliefs and practices." It also further stated that "...this form of international solidarity is increasingly important in a globalising world."

International Volunteerism recognises that:
1. Global security and justice are founded on constructive relationships among individuals.
2. Respect, mutual benefit and responsibility form the basis of successful relationships.
3. International volunteerism is a uniquely effective instrument for building constructive relationships between nations and across cultures.
4. International volunteerism is also a powerful tool for sharing knowledge, skills and values, thereby making an important contribution towards the reduction of poverty.

The undersigned volunteer-sending agencies affirmed that the objectives of their volunteer programs are to:
1. Offer experience and expertise to assist organisations, institutions and communities in their efforts to enhance prosperity, dignity and human security.
2. Provide direct and sustained people-to-people linkages beyond transactional relationships arising from business arrangements and tourism.
3. Enable volunteers to learn about and be enriched by the world's diversity while expressing their generosity and solidarity,
and accordingly commit themselves to:

1. Ensuring that working alongside, and sharing skills with host partners, in response to their expressed needs, is fundamental to all volunteer assignments.

2. Ensuring that volunteers have the appropriate personal qualities, motivation and skills to offer, and are appropriately prepared to make the most effective contribution to their placement.

3. Providing the appropriate support to volunteers and host partners to ensure the successful completion and sustainability of their joint undertakings.

4. Encouraging returned volunteers to share their experience and commitment within their own communities, in order to strengthen and enrich their societies.

5. Collaborating with other organisations which share these goals to ensure continuing relevance, impact and cost-effectiveness.

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Chapter Three: Development Volunteering, a growing sector

Introduction
38. For the purposes of this FORUM mapping exercise, the focus is on development volunteering of which there are many kinds. Described as a “development asset”¹⁰ this kind of volunteering contributes to the development needs of a host country, and/or contributes to public engagement in respect of development in the sending country, and/or contributes to mutual global learning and exchange between the volunteer and host communities. In the best case scenarios, it is a culmination of all three ideals mentioned. It's about building connections between people, sharing knowledge and learning from one another.

39. ‘Recognition of volunteerism is being accompanied by calls for increased professionalism in formal volunteering management. While it has long been a professional category in developed countries, interest in volunteer management in developing countries is growing in response to demand for well-structured and managed volunteer opportunities. At the same time, volunteer-involving organisations seek maximum benefits.’¹¹

40. Below is simply an explanation of the sectorial areas of international development volunteering available to individuals rather than an inquiry into each, or rationale about how category contributes to the big picture of sustainable development.

Kinds of development volunteering
41. Agriculture and farming – Covering everything from animal husbandry to effective water management, this kind of practical volunteering is vital for helping self-sufficiency and sustainability of farming practices and agricultural techniques. Agronomists, foresters and permaculture experts are among the types of people required in this volunteering segment.

42. Business administration and office work – This type of volunteering is commonly sought by local NGOs to build or strengthen capacity and improve operations and, in turn, involves everything from computer and IT training to writing fundraising proposals and managing a project or assisting in human resources. Hence, the appeal is wide and varied.

43. Building and construction – Whether it involves building a kindergarten or latrines in a refugee camp, manual labour (and the skills and resources to make it happen) are still a major requirement in developing countries and as such volunteers are a valuable resource in this regard.

44. Community development – A broad term which embraces community and social programmes designed to help communities help themselves.

¹⁰ Final Report, International Conference on Volunteerism & the Millennium Development Goals, 2004
¹¹ Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 4.
45. **Education and training** – While many development volunteering placements are concerned with capacity building and upskilling local communities to deal with their unique challenges, in reality most volunteering of this kind involve teaching English (with or without qualifications) to children, school leavers and adults. Not surprisingly considering modern English is the dominant international language in communications, science, business, aviation, entertainment, radio and diplomacy. At the highest levels, education and training volunteering can foster national level capacity building from working with the law enforcement sector to incorporate the rights of the child into their work practices, to streamlining models of education delivery to high school students for instance.

46. **Emergency and relief** – The placement of highly skilled volunteers for deployment in areas affected by humanitarian crisis, natural disaster or the ravages of war. This type of development volunteering involves doctors, nurses, psychologists, translators, engineers, logistics experts etc who respond to emergencies as they arise which often necessitates the volunteer being on-call. Many specialised agencies dealing with emergency and relief situations (e.g. *Médecins Sans Frontières, MSF*) require volunteers prove their credentials beforehand and receive emergency and relief training to facilitate rapid response.

47. **Health and nutrition** – Health professionals bring valuable skills to help further the health and wellbeing of individuals (e.g. specialised treatment and nurse training), families (e.g. vaccinations) and entire populations (e.g. HIV awareness raising). These kinds of volunteers are always in high demand.

48. **Organisational development** – Strategic planning, marketing and evaluation and business models to promote organisational development are key requirements of many organisations in the developing world. As Plewes and Stuart (2007) noted, there is demand for specialised technical and professional skills, particularly fundraising and IT skills. Volunteers with business acumen can help local staff adopt the latest practices for organisational development and strengthening. This model of ‘organisational development’ can also relate to electoral assistance or other governance mechanisms.

49. **Working with children** – Children’s rights, their survival, development and protection is at the forefront of international development work and as such there is a raft of specialised volunteer placements to work with kids for speech therapists to art teachers. This kind of volunteering can also involve working in an orphanage, a common type of volunteering opportunity in the developing world.

**Summary**

50. These different expressions of international development volunteering can involve skilled and unskilled labor. *This FORUM mapping exercise recognises wildlife volunteering and voluntourism as distinct from development volunteering* and, as such, it has not been covered for the purposes of this exercise. Obviously there is a strong link between the environment and development but the above expressions of volunteering can also encompass environmental concerns like climate change while not involving wildlife care and monitoring, marine conservation or such things as archaeology and paleontology.
51. **Focusing on development organisations (NGO and government), private non development volunteering organisations, and umbrella / peak and multilateral organisations.**

Within the international development volunteering arena, there are paid and unpaid, package and do-it-yourself experiences on offer. This mapping exercise has focused on charities or NGOs, public organisations such as governmental or state volunteer placements/programs and religious organisations, and lastly, the ever-expanding private sector which takes into account gap years for under 30s, internet portals, volunteer placements combined with travel, and volunteering holidays marketed to the vacationer who wants to ‘do a spot’ of volunteering. **We have included this diverse array of organisation under the in the broad categories of FORUM members and non FORUM members.**

52. The mapping exercise probes some of the leading worldwide organisations involved in development volunteering across development, private non development and organisations set up to promote volunteerism. It by no means covers every organisation of this kind. **Judgments were made about organisations at the forefront of this sector based on their programming, reputation and marketing.** Organisations are listed and briefly described in order for FORUM members to consider the sheer expanse of organisations involved in the same industry and ponder how this affects FORUM’s ongoing work and membership base. It also strongly suggests just how many possibilities the potential volunteer has to think about and how this may influence the ‘volunteer journey’ from choosing the volunteer experience to selecting a specific program and going abroad and ultimately the quality of the volunteering.

53. **A cautionary tale**

It is important to consider that many organisations claim to be involved in international development volunteering in their marketing and public relations when, in fact, they are not by definition. This can be true on the internet where it is often hard to discern professional organisations from shams. International volunteering is marketed as everything from ‘adventure’ to ‘NGO program.’ It begs the question: do many people hitting the web even know what an NGO is?

54. Many people are under the assumption that you have to pay to volunteer internationally, and its easy to arrive at that conclusion; internet Search Engines and portals are dominated by the 'big ticket' volunteer placement websites, which offer a more packaged, higher cost volunteer experience.

55. Unfortunately many dubious operators have seen money to be made – especially in volunteering holidays aimed at the twenty something market, internship seekers and gap year kids – and these business interests seek to confuse people who have the best of intentions. So instead of going on a legitimate volunteering assignment some people (especially school leavers and the younger, more vulnerable market) end up paying huge sums of money for nothing more than a position which never existed in an organisation that never expected them, let alone with a real volunteering experience on offer. This happens. **It is more important than ever for codes of conduct among the volunteering sector to be shared and education about what constitutes ethical and credible volunteering to be passed onto to interested members of the public.**

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| **Primary focus of IV activity**     | AVI has been at the forefront of international volunteering for more than 50 years, and we have enabled over 6000 Australians to find their place in the world, through an opportunity to work in developing communities. AVI has a vision of a peaceful, just and sustainable world; a world of respectful global relationships where all people have access to the resources they need, the opportunity to achieve their potential, the right to make decisions about the kind of development they want and to participate in the future of their own communities. AVI provides opportunities for Australians to become volunteers and assists them in sharing the learning from their international experiences. |
| FORUM member                         | Yes                                                      |
| Countries in which they work         | Asia Pacific and Middle East                             |
| Do they receive government funding?  | Yes                                                      |
**Canadian Crossroads International (CCI)**

**Primary focus of IV activity**

Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to building a constituency of global citizens committed to voluntarism, international development and social action. In its work CCI is reducing poverty, mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS and increasing women’s rights around the world. Working with local partners in 28 projects, in eight countries and supported by hundreds of volunteers each year, Crossroads leverages expertise and resources, North and South, required to help people overcome poverty and assert their human rights.

**Countries in which they work**

CCI is currently working in Bolivia, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Swaziland, Togo and Zimbabwe.

**Do they receive government funding?**

Yes

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**Centre d étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) - World University Service of Canada (WUSC)**

**Primary focus of IV activity**

Uniterra is a program implemented by two Canadian NGOs: Centre d’étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Uniterra seeks to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through south-north partnerships that combat poverty. Uniterra aims to build capacities of local institutions in six sectors, agriculture/rural development, private sector development, health and HIV-AIDS, basic education, and youth citizenship. Gender equality is mainstreamed in all of the sectors. The program draws upon the principles of aid effectiveness and is aligned with national poverty reduction strategies. The programme also helps to bring together Canadian and southern partners in relationships of mutual exchange and reciprocity.

**FORUM member?**

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<td>Contact name</td>
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<td>Organisation contact</td>
<td>700 Bay Street, Suite 700, Box 328, Toronto Ontario M5G 1Z6, Canada. Ph: 416-961-2376 Email: <a href="mailto:pvanderwel@ceso-saco.com">pvanderwel@ceso-saco.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.ceso-saco.com/">http://www.ceso-saco.com/</a></td>
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<td>Countries in which they work</td>
<td>Canada and internationally. CESO International Services is currently active in countries in Africa, Asia, and the Americas and in new market economies of Eastern Europe.</td>
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<td>No. of volunteers annually</td>
<td>CESO-SACO maintains a roster of over 2,700 Volunteer Advisers (VAs), one of the biggest resource banks of management and technical expertise of its kind</td>
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<td>Contact name and position</td>
<td>Diane Trahan</td>
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<td>Organisation contact</td>
<td>2330 Notre-Dame Street West, 3rd floor, Montreal, Quebec, H3J 1N4, Canada Ph: 514 931-1614 ext. 331. Email: <a href="mailto:dtrahan@cwjcm.org">dtrahan@cwjcm.org</a></td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>Designs and delivers international educational programs for youth (aged 17-29) with a focus on volunteer work and community development in a cross-cultural setting. Canada World Youth is about learning by doing. Its non-formal educational model involves core elements such as the team approach, the counterpart relationship, host families and communities and partner organisations.</td>
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| Contact name and position | Deirdre Murray, Director  
                       | Siobhan Sleeman |
| Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website | 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Email: deirdrem@comhlamh.org  
                       | Web: http://www.volunteeringoptions.org/ |
| Primary focus of IV activity | Comhlámh, the Irish Association of Development Workers, is a member and supporter organisation open to anyone interested in social justice, human rights and global development issues. Marking its 33rd year in 2008, it connects, informs, educates and campaigns on these matters. The Volunteering Options project in Comhlámh aims to promote informed decision making by potential volunteers and to develop good practice standards among volunteer sending organisations. Through its website www.volunteeringoptions.com, Comhlámh has many volunteering organisations listed. |
| FORUM member? | Yes |
| Countries in which they work | N/A |
| Do they receive government funding? | tbc |
| Status, e.g registered charity | Registered charity |
| No. of volunteers annually | N/A |

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| Contact names | Lorraine Chartrand  
                       | Jean-Marc Mangin |
| Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website | 44 Eccles Street, Suite 200, Ottawa, ON K1R 6S4, Canada. Email: lorraine.chartrand@cuso.ca / jean-Marc.Mangin@cuso.ca  
                       | Web: http://www.cuso-vso.org/en/ |
| Primary focus of IV activity | CUSO and VSO Canada have merged, and CUSO-VSO is the result. CUSO-VSO is the North American member of the VSO Federation which, with the addition of CUSO's programs, has projects in 44 countries worldwide. The VSO Federation is a worldwide partnership of Voluntary Service Organizations (VSOs) based in the U.K., the Netherlands, Kenya and the Philippines, as well as Canada. Volunteers are also recruited in India and Ireland. |
| FORUM member | Yes |
| Countries in which they work | 44 countries |
| Do they receive government funding? | Yes |
| Status, e.g registered charity | NGO |
| No. of volunteers | 12,000 volunteers since 1961 |

**Name of organisation**  
**German Development Service**  
Dr. Jürgen Wilhelm, Director General

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**

**Primary focus of IV activity**

Founded in 1963, the German Development Service is one of the leading European development services for personnel cooperation. It is largely staffed by development experts, however, there are volunteer opportunities with the organisation. Since founding, more than 16,000 development experts have committed themselves to improve the living conditions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Development experts are dedicated to fight poverty, promote a self-determined, sustainable development and to preserve natural resources. The organisation has over 1,300 development experts currently working, in addition 800 local experts and 300 administrative personnel. The German Development Service also offers its services to international clients, e.g, cooperation with UN organisations, World Bank, etc.

**FORUM member**

No

**Countries in which they work**

48 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America

**Do they receive government funding?**

DED is owned jointly by the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the working group "Learning and Helping Overseas", a registered association. DED is financed by the federal budget.

**Status, e.g. registered charity**

Non-profit-making, limited liability company

**No. of volunteers annually**

600 volunteers have a contract with DED.

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| Name of organisation | Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario (FOCSIV) |
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Chiara Martinelli |
| Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website | Via S. Francesco di Sales 18, 00165, Roma, Italy. Ph: +39066877796 / +39066877867  
Email: dg@focsiv.it  
Web: http://www.focsiv.org/chisiamo/chisiamo.php |
| Primary focus of IV activity | FOCSIV is the largest Italian Federation of Christian Organisations with a volunteer charter. It is currently involved in 641 development interventions. FOCSIV volunteers are involved in implementation of projects in the social sectors of health, agriculture, education and defense of human rights. |
| FORUM member | Yes |
| Countries in which they work | 86 countries from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, Middle East and Oceania. |
| Do they receive government funding? | tbc |
| Status, e.g registered charity | Registered charity |
| No. of volunteers | |
### FK Norway (Fredskorpset)

**Name of organisation**
FK Norway (Fredskorpset)

**Contact name and position**
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**Primary focus of IV activity**
FK Norway (Fredskorpset) arranges reciprocal exchanges of personnel between organisations in Norway and developing countries. Their objective is to contribute to lasting improvements in economic, social and political conditions in the world. The exchange occurs in a partnership between two or more organisations or companies, with support from FK Norway. FK Norway doesn’t send out participants itself; but calls upon companies and organisations to do so with the partner determining what expertise is needed from the volunteer. The aim is to promote the mutual exchange of knowledge, experiences and skills. This goes both ways: the organisation or company both sends and receives participants.

**FORUM member**
Yes

**Countries in which they work**
55 developing countries including Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Kenya and South Africa.

**Do they receive government funding?**
FK Norway is a public body answerable to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and financed totally over the State Budget. For the year 2007, Fredskorpset has been allocated NOK 165 million.

**Status, e.g registered charity**
Public body

**No. of volunteers annually**
2,500 participants over past five years

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### Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation (HVSF)

**Name of organisation**
Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation (HVSF)

**Contact name and position**
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Web: http://www.hvsf.hu/

**Primary focus of IV activity**
The Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation provides personnel needed to carry out developmental and aid projects undertaken by Hungarian or international organisations. The purpose of the Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation is to foster a relationship with organisations specialising in developmental and aid projects and to find the right volunteer or professional for the job. After gaining knowledge of the concrete concerns and circumstances of the project, the Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation prepares the volunteers or professionals for the specific on-site tasks they will be carrying out. The foundation also provides the infrastructure needed to carry out the tasks: transportation, insurance, food and lodging, health coverage and communications. It also offers support and oversees the volunteer's or professional's work and, upon their return home, helps them readapt to their normal environment.

**FORUM member?**
Yes

**Countries in which they work**
In 2007, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Uganda and Yemen.

**Do they receive government funding?**
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<td>Matthew Snell, CEO</td>
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<td><strong>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</strong></td>
<td>Hunter House, 57 Goodramgate, York, YO1 7FX, UK. Ph: +44 (0) 1904 64 77 99 Email: <a href="mailto:msnell@unais.org.uk">msnell@unais.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.internationalservice.org.uk">www.internationalservice.org.uk</a></td>
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<td>International Service is a development agency. It places experienced individuals to work with local partner organisations to combat poverty and oppression by working to increase global understanding of development issues. International Service recruits on behalf of local organisations – non-governmental organisations (NGOs), municipalities, community groups, grassroots organisations - that have identified a need for specific skills for which they are unable – for whatever reason to recruit locally. All posts require individuals with professional skills and at least two years’ experience (ideally in a development context).</td>
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<td><strong>Contact name and position</strong></td>
<td>Sadako Ogata, JICA president (tbc if she will be primary contact)</td>
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<td><strong>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</strong></td>
<td>Shinjuku Maynds Tower, 2-2-1 Yoyogi, Shibuya, Tokyo 151-8558, Japan. Ph: +81-3- 5352-5532. Web: <a href="http://www.jica.go.jp/english/">http://www.jica.go.jp/english/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Primary focus of IV activity</strong></td>
<td>The new look JICA was officially inaugurated on October 1, 2008 with a merger between the existing Japan International Cooperation Agency and the overseas economic cooperation section of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). Providing technical assistance, concessionary loans (Japanese ODA loans) and grant aid, JICA will become the &quot;one stop shop of Japan’s ODA&quot;. JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) is one of the most important programs. Since 1965 more than 30,000 JOCVs, increasingly women, have worked in countries around the world on projects which complement the organisation’s larger and more structured programs. JOCVs generally stay in developing countries for two years, living and working with the local people while taking part in cooperative activities such as agriculture, forestry and fishery, manufacturing, maintenance and operation, civil engineering and architecture, health and welfare, education and information services, sports, and planning and administration. Around 195 occupations are involved in all.</td>
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Volunteers aged between 40 and 69 are recruited for the Senior Volunteer Program. The program can be described as a senior version of the JOCV Program. Volunteers are assigned to hospitals, schools, corporations, and NGOs. In 2003, there were 1,914 applicants for this program.

| FORUM member? | Yes |
| Countries in which they work | Worldwide |
| Do they receive government funding? | Yes |

**Status, e.g registered charity**
Established as an independent administrative institution under the law concerning the Independent Administrative Institution Japan International Cooperation Agency.

**No. of volunteers**
30,000 volunteers since 1965 (1,529 volunteers in 2006).

**Name of organisation**
Lernen und Helfen in Übersee (AKLHÜ)

**Contact name and position**
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**Primary focus of IV activity**
AKLHÜ is a contact and networking exchange for state-recognised development, youth community and peace services and for other organisations active in development cooperative ventures. AKLHÜ promotes exchanges on specialist / professional subjects between its members and other national and international players in the field of personal development cooperation. The vacancies-database of AKLHÜ gives users access, via a targeted search, to current job opportunities in development organisations/initiatives and international volunteer development services. It contains information on various projects, areas of work and particular activities, conditions and duration of service/jobs, organisations offering opportunities, etc.

| FORUM member | Yes |
| Countries in which they work | None |
| Do they receive government funding? | Yes |

**Status, e.g registered charity**
Umbrella organisation

**No. of volunteers annually**
None

**Name of organisation**
Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke (MS)

**Contact name and position**
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Web: http://www.ms.dk/sw1577.asp

**Primary focus of IV activity**
MS’s work is coupled through a clear vision about a world in peace with better conditions for the poor and marginalised. A world where people cooperate to achieve global justice. MS work hand in hand with 200 partner organisations in Africa, Central America, Asia, and the Middle East.
They focus on training, education, self organisation and exchange of experience – and investment in people, because the organisation believes people are the most important resource in the development process. MS offers travels to development countries in Africa, Central America and Asia to enable Danes to “get a perspective on the world” through a work camp, an extended stay doing voluntary work or through a study trip. MS also offers stays for Midterm Volunteers (MTVs). Most stays promoted by MS are arranged by locally based organisations that are partners of MS or have been partners in our development programme. MS have country offices in different countries in East Africa, Southern Africa, in Nepal and in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

**FORUM member?**
Yes

**Countries in which they work**
Africa, Central America, Asia, and the Middle East.

**Do they receive government funding?**
tbc

**Status, e.g registered charity**
NGO

**No. of volunteers annually**
tbc

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**Name of organisation**
Progressio

**Contact name and position**
Liz Tremlett

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**Primary focus of IV activity**
Progressio is a faith based international development charity working for justice and the eradication of poverty. The organisation works in partnership with civil groups and governments in Latin America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, South East Asia, UK and Europe. The approach combines advocacy work to secure equitable policies with the strengthening of community-based organisations that represent the interests of the poor and improve their quality of life. Through Progressio country programmes, they place experienced professionals to share their skills with partners in 11 countries. This is normally for two years. Approximately one third of volunteers are from the North, and two thirds from the South.

**FORUM member?**
Yes

**Countries in which they work**
11 countries in Latin America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East and South East Asia.

**Do they receive government funding?**
Funded by citizens.

**Status, e.g registered charity**
International development charity

**No. of volunteers annually**
tbc

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**Name of organisation**
PSO

**Contact name and position**
Margo Kooijman

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Scheveningsweg 68, 2517 KX, Den Haag, Netherlands. Ph: +(31)70-3384949
**Primary focus of IV activity**

PSO is an association that consists of fifty Dutch development organisations. The association focuses on capacity development at social organisations in developing nations. PSO wishes to contribute to structurally combating poverty through capacity building in social organisations in developing countries. PSO does so by supporting Dutch organisations and their partners in developing countries with knowledge development and funding. A Youth Zone program is designed to give young people from the North and the South experience in capacity building.

**FORUM member**

Yes

**Countries in which they work**

Internationally

**Do they receive government funding?**

Yes

**Status, e.g registered charity**

Association of NGOs

**No. of volunteers**

600 development workers are supported by PSO each year

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**Name of organisation**

Skillshare International

**Contact name and position**

Cliff Allum

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**Primary focus of IV activity**

Skillshare International is an international volunteering and development organisation, working to reduce poverty, injustice and inequality and to further economic and social development in partnership with people and communities throughout the world. The organisation’s key focus is a combined focus on social and organisational change. Priority sectors are health, education, environment and economic empowerment and they address the themes of gender, HIV and AIDS, human rights and peace building across their work. Skillshare typically recruits one to two-year placements. The positions are on a voluntary basis but Skillshare International covers the cost of flights, accommodation, health insurance and also a basic living allowance. Most positions require a degree level or professional qualification plus two years work experience.

Skillshare International’s roots go back to 1917 when Service Civil International (SCI) was set up to work towards the cause of peace following the First World War, sharing skills, experience and understanding across nations.

**FORUM member?**

Yes

**Countries in which they work**

Skillshare currently works with partner organisations in more than 14 countries in southern Africa, East and West Africa (Botswana, Lesotho, India, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda), and South Asia. They also have a development awareness programme in the UK and Ireland.

**Do they receive government funding?**

Yes

**Status, e.g registered charity**

International volunteering and development organisation

**No. of volunteers annually**

The total number of development workers on placements in June 2008 was 71
**Name of organisation**  
Singapore International Foundation (SIF) / Singapore Volunteers Overseas (SVO) programme

**Contact name and position**  
Ms Jean Tan, Executive Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**  
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Email: sifnet@sif.org.sg Website: www.sif.org.sg

**Primary focus of IV activity**  
Established in 1991, the Singapore International Foundation (SIF) is a not-for-profit organisation that seeks to nurture active global citizens and friends for Singapore. SIF aims to help the development of communities outside of Singapore through the Singapore Volunteers Overseas (SVO) programme. SIF facilitates the participation of volunteers in capacity-building programmes in areas as diverse as healthcare and health education, organisational and personal capacity development, empowerment of disadvantaged children, women and families, and rehabilitation of the disabled. Singaporean volunteers can choose to be long or short-term in-field volunteers, workshop trainers or specialist trainers, depending on their knowledge and interests. For its work, SIF was presented the Excellence for Singapore Award.

**FORUM member?**  
Yes

**Countries in which they work**  
16 countries including in Asia

**Do they receive government funding?**  
Yes

**Status, e.g registered charity**  
NGO

**No. of volunteers**  
Since its inception in 1991, the SVO programme has enabled more than 1,500 skilled Singaporean volunteers, up to 30 Singapore institutions, corporations and foundations, and numerous supporters to participate directly in building capabilities in developing communities for long-term, sustainable development.

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**Name of organisation**  
SU CO - Global Citizens for Change

**Contact name and position**  
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**Primary focus of IV activity**  
On the cutting edge of web interactivity and social networking, Global Citizens for Change is a joint outreach and public engagement initiative of the coalition of Canada’s eight leading volunteer cooperation agencies. Global Citizens Connect is the coalition’s way to demonstrate the range and scope of the work being done by Global Citizens around the world. It also displays overseas volunteer opportunities currently being offered by the nine partner organizations who are part of the Global Citizens for Change coalition.

**FORUM member?**  
Yes

**Countries in which they work**  
Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, Asia/Pacific, Eastern Europe and other

**Do they receive government funding?**  
It receives the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

**Status, e.g registered charity**  
Coalition
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<td>Dagmar Schumacher, Head of Media Relations</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>PO Box 260111, Bonn 53153, Germany. Ph: +492288152308. Email: <a href="mailto:Flavia.Pansieri@unvolunteers.org">Flavia.Pansieri@unvolunteers.org</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.unv.org/">http://www.unv.org/</a> (please note the website is available in a variety of world languages)</td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. Volunteerism is a powerful means of engaging people in tackling development challenges, and it can transform the pace and nature of development. Volunteerism benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer by strengthening trust, solidarity and reciprocity among citizens, and by purposefully creating opportunities for participation. UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers, including experienced UNV volunteers, throughout the world. UNV embraces volunteerism as universal and inclusive, and recognizes volunteerism in its diversity as well as the values that sustain it: free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity.</td>
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<td>UNV Online Volunteering</td>
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<td>Contact name</td>
<td>Deborah Snelson</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>32 Waring Street, PO Box 12-246, Wellington 6144, New Zealand. Ph: +64 472 5759 Web: <a href="http://www.vsa.org.nz">www.vsa.org.nz</a>.</td>
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VSA operates in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific with most assignments in the latter including Bougainville, the Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tokelau & Vanuatu.

**Do they receive government funding?**
Yes

**Status, e.g registered charity**
Incorporated society with charitable status.

**No. of volunteers annually**
At any one time there are around 100 volunteers working with our partners in the field

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<td>Martin Schreiber / Jeanine Kosch (chairwoman)</td>
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<td>Mattenhofstrasse 33, Ch-3007 Bern, Switzerland. Ph .+41 (0)31 381 12 19. Email: <a href="mailto:m.schreiber@unite-ch.org">m.schreiber@unite-ch.org</a></td>
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**Primary focus of IV activity**
Unité is an umbrella organisation representing 25 Swiss development agencies and church organisations, sending development / fraternal workers to projects of their Southern partners as well as supporting local personnel and facilitating both South-North and South-South exchanges, mainly in Latin America (58%) and Africa (34%). Both development and public engagement / advocacy activities are the principle goals of this partnership exchange (échange pour le changement).

**FORUM member?**
Yes

**Countries in which they work**
Latin America, Asia and Africa

**Do they receive government funding?**
Max 75%

**Status, e.g registered charity**
Association

**No. of volunteers annually**
In 2007, there were 279 state co-financed positions (mainly long-term engagement of more than two years). There were around 200 privately funded positions.

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<th>Name of organisation</th>
<th>VSO</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contact name and position</td>
<td>Margaret Mayne, CEO</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>VSO International, Carlton House, 27A Carlton Drive, London, SW15 2BS United Kingdom. Ph +44 (0)20 8780 7200. Web: <a href="http://www.vso.org.uk">www.vso.org.uk</a> There are offices in Ireland and the UK. They also have federation offices in the Netherlands, Canada, India, Kenya and Uganda and the Philippines.</td>
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**Primary focus of IV activity**
VSO is a leading development charity and the largest independent sender of volunteers. The volunteers aim to pass on their expertise to local people so that when they return home their skills remain. The average VSO volunteer is 41, the majority coming from skilled, professional backgrounds. Placements range from one month to two years in duration. The range of jobs is vast, and includes small business advisors, teachers, social workers, health professionals, management consultants, marine biologists, accountants and farmers.

**FORUM member?**
Yes
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<th>Countries in which they work</th>
<th>30-40 countries throughout Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe</th>
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<td>Do they receive government funding?</td>
<td>tbc. Fundraising is fundamental to the work of VSO.</td>
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<td>No. of volunteers annually</td>
<td>1,500 (since founding in 1958, VSO has sent over 30,000 volunteers to over 70 countries).</td>
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### NON FORUM MEMBERS

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<th>Adventist Development and Relief Agency Japan</th>
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<td>Contact name and position</td>
<td>Kenzi Soneda, Chairperson</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>1-11-1 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0001. Ph: +81-3-5410-0045. Email: <a href="mailto:tokyo@adrajpn.org">tokyo@adrajpn.org</a> Web:<a href="http://www.google.com/translate?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.adrajpn.org%2F&amp;langpair=ja%7Cen">http://www.google.com/translate?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.adrajpn.org%2F&amp;langpair=ja%7Cen</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>Established in 1986, ADRA's activities in developing countries includes emergency assistance during disasters, education work and medical assistance. It is a partner of UNHCR and the Japan Network for Education and Japan Platform.</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>Countries in which they work</td>
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<th>AFS Intercultural Programs – Community Service Programme</th>
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<td>Contact name and position</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>PO Box 5, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012, Australia. Phone: 1300 131 736 Fax +61 (0)2-9215 0088. Email: <a href="mailto:ausafs@afs.org">ausafs@afs.org</a> Web:www.afs.org.au</td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>AFS offer international community service volunteerism with a focus on gaining work experience, learning another language and fostering intercultural understanding. There’s a range of experiences on offer some challenging including working in a women’s shelter in Honduras for example. Volunteers are either housed with a local host family or with other international volunteers on a project site. Assignments span four weeks to 12 months.</td>
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<td>Countries in which they work</td>
<td>Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, Thailand &amp; Venezuela.</td>
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<td>No. of volunteers annually</td>
<td>23 Australians in 2005</td>
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### Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) Hong Kong
Contact name and position
Chung Woon-Fan, Flora, Chief Executive Officer

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
602, Duke of Windsor Social Service Bldg, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Email: avs@avs.org.hk

Primary focus of IV activity
AVS aims to develop, provide and organise service opportunities for Hong Kong citizens who would like to volunteer. It recruits volunteers, develops and coordinates volunteer resources and establishes volunteer service management to match with the needs of the society with local, regional and international volunteering organizations. It’s also involved in providing assistance to service organisations in developing volunteering.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Not available; mostly in Hong Kong

Do they receive government funding?
Not available

Status, e.g registered charity
NGO

No. of volunteers annually
Not available

Name of organisation
Amigos de las Americas

Contact name and position
Emily Untermeyer, Executive Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
5618 Star Lane, Houston, Texas 77057. Email: emily@amigoslink.org
Web: www.amigoslink.org

Primary focus of IV activity
Amigos de las Americas works with high school students to contribute to development outcomes in Latin America. It’s been around for 43 years and AMIGOS volunteer missions have built partnerships to empower people, advance community development and strengthen multicultural understanding in the Americas.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Latin America only

Do they receive government funding?
No

Status, e.g registered charity
Private organisation

No. of volunteers annually
20,000 volunteers since its inception

Name of organisation
Asian Community Trust (ACT)

Contact name and position
site under construction at time of research

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
c/o ABK Bldg. 1F, 2-12-13 Hon-Komagome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8642. Ph: +81-3-3945-2615.

Primary focus of IV activity
ACT has been in the aid business for 25 years. Its assistance budget is around 10,000,000 annually and seeks to assist people at a grassroots level.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Asian countries

Do they receive government funding?
site under construction at time of research

Status, e.g. registered charity
Charitable trust

No. of volunteers annually
site under construction at time of research

Name of organisation
Australian Business Volunteers (ABV)

Contact name and position
Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
PO Box 25, Deakin West, ACT, 2600, Australia. Phone: +61 (0)2-6285 1686
Email: info@abv.org.au Web: www.abv.org.au

Primary focus of IV activity
ABV is an overseas development agency largely funded by AusAID. ABV focuses on assisting the development of the private sector as a “sustainable engine for development.” At the request of clients in developing countries of South East Asia and the Pacific, ABV sends skilled and experienced Australian volunteers to undertake short-term training, advisory and mentoring assignments with client counterparts overseas including micro, small and medium-sized businesses, local government bodies, NGOs and civil society organisations. Volunteers are sent throughout the year on one to 12 month assignments. Partner programs include in-country organisations, Business Councils and Chambers of Commerce in the Asia Pacific and Australian professional organisations.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work

Do they receive government funding?
Yes

Status, e.g registered charity
ABV Ltd is a not-for-profit incorporated company, limited by guarantee

No. of volunteers annually
260 volunteers in 2006/07

Name of organisation
Austraining International (Austraining)

Contact name and position
Mr Kym Davis, CEO

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
Level 1, 41 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town, SA, 5067, Australia. Ph: +61(0) 8 8364 8500.
Email: austraining@austraining.com.au

Primary focus of IV activity
Austraining International (Austraining) is a South Australian Government-owned project management and international development organisation that has been certified to ISO 9001 standards since 1998. Austraining has managed over 300 bilateral and multilateral projects throughout the Asia Pacific and the Middle East. Austraining’s Head Office was established in 1991 and is located in Adelaide, South Australia. Asia Pacific regional offices are located in
Jakarta, Bangkok, Hanoi, Manila and Suva.

Since March 2001 Austraining has built up a particular and unique expertise in managing Australian government volunteer programs through the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) Program and more recently from July 2005 the Volunteering for International Development from Australia (VIDA) Program. These two programs operate in 20 developing countries and deploy 500 to 600 volunteers each year, with a total of approximately 2,500 volunteers managed since the programs’ inception.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Asia Pacific and the Middle East

**Do they receive government funding?**
Yes

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
Government

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**Name of organisation**
Geekcorps

**Contact name and position**
Wayan Vota, Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
IESC Geekcorps, 1900 M St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036, USA.
Ph: +1 (202) 326-0280. Email: geekcorps@iesc.org   Web: http://www.geekcorps.org/

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Geekcorps’ international technology experts teach communities how to be digitally independent by expanding private enterprise with innovative, appropriate, and affordable information and communication technologies. It promotes stability and prosperity in the developing world through information and communication technology (ICT). It seeks to increase the capacity of small and medium-sized business, local government, and supporting organisations to be more profitable and efficient using technology. Started by Ethan Zuckerman in 1999, Geekcorps became a division of the International Executive Service Corps in 2001.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Worldwide

**Do they receive government funding?**
Not available

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
Not-for-profit

**No. of volunteers annually**
Geekcorps draws on a database of more than 3,500 technical experts willing to share their talents and experience in developing nations

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**Name of organisation**
German Development Service

**Contact name and position**
Dr. Jürgen Wilhelm, Director General

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Founded in 1963, the German Development Service is one of the leading European development services for personnel cooperation. Since founding, more than 16,000 development experts have committed themselves to improve the living conditions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Development experts are dedicated to fight poverty, promote a self-determined,
sustainable development and to preserve natural resources. The German Development Service also offers its services to international clients, e.g., cooperation with UN organisations, World Bank, etc.

**FORUM member**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Africa, Asia and Latin America

**Do they receive government funding?**
The German Development Service is owned jointly by the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the working group "Learning and Helping Overseas", a registered association. It is financed by the federal budget.

**Status, e.g registered charity**
State organisation

**No. of volunteers annually**
Almost 1,300 development experts are currently working in 48 countries, in addition 800 local experts, 300 administrative personnel, 600 volunteers have a contract with German Development Service.

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<th>Global Citizens Network</th>
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<td><strong>Contact name and position</strong></td>
<td>Linda Stuart, Executive Director</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</strong></td>
<td>130 N. Howell Street, St Paul MN 55104, USA. Email: <a href="mailto:info@globalcitizens.org">info@globalcitizens.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Primary focus of IV activity</strong></td>
<td>Global Citizens Network provides fee-paying individuals the opportunity to interact locally and internationally with people of diverse cultures who share common global values, in order to develop creative and effective local solutions to global problems. Global Citizens Network sponsors teams of volunteers wishing to learn from and work with people in other cultures. Each team visits a developing community where local people are involved in grassroots efforts to meet their human and community needs while preserving their culture and traditions.</td>
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<td><strong>Contact name and position</strong></td>
<td>Bud Philbrook, CEO</td>
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<td><strong>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</strong></td>
<td>375 E. Little Canada Rd, St. Paul, Minnesota, USA. Ph: +1 55117-1628 Email: <a href="mailto:email@globalvolunteers.org">email@globalvolunteers.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.globalvolunteers.org">www.globalvolunteers.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Primary focus of IV activity</strong></td>
<td>Part of the volunteer vacation market, Global Volunteers has 23 years experience mobilizing short-term (up to 24 weeks) international volunteers on service projects and work abroad programs on six continents. No specialised skills are needed.</td>
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Name of organisation  
Global Volunteer Network (GVN)  
Contact name and position  
Colin Salisbury, CEO  
Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website  
P O Box 2231, Wellington, New Zealand. Ph: + 64 (0)4-569 9080  
Email: info@volunteer.org.nz  
Web:www.volunteer.org.nz  
Primary focus of IV activity  
GVN offers volunteer opportunities in community projects worldwide. GVN aims to support the work of local community organisations in developing countries on education, conservation, maintenance and construction and HIV/AIDS. Widely known, GVN is a savvy, people-orientated operation catering to all nationalities.  
FORUM member?  
No  
Countries in which they work  
Developing countries worldwide  
Do they receive government funding?  
No  
Status, e.g registered charity  
Non profit network  
No. of volunteers annually  
Not available

Name of organisation  
Global Vision International (GVI)  
Contact name and position  
Erica Louise, Regional Manager, Australia  
Richard Walton, Director and Founder, GVI  
Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website  
www.gviaustralia.com  
(Note, there are offices in North America, the UK and Ireland).  
Primary focus of IV activity  
Creates volunteer opportunities and provides funding to enable volunteer experiences with the 150 international charities, non-profits and governmental agencies it works with. They primarily recruit volunteers from the USA, the UK and Australia and project a professional and well-organised image.  
FORUM member?  
No  
Countries in which they work  
38 countries
### Do they receive government funding?
No

### Status, e.g. registered charity
Private (non religious, non political), internet based

### No. of volunteers annually
2,000

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**Name of organisation**
Go Make a Difference (Go M.A.D)

**Contact name and position**
Angie Peltzer, founder

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
Email: angelapeltzer@gmail.com / www.go-mad.org

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Go Make a Difference (Go M.A.D) is an international volunteer organisation and Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme Special Interest Group run by volunteers based mostly in Japan. Go M.A.D. encourages cross cultural understanding and global peace initiatives by linking volunteering with travelling.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Guatemala, Venezuela, El Salvador, Ghana, Tanzania, Thailand, Indonesia, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma) and Laos.

**Do they receive government funding?**
Volunteers pay for food, accommodation, and donations on-sight. For large group trips out of Japan on the JET Programme there is an AJET Special Interest Group fee of 1000 yen per individual, per trip.

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
Not-for-profit

**No. of volunteers annually**
Not available.

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**Name of organisation**
Handicap International

**Contact name and position**
Philippe Delescaille – President

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
Rue de Spa, 67, B - 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium. Ph: +32 (0)2 280 16 01. Web: www.handicapinternational.be

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Handicap International is an international solidarity organisation specialised in the field of disability. Non-governmental, non-religious, non-political and non-profit making, it works alongside people with disabilities, whatever the context, offering them assistance and supporting them in their efforts to become self-reliant. Volunteers are on a fixed-term contract of 13 months (12 months in the field and one month paid leave), taking effect from the date of departure on assignment. The level of salary, calculated using Handicap International’s pay scale, is linked to qualifications, prior experience, length of service within the organization and the level of future responsibilities. Monthly local compensation to cover living costs, calculated according to the cost of living whilst on assignment, is also paid.

**FORUM member**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Developing countries worldwide

**Do they receive government funding?**
Name of organisation
Help Exchange (HelpX)

Contact name and position
Robert Prince, founder

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
www.helpexchange.net

Primary focus of IV activity
Help Exchange (www.helpexchange.net) is an online listing of host organic farms, non-organic farms, farm stays, home stays and ranches etc who invite volunteer helpers to stay short-term in exchange for food and accommodation (board and lodging). Help Exchange is similar to Willing Workers on Organic Farms (WOOFING) in this regard and its popularity is growing among independent travellers. While not strictly related to international development volunteering, it’s worth FORUM being across such competition programs.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Europe including England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Finland, Bulgaria and many other European countries. Help Exchange has now also launched a new network called International to cover world countries not included in the main networks such as Hawaii, Caribbean, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, Korea and South Africa.

Do they receive government funding?
No (volunteers are required to pay a subscription fee from 15 Euros, valid for two years).

Status, e.g. registered charity
Private

No. of volunteers annually
Not available

Name of organisation
HealthCare Volunteer

Contact name and position
Elliot Mendelsohn – Joint CEO
Neil Patel – Joint CEO

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
Headquarters: 6825 Cielo Vista Dr. PMB# 29, El Paso, TX 79925, United States. Phone within USA: (310) 928-3611. Outside USA: (00) 1-310-928-3611. They also have offices in Canada and throughout Asia.
Email: elliot.mendelsohn@healthcarevolunteer.com

Primary focus of IV activity
At least 1.3 billion people worldwide lack access to the most basic healthcare, often because there are no health workers to take care of them. HealthCare Volunteer (www.healthcarevolunteer.com) is a non-profit portal that connects all volunteers, and job seekers, interested in health-related volunteering, or health-related work, to appropriate opportunities. HealthCare Volunteer was accessed by thousands of volunteers and job seekers from more than 118 countries in 2006. In 2007, DentalVolunteer merged with HealthCare Volunteer to create the world’s largest listing of health-related volunteering opportunities.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Worldwide
Do they receive government funding?
No
Status, e.g. registered charity
HealthCare Volunteer is currently a non-profit organisation in the United States and will subsequently assume a NGO status internationally and politically enabling itself to partner with health organizations anywhere in the world.
No. of volunteers annually
Approximately 25,469 ‘connections’ made since the organisation was founded

Name of organisation
IAVE International
Contact name and position
Anthony Carlisle, Executive Director, IAVE International Resource Center
Kang-Hyun Lee, Ph.D. President, IAVE, c/o Korea Council of Volunteering (KCV)
Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
IAVE International Resource Center: Fl.1, No.31, Sec.1, Zhong-xiao East Rd.Taipei, Taiwan (ROC). Phone: 886-2-3322-3167. Fax: 886-2-3322-3160. Email: info@iave.org
Web: http://www.iave.org/
Primary focus of IV activity
IAVE is the only international membership organisation that exists solely to promote and support more effective volunteering by all people. Membership and active participation in IAVE is the way in which volunteer leaders demonstrate their solidarity with the growing worldwide volunteer movement. Priorities include: 1) providing opportunities for volunteer leaders to come together at the global and regional levels, 2) encouraging and facilitating communication and sharing of “best practices” worldwide; 3) being a strong advocate with multinational institutions, governments, NGOs, and businesses of the principles embodied in the 2001 Universal Declaration on Volunteering; and 4) helping develop and disseminate new knowledge about volunteering as it is practiced throughout the world.
FORUM member?
No
Countries in which they work
Worldwide
Do they receive government funding?
Not apparent
Status, e.g registered charity
Volunteer-governed and volunteer-managed network
No. of volunteers annually
Not directly responsible for personnel dispatch

Name of organisation
ICVolunteers (International Conference Volunteers)
Contact name and position
Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
PO Box 755, Geneva 4, Switzerland. Ph: +41 22 800 14 36
Fax: +41 22 800 14 37. Email: info@icvolunteers.org . Web: www.icvolunteers.org
Primary focus of IV activity
ICVolunteers an international non-governmental organisation that connects volunteers and organizers of non-profit projects. Its main areas of work include the mobilisation, training and coordination of volunteers for social, humanitarian, scientific and ecological conferences; the mobilisation of volunteers for information and communication technology related-projects. With offices and representations in Europe, Africa and North America, it carries out projects internationally.
### Idealist.org

**FORUM member?**  
No

**Countries in which they work**  
tbc

**Do they receive government funding?**  
tbc

**Status, e.g. registered charity**  
tbc

**No. of volunteers annually**  
Not available but works with volunteers from about 60 countries

**Name of organisation**  
Idealist.org

**Contact name and position**  
Ami Dar, Executive Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**  
Action Without Borders/Idealist.org, 302 Fifth Avenue, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10001, United States. Fax: (1) 212-695-7243. Web: Idealist.org

**Primary focus of IV activity**  
A leading online portal with a focus on non profits jobs, aligned events and development opportunities plus a big emphasis on international volunteering with up to 15,000 volunteer placements listed at any one time. Idealist is a project of Action Without Borders founded in 1995 with offices in the United States and Argentina. Popular daily email alerts are available.

**FORUM member?**  
No

**Countries in which they work**  
Worldwide

**Do they receive government funding?**  
No but they receive donations and private sector monies

**Status, e.g. registered charity**  
Non profit

**No. of volunteers annually**  
Not available

### INTER-ACT

**Name of organisation**  
INTER-ACT

**Contact name and position**  
Sandro Carettoni, Ronchini of Aurigeno, President  
Bayardo Flores, Minusio, vice-president

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**  
Ph: 091 760 05 45. Email: info@interagire.or

**Primary focus of IV activity**  
Founded in 1970, INTER-ACT has been sending volunteers to the South for three decades allowing hundreds of people to work within the framework of international cooperation with projects designed and managed by partners of the South. Projects canvas health, education, environmental protection, micro-credit, human rights and institution building. Volunteers are required to undertake training and have a minimum of two years of work experience. INTER-ACT works closely with Bethlehem Mission Immensee and operates out of the Italian speaking part of Switzerland.

**FORUM member**  
Member of Unité (Swiss Association for the Exchange of Personnel in Development Co-operation)

**Countries in which they work**  
Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bolivia and Brazil
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<td>Contact name and position</td>
<td>Peter Coldwell, Director</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>1034 Tiffany Road, Belmont VT 05730, USA. Web: <a href="http://www.vfp.org">www.vfp.org</a></td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>International Voluntary Service Exchange ~ Volunteers for Peace offers placements in over 3,000 volunteer projects in more than 100 countries. The organisation exchanges volunteers with international partners, who organise the projects taking place in their own countries. VFP's basic fee is $300 for a multi-week placement.</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>IVS GB, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PR. Ph: 0131 243 2745. Email: <a href="mailto:info@ivsgb.org">info@ivsgb.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.ivsgb.org/info/">http://www.ivsgb.org/info/</a></td>
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<td>IVS GB is a peace organisation working for the sustainable development of local and global communities throughout the world. It is affiliated with Service Civil International, a worldwide network of voluntary organisations promoting peace and justice. IVS GB has international voluntary projects ranging from environmental conservation in Morocco to youth work in Russia. Projects are determined based on enhancing rather than replacing local initiatives. No specific skills or qualifications are needed by prospective volunteers but volunteers should be over 21 years of age.</td>
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INTERTEAM

Created in 1964, INTERTEAM is a member of the Swiss Personnel Development Co-operation, placing and supporting qualified Swiss development workers on three-year missions in Africa and Latin America. Its development workers work in the areas of nutrition, health and education, in coordination with the UN millennium development goals.

FORUM member

Countries in which they work
Africa and Latin America

Do they receive government funding?
Yes, plus private and church funds

Status, e.g. registered charity
A ZEWO-certified organization.

No. of volunteers annually
70

International Volunteers for Peace (Australia)

IVP is a non-profit local community group with an international perspective. IVP has contact branches in over 50 countries and focuses on organising ‘work camps’ around worthwhile, peace inspiring community needs and causes, for which it recruits participants from Australia and worldwide. Workcamps attract people of diverse race, ideology, nationality, and age to live together for two to four weeks while working on a community project. IVP is the Australian contact for Service Civil International (SCI), an international non-governmental voluntary service organisation established in 1920 at the inspiration of Swiss pacifist Pierre Ceresole. Long term placements are from three to 12 months; medium term volunteers work three to six months, but in both cases these volunteers must have demonstrated suitability at a work camp prior.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Worldwide including Asia, Latin America, Africa and Australia. Also in Europe and the USA.

Do they receive government funding?
No

Status, e.g. registered charity
Non-profit, non-governmental organisation

No. of volunteers annually
Tbc

NOTE: [Civil Service International (the international arm of the above) http://www.sciint.org/]
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>Internationalvolunteering.org is another internet listing provider of volunteer projects aimed at budget travellers who are only willing to pay for food and board in exchange for their volunteering to be set up. The website was set up by former volunteers. They offer community service work, human rights placements and medical placements among other types of volunteering. Volunteers are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves.</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>PO Box 231, Bayswater, Victoria 3153, Australia. Phone: +61 (0)3 9729 9611. Email: <a href="mailto:info@interserve.org.au">info@interserve.org.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.interserve.org.au">www.interserve.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>Interserve is an international mission agency offering Christians the chance to use their faith, training and skills in a unique form of service. Six months to one year projects are classified as short term; two year partner programmes are considered long term. Volunteers raise own support with the assistance of Interserve. Christians aged 18 to 70 years can apply; families with children can apply as well.</td>
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Primary focus of IV activity

IVS Great Britain is a peace organisation working for the sustainable development of local and global communities throughout the world. They are the British branch of Service Civil International, a world wide network of like-minded voluntary organisations promoting peace and justice through voluntary work. They offer youth volunteer placements for those under 18 years of age and other standard projects from two weeks to 12 months. These are full fee paying volunteer placements.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Africa, Asia and South America

Do they receive government funding?
Not available but seemingly no

Status, e.g. registered charity
Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually
Not available

Name of organisation
Involvement Volunteers Association Inc (IVI)

Contact name and position
Rheema Issa, Program Coordinator

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
P. O. Box 218, Port Melbourne, VIC, 3207, Australia. Ph: 03 9646 9392/ 03 9646 5504. www.ivworldwide@volunteering.org.au

Primary focus of IV activity
IVI aims to assist everyone that wants to help others on international volunteer placements. IVI works in 30 countries.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?
No

Status, e.g. registered charity
NGO

No. of volunteers annually
Around 300

Name of organisation
Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC)

Contact name and position
Mr. Masaaki Ohashi, Chairperson/Board Member, SHAPLA NEER

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Primary focus of IV activity
The Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) is a non-profit, non-partisan networking NGO founded in 1987 by a group of NGO leaders who saw the need to better coordinate activities in Japanese society and facilitate communication with overseas groups. They oversee a list of 278 Japanese NGOs whose overseas activities contain poverty reduction, educational support, medical and healthcare services, environmental protection, relief and
emergency assistance for refugees etc. The organisation serves as secretariat for the annual all-Japanese Network NGO Forum, conducting NGO human resources development training courses, offering accounting courses to NGOs, opening up an information and resource center, conducting global citizenship seminars all over Japan, conducting research and advocacy on NGO support schemes, such as official development assistance for NGO activities, and providing information and advisory services to local governments, economic organisations, labor unions and media.

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**Name of organisation**
Japan Youth Volunteers Association

**Contact name and position**
Not available

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
c/o NYC, 3-1 Yoyogi Kamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0052. +81-3-3460-0211. Email: info@jyva.or.jp. Web: http://www.jyva.or.jp/eng/index_e.html

**Primary focus of IV activity**
JYVA has been promoting volunteer activities throughout Japan. Founded in 1967 as an incorporated body approved by the Ministry of Education, JYVA has built up an extensive network with other Japanese volunteer groups, associations, corporations, and research organisations, as well as organizations throughout the world which promote volunteer activities. JYVA undertakes such activities as giving information and advice regarding volunteer activities, providing opportunities for volunteering and for research and development, supporting international exchanges, and publishing. JYVA has been expanding its international network by accepting full-time volunteers mainly young people and students from Asian countries and the U.K.

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**Name of organisation**
JCA-NET

**Contact name and position**

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
Sankin Bldg. 3F, I-B, 3-21 Kanda Nishiki-machi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0054. +81-3-3291-2875. Email: office@jca.apc.org

**Primary focus of IV activity**
JCA-NET’s mission is to empower citizen’s activities through the internet for peace, social, environmental justice and human dignity. JCA-NET dedicates its efforts to provide networking
tools for NGOs and social movements, working closely with the AsiaLink, an Asian wide NGOs information and e-mail network and is also a partner node of the Association for Progressive Communications (APC Networks) in Japan.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Not clear

Do they receive government funding?
Not clear

Status, e.g. registered charity
Not clear

No. of volunteers annually
Not available

Name of organisation
Kansai NGO Council

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
4F, 2-30 Chaya-machi, Kita-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 530-0013. Ph: +81-6-6377-5144. Email: knc@ak.wakwak.com

FORUM member?
No

Name of organisation
Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) / Korea Overseas Volunteers (KOVs)

Contact name and position
Park Dae-won, President of KOICA

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Primary focus of IV activity
KOICA is the key government organisation for Korea's grant aid policy making and implementation to developing countries since it was established in 1991. Dispatching Korean volunteers is one part of KOICA's missions.

The Korean equivalent of JICA, KOV, has been operating for 18 years and has sent skilled Korean volunteers to 27 countries. Its volunteers assist in many hands-on projects from abalone culture to brick making and animal breeding. The Korea Overseas Volunteers (KOVs) program dispatches Korean nationals to partner countries to share expertise, knowledge, and experience in order to make practical contributions to their socio-economic development. Volunteers work in sectors such as education, health, rural development and information & communication technology (ICT). Volunteers must be at least 20 years of age. Assignments are generally for two years.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Africa, South America, Middle East and Asia

Do they receive government funding?
Yes

Status, e.g. registered charity
Government organisation

No. of volunteers
Between 1990 and 2007, a total of 4,818 volunteers were sent overseas
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<td><a href="http://www.lawyerswithoutborders.org">www.lawyerswithoutborders.org</a></td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>Lawyers Without Borders is the world’s largest group of volunteer lawyers from around the globe who stand ready to offer pro bono service to international projects and initiatives. LWOB does not “represent” any person or organisation. It is not a resource for individuals seeking personal pro bono representation. The goal is to provide legal support to Rule of Law projects and initiatives in the human rights and global capacity building sectors; this is achieved using lawyers serving pro bono whenever possible. This approach has proven to exponentially reduce costs to funders, in-country NGOs and legal communities in developing regions around the world. There is no connection between Avocats sans Frontieres (AsF) and Lawyers Without Borders, Inc. LWOB operates in UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Palestinian Territories under the name.</td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>Médecins du Monde works to improve health care access throughout the world. They provide health care services in areas where care is needed most. Their work includes running hospitals, clinics, training health care workers, and providing medical supplies. They also work to improve the health of women and children. Médecins du Monde is a non-governmental organization that works to provide health care services to people in need.</td>
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Primary focus of IV activity
The organisation sends volunteers overseas to provide medical care to vulnerable people who are effected by natural disasters (recent hurricane in Burma), conflict (emergency response sent to Sudan) and extreme poverty (HIV/AIDS prevention amongst isolated populations in Zimbabwe). Médecins du Monde offices also run healthcare projects in their capital cities for marginalised populations who cannot access mainstream healthcare services. Médecins du Monde’s international work is initiated from 10 delegations, with the support of six representative bureaux. Médecins du Monde UK is a representative bureau. The International Secretariat, is based in France, exists to ensure that all communication channels are clear between all offices, and that all of Médecins du Monde’s principles are adhered to.

FORUM member
No

Countries in which they work
88 countries since founding

Do they receive government funding?
tbc

Status, e.g registered charity
Médecins du Monde UK was registered as a charity in England and Wales in January 1998.

No. of volunteers annually
5,500 volunteers in our offices; 1,200 volunteers in the field

Name of organisation
Médecins Sans Frontières International

Contact name and position
tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
Rue de Lausanne 78, ep 116 1211, Geneva 21, Switzerland. Ph: +41 (22) 849 8400. Web: www.msf.org. There are representative offices in 24 countries.

Primary focus of IV activity
A professional medical aid organisation with a pre-eminent reputation operating in 70 countries. The average volunteer assignment is six months. In general, MSF looks for health professionals, administrators and logistics specialists.

FORUM member?
No

Countries in which they work
Africa, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Federation of Russia, Middle East North Asia, Southeast Asia, South and Central America & Western Europe.

Do they receive government funding?
tbc

Status, e.g registered charity
Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually
137 volunteers from Australia and New Zealand in 2005; worldwide figures tbc

Name of organisation
Mission 21

Contact name and position
Seraina Vetterli - Projects
Christa Debely – Exchanges

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
Email: seraina.vetterli@mission-21.org or christa.debely@mission-21.org

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Mission 21 assists in 100 projects, fighting against poverty, promoting health, improving the position of women, resolving conflicts peacefully and educating people in theology and the church. At its headquarters in Switzerland, Mission 21 organises meetings, exchanges and research related to missionary work and developmental cooperation.

**FORUM member**
Member of Unité (Swiss Association for the Exchange of Personnel in Development Cooperation)

**Countries in which they work**
17 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe

**Do they receive government funding?**
TBC

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
TBC

**No. of volunteers annually**
TBC

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**Name of organisation**
Never-ending International Workcamps Exchange (NICE)

**Contact name and position**
Ueda Eiji, Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
2-1-14-401 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160-0022. Ph: +81-3-3358-7140. Email: nice@nice1.gr.jp Web: http://nice1.gr.jp/e/indexe.html

**Primary focus of IV activity**
International voluntary projects

International work camps involve volunteers from the world and local people working and living together for two to three weeks for development etc. NICE organise international work camps in Japan and east Asia with local partners and people. They send volunteers from Japan to work camps all over the world, and organise LAMP (long and middle term voluntary programs) in Japan and send volunteers from Japan to LAMP activities abroad.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
98 countries

**Do they receive government funding?**
Not apparent

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
Independent, non political

**No. of volunteers annually**
1,084 individuals as members / 3,000 projects

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**Name of organisation**
Nippon Volunteer Network Active in Disaster (NVNAD)

**Contact name and position**
Toshiaki Tanaka, President

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
1-5-1 Wakihama Kaigan-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0073. Ph: +81-78-231-9011. Email: master@nvnad.or.jp Web: http://www.nvnad.or.jp/index_e.html

**Primary focus of IV activity**
In an emergency, NVNAD coordinates volunteers, their relationships with local governments, communities, victims, and other organisations. Outside of these times it is a network disaster volunteer organisation providing local communities with the workshop called "Preventing Disaster Without Saying Disaster Prevention." It also runs a series of lectures/activities for future disaster
volunteers and local governments.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Worldwide

**Do they receive government funding?**
Information not available

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
NGO

**No. of volunteers annually**
450 individual members

**Name of organisation**
Okayama Topia for International Contribution (OTIC)

**Contact name and position**
Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
3-1-28 Hokan-cho, Okayama-shi, Okayama 700-0825. Ph: +81-86-251-6218. Email: sfujiki@marugo.ne.jp Web: http://www.otic.jp/index_Eng.html

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Since its establishment in 1994, OTIC has held NGO Summits for International Contribution for every year, with the cooperation of many organisations including WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, local governments, business groups, local NGOs and citizens’ groups. The Summits are organised to build an international network to strengthen the capacity of NGOs in humanitarian assistance by exchanging information, experiences and methodologies.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Not apparent

**Do they receive government funding?**
Not apparent

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
NGO

**No. of volunteers annually**
Not clear if it actually involved in the sending of volunteers

**Name of organisation**
Palms Australia

**Contact name and position**
Roger O'Halloran, Executive Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
PO Box 976, Glebe, NSW 2037, Australia. Phone: +61 2 9518 9551

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Palms Australia is an independent Australian volunteer sending organisation with over 46 years experience in recruiting, preparing, sending and supporting volunteers for work overseas and in cross-cultural situations. Palms responds to requests from international communities by sending skilled Australian volunteers abroad as part of our skills exchange program. Palms Australia started in Sydney in 1956 as the Paulian Association. Groups formed in around 100 communities to identify local issues, reflect on values and take appropriate action to address social inequality and assist people in need. After identifying that similar issues needed to be addressed globally, in 1961, the program was extended to communities overseas which request the placement of volunteers to assist develop health, education and other facilities.

**FORUM member**
No

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<td>International Office, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4LT, U.K. Ph: +44 20 7065 0775, Email: <a href="mailto:admin@peacebrigades.org">admin@peacebrigades.org</a> Web:www.peacebrigades.org</td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>Peace Brigades International (PBI) is an international grassroots NGO that has promoted nonviolence and protected human rights since 1981. PBI sends international volunteers to areas of conflict, providing protective accompaniment to human rights defenders threatened by political violence. They also facilitate other peace-building initiatives.</td>
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<td>Primary focus of IV activity</td>
<td>The primary focus of Peace Corps, an organised volunteer program of the US government, is stated as helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women. Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served. And lastly, helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.</td>
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<td>No. of volunteers annually</td>
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<td>Daniela Papi, Executive Director and co-founder</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>PEPY Tours, PO BOX 1235, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Ph (1) 914-458-4262 (US), (81) 50-5534-8504 (Japan) &amp; (855) 092 381 849 (Cambodia). <a href="http://www.pepytours.com">www.pepytours.com</a></td>
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<td>Dubbed ‘an educational NGO funded through a responsible tour operator,’ PEPY, started off with cycle tours with proceeds assisting the construction of schools and claims to inspire ‘meaningful travel’ by raising travellers awareness of development needs by connecting them with development organisations. PEPY has a very high listing on Google searches, the branding is very professional and the organisation seems to target Americans, Canadians, Japanese and Australians.</td>
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**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Cambodia

**Do they receive government funding?**
No (do receive private sector sponsorship)

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
NGO

**No. of volunteers annually**
tbc

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<td>Dr Peter Slowe, Founder and Director</td>
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<td>Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website</td>
<td>GPO Box 422, Adelaide, SA 5001. Ph 1300 132 831. Email <a href="mailto:info@projects-abroad.com.au">info@projects-abroad.com.au</a>. Web: <a href="http://www.projects-abroad.com.au">www.projects-abroad.com.au</a></td>
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<td>A member of the International Volunteers Programs Association (IVPA), Projects Abroad offers a wide range of fee paying ‘cultural exchanges’ meets CV enhancement from working at a local newspaper to learning Spanish in South America. They have offices in Adelaide, New York and Toronto.</td>
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<td>Countries in which they work</td>
<td>Ethiopia, Morocco, Ghana, Togo, South Africa, Senegal, Romania, Moldova, Nepal, China, Mongolia, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Sri Lanka, Jamaica, Peru, Mexico, Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina.</td>
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<td>No, privately funded tours are marketed.</td>
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<td><strong>Status, e.g. registered charity</strong></td>
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Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, OBE, DL, President & founder

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
The Heb ridean Centre, I slate of Coll, Argyll PA78 6TE. Ph: +44 (0)1879 230 444. Email: info@projecttrust.org.uk Web:www.projecttrust.org.uk

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Project Trust promotes itself as offering the original Gap Year providing young people with an opportunity to understand a community overseas by living and working there for a year. All the projects are vetted for their suitability for volunteers, and none deprive local people of work. Volunteers are aged between 17-18 years. Volunteers must have qualifications that would get them into a British university, be highly motivated and attend a week's training and briefing course based on the country to which they are going. Volunteers are given assistance from Project Trust to raise a proportion of their costs through fund-raising activities. Living expenses, flights, food and accommodation are provided.

**FORUM member**
No

**Countries in which they work**
25 including Asia, Africa and the Americas

**Do they receive government funding?**
Unspecified

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
Educational Charity, registered as a charity in Scotland

**No. of volunteers annually**
200 a year (4,000 since it was founded in 1968)

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**Name of organisation**
Save the Children

**Contact name and position**
tbc

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
U.S head office: 54 Wilton Road, Westport, CT 06880. Ph: +1 (203) 221-4030
Email: twebster@savechildren.org. Or, 2000 L Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036. Ph: +1 202-640-6600.

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Save the Children encourages highly motivated individuals to apply to become volunteers at all levels of their organisation. Save the Children does not have a formal overseas volunteer program, however, if volunteers are traveling in a country where Save the Children is active they can contact local offices.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
50 countries including the United States

**Do they receive government funding?**
tbc

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
Registered charity

**No. of volunteers annually**
Figure not available

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**Name of organisation**
Service Centre for Development Cooperation (KEPA) / ETVO Southern Volunteer programme

**Contact name and position**
Mikko Toivonen

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
### KEPA, Service Centre for Development Cooperation

**Primary focus of IV activity**
KEPA, or the Service Centre for Development Cooperation, is a service base for some 270 Finnish NGOs involved in development work and global issues. Each year approximately 60 people from Finland go to work abroad under the ETVO Southern Volunteer programme. This programme is a joint programme of five Finnish NGOs: KEPA, Finnish Youth Co-operation (Allianssi), International Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE Finland), Finnish Branch of Service Civil International (KTV) and Finnish Tinku Association. ETVO was set up in 1995 as a tool of global education. It aims to reduce cultural barriers and prejudices and increase tolerance both in Finland and in developing countries. ETVO started inviting volunteers from its partner NGOs to Finland in 1999.

**FORUM member**
No

**Countries in which they work**
Asia and Africa

**Do they receive government funding?**
Yes

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
Peak body / not for profit

**No. of volunteers annually**
60

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### Service de Coopération au Développement – SCD

**Name of organisation**
Service de Coopération au Développement – SCD

**Contact name and position**
Jean-Daniel Balme, Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**

**Primary focus of IV activity**
The CPC is the 3rd sending agency French Volunteers for International Solidarity with 300 volunteers in over 60 countries. At the request of partners responsible for development structures, the CPC recruits, trains and sends volunteers for missions than 2 years.

**FORUM member**
No

**Countries in which they work**
tbc

**Do they receive government funding?**
Yes

**Status, e.g. registered charity**
tbc

**No. of volunteers annually**
tbc

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### Seva Foundation

**Name of organisation**
Seva Foundation

**Contact name and position**
Mark Lancaster, Executive Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
1786 Fifth Street Berkeley, CA 94710, United States. Ph: +1 510-845-7382. Fax: +1 510-845-7410. Email: mlancaster@seva.org Web: www.seva.org

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Founded in 1978, Seva develops volunteer opportunities that meet program partners’ specific
needs and as such opportunities are limited; projects typically involve service delivery, training or consulting. Ophthalmologists and other health professionals are sought for the Sight Program to design customized volunteer projects that match the needs of Sight Program partners. Occasionally, Community Self-Development Programs accept field volunteers for assignments in Guatemala and Mexico.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
United States (with Native Americans), Guatemala and Mexico. Possibly other countries too but not apparent.

**Do they receive government funding?**
Not apparent

**Status, e.g. registered charity**

**No. of volunteers annually**
Not available; a limited number though

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**Name of organisation**
Worldwide Volunteering

**Contact name and position**
Roger Potter, founder, Peter Sharp, director, Andrew Graham, chairperson

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
7 North Street Workshops, Stoke sub Hambdon, Somerset, TA14 6QR, England. Ph: +44 01935 82558

**Primary focus of IV activity**
A matching database with 1450 volunteer organisations, 1.1 million placements in the UK and internationally. WorldWide Volunteering is a non-profit making organisation and they aim to make it easier for people of all ages to volunteer by providing instant access to information about the widest range of volunteering opportunities available.

**FORUM member?**
No

**Countries in which they work**
214 countries worldwide

**Do they receive government funding?**
No, private funding and funding from trusts and foundations listed on their website.

**Status, e.g. registered charity**

**No. of volunteers annually**
1,000,000

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**Name of organisation**
Youth Challenge Australia

**Contact name and position**
Emma Rochford, Executive Director

**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**
Postal Address: C/- University of Technology Sydney, P.O Box 222 Eton Road Lindfield, NSW 2070, Australia. Ph:+61 2 9514 5512. Web: www.youthchallenge.org.au

**Primary focus of IV activity**
Youth Challenge Australia is a non-profit, non-religious organisation that actively engages Australian volunteers in grass roots development work. Its mission is to engage and empower young people through collaborative and sustainable work with communities, to create understanding and bring about positive change. In Central Australia, Vanuatu, India, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico and Guyana, volunteers work in collaboration with local communities and partner organisations to assist the growth of sustainable and positive development. Youth Challenge Australia partners with Australian Volunteers International's youth program in India, Philippines and Papua New Guinea.
FORUM member?
No
Countries in which they work
Central Australia, Vanuatu, India, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico and Guyana.
Do they receive government funding?
No (tbc)
Status, e.g. registered charity
Non-profit, non-religious organisation.
No. of volunteers
In 16 years over 1,000 Australian participants have participated in Youth Challenge projects worldwide

Name of organisation
2Way Development
Contact name and position
Katherine Tubb
Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website
2Way Space, 1-4 Pope Street, London, SE1 3PR. Ph: +44 (0)20 7378 9600. Email: volunteer@2waydevelopment.com. There is also an office in New York.
www.2waydevelopment.com
Primary focus of IV activity
A UK based volunteer agency with partnerships with 100 organisations including NGOs. Every placement with 2Way Development is tailored to match a volunteer's abilities to the needs of partners. There is a £950 flat placement fee. The image is hip and professional.
FORUM member?
No
Countries in which they work
30 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America
Do they receive government funding?
No
Status, e.g. registered charity
Private
No. of volunteers annually
Not available
56. This mapping exercise has revealed **there are a variety of diverse groups engaged in international volunteering personnel exchange**, not just in terms of sending volunteers but also facilitating partnerships with civil organisations to arrange company-wide volunteering opportunities for international development purposes. Volunteering is no longer just within the realm of the individual volunteering his or her skills and services. FORUM needs to be mindful of the different groups working in the industry and consider the risks, challenges and opportunities in the new operating landscape.

57. Certainly there is cause for consideration that it is now time for FORUM to cooperate actively with partner volunteer organisations beyond traditional zones (Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand) as other organisations continue to develop their capacities in the field of international volunteerism. It is hoped this mapping exercise spotlights other organisations which share the common goals of FORUM and may be worthy collaboration partners in the future.

58. Looking at organisations in terms of their NGO, public or private status is but one possible filter by which to look at new potential partners for FORUM. There are also peak bodies, membership based organisations, volunteer resource centres and a myriad of volunteer internet sites not mentioned here. This is not to forget the organisations operating in developing countries who relish hosting international volunteers too like Foundation Help in Tanzania mentioned previously. There are lots of potential partners in the world of program delivery; among them, individuals and highly organised groups of people and/or organisations. For example, websites like Global Giving [www.globalgiving.com] connects donors with worldwide community based projects that need financial support (as opposed to volunteers) for everything from gender violence reduction projects in Kenya to hurricane medical relief in Cuba.

59. Another example, of a different model, is the "Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk vzw" (formerly known as the ‘Platform voor Voluntariaat’), or the Flemish Centre for voluntary work. The organisation is open to all volunteer organisations, whatever their field of activity and it forms a bridge between voluntary workers and organisations employing volunteers, and forms a bridge between organisations and policy-makers. Germany’s Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement (BBE), or National Network for Civil Society, is another national network linking organisations and associations from the third sector (non-profit organisations) and civil society, from business and work life and federal and community institutions. Both are members of CEV, the European Volunteer Centre (www.cev.be). There are many organisations like these. While this mapping exercise has focused on the international arena, it is always worth FORUM paying attention to trends within domestic volunteering.

60. **National volunteering: snapshot**

There is a rich catalogue of data suggesting volunteering, especially within state borders, is gaining significant government attention.

61. ‘**In many countries in transition in Eastern Europe there is growing interest in volunteerism as a route to greater citizen engagement, safeguarding recent democratic gains. Volunteerism is more clearly identified in Asia and Latin America and good progress is being made in terms of support from all sectors. Support for volunteerism in the Arab States should be strengthened if it is to take full advantage of the recent emergence of civic engagement in the region.**”

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12 Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 18.
62. The documented trend also has impacts on the international volunteering sector. Are volunteers being convinced of the benefits of volunteering in their own backyard, so to speak, versus offering their skills in contexts far removed from their own? While there will always be a set of people for whom international volunteering appeals more, there are clearly pluses to volunteering at home including ease and convenience, the ability to build local networks, less financial commitment/risk, and a perceived higher likelihood of job prospects as a result. Certainly in this time of fiscal uncertainty and terrorism, the likelihood of domestic volunteering strengthening as a result is likely and commendable. The challenge is how to differentiate and sell the benefits of international volunteering to audiences more accustomed to choice than at any stage in history.

63. There are not just organisations involved in international volunteering and cooperation but an increasing array of linking organisations, or call them middle-men, who act as an intermediary between the volunteer and the community in need of skills and resources. In this respect, FORUM’s relevance and charter may benefit for further discussion and analysis about the impacts of such divergence. Similarly, many organisations in developing countries anticipate international volunteers with open arms. Such arrangements can be very mutually beneficial for both organisation and volunteer. This mapping exercise does not address how such organisations in-country are dealing with the opportunities and challenges presented by the growth of international volunteering in countries of the North, however, this would be a worthy area of investigation for FORUM in the future.

64. Looking to 2011
It will be the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers in 2011. What progress does FORUM intend to make to promote and strengthen international development volunteering in the lead up? There is so much to achieve with the UN’s Development Millennium Goals. Over one billion people live in extreme poverty on an income of less than one dollar a day (Final Report, International Conference on Volunteerism & the Millennium Development Goals, 2004). Indeed volunteering can be a greater part of the poverty alleviation solution.

65. ‘Volunteerism, including mutual aid and self-help, service delivery, campaigning and advocacy, and other forms of civic participation, is a powerful asset for development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals.’

66. At the first conference on volunteering and the MDGs in Islamabad, Pakistan, Dr Kumi Naidoo, CIVICUS Secretary General and chair of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP), remarked that “...while service delivery is the main focus of many volunteer-involving organisations, they should not focus their energies exclusively on this aspect. There is a larger world of advocacy and fighting for rights. Some may object that this brings politics into the picture but, ultimately, change can only come through the participation of the citizens to whom politicians are accountable.” Food for thought for all lead alliances, including FORUM, involved in the sector.

67. These poignant figures, gathered at the time of research, are compelling reminders that international volunteering for development is more important than ever:

- 1.4 billion people live on less than $1.25 per day.
- One woman dies every minute as the result of pregnancy and childbirth.

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13 Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 4.
15 www.standupagainstpoverty.org
• An estimated 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.

• The world spends $1.2 trillion on weapons annually but cannot find the $18 billion necessary to help meet existing overseas development assistance commitments.

• For every $1 in aid a developing country receives, over $25 is spent on debt repayment.

"Helping out is not some special skill. It is not the domain of rare individuals. It is not confined to a single part of our lives. We simply heed the call of that natural impulse within and follow it where it leads us." - Ram Dass, Co-Founder and Honorary Lifetime Board Member, Seva Foundation (California)
Chapter 7: Collective Research and Learning and Discussion Questions

- As a leading network of organisations engaged in international volunteering and personnel exchange, how does FORUM intend to respond to the ever-growing and separate networks out there in the global volunteering marketplace?

- How does FORUM wish to work with the growing sector of online volunteering portals promoting worldwide volunteering?

- FORUM aims to share information, develop best practice and enhance co-operation between its members. Would it consider going beyond its traditional membership base? What would be the advantages of this? And the disadvantages?

- The FORUM membership is very Euro-centric, with members in Oceania and North America as well. How does FORUM plan to engage with volunteering organisations from the ‘global South’ including South East Asia, North East Asia and South Asia?

- The FORUM membership of NGOs and state organisations works with approximately 12,000 volunteers. Is this a healthy, representational figure? Consider ‘China has 13.8 million (national) registered volunteers’ alone (World Volunteer Web, ‘China creating new law on volunteering,’ 2005).

- Is FORUM effective on the basis of developing best practice models that potentially only reaching this number of beneficiaries? Does FORUM have other beneficiaries?

- What can FORUM do to promote best practice international volunteering among new and emerging volunteering organisations? How does it promote itself?

- What is the status of international development volunteering in this new era of ‘green volunteering,’ namely conservation volunteering and the urgent call to address climate change and its impacts on sustainable development? Is there an integrated approach envisaged? Should FORUM be targeting green volunteering organisations to recognise this interconnectedness?

- Does FORUM seek to include online volunteering, for the purposes of sustainable development, in its charter?

- Many aspiring volunteers are simply doing it themselves – they don’t want to volunteer for an organisation where they have to pay for the experience. How does this grass-roots, back to basics volunteering trend affect FORUM’s current work?

- Given its interest in personnel exchange, would FORUM consider a matching service whereby volunteers can submit skills and interests and be informed by FORUM of appropriate vacancies worldwide?

- With ‘voluntourism’ being widely promoted by all manner of tourism outfits, how does FORUM continue to keep longer-term development volunteering fresh and appealing to aspiring volunteers? What can be learned from the successful worldwide agencies like i-to-i (www.i-to-i.com) in the way they market volunteering to the masses?

- If FORUM is a secular entity, what’s its position on potentially opening up to leading faith-based international volunteering organisations?
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Some websites:
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http://www.cev.be/
http://www.forum-ids.org/about/members/
http://www.globalgiving.com/
http://www.go-mad.org/links.shtml
http://www.helpexchange.net/
http://www.icvolunteers.org/
http://www.ivolunteer.org.il/Eng/Index.asp?CategoryId=127
http://www.nidos.org.uk/recruitment/volunteer.asp
http://www.seva.org/site/PageServer
http://www.volunteerssouthamerica.net/
http://www.volunteerinternational.org/memberlist.html
VCO website
http://www.wse.org.uk/core/links.htm
http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/resources/publications/periodicals.html
www.youthfortechnology.org
APPENDIX

The information below has been provided by FORUM member, ACKLUE. It is in a range of languages and the author was unable to verify if the organisations mentioned were in fact volunteering related so it serves as a broad overview of international development programming in France, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

ORGANISATIONEN DER ENTWICKLUNGSZUSAMMENARBEIT IN FRANKREICH

1. Einleitung


Um gut qualifizierten jungen Fachkräften einen Einsatz in einem Entwicklungsland zu ermöglichen haben das Außen-, Wirtschafts-, Finanz- und Industrieministerium, das Sekretariat für Außenwirtschaft sowie UBIFRANCE (Agentur für die internationale Handelsentwicklung) das Nachwuchsförderungsprogramm CIVI (Internationaler Ziviler Freiwilliger Dienst) geschaffen. Ziel dieses Programms (mit rund 5.000 offenen Stellen) ist es, die wirtschaftliche, soziale, wissenschaftliche und kulturelle Entwicklung Frankreichs, sowie die berufliche Mobilität und die Ausbildung qualifizierter Nachwuchskräfte zu fördern.


Bei den nachfolgend vorgestellten Organisationen handelt es lediglich um eine Auswahl.

2. Dachverbände und Zusammenschlüsse

Coordination SUD


Weitere Informationen: Coordination SUD, 14, passage Dubail, 75010 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 44729372, Fax: 0055 1 44729373; E-Mail: sud@coordinationsud.org, www.coordinationsud.org

CLONG-VOLONTARIAT

CLONG-Volontariat, das Komitee für NROs die Freiwillige entsenden, wurde 1979 gegründet und setzt sich aus 14 Verbänden zusammen, die solidarische Einsätze von VSI in Entwicklungsländern fördern. Ziel von CLONG-Volontariat ist die Förderung des Volontariats als eine Form des bürgerschaftlichen Engagements sowie die Mitgestaltung der rechtlichen Rahmenbedingung rund um das Freiwilligengesetz. CLONG engagiert sich in den Kommissionen für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und für Freiwilligeneinsätze,
vertritt die NROs beim HCCI und ist zugleich Gründungsmitglied von Coordination SUD, wo es mit 3 Repräsentanten im Verwaltungsrat vertreten ist.
Weitere Informationen: Comité de Liaison des ONG de Volontariat (CLONG-Volontariat), 14 passage Dubail, 75010 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 42056300, Fax : 0033-1 44729373; E-Mail: clong@clong-volontariat.org, www.clong-volontariat.org

Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement CCFD
CCFD, das katholische Komitee gegen den Hunger und für die Entwicklung, ist die größte Entwicklungshilfeorganisation Frankreichs. Die Organisation steht unter der Schirmherrschaft der französischen Bischöfe und ist ein Zusammenschluss von 29 kleineren katholischen Bewegungen. Ziel dieser Organisation ist die Unterstützung von Projekten der EZ u.a. in den Bereichen Bildung, Nahrungsmittelsicherung, Menschenrechte und regionale Entwicklung, sowie die entwicklungspolitische Bildungsarbeit.
Weitere Informationen: Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement, 4 rue Jean Lantier, 75001 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 44828000, Fax: 0033-1 44828141; E-Mail: ccfd@ccfd.asso.fr, www.ccfd.asso.fr

3. Entsendeorganisationen
Association Française des Volontaires du Progrès AFVP
Von Beginn an wird der größte Teil der Freiwilligen in die frankophonen Länder Sub-Saharas entsendet. Es werden aber auch Projekte in anderen afrikanischen Ländern, in den Inselstaaten des indischen Ozeans und der Karibik durchgeführt. Durchschnittlich arbeiten über AFVP rund 300 Freiwillige mit 300 lokalen Fachkräften in etwa 30 Ländern der Welt. Die Freiwilligen sind zwischen 21 und 30 Jahren alt, ledig und können die für das jeweilige Projekt erforderlichen Fachkenntnisse und Erfahrungen vorweisen.
Weitere Informationen: AFVP, 11, Rue Maurice Grandcoing, Immeuble Le Rond-Point Européen- BP 220, 94203 Ivry sur Seine; Tel.: 0033-1 53142030, Fax: 0033-1 53142050; E-Mail: dg@afvp.org, www.afvp.org
Air Secours International (ASI)
ASI unterstützt ländliche Gemeinschaften und errichtet medizinische Versorgungszentren und Schulen, um die regionale Entwicklung zu fördern. Die Gemeinschaften und ansässige Kleinunternehmen werden bei der Selbstfinanzierung und der eigenen Entwicklung unterstützt.
Für die Einsätze sucht ASI regelmäßig Freiwillige. Die Anforderungen und die beruflichen Profile der gesuchten Personen sind je nach Einsatz sehr unterschiedlich. Darüber hinaus bietet ASI jungen Menschen die Möglichkeit ein Praktikum in einem der Projekte durchzuführen.
Weitere Informationen: ASI, 5, rue Lebon, 75017 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 45747766; E-Mail: asi-france@asi-france.org, www.asi-france.org

Association Générale des Intervenants Retraités Actions de Bénévoles pour la Coopération et le Développement AGIRabcd
AGIRabcd ist eine 1983 gegründete, politisch und konfessionell ungebundene Organisation von Senior-Experten, die ihre Erfahrung sowohl in Frankreich als auch in Übersee anderen Personen ehrenamtlich zur Verfügung stellen.
Weitere Informationen: AGIRabcd; 8 rue Ambroise Thomas; 75009 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 47701890; E-Mail: agirabcd@agirabcd.org, www.agirabcd.org

Cooperation et formation au development (CEFODE)
CEFODE wurde 1963 als NRO im Bereich der EZ gegründet. Die Organisation entsendet auf Anfrage Freiwillige (coopérants-volontaires) mit einem Zweijahresvertrag und unterstützt zusätzlich Immigranten aus Entwicklungsländern in Frankreich. In den letzten 40 Jahren hat CEFODE über 2.500 Freiwillige in über 1.000 Projekte nach West- und Zentralafrika, Lateinamerika und Osternente entsendet. Im Rahmen dieser Projekte
wurden und werden u.a. Gesundheitskräfte geschult, Jugendliche, Frauen und Pflegekräfte weitergebildet sowie Landwirtschaftsprojekte und mikrokreditfinanzierte Vorhaben unterstützt.


Weitere Informationen: CEFODE, Espace Nord-Sud, 17, Rue de Boston, 67000 Strasbourg; Tel.: 0033-3 88455990, Fax: 0033-3 88616436; E-Mail: cefode@aol.com, www.cefode.org

Délégation Catholique pour la Coopération (DCC)

DCC führt selber keine EZ-Projekte durch, sondern unterstützt Vorhaben aus den Ländern des Südens auf Anfrage ihrer katholischen Partner. Dabei steht die Förderung der menschlichen Potenziale im Vordergrund ihres Handelns.


Weitere Informationen: DCC, BP 303, 11 Rue Guyton de Morveau, 75625 Paris cedex 13; Tel.: 0033-1 45659665, Fax: 0033–1 45813081; E-Mail: dcc@ladcc.org, www.ladcc.org

Entraide Médicale Internationale (EMI)
Inter Aide

Inter Aide verwaltet derzeit weltweit 60 Programme in 8 Ländern: Haiti, Dominikanische Republik, Äthiopien, Malawi, Madagaskar, Mosambik, Indien, Philippinen.

In den Projekten der ländlichen Gebiete geht es vorrangig um die Trinkwasserversorgung, Hygiene und sanitäre Einrichtungen, Landwirtschaft, Gesundheitserziehung und die Förderung des Grundschulwesens. In den Stadtgebieten sind die Aktivitäten auf den Arbeitssектор (berufliche Bildung, Mikrokredite), den Bildungsbereich (Vorschul- und Grundschulwesen) und den sozialen Bereich konzentriert.


Weitere Informationen: INTER AIDE, 44 rue de la Paroisse, 78000 Versailles; Tel.: 0033–1 39023859, Fax: 0033–1 39531128; E-Mail: interaide@interaide.org, www.interaide.org

Santé Sud

Bei der Umsetzung der Projekte will Santé Sud die jeweilige nationale Gesundheitspolitik respektieren und die vor Ort geltenden rechtlichen Bedingungen anerkennen. Die benutzte Technik wird an die Kapazitäten des lokalen Personals angepasst. Die regionalen Arbeitsschwerpunkte von Santé Sud liegen in Westafrika, Madagaskar, im Maghreb, im Nahen Osten und in der Mongolei.

Freiwillige die für Santé Sud arbeiten wollen müssen zahlende Mitglieder der Organisation sein. Die Auslandseinsätze können von einigen Tagen bis zu mehreren Monaten dauern. Santé Sud übernimmt u.a. die Reisekosten und die Berufsunfähigkeitsversicherung. Besonders gesuchte Berufsgruppen sind u.a. medizinische Fachkräfte, Psychologen, Psychosozialisten, Pädagogen und Logistiker.

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ORGANISATIONEN DER ENTWICKLUNGSZUSAMMENARBEIT IN PORTUGAL UND SPANIEN

Einleitung


Die hier vorgestellten Organisationen sind eine Auswahl aus insgesamt mehr als 50 NRO.

PORTUGAL


EZ-Organisationen in Portugal werden im Unterschied zu sonstigen Nichtregierungsorganisationen als ONGD (Organização não-governamental para o desenvolvimento) bezeichnet. ONGD müssen vom Auswärtigen Amt anerkannt sein. Sie haben sich in der Plataforma ONGD zusammengeschlossen. Die Plataforma ist der einzige Verbund dieser Art in Portugal und unterstützt die Arbeit seiner Mitglieder u.a.
durch Lobbyarbeit auf nationaler und internationaler Ebene. Sie gibt jährlich einen NRO-Führer (Guia das ONGD) heraus. Eine Zusammenstellung aller Mitgliedsorganisationen findet sich bei der Plataforma unter:


Weitere Informationen: Ministerio dos Negócios Estrangeiros, Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento (IPAD); Avenida da Liberdade, nº 192-2º, 1250-147 Lisboa; Tel.: (+351) 21 317 6700; Fax: (+351) 21 314 7897; Website: www.ipad.mne.gov.pt

OIKOS - Cooperação e Desenvolvimento
Volunteers haben bei OIKOS die Möglichkeit, sich in einem internationalen Projekt zu engagieren. Die Volunteers sollten sich mit den Zielen von OIKOS identifizieren und Berufserfahrung für die jeweiligen Einsatzbereiche vorweisen.
Weitere Informationen: OIKOS - Cooperação e Desenvolvimento; Rua de Santiago nº 9, 1100-493 LISBOA; Tel.: (+351) 21 8823630, Fax: (+351)21 8823635/8; Website: www.oikos.pt

AMI - Assistência Médica Internacional
Im Jahre 1984 gründete Dr. Fernando Nobre die NRO „Assistência Médica Internacional“ (AMI). Diese private und überparteiliche NRO mit Sitz in Lissabon hat ihren Schwerpunkt in der Humanitären Hilfe in Krisen- und Konfliktregionen. AMI ist
derzeit in 52 Ländern aktiv und verfolgt dabei das Ziel, weltweite Armut, soziale Ausgrenzung, Unterentwicklung und Kriegsfolgen zu bekämpfen. Die Arbeit von AMI basiert auf drei Pfeilern: Auslandsarbeit, Inlandsarbeit sowie Bildungs- und Informationsarbeit. Im Ausland teilen sich die Aktivitäten ebenfalls in drei Bereiche auf:


Weitere Informationen: Assistência Médica Internacional AMI; R. José do Patrocínio 49, 1949-008 Lisboa; Tel.: (+351) 218 362 100, Fax (+351) 218 362 199; E-Mail: fundacao-ami@mail.telepac.pt; Website: www.fundacao-ami.org

**FEC - Fundação Evangelização e Culturas**


Im Rahmen einer missionarischen Tätigkeit können sich Freiwillige in Projekten der FEC engagieren (vergleichbar mit Missionar auf Zeit in Deutschland). Weitere etwa 30 Organisationen, die die-sen Freiwilligendienst durchführen, haben sich in einem bei der FEC angesiedelten Verein zusammengeschlossen.
Leigos Boa Nova


Für die Bewerbung müssen Freiwillige keine besonderen Vorkenntnisse vorweisen. Allerdings sollten sie sich bereits in einer Gemeinde engagiert haben, sich mit den christlichen Werten identifizieren und ein Jahr für die Vorbereitung auf den Freiwilligendienst zur Verfügung haben.

Weitere Informationen: Leigos Boa Nova, OMAS/Leigos Boa Nova, Largo da Igreja, Apartado 40, 3721-908 Vila de Cucujães; Tel.: (+351) 256 899 337, 256 899 330; Fax: (+351) 256 899 179; E-Mail: omas.lbn@sapo.pt; Website: www.boanova.pt/leigos

SPANIEN


Rahmenbedingungen für die Arbeit der Cooperantes sind in Artikel 38 des spanischen Entwick-
lungshelfergesetzes festgeschrieben. Die Cooperantes müssen über projektspezifische Kenntnisse verfügen, spanische Staatsbürger sein und einen Hochschulabschluss haben.


Weitere Informationen: Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación, Plaza de la Provincia, 1-28012 Madrid; Tel.: (+34) 91 379 97 00; Website: www.mae.es

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Cooperación Internacional por una juventud solidaria


Für ihre Arbeit und ihr soziales Engagement wurde Cooperación Internacional mit der spanischen „Cruz de Oro de la Orden Civil" ausgezeichnet.

Weitere Informationen: Cooperación Internacional por una juventud solidaria, Núñez de Balboa, 56, bajo A, 28001 Madrid; Tel.: (+34) 91 435 6807, Fax: (+34) 91 4316962; E-Mail: info@cooperacioninternacionalong.org; Website: www.cooperacioninternacionalong.org

Fundación Codespa

Weltweit besitzt Codespa vier ständige Vertretungen: in Kolumbien, in der Dominikanischen Republik, in Marokko und auf den Philippinen.
Weitere Informationen: Fundación Codespa, Rafael Bergamín, 12 – bajo, 28043 Madrid; Tel.: (+34) 91 744 4240, Fax: (+34) 91 744 4241; E-Mail: codespa@codespa.org; Website: www.codespa.org

Promoción y Desarrollo (PROYDE)

Personen, die älter als 22 Jahre alt sind, können bei PROYDE für einige Jahre als Volunteer in Bildungs-Projekten mitarbeiten. Voraussetzung ist, dass sie bereits an mindestens einem Freiwilligendienst im Ausland teilgenommen haben, physisch und psychisch stabil sind und sich als gläubige Christen verstehen. Darüber hinaus sollten sie eine für das Projekt relevante Hochschul- oder Berufsausbildung vorweisen können.

In den Sommermonaten bietet PROYDE zusätzlich für sozial engagierte Jugendliche über 21 Jahre die Möglichkeit, aktiv im Rahmen eines Freiwilligendienstes in einem ihrer Projekte im Ausland zu arbeiten. Diese Freiwilligen sollten sich mit dem La Salle-Gedanken identifizieren können und sich als gläubige Christen verstehen.

Weitere Informationen: PROYDE, c/ Marqués de Mondéjar 32, 28028 Madrid; Tel.: (+34) 91 356 06 07, Fax: (+34) 91 725 35 22; Website: www.proyde.org

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cinfo – Zentrum für Information, Beratung und Bildung; Berufe in der internationalen Zusammenarbeit

cinfo informiert Personen, die sich für eine Anstellung in der internationalen Zusammenarbeit interessieren und unterstützt Institutionen, die Mitarbeitende für entsprechende Tätigkeiten im In- und Ausland suchen. cinfo berät und unterstützt Ausreisende, Ausgereiste und Rückkehrende und deren Begleitpersonen bei der Vorbereitung ihrer Ausreise sowie vor und nach der Rückkehr.


Tipp: cinfoPoste – Freie Stellen der internationalen Zusammenarbeit, erscheint zweimal monatlich,

Weitere Informationen: cinfo, Zentralstrasse 121, Postfach 7007, CH – 2500 Biel 7,
Internet: www.cinfo.ch, Email: info@cinfo.ch

DEZA - Direktion für Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit

Die DEZA ist die schweizerische Agentur für internationale Zusammenarbeit. Sie gehört zum eid-genössischen Department für Auswärtige Angelegenheiten (EDA). Die DEZA führt eigene Pro-gramme durch, unterstützt Programme multilateraler Organisationen und beteiligt sich an der Finanzierung von Aktivitäten schweizerischer und internationaler Hilfswerke.

Die wichtigsten Aktionsbereiche sind:
- bilaterale und multilaterale Entwicklungszusammenarbeit
- humanitäre Hilfe, inklusive Schweizerisches Korps für humanitäre Hilfe (SKH)
- Zusammenarbeit mit Osteuropa.

Tipp: Informationsmappe „DEZA-Berufsinformation – Chancen, Möglichkeiten, Anforderungen“.

Weitere Informationen: Direktion für Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit, Eidg. Department für auswärtige Angelegenheiten, CH – 3003 Bern, Internet: www.deza.admin.ch, Email: info@deza.admin.ch

**Liechtensteinischer Entwicklungsdienst (LED)**


Weitere Informationen: Liechtensteinischer Entwicklungsdienst, Zollstraße 3, FL-9490 Vaduz, Email: led@lol.li

**seco - Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft**


Weitere Informationen: Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft (seco), Eidg. Volkswirtschaftsdepartement (EVD), CH – 3003 Bern, Internet: www.seco-cooperation.ch, Email: info@seco-cooperation.ch

**swisspeace – Schweizerische Friedensstiftung**

Swisspeace wurde 1988 mit dem Ziel gegründet, die schweizerische Friedens- und Sicherheitspolitik in Forschung, Konzeption und Kommunikation mitzugestalten. Swisspeace zeichnet für ver-schiedene Projekte und Programme verantwortlich:

Im Afghan Civil Society Forum (ACSF) wird Menschen und Gruppen eine Stimme geliehen, die sonst im Wiederaufbauprozess ungehört blieben. FAST, das politische Frühwarnsystem, dient der DEZA dazu, Eskalationsprozesse in den Zielländern frühzeitig zu erkennen und hilft den Länder-verantwortlichen bei der konfliktsensitiven Planung zukünftiger Projekte und Programme. Das Kompetenzzentrum Friedensförderung (KOFF) spielt bei der zivilen Konfliktbearbeitung eine wegweisende
Rolle. Für die Entwicklungen von Strategien im Umgang mit Ressourcenkonflikten ist der Teilbereich NCCR Nord Süd und für die Außenpolitikanalyse SIFOP (Swiss Integration and Foreign Policy) zuständig.
Weitere Informationen: swisspeace Schweizerische Friedensstiftung, Sonnenbergstrasse 17, CH-3000 Bern 7, www.swisspeace.org , Email: info@swisspeace.ch

Christlicher Friedensdienst - Feministische Friedenspolitik und Empowerment
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Interteam – Fachleute im Entwicklungseinsatz
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Swisscontact – Senior Expert Corps
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Intermundo – Schweizerischer Dachverband zur Förderung von Jugendaustausch
Weitere Informationen: INTERMUNDO, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 12, Postfach, CH-3000 Bern 8, Internet: www.intermundo.ch, Email: info@intermundo.ch
Freiwilligeneinsätze bei Mission am Nil
Weitere Informationen: Mission am Nil, Postfach 52, CH-8934 Knonau

BILDUNGSARBEIT

Interportal.ch
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