



## 257 UN Volunteers are currently supporting the UN in Bangladesh

UNV Bangladesh has been contributing to UN agencies for achieving SDGs through engaging qualified and skilled UN Volunteers (international and national). It has established strong advocacy partnerships and coordination with government, cross-sectional development agencies, corporate bodies, CSOs, VIOs and other potential stakeholders, to mainstream volunteerism into the policies and foster volunteering activities across the country.

UNV Bangladesh is managing the largest number of UN Volunteers in the Asia and the Pacific. At present, 257 UN Volunteers are actively serving in different parts of the country, supporting the development process in achieving UN mandate in Bangladesh. Throughout the pandemic, UNV has mobilized 60+ volunteers with different UN agencies. UN Volunteers are mainly assigned in substantive programme areas i.e., gender promotion, education, peace issues, human rights, political policy & planning, financial management, governance, advocacy, engineering, medical support, midwifery, innovation, child protection, media, poverty reduction, sustainable growth, strengthening local government, COVID-19 response and recovery support etc.

## UN Volunteers' support towards COVID-19 Response

During the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, UN Volunteers have been actively supporting their communities through proper implementation of emergency response plans of their agencies. Among many of them, Ms. Tamima Nasrin and Mr. Md. Sazzad Hossain are two such inspiring UN Volunteers, who are respectively working against Gender Based Violence (GBV) and urban poverty during this difficult time.

Tamima Nasrin, UNV District Facilitator working with UNFPA Bangladesh is providing technical support to district police and district women affairs office in Bogura, aiming to prevent and respond to GBV.



Due to the increased risk of gender based violence during the pandemic, Tamima organizes different community awareness programmes on COVID-19 and GVB at remote areas with the technical support of her team along with the district police of Bogura. She regularly communicates with them to make these police stations more gender friendly for GBV Survivors. She says, ***"I share the information of different service holders where people can find help especially of the service centres and the women and children help desks at police stations."***





## Support to Urban Poor Community



UNV Community Organizer Mr. Md. Sazzad Hossain is working at Gazipur City Corporation under the Livelihoods Improvement of Urban Poor Communities (LIUPC) project of UNDP and supporting the distribution of food packages, providing advice and guidelines on safety measures, social distancing, demonstrating effective hand washing techniques, and raising awareness to fight against COVID-19. He is also encouraging his community to get vaccinated.



Sazzad shares, ***“Due to the lockdown, we are encouraging people to stay at home, whereas we are helping our communities relentlessly as front-line fighters. But it gives me immense pleasure and I feel proud to be able to stand beside my community during this difficult time.”***

## National Volunteer Policy is taking its shape

UNV Bangladesh has been conducting advocacy for policy on volunteerism from last two and a half years and finally it is taking its shape. The national policy will provide substantive guidance and protection to volunteers, which will lead to advance volunteering works in a systematic and productive way to contribute peace and development process in the country.

Nationwide multilateral stakeholders’ consultations have been completed and now the draft policy paper is almost ready under the supervision of National Technical Working Committee. The policy formulation is being led by the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives.



### Quote from Host Entity

UN Volunteers are contributing to UNICEF Bangladesh in diverse areas with their skills and dedication. One of them is Ms. Hridita Syeda who supports the development activities of child protection centers in Rohingya camps. She is serving as a UNV Child Protection Officer at UNICEF, Cox’s Bazar.



Her supervisor Mr. Godfrey Braxton Okot says, ***“UNV platform gives us the opportunity for immediate quick fix for human resources needs. I look at Hridita as a very industrious, energetic and open minded professional. And I see her as a core professional for the protection of children”***

**Godfrey Braxton Okot**  
Child Protection Specialist  
UNICEF



Full story: <https://youtu.be/4XEsEoVYh1w>

# Meet the new UN Volunteers

UN Volunteers help people lead more productive and fulfilling lives, such as through their work on projects in quality education and improved healthcare, or by ensuring equitable access to community resources and sustainable practices. UN Volunteers at times also work with governments and other local partners, helping to boost local capacity and augment knowledge. Here we present few of our new UN Volunteers, who have joined our team recently.



Ms. Anneysha Zafrin is serving with UNICEF Bangladesh as UNV Knowledge Management Officer-Education at Cox's Bazar.



Ms. Kazi Hasin Savera has joined UN Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO) Bangladesh as UNV Development Coordination Officer.

Mr. Tanvir Hassan is supporting UNCDF Bangladesh as UNV Investments Impact Officer-Data Collection and Measurement.



Our International UN Volunteer, Ms. Jasmin Blankennagel is from Germany. She is serving UNDP Bangladesh as UNV Reporting Officer.

Ms. Tasneem Islam Arna has been mobilized with UNDP Bangladesh as UNV Digital Communications Support Officer.



UN Youth Volunteer, Mr. Md Mohaimenul Islam joined UNODC Bangladesh, as UNV Project Support Associate.



## Quote from a new UN Volunteer

One of our new members, Kazi Hasin Savera says,

***"I was always motivated by the core values of United Nations and the spirit of volunteering for the society. Getting the opportunity to serve as a UN Volunteer is an honor for me. I am excited to join UNRCO as a UN Volunteer, where I will get the opportunity to work for the UN Resident Coordinator Office Team, UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), and the Immediate Socio-economic Response Plan (ISERP)."***



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