

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES BY COUNTRY

NB. This is a limited list, but a useful first access point for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer.

Here is a short list of organizations in different countries categorized by focus areas.

GENERIC LIST

1. Disaster Response and Relief

- American Red Cross: Engage in disaster response, blood donation drives, and community services. [\[cite?turn0search2?\]](#)
- Team Rubicon: A veteran-led organization mobilizing volunteers for disaster response, focusing on debris removal and home repair.
- All Hands and Hearts: Provides immediate and long-term assistance to communities impacted by natural disasters.
- GlobalGiving: Connects donors and volunteers with grassroots projects worldwide, including disaster relief efforts.
- Direct Relief: Delivers medical resources to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty and emergencies.

2. Healthcare and Medical Services

- Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières): Delivers emergency medical aid in conflict zones and areas affected by diseases.
- Project HOPE: Provides health education and humanitarian assistance globally.
- Operation Smile: Offers free surgeries to children and adults with cleft conditions.
- Mercy Ships: Operates hospital ships providing free healthcare services in developing nations.
- International Medical Corps: Delivers healthcare services and training in underserved regions.

3. Education and Child Welfare

- Teach For All: A global network aiming to expand educational opportunities by recruiting and training teachers.
- Room to Read: Focuses on literacy and gender equality in education across low-income countries.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters: Provides one-to-one mentoring relationships to support youth development.
- UNICEF: Works in over 190 countries to protect children's rights and provide education, healthcare, and emergency relief.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America: Offers after-school programs to promote and enhance youth development.

4. Food Security and Distribution

- Feeding America: Operates a nationwide network of food banks to combat hunger.
- Meals on Wheels: Delivers meals to individuals at home who are unable to purchase or prepare their own meals.
- World Food Programme: The food assistance branch of the United Nations, addressing hunger worldwide.
- Action Against Hunger: Works to save the lives of malnourished children and provide communities with access to safe water and sustainable solutions to hunger.
- Heifer International: Provides livestock and training to help families improve their nutrition and generate income.

5. Housing and Infrastructure

- Habitat for Humanity: Builds affordable housing for families in need, both locally and internationally.
- Rebuilding Together: Repairs homes, revitalizes communities, and rebuilds lives for those in need.
- Bridges to Prosperity: Constructs footbridges to connect isolated communities to essential resources.

- Engineering Ministries International: Designs facilities that serve the poor in developing countries.
 - Build Change: Works to prevent housing loss caused by disasters by designing and building disaster-resistant homes and schools.
6. Environmental Conservation
- The Nature Conservancy: Works globally to conserve lands and waters.
 - Sierra Club: Engages in environmental protection and conservation efforts.
 - Earthwatch Institute: Connects volunteers with scientists to conduct environmental research.
 - Conservation International: Focuses on protecting nature for the benefit of all.
 - World Wildlife Fund: Works to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth.
7. Community Development
- United Way: Mobilizes communities to improve education, income, and health.
 - Rotary International: Brings together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service.
 - Lions Clubs International: Focuses on community service projects, including sight conservation and disaster relief.
 - Kiwanis International: Serves the needs of children through local service projects.
 - YMCA: Provides programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.
8. Animal Welfare
- ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals): Works to prevent animal cruelty and promote animal welfare.
 - Best Friends Animal Society: Operates the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals.
 - World Animal Protection: Works to end animal cruelty and suffering worldwide.
 - The Humane Society of the United States: Seeks a humane world for people and animals alike.
 - PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals): Focuses on animal rights and ethical treatment.
9. International Volunteering Platforms
- VolunteerMatch: Connects volunteers with local causes. [\[cite?turn0search2?\]](#)
 - Idealist: Offers volunteer opportunities, internships, and jobs globally. [\[cite?turn0search13?\]](#)
 - GoAbroad: Provides a comprehensive directory for international volunteer programs.
 - Workaway: Facilitates cultural exchange by connecting volunteers with hosts worldwide.
 - WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms): Links volunteers with organic farms for work exchanges.
10. Online and Remote Volunteering
- UN Online Volunteering: Allows individuals to contribute to development projects remotely.
 - Catchafire: Matches professionals with nonprofits in need of specific skills.
 - Translators Without Borders: Utilizes language skills to assist humanitarian efforts.
 - Zooniverse:

AUSTRALIA

Disaster Response and Relief

- Australian Red Cross: Engage in emergency response, disaster management, and community services across Australia. redcross.org.au
- State Emergency Service (SES): Volunteer in emergency response roles, including flood and storm assistance, in your respective state or territory.
 - New South Wales: ses.nsw.gov.au
 - Victoria: ses.vic.gov.au
 - Queensland: ses.qld.gov.au
 - Western Australia: dfes.wa.gov.au

- South Australia: ses.sa.gov.au
- Tasmania: ses.tas.gov.au
- Northern Territory: securent.nt.gov.au
- Australian Capital Territory: esa.act.gov.au

Healthcare and Medical Services

- St John Ambulance Australia: Provide first aid services at public events and support community health initiatives. stjohn.org.au
- Vision Australia: Support through various volunteer roles. visionaustralia.org

Education and Child Welfare

- The Smith Family: Assist in educational programs aimed at supporting disadvantaged Australian children. thesmithfamily.com.au
- Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF): Participate in programs that promote literacy and numeracy skills among vulnerable communities. alnf.org

Food Security and Distribution

- Foodbank Australia: Help collect, sort, and distribute food to those in need through a network of food banks. foodbank.org.au
- OzHarvest: Assist in rescuing surplus food and delivering it to charities supporting people in need. ozharvest.org

5. Housing and Homelessness

- Habitat for Humanity Australia: Contribute to building affordable housing for families in need, fostering strength and stability. habitat.org.au
- Mission Australia: Support services addressing homelessness and housing instability through various volunteer roles. missionaustralia.com.au

6. Environmental Conservation

- Conservation Volunteers Australia: Participate in conservation projects aimed at protecting natural habitats and biodiversity. conservationvolunteers.com.au
- Landcare Australia: Engage in sustainable land management and conservation activities across the country. landcareaustralia.org.au

7. Community Development

- Volunteering Australia: Access a comprehensive database of volunteer opportunities nationwide, tailored to various interests and skills. volunteeringaustralia.org
- GoVolunteer: Find volunteer opportunities across Australia in various sectors and locations. govolunteer.com.au

Animal Welfare

- RSPCA Australia: Assist in animal care, rehabilitation, and adoption services across various states and territories. rspca.org.au
- WIRES (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service): Participate in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts, primarily in New South Wales. wires.org.au

9. International Development

- Australian Volunteers Program: Matches skilled Australians with organizations in partner countries to support development goals. australianvolunteers.com
- World Vision Australia: Offers various volunteer opportunities supporting global development and humanitarian efforts. worldvision.com.au

10. Online and Remote Volunteering

- SEEK Volunteer: Provides a platform to find virtual volunteer roles that can be performed remotely. volunteer.com.au
- UN Online Volunteering: Contribute to global development projects through online assignments. onlinevolunteering.org

USA

Disaster Response and Relief

American Red Cross

Disaster response, blood donation, and emergency preparedness.

redcross.org

Team Rubicon

Veteran-led disaster response, including debris removal and home repair.

teamrubiconusa.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Corps

Disaster response, recovery, and preparedness projects.

fema.gov

All Hands and Hearts

Immediate and long-term disaster recovery assistance.

allhandsandhearts.org

Salvation Army

Provides emergency disaster services and community support.

salvationarmyusa.org

Healthcare and Medical Services

Remote Area Medical (RAM)

Provides free medical, dental, and vision care to underserved populations.

ramusa.org

Project HOPE

Health education and humanitarian assistance.

projecthope.org

Volunteers in Medicine (VIM)

Supports free clinics across the U.S. for uninsured individuals.

volunteersinmedicine.org

American Cancer Society

Opportunities include driving patients to treatment and administrative support.

cancer.org

Lifeline

Crisis support and mental health services through volunteer hotlines.

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Education and Child Welfare

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

One-to-one mentoring relationships to support youth development.

bbbs.org

Teach For America

Recruits and trains individuals to teach in underserved communities.

teachforamerica.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Offers programs to promote and enhance youth development.

bgca.org

Reading Partners

Provides literacy tutoring for elementary school students.

readingpartners.org

Save the Children USA

Focuses on improving education and healthcare for children in need.

savethechildren.org

Food Security and Distribution

Feeding America

Operates a nationwide network of food banks to fight hunger.

feedingamerica.org

Meals on Wheels America

Delivers meals to seniors who are homebound.

mealsonwheelsamerica.org

No Kid Hungry

Works to end childhood hunger through food programs.

nokidhungry.org

Food Rescue US

Volunteers pick up and deliver surplus food to those in need.

foodrescue.us

Second Harvest Food Bank

Regional food banks providing meals to low-income individuals and families.

feedingsouthflorida.org

Housing and Homelessness

Habitat for Humanity

Builds affordable homes for families in need.

habitat.org

Rebuilding Together

Repairs and rebuilds homes for low-income homeowners.

rebuildingtogether.org

Coalition for the Homeless

Provides support and advocacy for homeless individuals.

coalitionforthehomeless.org

Family Promise

Helps homeless families achieve sustainable independence.

familypromise.org

Covenant House

Provides shelter and support for homeless youth.

covenanthouse.org

Environmental Conservation

National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) Program

Opportunities to assist in preserving and protecting national parks.

nps.gov

The Nature Conservancy

Projects focus on land and water conservation.

nature.org

Sierra Club

Engages volunteers in environmental protection and advocacy.

sierraclub.org

Earthwatch Institute

Volunteers participate in research projects addressing environmental challenges.

earthwatch.org

Keep America Beautiful

Community-based efforts to reduce litter and improve recycling.

kab.org

Animal Welfare

ASPCA

Works to prevent cruelty to animals and promote their welfare.

aspca.org

Humane Society of the United States
Animal rescue, advocacy, and shelter support.

[humanesociety.org](https://www.humanesociety.org)

Best Friends Animal Society
Nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary.

[bestfriends.org](https://www.bestfriends.org)

Wildlife Conservation Society
Engages in wildlife protection and habitat conservation.

[wcs.org](https://www.wcs.org)

PetSmart Charities
Supports animal adoption and rescue efforts.

[petsmartcharities.org](https://www.petsmartcharities.org)

Community Development

United Way

Mobilizes volunteers to address local community needs.

[unitedway.org](https://www.unitedway.org)

VolunteerMatch

Connects individuals with local volunteer opportunities.

[volunteermatch.org](https://www.volunteermatch.org)

AmeriCorps

Supports national and community service initiatives.

[americorps.gov](https://www.americorps.gov)

Points of Light

Offers a variety of community service and leadership opportunities.

[pointsoflight.org](https://www.pointsoflight.org)

HandsOn Network

Matches volunteers with service projects across the country.

[handsonnetwork.org](https://www.handsonnetwork.org)

Online and Remote Volunteering

Catchafire

Matches professionals with nonprofits needing specific expertise.

[catchafire.org](https://www.catchafire.org)

Translators Without Borders

Uses language skills to assist humanitarian efforts.

[translatorswithoutborders.org](https://www.translatorswithoutborders.org)

UN Online Volunteering

Remote opportunities supporting global development projects.

[onlinevolunteering.org](https://www.onlinevolunteering.org)

Be My Eyes

Assists visually impaired individuals through an app.

[bemyeyes.com](https://www.bemyeyes.com)

Zooniverse

Volunteer to assist with citizen science projects remotely.

[zooniverse.org](https://www.zooniverse.org)

UK

Disaster Response and Relief

- British Red Cross: Engage in emergency response, first aid, and refugee support services.

[redcross.org.uk](https://www.redcross.org.uk)

- St John Ambulance: Provide first aid and medical services at events and during emergencies.

[sja.org.uk](https://www.sja.org.uk)

Healthcare and Medical Services

- NHS Volunteer Responders: Support the National Health Service through tasks like patient transport and community assistance. nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk
- Marie Curie: Offer support to individuals with terminal illnesses and their families. mariecurie.org.uk

Education and Child Welfare

- Barnardo's: Assist in services aimed at supporting vulnerable children and young people. barnardos.org.uk
- The Prince's Trust: Mentor and support young people in developing skills and confidence. princes-trust.org.uk

Food Security and Distribution

- The Trussell Trust: Support food banks in providing emergency food to people in crisis. trusselltrust.org
- FareShare: Help redistribute surplus food to charities and community groups. fareshare.org.uk

5. Housing and Homelessness

- Shelter: Assist in campaigns and services aimed at alleviating homelessness and poor housing. shelter.org.uk
- Crisis: Support efforts to end homelessness through various volunteer roles. crisis.org.uk

Environmental Conservation

- National Trust: Participate in conservation and heritage projects across the UK. nationaltrust.org.uk
- The Wildlife Trusts: Engage in activities aimed at protecting local wildlife and habitats. wildlifetrusts.org

Community Development

- Volunteering Matters: Involve yourself in projects that address community needs across the UK. volunteeringmatters.org.uk
- Do IT: Access a comprehensive database of volunteering opportunities nationwide. doit.life

Animal Welfare

- RSPCA: Support animal rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming efforts. rspca.org.uk
- Battersea Dogs & Cats Home: Assist in the care and rehoming of dogs and cats. battersea.org.uk

Arts and Culture

- The British Museum: Engage in roles that support the museum's operations and visitor experience. britishmuseum.org
- National Galleries of Scotland: Participate in activities that enhance public engagement with art. nationalgalleries.org

Online and Remote Volunteering

- Reach Volunteering: Offer your professional skills to charities in need of expertise. reachvolunteering.org.uk
- Technology Volunteers: Provide tech support to underfunded charities. technologyvolunteers.org

FRANCE

Disaster Response and Relief

- French Civil Protection (Protection Civile): Engage in emergency response and humanitarian aid across France. protection-civile.org
- Association Pilotes Volontaires: Participate in aerial search and rescue missions for refugees in the Mediterranean. pilotes-volontaires.org

Healthcare and Medical Services

- Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders): Provide medical assistance to populations in distress, including in France. msf.fr

- ICVolunteers: Support health and humanitarian projects through communication and technology expertise. icvolunteers.org

Education and Child Welfare

- SOS Children's Villages France: Support vulnerable children through care and educational programs. sosve.org
- Les Restos du Cœur: Assist in providing meals and support services to those in need, including educational assistance. restosducoeur.org

Food Security and Distribution

- Banques Alimentaires (Food Banks): Help collect and distribute food to underprivileged populations across France. banquesalimentaires.org
- Les Restos du Cœur: Participate in meal distribution and support services for those in need. restosducoeur.org

Housing and Homelessness

- Emmaüs France: Engage in activities aimed at combating poverty and homelessness through community initiatives. emmaus-france.org
- Habitat et Humanisme: Work towards housing solutions for disadvantaged individuals and families. habitat-humanisme.org

Environmental Conservation

- WWOOF France: Volunteer on organic farms to promote sustainable agriculture and cultural exchange. wwooof.fr
- Surfrider Foundation Europe: Participate in protecting and enhancing ocean and coastline environments. surfrider.eu

7. Community Development

- France Bénévolat: Access a wide range of volunteer opportunities across various sectors in France. francebenevolat.org
- Tous Bénévoles: Find volunteer opportunities tailored to your interests and location. tousbenevoles.org

8. Animal Welfare

- SPA (Société Protectrice des Animaux): Assist in animal rescue, care, and adoption services. la-spa.fr
- LPO (Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux): Engage in bird protection and biodiversity conservation efforts. lpo.fr

9. Arts and Culture

- Les Petits Frères des Pauvres: Support elderly individuals through cultural and social activities. petitsfreresdespauvres.fr
- Réseau Culture 21: Participate in projects that link culture and sustainable development. reseauculture21.fr

Online and Remote Volunteering

- ICVolunteers: Offer your skills in communication and technology to support various projects remotely. icvolunteers.org
- Translators Without Borders: Utilize language skills to assist humanitarian efforts globally. translatorswithoutborders.org

INDIA

Education and Child Welfare

- Bhumi: One of India's largest independent youth volunteer non-profit organizations, Bhumi enables over 30,000 volunteers across multiple cities to work on causes like education, environment, and community welfare. bhumi.ngo
- eVidyaloka: Focuses on providing quality education to children in rural India by connecting volunteer teachers through digital classrooms. evidyaloka.org

- Volunteering With India (VWI): Offers programs in teaching, childcare, and women's empowerment, allowing volunteers to work alongside local communities. volunteeringwithindia.org
- Healthcare and Medical Services
- International Volunteer HQ (IVHQ): Provides medical volunteer programs in India, including opportunities in Delhi and Kerala, focusing on healthcare support in under-resourced communities. volunteerhq.org
- iSpiice: Offers volunteer programs in India, including health education and medical care initiatives in rural communities. volunteerindiainspiice.com
- Environmental Conservation
- Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI): Organizes environmental volunteering programs across various cities, focusing on conservation efforts like lake and pond restoration. indiaenvironment.org
- WWOOF India: Connects volunteers with organic farms to promote sustainable agricultural practices and cultural exchange. wwoofindia.org
- Community Development
- Volunteer Yatra: Facilitates volunteer travel opportunities, allowing individuals to engage in community development projects while exploring rural India. volunteeryatra.com
- HelpStay: Offers a platform to find volunteer opportunities in India, including community development and cultural exchange programs. helpstay.com
- Animal Welfare
- Animal Aid Unlimited: Provides care and rescue services for street animals in Udaipur, offering volunteer opportunities in animal care. animalaidunlimited.org
- Wildlife SOS: Focuses on rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife in India, with volunteer programs in animal care and conservation. wildlifesos.org
- Arts and Culture
- Volunteering With India (VWI): Offers theater volunteer work, allowing individuals to engage with local arts and cultural initiatives. volunteeringwithindia.org

GERMANY

Social Services

- Bundesfreiwilligendienst (BFD) – Federal Volunteer Service: Open to individuals of all ages and nationalities, BFD provides opportunities in social, ecological, and cultural sectors. Volunteers engage in full-time service, typically for 12 months, and receive benefits such as pocket money and social insurance coverage. bundesfreiwilligendienst.de
- Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr (FSJ) – Voluntary Social Year: Designed for young people up to 27 years old, FSJ offers placements in hospitals, care homes, and other social institutions, focusing on personal development and social engagement. ijgd.de

Environmental Conservation

- Freiwilliges Ökologisches Jahr (FÖJ) – Voluntary Ecological Year: Targets individuals aged 16 to 27, providing hands-on experience in environmental protection, agriculture, and sustainability projects. ijgd.de
- Bergwaldprojekt e.V.: Engages volunteers in forest conservation efforts across Germany, focusing on reforestation, habitat preservation, and ecological education. bergwaldprojekt.de

Education and Youth Work

- Internationaler Jugendfreiwilligendienst (IJFD) – International Youth Volunteer Service: Offers young adults the chance to volunteer in educational and youth-focused projects, both domestically and internationally, promoting intercultural exchange. ijgd.de
- Friends of Waldorf Education: Provides opportunities to volunteer in Waldorf schools and kindergartens, supporting educational initiatives and cultural activities. freunde-waldorf.de

Cultural Preservation

- European Heritage Volunteers: Organizes projects that allow volunteers to participate in the preservation of cultural heritage sites across Europe, including Germany. heritagevolunteers.eu
- Refugee and Migrant Support
- Bikeygees e.V.: An intercultural project in Berlin that teaches women with migrant or refugee backgrounds how to ride bicycles, promoting empowerment and mobility. bikeygees.org
- International Volunteer Programs
- weltwärts: A development volunteer service enabling individuals to engage in non-profit projects in fields like education, health, environment, culture, or human rights, fostering intercultural exchange. weltwaerts.de

Considerations for Prospective Volunteers

When selecting a volunteer opportunity in Germany, consider the following:

- Legal Requirements: Non-EU citizens typically require a valid residence permit that allows for employment. It's essential to verify visa requirements and ensure compliance with German immigration laws. bundesfreiwilligendienst.de
- Language Proficiency: While some programs may offer placements for English speakers, having a basic knowledge of German can enhance the experience and facilitate better integration.
- Age Criteria: Certain programs have specific age requirements, such as FSJ and FÖJ, which are generally for individuals up to 27 years old.
- Duration of Service: Volunteer commitments typically range from 6 to 18 months. Ensure that the duration aligns with your availability and personal commitments.

Preparation for Volunteering

- Application Process: Start the application process well in advance, as securing a placement and obtaining the necessary visa can be time-consuming.
- Cultural Sensitivity: Familiarize yourself with German customs and societal norms to ensure respectful and effective engagement with local communities.
- Health Insurance: Confirm that you have adequate health insurance coverage during your stay in Germany, as some programs may not provide this.

By carefully selecting and preparing for a volunteer role, you can make a meaningful impact while gaining personal growth and a deeper understanding of German culture and society.

CANADA

Disaster Response and Relief

- Canadian Red Cross: Engage in emergency response, disaster management, and community health services across Canada. redcross.ca
- St. John Ambulance Canada: Participate in first aid services, community health programs, and emergency response initiatives. sja.ca

Healthcare and Medical Services

- Canadian Blood Services: Support blood donation events and related healthcare services to ensure a safe and reliable blood supply. blood.ca
- Hospice Palliative Care Ontario: Provide compassionate care and support to individuals with life-limiting illnesses and their families. hpco.ca

Education and Child Welfare

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada: Mentor and support youth through one-on-one relationships, fostering their development and confidence. bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
- Frontier College: Promote literacy by tutoring children, youth, and adults in various communities across Canada. frontiercollege.ca

Food Security and Distribution

- Food Banks Canada: Assist in collecting, sorting, and distributing food to those in need through a network of food banks. foodbanksCanada.ca
- Meals on Wheels: Deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities, ensuring their well-being and social connection. mealsonwheels.ca

Housing and Homelessness

- Habitat for Humanity Canada: Contribute to building affordable housing for families in need, fostering strength and stability. [habitat.ca](https://www.habitat.ca)
- The Salvation Army Canada: Support shelter services, rehabilitation programs, and community outreach initiatives addressing homelessness. [salvationarmy.ca](https://www.salvationarmy.ca)

Environmental Conservation

- Nature Conservancy of Canada: Participate in conservation projects aimed at protecting natural habitats and biodiversity. [natureconservancy.ca](https://www.natureconservancy.ca)
- Sierra Club Canada Foundation: Engage in environmental advocacy, education, and conservation efforts across the country. [sierraclub.ca](https://www.sierraclub.ca)

Community Development

- United Way Centraide Canada: Work on initiatives that improve local communities' health, education, and financial stability. [unitedway.ca](https://www.unitedway.ca)
- Volunteer Canada: Access a comprehensive database of volunteer opportunities nationwide, tailored to various interests and skills. [volunteer.ca](https://www.volunteer.ca)

Animal Welfare

- SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals): Assist in animal rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption services across various provinces. [spca.ca](https://www.sPCA.ca)
- Canadian Wildlife Federation: Participate in programs focused on wildlife conservation and education. [cwf-fcf.org](https://www.cwf-fcf.org)

Arts and Culture

- Canadian Museums Association: Volunteer in museums and cultural institutions, supporting arts preservation and public engagement. [museums.ca](https://www.museums.ca)
- National Arts Centre: Assist in various roles supporting performing arts events and programs. [nac-cna.ca](https://www.nac-cna.ca)

Online and Remote Volunteering

- Volunteer Canada Virtual Opportunities: Find and apply for virtual volunteer roles that can be performed remotely. [volunteer.ca](https://www.volunteer.ca)
- UN Online Volunteering: Contribute to global development projects through online assignments. [onlinevolunteering.org](https://www.onlinevolunteering.org)

Considerations for Prospective Volunteers

When selecting a volunteer opportunity in Canada, consider the following:

- Alignment with Skills and Interests: Choose roles that match your abilities and passions to ensure a fulfilling experience.
- Time Commitment: Assess the required time investment and ensure it fits within your schedule.
- Training and Support: Inquire about training programs and ongoing support provided to volunteers.
- Organizational Reputation: Research the organization's credibility and impact to ensure your efforts contribute effectively.

Preparation for Volunteering

- Complete Necessary Training: Participate in any required training sessions to equip yourself for the role.
- Understand Legal Requirements: Be aware of necessary checks (e.g., background checks) and ensure they are completed.
- Stay Informed: Keep up-to-date with the organization's policies, procedures, and the community or cause you will be supporting.

SOUTH AFRICA

Wildlife Conservation

- African Impact: Offers volunteer programs focusing on wildlife conservation, community development, and environmental initiatives across South Africa. [africanimpact.com](https://www.africanimpact.com)

- Conservation Travel Africa: Provides opportunities to work closely with wildlife through monitoring, tracking, and data collection projects. conservationtravelfafrica.org

Community Development

- UNICEF South Africa Volunteer Programme: Empowers young people to advocate for children's rights and drive social change within their communities. unicef.org
- forgood: Connects volunteers with NGOs across South Africa, offering a platform to find and engage in various community initiatives. forgood.co.za

Education and Child Welfare

- SHAWCO (Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation): A student-run NGO based at the University of Cape Town, focusing on health and education projects in under-resourced communities. shawco.org
- Children of South Africa (CHOSA): Supports community-based organizations that care for orphans and vulnerable children, offering various volunteer opportunities. chosa.org

Healthcare and Medical Services

- Volunteer World: Lists healthcare volunteer programs in South Africa, including medical internships and public health projects. volunteerworld.com
- Go Overseas: Provides information on healthcare and medical volunteer opportunities, allowing individuals to contribute to health initiatives. gooverseas.com

Environmental Conservation

- Volunteer Wildfire Services: A group of volunteers assisting local firefighting agencies in suppressing wildfires, focusing on environmental preservation. vws.org.za
- Good Hope Volunteers: Offers projects in ocean conservation, wildlife preservation, and environmental education. goodhopevolunteers.com

Sports and Recreation

- Amandla EduFootball: Combines education and football to empower youth, offering volunteer roles in coaching and mentorship. amandlaedufotball.org

Online and Remote Volunteering

- Grassroots Volunteering: Provides a directory of volunteer opportunities, including options for remote engagement in various sectors. grassrootsvolunteering.org

ITALY

Education and Childcare

- International Volunteer HQ (IVHQ): Offers programs in teaching English and after-school care, allowing volunteers to engage with local communities in Rome. volunteerhq.org
- Go Overseas: Provides a comprehensive list of volunteer programs in Italy, including opportunities in education and childcare. gooverseas.com

Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Farming

- Worldpackers: Connects volunteers with hosts in Italy for projects related to sustainable farming, permaculture, and environmental conservation. worldpackers.com
- Workaway: Offers a platform to find volunteer opportunities in organic farming, eco-projects, and environmental initiatives across Italy. workaway.info

Community Development and Social Work

- GoAbroad: Lists various community development projects in Italy, including social work and cultural exchange programs. goabroad.com
- Meaningful Travel: Provides information on volunteering opportunities in Italy focused on community development and social impact. meaningful.travel

Animal Care and Wildlife Conservation

- Volunteer World: Features programs in Italy related to animal care and wildlife conservation, allowing volunteers to work in shelters or conservation projects. volunteerworld.com

Cultural Preservation and Arts

- Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro: Engages in humanitarian aid and civil protection, with opportunities related to cultural preservation. csli-italia.org
- Research Organizations: Investigate the credibility and impact of organizations to ensure your efforts contribute effectively.
- Cultural Sensitivity: Familiarize yourself with Italian customs and societal norms to engage respectfully with local communities.
- Health and Safety: Ensure you have adequate health insurance coverage and are informed about any health advisories.

INDONESIA

Education and Community Development

- Yayasan Slukat Learning Center: Located in Keramas village, Bali, this non-profit foundation provides free English and computer classes to underprivileged children, aiming to enhance their educational opportunities. slukatbali.or.id
- Indonesian Future Leaders (IFL): A youth-led non-profit organization focusing on youth empowerment and social voluntarism, offering various programs across Indonesia. indonesianfutureleaders.org

Environmental Conservation and Wildlife Protection

- Volunteer World: Offers a range of programs in Indonesia, including wildlife conservation, marine protection, and environmental education. volunteerworld.com
- International Volunteer HQ (IVHQ): Provides opportunities in Bali, focusing on turtle conservation, environmental education, and sustainable agriculture. volunteerhq.org

Healthcare and Medical Services

- United Planet: Offers volunteer programs in Indonesia focusing on health, education, and environmental sustainability, allowing volunteers to make a difference in local communities. unitedplanet.org

Social Services and Non-Profit Support

- Worldpackers: Connects volunteers with social impact projects in Indonesia, including NGOs and community initiatives, offering opportunities to contribute to social causes. worldpackers.com
- GoAbroad.com: Provides a comprehensive list of volunteer programs in Indonesia, including opportunities in conservation, wildlife rescue, agriculture, non-profits, healthcare, and education. goabroad.com

Agriculture and Sustainable Development

- Workaway: Offers a platform to find volunteer opportunities in organic farming, eco-projects, and environmental initiatives across Indonesia. workaway.info

6. Disaster Response and Food Security

- Foodbank of Indonesia (FOI): Engages in various activities to combat hunger and improve nutrition, including school food programs, disaster response, and community-based food resilience initiatives. foodbankindonesia.org

Belgium

Key Areas: Social services, cultural preservation, environmental conservation

- Serve the City Belgium: Organizes events to support the homeless, refugees, and elderly. servethecity.be
- Voluntaris: A portal for finding volunteer opportunities in Belgium. voluntaris.be

Spain

Key Areas: Education, environmental conservation, healthcare

- Fundación Amigó: Focuses on youth development and social inclusion.
fundacionamigo.org
- Voluntariado.net: A platform for finding volunteer opportunities in Spain.
voluntariado.net

Brazil

Key Areas: Wildlife conservation, education, healthcare

- Projeto TAMAR: Protects sea turtles along Brazil's coastline.
tamar.org.br
- Voluntarios Br: A comprehensive portal for local volunteering opportunities.
voluntariosbr.com.br

Argentina

Key Areas: Community development, environmental conservation

- Fundación Si: Supports underprivileged communities through various programs.
fundacionsi.org.ar
- EcoVoluntarios: Offers environmental volunteering opportunities.
ecovoluntarios.org

China

Key Areas: Education, healthcare, wildlife conservation

- China Volunteer Service Federation: Facilitates volunteer activities nationwide.
volunteerinchina.org
- Pandas International: Focuses on panda conservation.
pandasinternational.org

Japan

Key Areas: Disaster relief, education, cultural preservation

- Japan Platform: A humanitarian response organization for disaster relief.
japanplatform.org
- Second Harvest Japan: Japan's first food bank, offering food distribution opportunities.
2hj.org

Pakistan

Key Areas: Education, disaster relief, healthcare

- Aurat Foundation: Focuses on women's rights and social development.
af.org.pk
- Edhi Foundation: Offers services in healthcare and emergency relief.
edhi.org

Iran

Key Areas: Disaster response, education, healthcare

- Iranian Red Crescent Society: Provides disaster response and healthcare services.
rcs.ir
- Association for the Protection of Child Laborers (APCL): Works with children in vulnerable communities.
apcl.org.ir

Israel

Key Areas: Social services, cultural exchange, environmental conservation

- Tevel b'Tzedek: Focuses on international volunteering and community development.
tevelbtzedek.org
- Israel Volunteer Center: Offers various volunteering opportunities across Israel.
ivolunteer.org.il

Portugal

Key Areas: Cultural preservation, wildlife conservation

- Associacao Portuguesa de Voluntariado: Connects volunteers to local organizations.
voluntariado.pt
- Wildlife Portugal: Focuses on environmental conservation projects.
wildlifeportugal.com

Switzerland

Key Areas: Education, healthcare, community services

- Swiss Red Cross: Facilitates volunteer work in healthcare and disaster response.
redcross.ch
- Pro Juventute: Supports youth development programs.
projuventute.ch

Austria

Key Areas: Social services, environmental conservation

- Caritas Austria: Provides support for vulnerable populations.
caritas.at
- Global Volunteers Austria: Offers a variety of community service programs.
globalvolunteers.org

Uzbekistan

Key Areas: Education, community development

- Uzbeks Volunteers: Focuses on youth education and local community projects.
uzvolunteers.uz

15. Thailand

Key Areas: Wildlife conservation, community development

- Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand: Engages in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.
wfft.org
- Volunteers Without Borders: Supports community-based education projects.
vwbvolunteers.org

Taiwan

Key Areas: Education, cultural preservation, environmental conservation

- Taiwan Fund for Children and Families: Focuses on child welfare and education.
ccf.org.tw
- Taiwan Environmental Information Association: Engages in conservation projects.
teia.tw

Philippines

Key Areas: Disaster relief, education, healthcare

- Gawad Kalinga: Aims to end poverty by building homes and fostering community development.
gk1world.com
- Philippine Red Cross: Offers disaster response and healthcare services.
redcross.org.ph

Egypt

Key Areas: Education, cultural preservation, healthcare

- Misr El Kheir Foundation: Focuses on education, healthcare, and social support.

misrelkheir.org

- Resala Charity Organization: Offers volunteering opportunities in multiple sectors.

resalacare.org

Zimbabwe

Key Areas: Wildlife conservation, education, healthcare

- African Impact: Offers programs in healthcare, wildlife conservation, and education.

africanimpact.com

- Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit: Focuses on protecting wildlife in the Victoria Falls region.

vfapu.com

Kenya

Key Areas: Wildlife conservation, healthcare, education

- Kenya Voluntary and Community Development Project: Focuses on health, education, and social development.

kvcdp.org

- Save the Elephants: Engages in elephant conservation efforts.

savetheelephants.org