OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- General introduction to the UNV Programme
- Facts and figures
- UNV volunteers – Complementary value added
- Recruitment and entitlements
- UNV volunteers – Contribution to Electoral Operations
VOLUNTEERISM FOR PEACE & DEVELOPMENT
MISSION

Volunteering brings **benefits** to **society** and to the **volunteers**.

Volunteerism serves the causes of peace and development by enhancing opportunities for **participation by all people**.

United Nations Volunteers supports **sustainable human development** through the **advocacy** of volunteerism, **integration** within development programming, and the **mobilization** of volunteers.

UNV is **universal, inclusive** and embraces volunteer action in all its **diversity**.
ABOUT UNV

- Established in 1970 by the UN General Assembly as a development partner for UN organizations
- Administered by UNDP
- The focal point for volunteerism within the UN
- Volunteerism is a natural part of most societies
- Societies need to create their own solutions. Volunteerism is a key way for people to engage in development
UNV’S VALUES

legitimacy  solidarity  consultancy  partnership

ingegrity  effectiveness  action  results-focused

inclusiveness  experience  universality  advocacy

professionalism  capability  authenticity  ethics

diversity  flexibility  inspiration  dedication
GOAL: UNV contributes to peace and development through volunteerism

FOUR KEY RESULTS:

- Global recognition of volunteerism for peace and development
- Integration of volunteerism into development programmes
- Mobilization of increasing numbers and diversity of volunteers contributing to peace and development
- Strategic guidance, organizational oversight and accountability
THE UNV VOLUNTEERS – 2008 SNAPSHOT

7,753 UNV Volunteers in 2008

37 years average age, with 5-10 years of work experience

159 nationalities

132 countries of assignment

500 professional categories and specializations:

- Project managers and administrators
- Development specialists
- Policy advisors
- Engineers & technicians
- Doctors and health workers
UNV VOLUNTEERS ARE

Focused dynamic motivated effective

dedicated advocates engaged universal

educated skilled experienced flexible mature

Inclusive capable legitimate ethical active

professional diverse inspiring partners
WHO ARE THE UNV VOLUNTEERS?

**International**
Approximately 70 per cent of all UNV volunteers carry out assignments outside their home country; they are professionals with an average of 5-10 years’ working experience.

**National**
UNV volunteers working in their own country combine their professional expertise in a wide range of fields with in-depth knowledge of local conditions.
**UNV VOLUNTEERS PROFILES**

- With 5 – 10 years of relevant work experience.
- Average age of 39 years.
- Short notice availability for short term assignments
- Universality and south-south cooperation
- Ready to serve under difficult working and living conditions
- 98% of UNV volunteers tell us – “We are proud to serve”.

**UN Volunteers**

*Opening doors*

*Ready to serve under difficult working and living conditions*
UNV volunteers can be involved in a wide range of areas:

**Technical support**: flight followers, telephone technicians, water and sanitation engineers, GIS mapping experts, medical doctors, etc.

**Administrative/Logistical functions**: HR officers, Admin/Finance Officers, Travel Assistant, Facilities Management Assistant, Billing Assistant, etc.

**Substantive state or institution-building**: civil affairs officers, human rights or protection officers, reintegration officers, radio producers, refugee eligibility officers, etc.

**Electoral Support**: Voter Registration Officer, Voter Education Officer, Electoral Officer, Electoral Affairs, etc.
Inspiration in action

- Air Operations Officer
- Warehouse Managers
- GIS Experts
- IT Specialist
- Vehicle Mechanic
- Water & Sanitation Engineer
The UNV recruitment flow

- **Country office & agency/mission advised**
- **Seeks suitable candidates**
- **Tenders of Reference**
- **Check availability of candidates**
- **Submission of candidates for EAD clearance**
- **Selection by mission/agency**
- **Send formal offer to candidate/obtain acceptance**
- **Interview of candidate**
- **Medical clearance, Pre-assignment briefings**
- **Deployment of UNV volunteer**
INTERNATIONAL UNV VOLUNTEERS ENTITLEMENTS

- **International Travel** incl. pre-departure allowance and shipment allowance

- **Settling-in Grant**

- **Volunteer Living Allowance**

- **Insurance**: Life/Health and permanent disability

- **Annual Leave** (2.5 days/month / R&R as per mission)

- **Resettlement Allowance** (USD 150/month of satisfactory service)
inspiration in action

COLLABORATION - HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

1992 - 1996
- UNPROFOR
- UNOMOZ
- UNOSOM II
- UNMIH
- UNOMIL
- UNAMIR
- UNMOT
- UNAVEM II
- UNMIBH
- UNTAES
- MINUGUA
- UNTAC
- UNAMIC

1997 - 2001
- MONUA
- MIPONUH
- MINURCA
- MICIVIH
- UNAMET
- UNMIK
- UNOA
- UNTAET
- UNAMSIL
- MONUC
- MICAH
- UNMEE
- UNOBCI

2001 - 2009
- BONUCA
- UNMISET
- UNMA
- UNOCI
- UNAMA
- MINUCI
- UNMIL
- ONUB
- BINUB
- MINUSTAH
- UNOMIG
- UNMIS
- UNIOSIL
- MINURSO
- UNOGBIS
- UNMIT
- UNMIN
- UNAMID
- MINURCAT
ELECTORAL OPERATIONS

- In such context, UNV volunteers assist in the implementation of national capacity-building and training programmes, voter and civic education, electoral logistics, and coordination roles.

- Electoral UNV volunteers are often based at the district level and work in teams with other international UNV volunteers, international UN staff, and local counterparts (often from the national elections commission).
TRENDS IN ELECTORAL OPERATIONS

UNV volunteers on electoral assignments 1999 - *March 2009

Total Number of volunteers

- 1999: 900
- 2000: 800
- 2001: 900
- 2002: 800
- 2003: 700
- 2004: 1200
- 2005: 1100
- 2006: 1000
- 2007: 900
- 2008: 800
- *2009: 400
Top 12 Electoral Operations in 2008

- Nepal: 218
- Cote d'Ivoire: 92
- Congo DR: 39
- Sudan: 31
- Afghanistan: 29
- Sierra Leone: 29
- Liberia: 9
- Kosovo: 9
- Afghanistan: 8
- Haiti: 7
- Timor Leste: 6
- Fiji: 3
- Comoros: 3
Top 10 functional categories, UNV volunteers in Electoral operations, 2008

- District Electoral Advisor: 231
- District Electoral Assistant: 56
- Electoral Officer: 49
- Civic Education Officer: 40
- Voter/Civic Education Officer: 29
- Electoral Logistics Officer: 21
- Electoral Outreach Coordinator: 20
- Admin/Finance Officer: 10
- Logistics Assistant: 10
- Electoral Team Leader: 10
UNV volunteers make distinctive contributions to development effectiveness
UNOCI’s Role in Ivorian Elections

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<td>• Help to ensure the execution of the identification process of the population and voter registration process</td>
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<td>• Offer the Prime Minister and his government, the Independent Electoral Commission and other qualified organizations and institutions, all technical assistance necessary for the organization of free, fair and transparent elections (presidential and legislative);</td>
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<td><strong>SECURITY</strong></td>
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<td>• Contribute to the overall security before, during and after elections</td>
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<td><strong>LOGISTICS</strong></td>
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<td>• In close coordination with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), provide required logistical support to the Independent Electoral Commission, particularly for the transportation of electoral material</td>
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<td><strong>CERTIFICATION</strong></td>
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<td>• Resolution 1765 stipulates that &quot;the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Côte d'Ivoire shall certify that all stages of the electoral process provide all the necessary guarantees for the holding of open, free, fair and transparent presidential and legislative elections in accordance with international standards&quot;</td>
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### Pre-Identification, Identification, Voter Registration

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<td>Mobile Courts</td>
<td>Issuing of birth certificates for residents. Judgment can be used for Identification / Voter Registration</td>
<td>Ministry of Justice</td>
<td>• Logistical, legal, technical advice and support&lt;br&gt;• Monitor process</td>
<td>Completed September 2008</td>
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<td>Reconstitution of Civil Registers</td>
<td>Restore municipal records destroyed in crisis</td>
<td>Ministry of Justice</td>
<td>• Provide legal and technical assistance&lt;br&gt;• Funded by EU</td>
<td>Completed June 2009</td>
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<td>Identification of Population and Voter Registration (2 processes conducted jointly in one operation)</td>
<td>• Provide standard identification document for the population&lt;br&gt;• National census&lt;br&gt;• Create unanimously approved voter list for presidential and legislative elections&lt;br&gt;• Create and distribute voter identification cards</td>
<td>Independent Electoral Commission (IEC / CEI):&lt;br&gt;Supervise and coordinate&lt;br&gt;Office of the Prime Minister:&lt;br&gt;Supervise and Coordinate&lt;br&gt;Sagem Sécurité (SAGEM): Joint Technical Operator&lt;br&gt;National Statistics Institute (INS): Joint Technical Operator&lt;br&gt;National Office for Identification (ONI): Monitor identification, distribute ID cards&lt;br&gt;National Commission for Supervision of Identification (CNSI): monitor political fairness; sensitization</td>
<td>• Provide technical and logistical support to national institutions and stakeholders (operation transport)&lt;br&gt;• Administer international donor funds for the operation (primarily with IEC)&lt;br&gt;• Monitor process for concordance with international standards&lt;br&gt;• Explicit certification of electoral list (SRSG and CERTIFICATION CELL)</td>
<td>• Pilot operation launched 15 September (7 sites)&lt;br&gt;• 11023 centers covered.&lt;br&gt;• Voter registration and identification process is supposed to be completed by 30th of June 2009</td>
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Voter Registration and Presidential Election Day

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

**ELECTORAL LIST**
- Reviewed by public
- Verified by IEC
- Certified by UNOCI

**INFORMATION PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION**
- 70 Coordination Centers, Central Site, Backup Sites
- 1,000 technicians from SAGEM, INS, ONI

**REGISTRATION OPERATION**
- 11,023 Registration Centers
- 6,000 fixed and mobile registration teams composed of staff recruited by SAGEM, INS, IEC, ONI, CNSI (~35,000 staff)

**EXPECTED VOTERS NUMBER**
- 6,500,000 voters
- (About 2,000,000 in Abidjan)

**VOTER CARDS**
- Produced and distributed by SAGEM

**PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**
- 3 major parties (FPI, PDCI, RDR)
- 10-20 candidates expected
- Candidacies announced 1 month prior to vote
- Campaign for 2 weeks prior to vote

**VOTE (SCRUTIN)**
- 22,500 polling stations
- Eligible voters present voter cards, checked against official voter roll
- Ballots provisionally counted by on-site staff
- Sent to Abidjan for verification
- Second round if no candidate secures clear majority

**PRESIDENT OF COTE D'IVOIRE**
- ELECTED IN FREE, FAIR and OPEN CONDITIONS
What does the Electoral Assistance Division Do?

EAD Structure (130 UNVs)

- Central Office at UNOCI Mission HQ – support and liaison to central national institutions managing elections
- 16 Regional Offices – support at the local level (especially 430 local electoral commissions)

**Training and Sensitization**

Assist IEC in:
- **Training of commissioners, polling agents**
- **Training and sensitization of political parties, civil society organizations, media, etc.**
- Sensitization and education of the population for identification, voter registration and vote
- **Promotion of gender, human rights concerns in process, working with other sections**

**Planning and Logistics**

- Assist IEC, Government in logistical planning for electoral process including identification
- Assist IEC and UNDP in managing and executing 55 m € electoral budget
- **Distribution of ballot boxes, voting booths, ballots and other electoral materials throughout the country**
- **Transportation of personnel**
- Electoral security planning

**Monitoring & Observation**

- **Monitor and report process statistics (e.g. persons registered), conditions on the ground, and any irregularities in the process**
- **SICODE: EAD database and information management system**
- Coordinate international observers for vote
What does the UNOCI Electoral Adviser do?

- Assist and advise 430 local IEC`s
- Provide and coordinate logistical support to national authorities
- Analysis of political and social situation on regional and departmental level
- Liaise with local administrative authorities, political parties, representatives of civil society and the armed forces
- Observation of mobile court operation and monitoring of identification & voter registration process
- Assist IEC in the training of local commissioners
- GPS location of 11’023 polling sites
Particularities of Ivorian context

- Holding of elections crucial element in peace process/agreement
- Joint identification and voter registration processes
- Difficult electoral budgeting
- Ongoing revision of legal framework
- Newly constituted EMB in 2nd/3rd generation elections (last elections in 2000 - 2002)
- Costly, technically sophisticated identification with three different state institutions and two technical operators directly involved
- UNDP administered basket fund
• Completion of the registration and identification process in Côte d'Ivoire on 30 June 2009.
• Data processing
• Production of provisional voters list
• Display of the provisional voters list
• Litigation settlement on the electoral roll
• Production and distribution of voter cards
• Registration of candidates for the presidential elections
• Publishing the list of the candidates to presidential election
• Opening of the campaign
• Holding of the first round of the presidential elections on 29 November 2009
THANK YOU!