

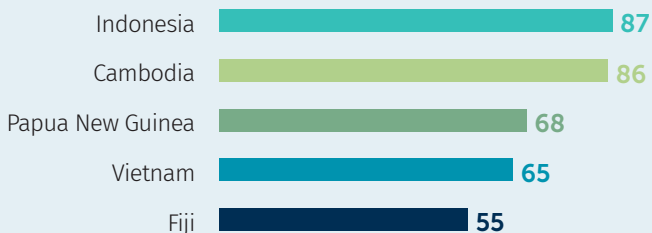
Returned Australian Volunteers Network 2021 Survey results

The Australian Volunteers Program's alumni, the Returned Australian Volunteer Network (RAVN), connects past volunteers with each other and helps them maintain a connection with the program. Almost 8,000 Australian volunteers are members of RAVN.

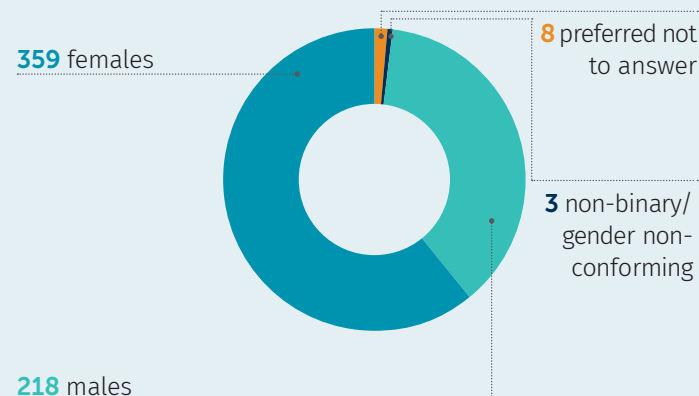
The 2021 RAVN survey aimed to gain insights about volunteer experiences and views, across a range of topics. The survey results will help ensure RAVN meets volunteers' expectations and continues to be a vital part of the Australian Volunteers Program.

Survey respondents
642
volunteers responded

Top 5 countries respondents volunteered in:

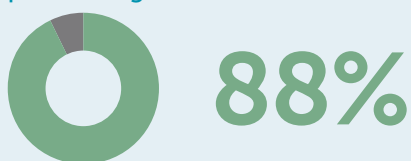


Gender of volunteers



Staying connected and engaged

88% of volunteers are still in contact with their partner organisations



93% expressed a stronger interest and sense of connection to the people and country where they volunteered



91% have maintained an interest in international aid and development



Value of volunteering

96% of volunteers highly value the role of volunteering in development



84% of volunteers believe it is very important for the Australian Government to support international volunteering.



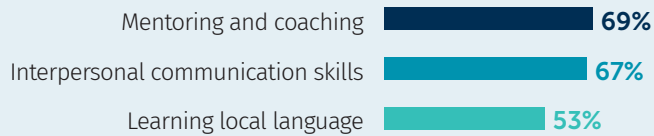
Benefits of volunteering

92% of respondents reported that they developed skills through volunteering.

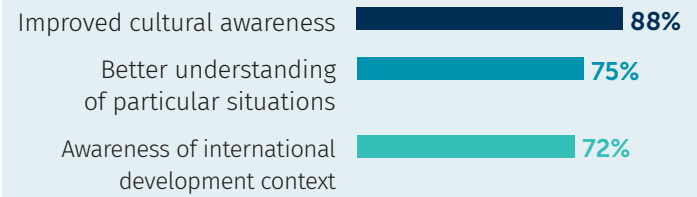


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Top 3 professional skills gained



Top 3 personal skills gained



What do volunteers want from their alumni?

- Opportunities to provide support and engage with partner organisations.
- Connections with volunteers with shared experiences (country, profession, sector).
- Opportunities to support and mentor new volunteers.
- Professional development, including international development and communication skills.
- A global network that includes volunteers living outside of Australia.
- Opportunities to share experiences and knowledge with the program.
- Information about local volunteering opportunities, the Australian Volunteers Program and alumni news and opportunities.
- Stories about partner organisations and other volunteers.



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