



Partner with the Australian Volunteers Program



The Australian Volunteers Program partners with Australian organisations that share our commitment to locally-led change.

Australian organisations increase the impact of the program by supporting our overseas partners through skills and knowledge exchange. They also support volunteer recruitment and raise awareness of the value of volunteering in Australia and overseas.

By connecting with the program, Australian organisations receive the benefits that come with international volunteering, such as people-to-people links, two-way learning and opportunities for staff development.

The program supports existing partnerships between overseas partners and Australian organisations and identifies opportunities for new connections and partnerships.

How we work

We support overseas partner organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa to achieve their development goals by matching them with Australian volunteers who are committed to exchanging skills and knowledge.

Australian volunteers contribute unique experiences, networks and ideas to their partner organisations and the communities in which they live and work. In return, volunteers learn from their partner colleagues, gain unique professional experiences, develop professional networks and gain deep cultural understanding.

The program engages with a diverse range of Australian organisations who contribute to our international partners' development objectives in a range of ways, including promoting the program, assisting with recruitment and referring candidates for specialised assignments, knowledge brokerage and joint research opportunities.

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Krystelle Syme is a volunteer emergency medical services advisor at the Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority, pictured with colleagues Malo Tagiilima, Tali Mikaele, and Viliamu Vili at Apia Fire Station.

Who we work with

The Australian Volunteers Program works with close to 100 Australian organisations from a broad range of sectors. Australian organisations include government agencies, education and training institutions, non-government organisations, the private sector, professional associations and peak bodies, and UN and multilateral organisations.

Why partner with us

- Make a positive contribution to development in the Pacific, Asia and Africa and the realisation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Strengthen your existing partnerships with overseas organisations
- Support international partner organisations to achieve their development objectives through exchanging skills and knowledge
- Extend your international networks and work more effectively across cultures
- Provide international professional development opportunities to your employees
- Increase your networks in Australia through our networking events
- Contribute to your corporate social responsibility objectives

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Our partnership with the Australian Volunteers Program is a true enabler for the impact Engineers Without Borders Australia (EWB) is aiming to achieve. EWB engineers are able to work alongside community partners and host governments over many months and even years, building the relationships and understanding the context that lead to tangible, equitable solutions. Australian Volunteers Program has the experience and resources to manage risk effectively and to ensure that the experience for our volunteers is seamless and simple.”

Eleanor Loudon, CEO – Engineers Without Borders Australia



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Shree Krishna Manandhar and volunteer Urban Planner Lucinda Peterson review plans in Dhulikhel Municipal Council offices, Dhulikhel, Nepal.

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Paramedic George Jack and Australian volunteer Paramedic Clinical Instructor Kallai Sugden check the Hyperbaric Chamber at ProMedical, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

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Remote volunteering offers an opportunity to support our partners without leaving Australia.

Ways Australian organisations can get involved

- Collaborating with partner organisations to develop volunteer assignments
- Supporting recruitment through finding and onboarding
- Promoting the program and volunteer assignments to their networks
- Establishing mentoring relationships between staff, volunteers and overseas partners
- Exchanging information and knowledge with partner organisations
- Offering professional development opportunities to staff and networks
- Financial contributions to help support the cost of some assignments
- Sharing knowledge and expertise with Australian volunteers

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