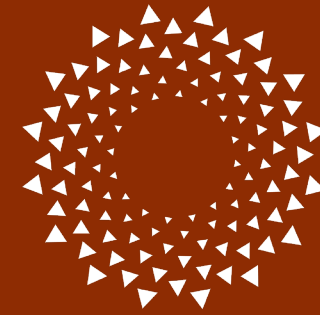


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## The Sustainable Development Goals and Volunteering in Development

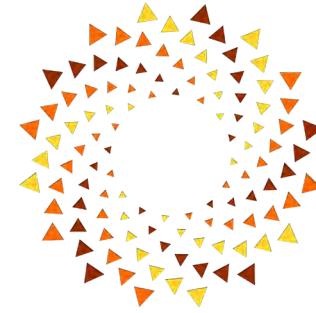


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# **WOMEN'S EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING AND HOW THIS CAN ACCELARATE REALIZATION OF UN SDGS**

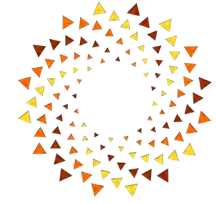
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# Australian Volunteers Program

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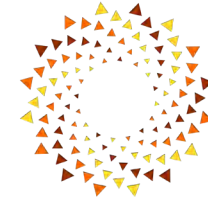


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- The Australian Volunteers Program is an Australian Government-funded initiative.
- The program supports partner organisations to achieve locally-led change and the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- The program fosters strong, mutual relationships between Australia and people and communities across Africa, Asia and the Pacific to contribute to achieving equitable development outcomes.
- Gender equality and women's leadership and empowerment is one of the Program's main focus area of support.



# WHY HAVING MORE WOMEN IN POWER IS IMPORTANT



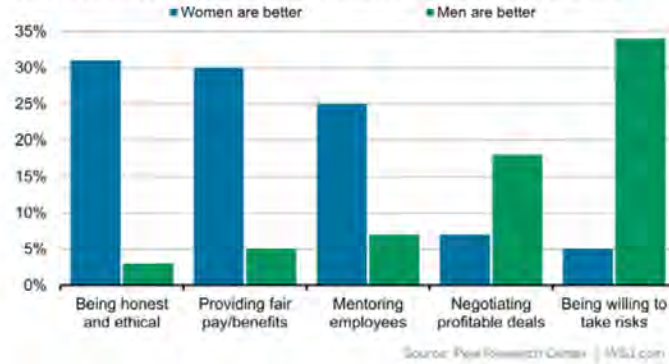
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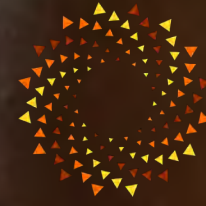
## Difference Makers

Percent of Americans in a November 2014 Pew survey who say that women or men are better at certain traits in business settings (remainder said there was no difference)



Equitable distribution of resources

# GLAMI – Longterm partner of the Australian Volunteers Program

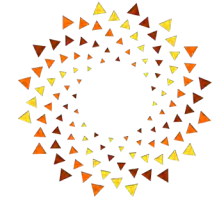


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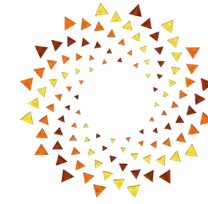
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- GLAMI is a women led grassroots organization which mentors secondary school girls in Tanzania to complete their education, develop into confident leaders who will transform their own lives and their communities.

# Australian Volunteers Program Support

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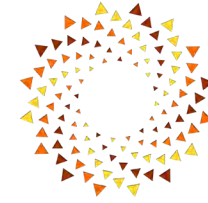
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- GLAMI has been partnering with the Australian Volunteers Program since 2014.
- Since then, several Australian volunteers have helped build GLAMI's organisational capacity in different areas.
- These volunteers have played a critical role in accelerating the organisation mission and vision

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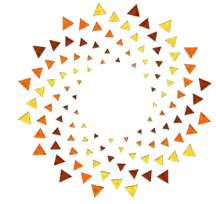


- The Australian Volunteers Program supported GLAMI to improve its fundraising capacity, improve its Monitoring and Evaluation systems and designing of more responsive programs to address challenges that girls in Secondary schools in TZ face in their education journey



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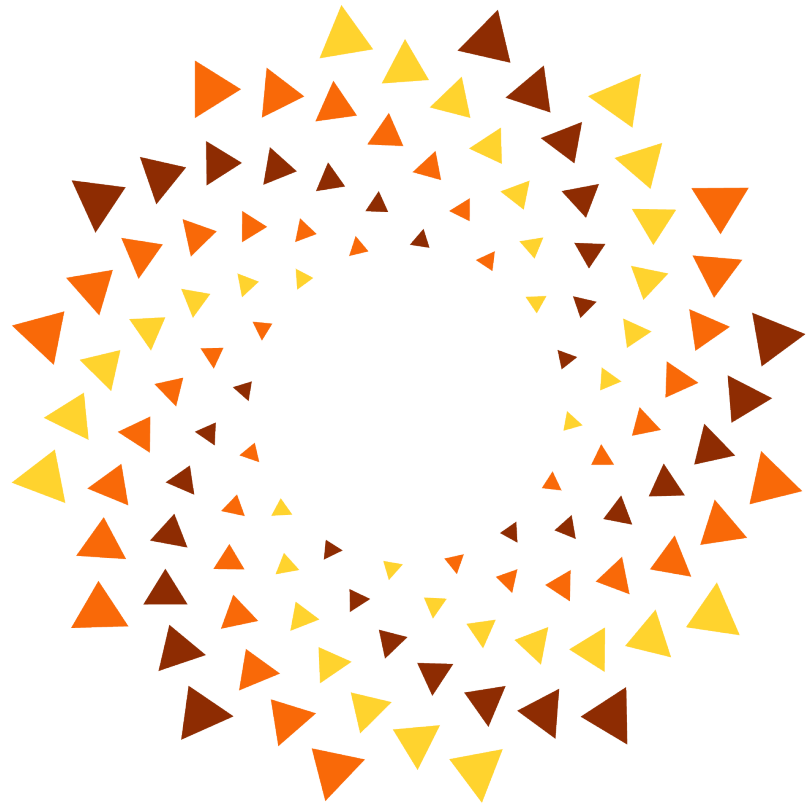
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Through the Australian Volunteers Program, GLAMI has increased its effectiveness and efficiency in addressing the needs for secondary school girls in Tanzania so that they can be able to stay in school, progress to higher education and eventually go back to their communities to transform their communities to be a better place.



From these evidences, we see international volunteers continue playing key role in women empowerment and leadership in Tanzania and across the world. Hence contributing to acceleration of UN SDGs



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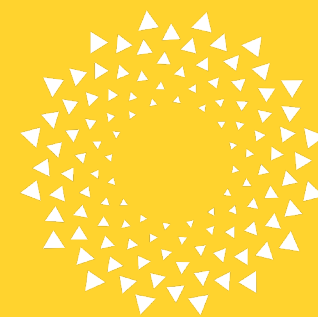


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# **Volunteerism: Delivering the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development**



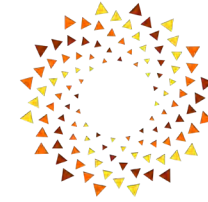
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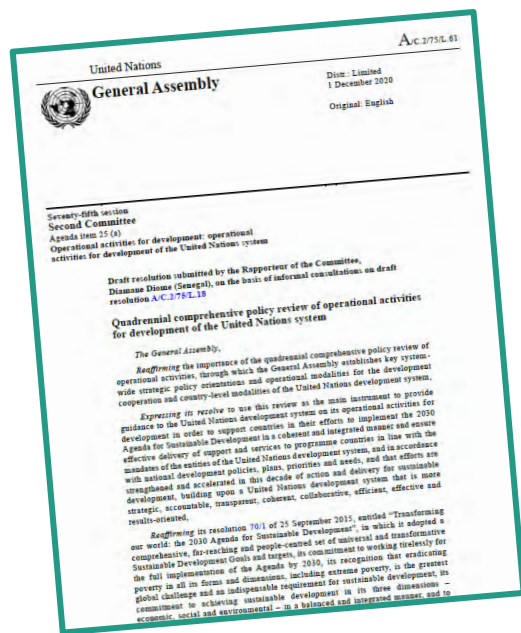
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## Scope of Discussion

- **Documenting the contribution of volunteers/ing in Development and the SDGs,**
- **Why and How to use Volunteer Stats to Report on SDG Progress,**
- **What do we know about the actual/potential contribution of Volunteers/ing**
- **Measurement: Are we able to measure and quantify volunteer work in Development?**

# DOCUMENTING VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SDGs?



Several **high-level UN documents** recognize volunteer contributions to the SDGs and encourage member states to reflect volunteer contributions in VNRs.

Several UN GA resolutions recognize that **“volunteerism can be a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”** and encourages the UN system, member states, and others to support and facilitate volunteerism and volunteers.

Incorporating data on volunteer efforts in the implementation of the SDGs is important.

- Integrate a multi-stakeholder perspective & local engagement
- Draw on existing national official statistics & other sources
- Analyze means of implementation, gaps & opportunities and find space for Volunteering



# Key Questions & Pointers

- **What is the state of volunteering ?**
  - **How many people are volunteering?**
  - **How do people volunteer?**
  - **Disparities and other dimensions in volunteering?**
  - **Impact of Covid?**
- **What new forms if any of volunteering are emerging and how can they be support, and strengthened for the development objective?**
- **How can new forms of collaboration and partnerships help deliver sustainable, equitable and inclusive development including the Sustainable Development Goals?**

# Volunteer Knowledge, Evidence and Integration in policy for SDG Progress



- **Measuring the results of volunteering has historically focused on the activities and services volunteers provide for others.**

- **A multi-layered approach is needed to understand the relationship between volunteering and development is needed**

- **Volunteering is not only a delivery mechanism but also an important way for people to participate in the development processes that affects them**

- **There is a growing awareness that the ways volunteering contributes to the 2030 Agenda are much more complex and need to be documented.**

- **Need to explore the potential benefits for volunteers themselves, such as improved health and well-being. There can also be broader outcomes for a community or society such as increased social cohesion or stronger norms for innovation or transparency and accountability**



# HOW ARE VOLUNTEERS/ING DOCUMENTED IN THE SDGs-the VNRs?

*Since 2016, there have been concerted efforts to capture, document and present the contribution of volunteers and volunteering in the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda*

- **Volunteers are a critical resource for the achievement of the SDGs, including COVID-19 responses.**
- **Voluntary action has strengthened the ability to reach the furthest behind.**
- **Volunteering is providing leadership opportunities for women & marginalized groups, giving them greater voice and ownership in development processes.**
- **Volunteers are innovators, bringing new perspectives to the table and strengthening social cohesion.**
- **Volunteers helped raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda and improved participation for the SDGs.**

Find more detailed examples: [UNV guidance note](#) on VNRs.



# HOW ARE VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS MENTIONED IN THE VNRS?

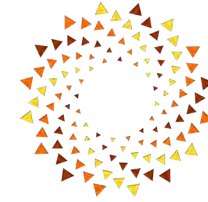
*There have been great strides, year after year since 2016 but efforts to assess the strength of mentions of volunteer contributions to the SDGs are still needed. E.g*

Criteria	Comments
General mention of volunteers	Included/Improved since 2016
Anecdotal mention of volunteers & their activities	Included
Anecdotal mention of volunteering results	Included
Policy linkages to volunteerism	Included
Evidence of results of volunteer activity	Included – not strongly substantiated
Evidence of volunteerism contributions	Included – Not adequately substantiated
Evidence of integration into policy & planning	Included – strongly substantiated



## KEY FINDINGS

- Research to address existing knowledge gaps needed,
- Existing body of Evidence especially in the global south still limited to inform strategies,
- Disparities in Volunteering,
- Informal Volunteering is still most dominant: Can it be enhanced and how?
- **New forms of Collaboration**



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**Models of partnership and collaboration  
between states and volunteers.**

# Deliberative Governance Model

- **Describes forums or spaces where volunteers can participate in dialogues, setting strategic priorities and in decision making processes.**
- **Allows volunteers from marginalized groups to have their voices heard and contribute their expertise and experience to influence or inform government policies and decisions.**
- **This form of volunteering can help to ensure representative government, sustainable solutions and inclusion.**



# Collaborative Services Delivery Model

- **Highlights how volunteers create, innovate and collaborate with government in the design, implementation and evaluation of public programmes, and services ensuring they are inclusive and aligned to their needs.**
- **Volunteers act as information brokers and mediators - their leadership, knowledge and expertise is recognized.**
- **By working together to achieve beneficial results, the model assists in creating trust and accountability between marginalized groups and the government.**



# Volunteerism as a driver of Social Innovation Model

- Volunteers can be **drivers of social innovation developing and implementing new solutions to sustainable development challenges.**
- Innovative platforms and technology promoted by volunteers can **enhance governments understanding of marginalized communities' challenges and concerns.**
- Through developing innovative approaches, **volunteers can facilitate new ways of working, build networks and helping rebalance unequal power relationships.**



# Volunteers Voices



*“The work we have done on the Psychological Helpline has been motivated by desire and goodwill. We have endangered ourselves, our families, and many others around us, only to come to the aid of others... I think that the work done by the Psychological Helpline should be further supported by institutions, along with awareness of mental health and the importance of the psychologist in Kosovo society.”*

**Florina Qupevaj, Kosovo**



# Volunteers Voices



Mohammed Ben Othman, Tunisia

***“While volunteers’ role has been to ensure the gradual return to normal life by encouraging, guiding and educating citizens to follow proper health protocols, I feel that volunteers need to be better integrated into state institutions in order to be more efficient and active.”***

# UNV KNOWLEDGE PORTAL ON VOLUNTEERISM

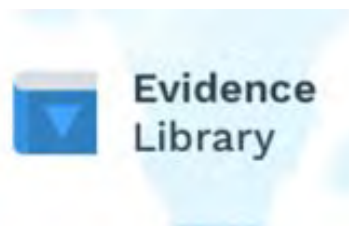


**Go-to space** for accessing data and evidence related to volunteerism:

<https://knowledge.unv.org/>



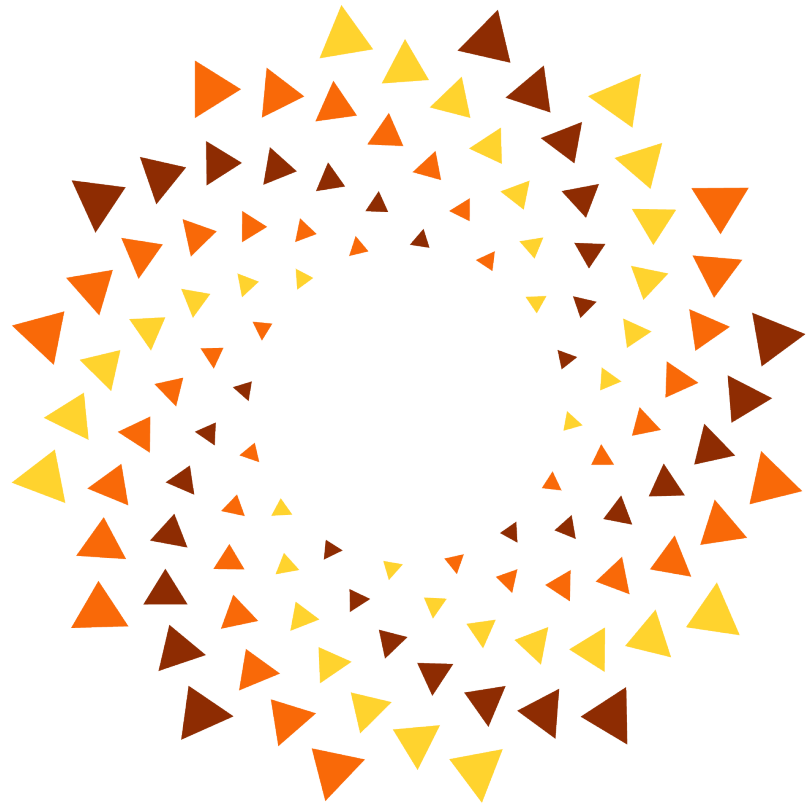
Latest datasets and indicators on the measurement of volunteer work and an enabling environment for volunteering



Synthesis of evidence products - research, findings, case studies, policy briefs etc. - to enhance understanding of the contribution of volunteering to a specific development topic



End users will be able interact with peers, share insights and submit practices and experiences to complement resources available in the evidence library



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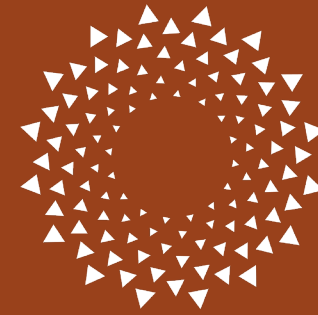
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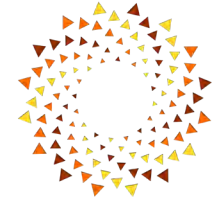
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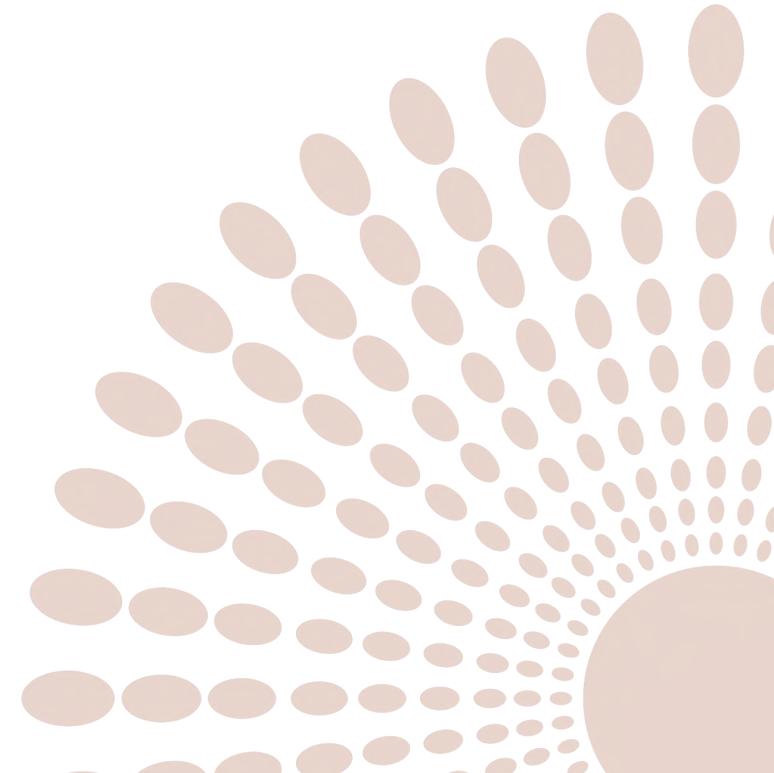
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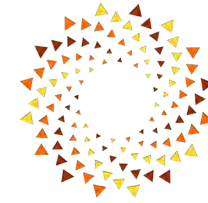
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# **Rethinking the Idea of Prosperity (as Flourishing) and What it Means in the Context of V4D and the Promotion of the SDGs.**



# Rethinking Prosperity

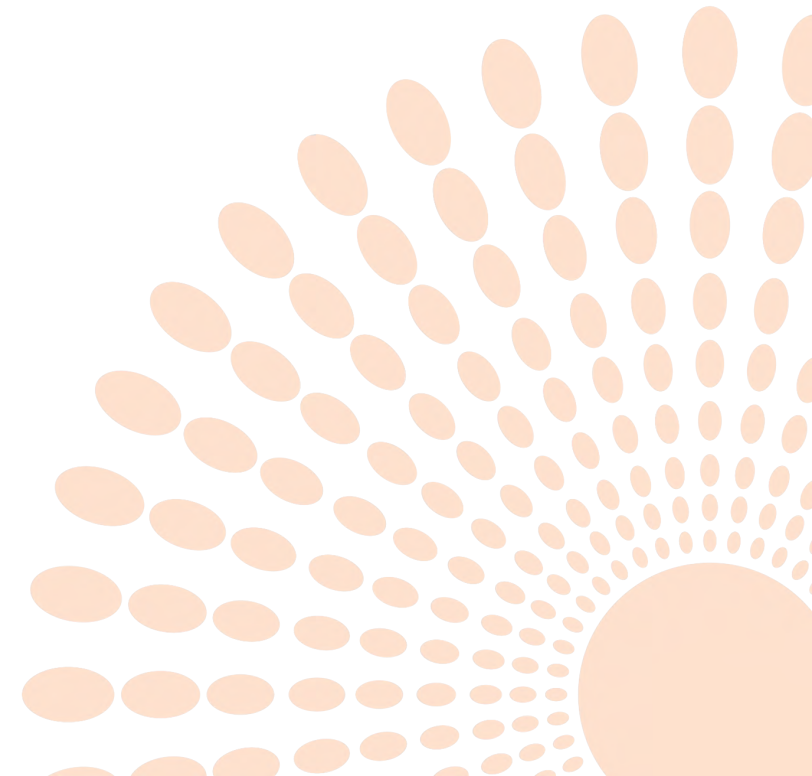
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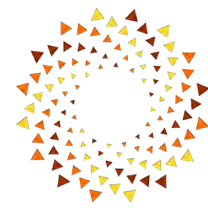


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The SDGs (or Global Goals) are “a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and *prosperity*”

- What do we mean prosperity?
- How can it be measured within V4D sector?





# The 'Whole Human Experience'

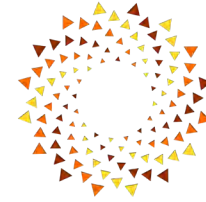
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- How do people define wealth (beyond economic prosperity)?
- How do people experience wellbeing?
- What is a more comprehensive lens for understanding prosperity?

If prosperity and flourishing contribute to our understanding of “living the good life”, what role does the V4D sector play in promoting flourishing in the context of the ‘whole human experience’?

# DEFINING HUMAN FLOURISHING

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Definition: “a state in which all aspects of a person’s life are good”.

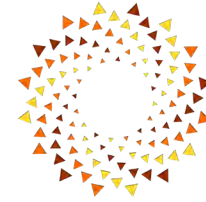
Aristotle: the ‘good life’ and the achievement of:

- ✓ bodily goods such as health
- ✓ external goods such as food
- ✓ ‘goods of the soul’ including love, friendship, self-esteem, etc.



# MEASURING HUMAN FLOURISHING

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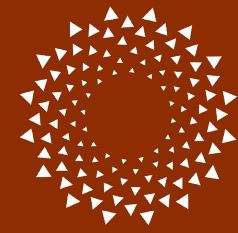
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Harvard University Human Flourishing Program (six domains):

1. happiness and life satisfaction
2. mental and physical health
3. meaning and purpose
4. character and virtue
5. social relationships
6. financial and material stability

# FOCUSING ON SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

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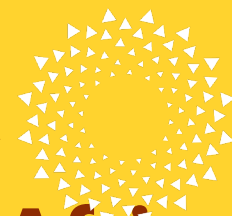


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## PAST RESEARCH IN V4D:

- spaces for “equitable and sustainable partnerships” where solidarity and alliances are forged (Devereux, 2008)
- facilitating “social symbiosis” (Lough and Oppenheim, 2016)
- Understanding the ‘full complexity of human experiences’ (Cameron, 2022)
- Builds on trust, results in friendship, promotes love and meaningful social bonds
- Significance: supports other domains of flourishing (mental and physical health, meaning and purpose, happiness and life satisfaction, etc)

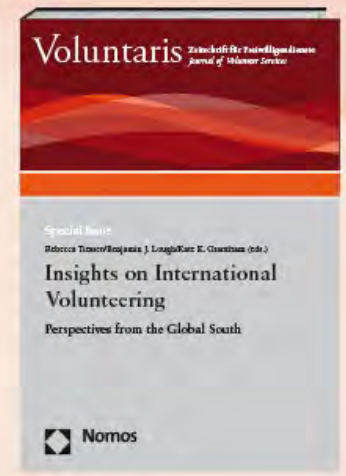
# RESEARCH in India, Jamaica, Guatemala, Peru, Costa Rica, Malawi, Zambia, Kenya and South Africa



- relationship comprised of “**affective bonds**”
- relationship forged is “**transcendental**”, highlighting characteristics of the V4D programmes as unique, special, and meaningful.

V4D has the power to build reciprocal and meaningful relationships that are maintained over a sustained period of time, and contribute to a sense of prosperity or flourishing outside the scope of normal indicators of wellbeing

## Perspectives from the Global South on International Volunteering



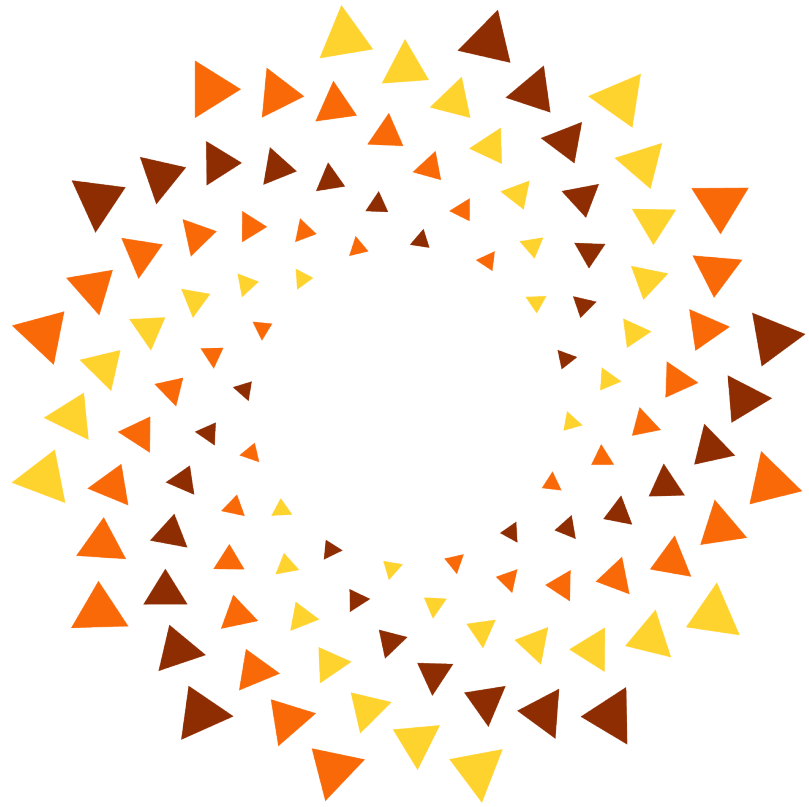
# FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS

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How has V4D contributed to flourishing or wellbeing in your work and/or your personal life?

- Expand your friendships and other relationships and networks?
- Reflect on the meaning, purpose, happiness, or satisfaction of your work and life?
- Consider how loving relationships, bonds and friendships are formed and sustained over time?
- Contributions to the 'whole human' experience and promoting wellbeing, as well as relationships to land, the environment, to other humans, to other species, and in your spiritual life?



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