

India

## The School UN Volunteers-India

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## **UN MICRO VOLUNTEERS**

Proposed: The National UN Volunteers-India

Micro-volunteering refers to the process of providing short-term, low-commitment opportunities as a way to

engage more volunteer prospects and create value.

It is built on the idea that people are more likely to volunteer if short and convenient assignments are offered.

Micro-volunteering is a new rising trend in the nonprofit community and was created as a response to the growing demand for short-term flexible volunteer opportunities.

With traditional volunteer opportunities spanning from 5 to 9 hours per shift, microvolunteering provides time-crunched volunteer prospects with opportunities ranging from 15 minutes to an hour.

A few examples of microvolunteer opportunities include providing feedback on marketing material, providing a case study, sorting food or recyclables, collecting goods for donation, managing an event, planting a tree, and designing a logo. These are just a few examples in which short-term help could be utilized, but, the possibilities are endless.

Micro-volunteering is a unique way for volunteers to get their foot in the door, support causes without a substantial time commitment, and practice their skills.

With the right planning, supporting software, and processes, nonprofit

organizations can use microvolunteerism as a way to grow their volunteer database, access skilled volunteers, and keep volunteers motivated.

Micro-volunteering is not a replacement for traditional volunteerism, but, it does provide nonprofit organizations and volunteers with benefits.

A few of these key benefits include:

## Benefits for a Nonprofit

- The ability to broaden its volunteer database.
- <sup>©</sup> Access to skilled volunteers for short-term assignments.
- The potential to convert micro-volunteers to traditional volunteers.
- <sup>r</sup>A new way to engage volunteers and keep them motivated.
- Increased diversity amongst volunteers.

## Benefits for Volunteers

<sup>©</sup>More flexibility when it comes to volunteering.

The ability to volunteer for short outcome-focused assignments.

The ability to learn more about an organization before fully committing.

The potential to use skills for the greater good.

If you are interested in microvolunteering, you can check out UN Volunteer Hub's blog post on micro-volunteering.





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