

# ANNUAL REPORT

**International  
Voluntary Service  
in Asia 2023**



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\*EC = Executive Committee

### President: KAIZAWA Shinichiro (NICE)

Wars, Violence, Climate, Poverty, etc. We are so powerless to solve them, but still can create unique & beautiful impact toward colorful & healthy world! Riddle of water will finally create a sea. Big thanks to all of volunteers, locals, Member & Partner organizations 😊



### General Secretary: Thazin AUNG (GIVE)

Life is suffering and the world also is now facing many crises and our voluntary service is insignificant. However, just like throwing starfishes from shore to the sea, our volunteering touches solidarity, peace and colorful environment.



### Treasurer: MYAGMARJAV Enkhbaatar (MCE)

Warm heart of people have not been changed even after Covid-19.

IVS is giving meaningful/wider opportunity to help others and always brings good things to the world and individuals. I am very happy to have been a part of this for over 20 years.



### Vice President: Alex BECHETOILLE (DALAA)

NVDA to maintain a cohesion between our IVS organizations spread all over Asia, to feel the strength of each one action, to join our hands and solidarity without borders.



### Vice President: Sophat SORN (CYA)

In the diverse tapestry of the Asia-Pacific region, there exists a wealth of untapped potential for fostering mutual understanding, intercultural learning, and sustainable community development through volunteerism.



# 1. OVERVIEW

## 1-1. IVS & Workcamps

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International Voluntary Service (IVS) has since 1920 sought to respond to the prevalent issues of society on a local and global level, it aims to pursue peace and promotes non-violence through international understanding, mutual respect, friendship, exchange and cooperation among the people of the world.

IVS is a vehicle for non-formal and informal education and acts as a catalyst for change within individuals and in communities giving people the chance to participate in meaningful, productive and socially useful work as active members of society. It promotes the participation of all regardless of gender, skin color, religion, nationality, age, ability, sexual orientation, social status or political views and any other possible grounds for discrimination, in a spirit of true equality and the recognition of the right of others to dignity and respect.

IVS promotes social and climate justice, human rights, sustainability, critical thinking, active participation, global citizenship, democracy, shared and intercultural learning and helps to break down prejudice and stereotypes. It contributes to the Implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Workcamp is one form of voluntary service where the volunteers live and work together with the local people based on the local needs. Majority of IVS projects are organized as international workcamps gathering people from all over the world. See more info. about IVS here: [What is our IVS?](#)

### IVS Global Statistics Overview

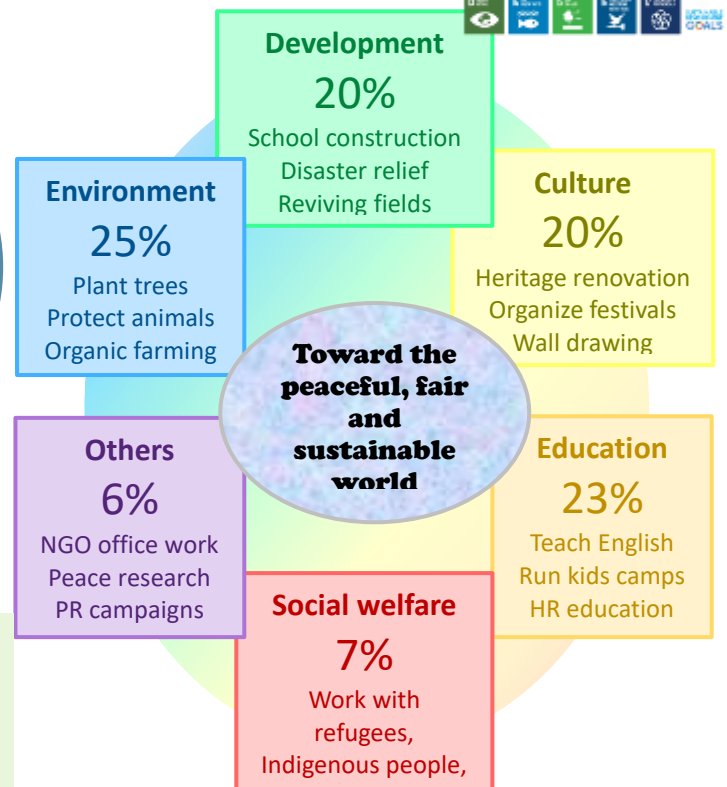
( For the year of 2016, collected by 5 networks )



**VSTV** (Very Short-Term Voluntary project): **1-6 days**  
**STV** (Short-Term Voluntary project): **7-29 days**  
**MTV** (Mid. Term Voluntary project): **30-182 days**  
**LTV** (Long-Term Voluntary project): **183 days or more**

\* Most of **VSTV** and **STV** are Workcamps (group-living type of voluntary service projects) while most of **MTV** and **LTV** are the individual type of projects.

### Different IVS Themes



# 1-2. Events in 2023

\* The numbers indicated before the titles are the dates (e.g., 06 = 6<sup>th</sup>)

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	NVDA's Projects	External Partnership	Structural Management
<b>Jan.</b>			<b>05 Executive Committee (EC) Meeting</b> (online)
<b>Feb.</b>		<b>15 Global Meeting of IVS networks (GMIVS)</b> (online)	<b>09 EC Meeting</b> (online) <b>15 Members Annual Report and Statistics</b> (Deadline for submission)
<b>Mar.</b>	<b>18 NVDA Newsletter Vol. 13</b>	<b>01-06 ALLIANCE Technical Meeting</b> (Latvia) <b>27-Apr. 03 GMIVS &amp; FrameV Asian Lab</b> (Indonesia)	<b>02 EC Meeting</b> (online)
<b>Apr.</b>		<b>27 GMIVS</b> (Hybrid -France)	<b>06 EC Meeting</b> (online) <b>20 Members Financial Report</b> (Deadline for submission)
<b>May</b>	<b>01 Stop Climate Change (SCC) - Starting the 5<sup>th</sup> period of Eco Tree Action</b> (Cambodia) <b>14-19 Training &amp; Networking Workcamp</b> (Vietnam)		<b>05, 12 EC Meetings</b> (online) <b>17-18 General Assembly</b> (Vietnam)
<b>Jun.</b>		<b>27-Jul. 05 GMIVS &amp; FrameV American Lab</b> (Costa Rica)	<b>01 EC Meeting</b> (online)
<b>Jul.</b>			<b>03, 17 EC Meetings</b> (online)
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>01-Sep. 16 Asian Voluntary Service</b> (Belgium, Cambodia, India, Japan, Philippines, Thailand)		<b>01 Starting of work by the new secretariat</b> (Korea) <b>03, 17 EC Meetings</b> (online)
<b>Sep.</b>	<b>14 AVS Night</b> (above 6 countries + Online) <b>25 NVDA Newsletter Vol. 14</b>	<b>07-11 Networking Visit</b> (Malaysia) <b>21-26 GMIVS &amp; FrameV African Lab</b> (Zimbabwe)	<b>06 EC Meeting</b> (online)
<b>Oct.</b>			<b>05 EC Meeting</b> (online)
<b>Nov.</b>	<b>01 Stop Climate Change (SCC) - Starting the 6<sup>th</sup> period of Eco Tree Action</b> (Cambodia)	<b>20-26 GMIVS &amp; FrameV Final meeting &amp; CCIVS General Assembly</b> (Greece)	<b>09 EC Meeting</b> (online)
<b>Dec</b>	<b>10 NVDA Newsletter Vol. 15</b> <b>18 Members Meeting</b> (Online)		<b>07 EC Meeting</b> (online)



# 2. IVS IN ASIA

## 2-1. IVS Statistics in Asia 2023

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### A. Projects

**1,187 projects (1,062 IVS + 120 NVP + 5 IOP) were organized!**

\* **Educational projects** occupied **36%**, **Others** **24%** (#1), **Developmental** **17%**, **Environmental** **15%**

\* **STV** projects occupy projects occupied **53%**, **MTV** **24%**, **VSTV** **13%**, **LTV** **10%**.

\* **70% were in home countries**, 8% were abroad with IVS NGOs, 22% were abroad with others.

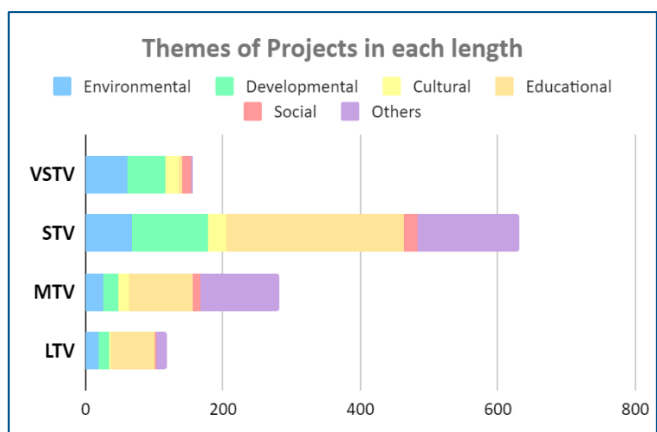
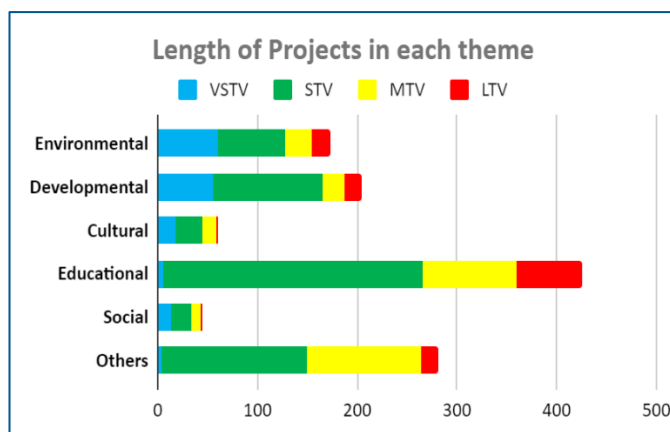
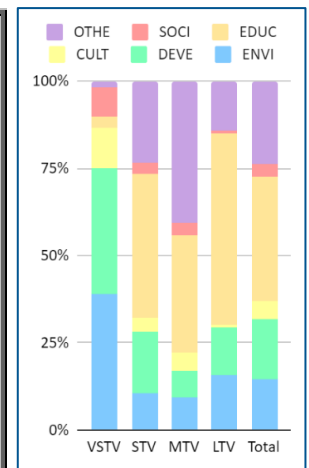
#1: 90% of **Others** (253 projects) were organized by SVI Belgium which 96% (243 projects) were "Abroad 2".

\* **IVS**=International Voluntary Service projects **NVP**=National Voluntary Projects **IOP**=International Online Projects

\* **VSTV**: 1-6 days, **STV**: 7-29 days, **MTV**: 30-182 days, **LTV**: 183 days or more

\* Abroad 1: organized abroad with IVS network members Abroad 2: organized abroad with outside NGOs

All projects	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Environmental</b>	61	67	26	19	<b>173</b>	39%	11%	9%	16%	<b>15%</b>
<b>Developmental</b>	56	110	22	16	<b>204</b>	36%	17%	8%	13%	<b>17%</b>
<b>Cultural</b>	18	27	14	1	<b>60</b>	12%	4%	5%	1%	<b>5%</b>
<b>Educational</b>	5	260	95	65	<b>425</b>	3%	41%	34%	55%	<b>36%</b>
<b>Social</b>	13	20	10	1	<b>44</b>	8%	3%	4%	1%	<b>4%</b>
<b>Others</b>	3	147	114	17	<b>281</b>	2%	23%	41%	14%	<b>24%</b>
<b>Abroad 1</b>	21	62	13	3	<b>99</b>	13%	10%	5%	3%	<b>8%</b>
<b>Abroad 2</b>	3	135	110	15	<b>263</b>	2%	21%	39%	13%	<b>22%</b>
<b>Home country</b>	132	433	158	101	<b>825</b>	85%	69%	56%	85%	<b>70%</b>



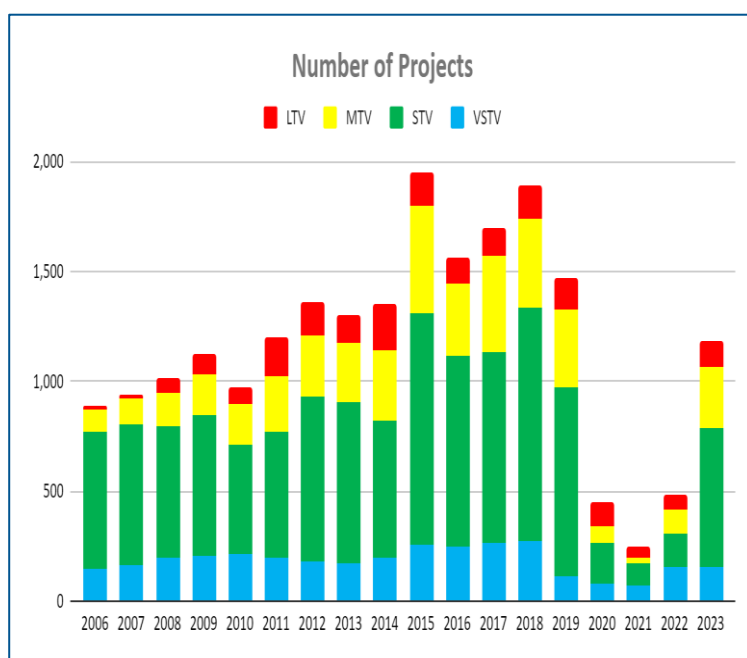
Type	IVS=International Voluntary Service projects					NVP=National Voluntary Projects					IOP=International Online Projects				
Length	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	64	619	278	101	1062	91	9	2	18	120	1	3	1		5
Environmental	10	61	26	15	112	51	5	0	4	60	0	1	0	0	1
Developmental	36	108	22	13	179	19	2	0	3	24	1	0	0	0	1
Cultural	5	23	13	1	42	13	2	0	0	15	0	2	1	0	3
Educational	5	260	93	54	412	0	0	2	11	13	0	0	0	0	0
Social	5	20	10	1	36	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Others	3	147	114	17	281	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abroad 1	21	59	12	3	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
Abroad 2	3	135	110	15	263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home country	40	425	156	83	704	91	8	2	18	120	1	0	0	0	1

## [ Changes from the previous years ]

**Total number of Projects: Rapid recovery! 245% of 2022 and 81% of 2019.**

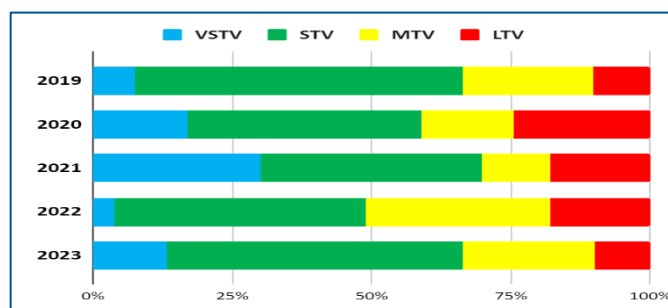
(2022→2023) **IVS (202→1,062)** big increase! **NVP (255→120)** & **IOP (27→5)** big decrease!

	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
2006	149	624	101	17	891
2007	162	638	119	19	938
2008	196	600	151	70	1,017
2009	206	639	185	93	1,123
2010	218	495	185	77	975
2011	199	571	253	174	1,197
2012	177	751	278	151	1,357
2013	173	729	271	129	1,302
2014	198	620	327	210	1,355
2015	258	1,054	484	153	1,949
2016	248	864	331	122	1,565
2017	261	874	440	126	1,701
2018	275	1,064	397	153	1,889
2019	113	863	347	150	1,473
2020	77	190	74	111	452
2021	74	97	30	44	245
2022	156	152	105	71	484
2023	156	631	281	119	1,187



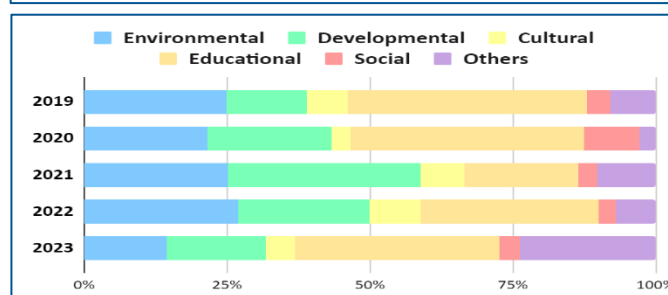
## Rate by Length: VSTV & STV increased!

Length	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV
2019	8%	59%	24%	10%
2020	17%	42%	16%	25%
2021	30%	40%	12%	18%
2022	4%	45%	33%	18%
2023	13%	53%	24%	10%



## Rate by theme: Education increased!

Theme	Envi	Deve	Cult	Educ	Soci	Othe
2019	25%	14%	7%	42%	4%	8%
2020	22%	22%	3%	41%	10%	3%
2021	25%	33%	8%	20%	3%	10%
2022	27%	23%	9%	31%	3%	7%
2023	15%	17%	5%	36%	4%	24%



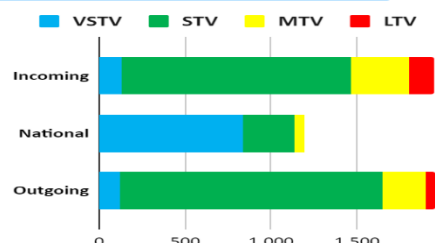
## B. Volunteers

**5,102 volunteers (3,946 IVS + 715 NVP + 441 IOP) joined!**

\* **62%** of total vols. joined **STV**, **21%** joined **VSTV**, **12%** joined **MTV** and **4%** joined **LTV**.

\* **70%** of National vols. joined **VSTV**, **69%** of Incoming/ **78%** of Outgoing vols. joined **STV**.

Length	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>5,102</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Incoming</b>	130	1,339	336	141	1,951	7%	69%	17%	7%
<b>National</b>	835	304	50	1	1,190	70%	26%	4%	0%
<b>Outgoing</b>	117	1,534	248	62	1,961	6%	78%	13%	3%

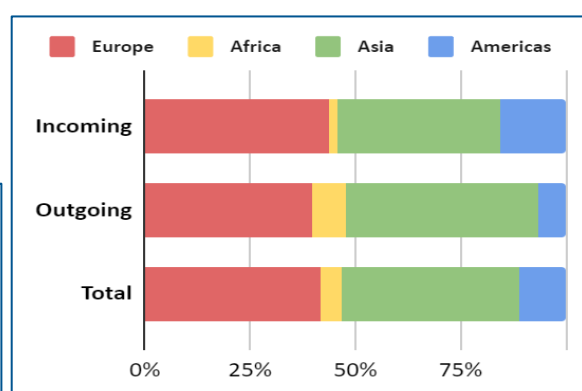


Type	IVS=International Voluntary Service projects					NVP=National Voluntary Projects					IOP=International Online Projects				
Length	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>2,733</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>441</b>
<b>Incoming</b>	128	1,128	335	141	1,737	0	21	0	0	21	2	190	1	0	193
<b>National</b>	126	303	50	1	480	693	1	0	0	694	16	0	0	0	16
<b>Outgoing</b>	117	1,302	248	62	1,729	0	0	0	0	0	0	232	0	0	232

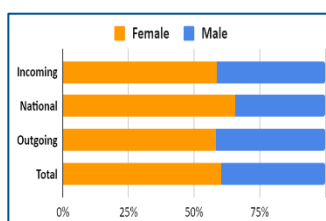
\* **Incoming:** Volunteers who were hosted from abroad. **National:** Volunteers who joined the project of their own countries. **Outgoing:** Volunteers who were sent to abroad.

**Regional flow & Profiles of Volunteers:** Asia and Europe are even (both 42%). Majority profile is Female (60%), Students (72%) and Aged 18-30 (84%)!

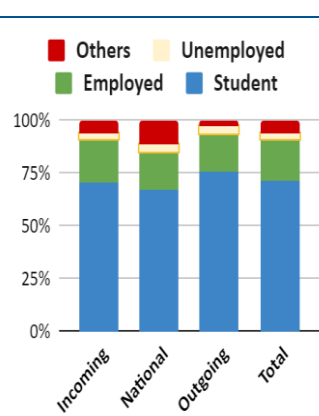
From/ To	Europe	Africa	Asia	Americas
<b>Incoming</b>	44%	2%	39%	15%
<b>Outgoing</b>	40%	8%	45%	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>11%</b>



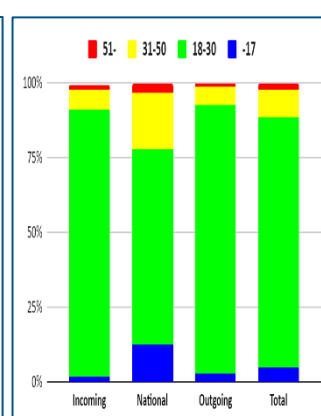
Sex	Female	Male
<b>Incoming</b>	58%	41%
<b>National</b>	65%	34%
<b>Outgoing</b>	58%	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>40%</b>



Occupation	Student	Employed	Unemployed	Others
<b>Incoming</b>	70%	21%	3%	6%
<b>National</b>	67%	17%	4%	11%
<b>Outgoing</b>	76%	18%	3%	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>



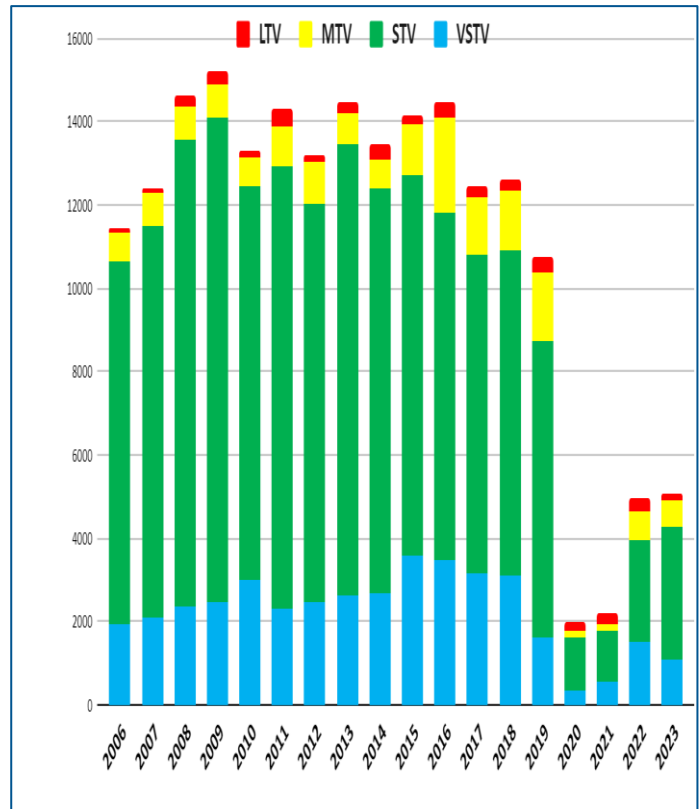
Age	-17	18-30	31-50	51-
<b>Incoming</b>	2%	89%	7%	2%
<b>National</b>	12%	66%	19%	3%
<b>Outgoing</b>	3%	90%	6%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2%</b>



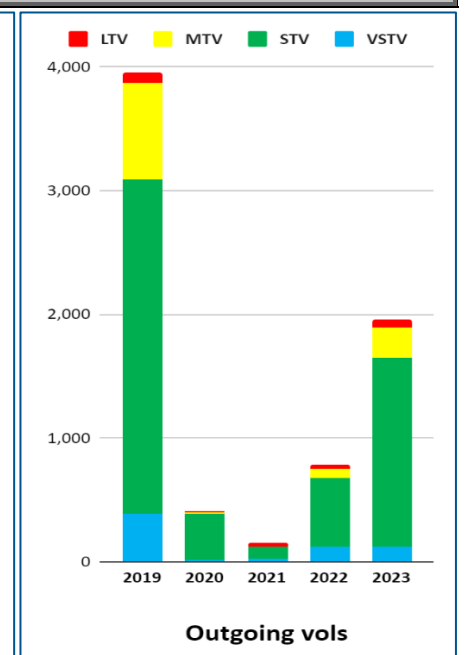
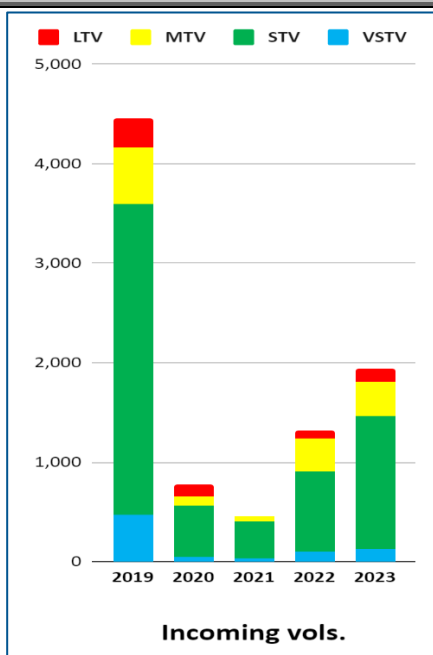
## [ Changes from the previous years ]

**Total number of Volunteers:** Same as 2022 (103%) and still half (47%) of 2019.  
 Outgoing: 251% of 2022 and 50% of 2019. Incoming: 149% and 44%. National: 42% and 50%.  
 (2022→2023) **IVS** (1,613→3,946) big increase! **NVP** (2,371→715) & **IOP** (975→441) big decrease!

Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
2006	1,926	8,704	725	113	11,468
2007	2,093	9,408	807	115	12,423
2008	2,345	11,239	773	277	14,634
2009	2,502	11,608	802	315	15,227
2010	3,029	9,425	701	134	13,289
2011	2,300	10,638	930	471	14,339
2012	2,464	9,556	1,003	199	13,222
2013	2,618	10,833	735	308	14,494
2014	2,701	9,681	736	338	13,456
2015	3,577	9,143	1,203	232	14,155
2016	3,506	8,312	2,311	326	14,455
2017	3,184	7,639	1,395	265	12,483
2018	3,120	7,812	1,429	251	12,612
2019	1,626	7,131	1,608	396	10,761
2020	374	1,235	161	206	1,976
2021	570	1,218	164	243	2,195
2022	1,505	2,450	701	303	4,959
2023	1,082	3,177	634	204	5,102



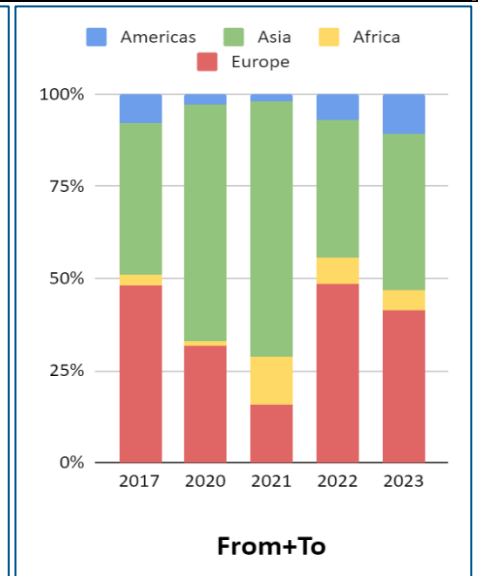
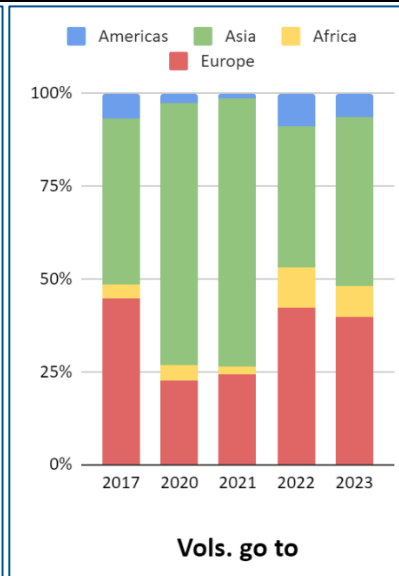
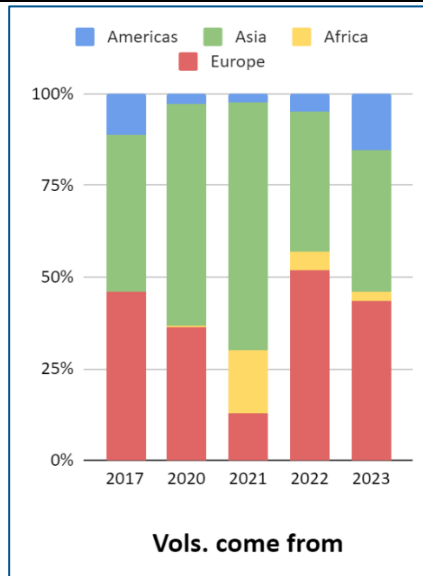
	Incoming vols.					National vols.					Outgoing vols				
	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
2019	476	3,123	566	287	4,452	761	1,304	271	23	2,359	389	2,704	771	86	3,950
2020	53	506	103	110	772	303	360	41	91	795	18	369	17	5	409
2021	36	372	46	4	458	509	748	116	215	1,588	25	98	2	24	149
2022	101	812	328	72	1,313	1,283	1,085	297	201	2,866	121	553	76	30	780
2023	130	1,339	336	141	1,951	835	304	50	1	1,190	117	1,534	248	62	1,961





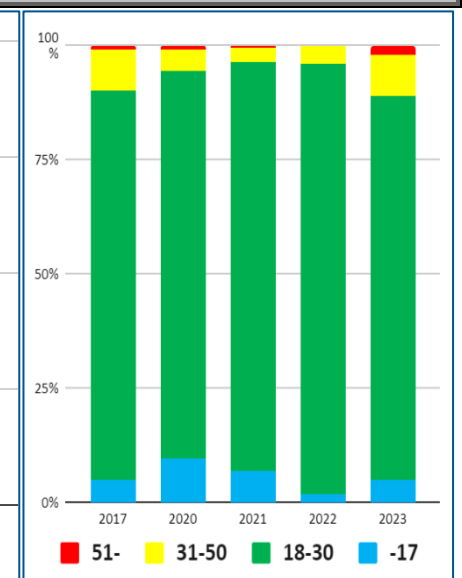
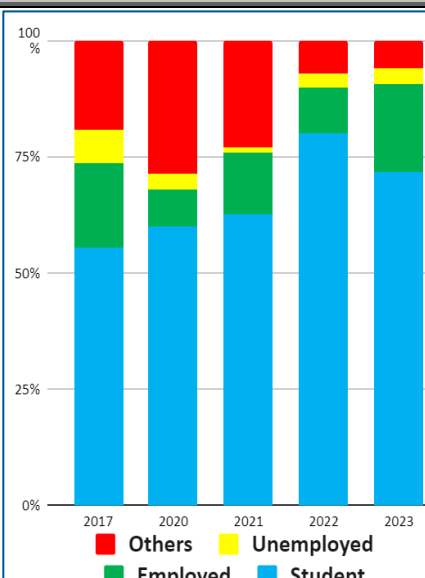
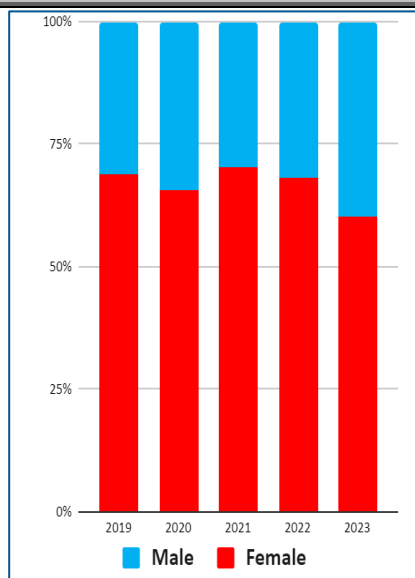
**Regional flow:** Asia increased from 2022 since recovery came later than Europe. It was a big majority in 2020-21 (64%-69% of total) possibly due to increase of IOP (online projects).

	Incoming (coming from)				Outgoing (going to)				Total (FROM + To)			
	Europe	Africa	Asia	Americas	Europe	Africa	Asia	Americas	Europe	Africa	Asia	Americas
2017	46%	0%	43%	11%	45%	4%	45%	7%	48%	3%	41%	8%
2020	36%	0%	61%	3%	23%	4%	71%	3%	32%	2%	64%	3%
2021	13%	17%	68%	2%	24%	2%	72%	1%	16%	13%	69%	2%
2022	52%	5%	38%	5%	42%	11%	38%	9%	49%	7%	38%	7%
2023	44%	2%	39%	15%	40%	8%	45%	7%	42%	5%	42%	11%



**Profiles of Volunteers:** Male (32%→40%), Employed (10%→19%) and Aged 31-50(4%→9%) increased from 2022 though they are still minority.

	Sex		Occupation				Age			
	Female	Male	Student	Employed	Unemployed	Others	-17	18-30	31-50	51-
2019	69%	31%	55%	18%	7%	19%	5%	85%	9%	1%
2020	66%	34%	60%	8%	3%	29%	10%	85%	5%	1%
2021	70%	30%	63%	13%	1%	23%	7%	89%	3%	1%
2022	68%	32%	80%	10%	3%	7%	2%	94%	4%	0%
2023	60%	40%	72%	19%	3%	6%	5%	84%	9%	2%



## C. Countries ranking

### < Top 5 countries of the major items (Total) >

	Projects		Incoming vols.		National vols.		Outgoing vols.	
1	Vietnam	310	Vietnam	432	Japan	1,008	Japan	678
2	Japan	306	Japan	283	Korea	45	Belgium	474
3	Belgium	253	Hong Kong	252	Nepal	37	Hong Kong	434
4	India	83	Nepal	218	Macau	28	Korea	120
5	Cambodia	42	India	142	India	23	Vietnam	51

### < Top 5 countries of the major items (2022) >

	Projects		Incoming vols.		National vols.		Outgoing vols.	
1	Japan	180	Hong Kong	361	Japan	1,145	Belgium	287
2	India	65	Vietnam	297	Hong Kong	372	Japan	265
3	Vietnam	56	Nepal	145	India	319	Indonesia	67
4	Nepal	35	Cambodia	100	Myanmar	314	Korea	51
5	Thailand	29	Myanmar	82	Thailand	178	Laos	45

### Top 5 countries of the major items (IVS=International Voluntary Service projects) >

	Projects		Incoming vols.		National vols.		Outgoing vols.	
1	Vietnam	310	Vietnam	416	Japan	299	Japan	678
2	Belgium	253	Japan	281	Korea	45	Belgium	474
3	Japan	216	Nepal	218	Nepal	37	Hong Kong	224
4	India	61	India	142	Macau	28	Korea	120
5	Cambodia	42	Cambodia	129	India	22	Vietnam	51

### < Top 5 countries of the major items (NVP=National Voluntary Projects) >

	Projects		National vols.	
1	Japan	89	Japan	693
2	India	22	Vietnam	16
3	Laos	6	Australia	5
4	Macau	2	India	1

**NB!** Some of these figures are quite suspicious (22 projects for 1 vol. in India, Projects were organized without volunteers in Laos and Macau, There were volunteers without any projects in Vietnam and Australia??? Thus, Vols. of Vietnam and Australia were actually categorized as Incoming vols. though there should be no Incoming (and Outgoing) vols. for NVP.

### < Top 5 countries of the major items (IOP=International Online Projects) >

	Projects		Incoming vols.		National vols.		Outgoing vols.	
1	Hong Kong	2	Hong Kong	189	Japan	16	Hong Kong	210
2	Philippines	2	Japan	2	-	-	Laos	20
3	Japan	1	Philippines	2	-	-	Australia	2

# 2-2. Impact stories of IVS Projects

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## - Examples of impact on Members' Projects in 2023 -

\* **Blue flame:** Impact on the communities/ **Red flame:** Impact on the volunteers

### Sri Lanka (GV4GF)

We went to an isolated village to meet members of the youth club. After a few minutes, whole villagers are gathered around the kindergarten. Because they thought that foreigners came to distribute food. We explain our objectives and programs to them. After that only a few people left and all the others stayed with us. It became a community activity, not only for youths. They learned the Japanese education system, foods, disciplines, how to find jobs, and origami. They are a marginalized community.



Tamaki  
I didn't expect such a wonderful and amazing experience in Sri Lanka. At first I didn't even know where Sri Lanka was, but now I love the country! After graduating from uni, I would like to work for a Japanese company on the world stage, and Sri Lanka is one of those stages. I have gained a lot from the people involved in this program. One of my goal for the future is to do something that will contribute to Sri Lanka. Thank you a lot!!

### Sri Lanka (GV4GF)

Different volunteer touching different things and events. However, workcamp is a life changing agent for all of them. We need the people who can change this world in a positive way. marginalized community.



### Mongolia (MCE)

2023-08.18 Eco farm workcamp at the Orphanage farm. Dutch volunteer decided to install water heating system for the shower of the kids. With his great support finally kids able to take hot shower at the farm site.



### Mongolia (MCE)

Greening Mongolia workcamp, 26/Apr,2023. Volunteer from Taiwan was alone for 5 days until the Japanese group join for her workcamp. It was Bilateral workcamp with Japan and also it was open some place for international vols. She was little disappointed for the situation at the beginning. But in few days, she changed her self so much and enjoyed her time at the workcamp even she was alone as international vol. Until rest of the group arrive, she felt so good and she became kind of good co-leader for the workcamp. Made everyone so happy.

### China (DWC)

Unfortunately, the project had to be canceled due to volunteers canceling last minute. However, a returning volunteer from a 2018 workcamp came back to the project to volunteer even though the international workcamp canceled in the end.

### China (DWC)

SJ07 FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL (2023-06-09 - 2023-06-30) The volunteer made many new friends and the friends she made even traveled and visited her in December





### The Philippines (GIED)

Japan-Philippines Bilateral Workcamp, 18-26 February 2023: Barangay Pang-pang, Barili, Cebu, Philippines is one of the mountain barangays of the town of Barili, Cebu. The mountain village provide basic social services to its local constituents. Though it is in the remote village, it hosts a sustainable agriculture techno-demo farm with integrated organic vegetable production development project in partnership with the Municipal Agriculture Office of the Local Government of Barili. 9 Japanese participated the Eco-Cultural camp in Pang-pang Village that yielded a beautiful and positive memories both from the Japanese participants and the local village specially their children and youth. 9 days of intensive inter-cultural learning through games, sports, music, cooking, crafts and performances were experienced. The opportunity to understand the effect of climate change in the typhoon prone Philippines through exposure to their agricultural farms were also undertaken as well as a visit in the public elementary schools to introduce Japan culture to the students were presented as their contribution to enhance a lively interaction of two cultures in selected classrooms. With a handful of natural attractions within the Barili town, such as waterfalls, caves, cold springs, mountains and beaches, the participants had a chance to enjoy some of these natural outdoor adventures to simply relax and have fun. The camp may be short but the effect it brought to the participants and the village is priceless as they built friendship, created memories together and contributed solidarity and peace with each other.

### The Philippines (GIED)

IVD Christmas Bootcamp, 12-15 December 2023: In honor of our volunteers worldwide this International Volunteer Day 2023, Global Initiative for Exchange and Development Inc. - GIED in partnership with the Local Government of Alegria, Cebu organized our 2nd IVD Christmas BOOTCAMP with our long term foreign volunteers last 12-15 December in Alegria, Cebu, Philippines In the mountain village of Compostela, Alegria our volunteers did a river clean-up in one of the jump-off canyonnering sites, planted bamboo trees in the nearby BADAM Water Shed protected area and sorted out garbage in their MRF facility. Afterwhich we had an overnight fellowship in the beach to commemorate our ecological efforts and build camaraderie among our long term volunteers and local partner institution. The Bootcam was our way gifting back what our NATURE truly deserves through our small acts of service to breathe, cleanse, heal and rejuvenate even in a brief time together.

### Macao (MNCYA)

WHV - The Feast of Na-Tcha in the Historic Centre of Macau (13/06/2022 – 24/06/2022): The volunteers designed World Heritage promotional materials and run seminars, roadshows and site tours to promote and improve understanding and enhance actions for heritage preservation in the society, participating actively in the activities of the Feast of Na-Tcha to reach out young people, tourists, local stakeholders and concerned authorities.







### Macao (MNCYA)

MNCYA workcamp (13th year) - (12.1-12.3): During the 13th year of the MNCYA Workcamp, held from December 1st to 3rd, an unforgettable episode took place that left a lasting impact on one of the volunteers. This particular workcamp aimed to bring together volunteers from different countries to work on community development projects and foster cultural exchange. Volunteers from China even brought a bottle for national participants to write down memorable experiences.

### India (RUCHI)

Tibetan Culture combined with Waste Upcycling workcamp from 11/09 to 23/09/2023: 14 international volunteers joined the project and educated the local communities on waste upcycling; two types of items were preferred - discarded tires and all kinds of plastic. They were trained on how to make interlocking tiles from plastic waste and use discarded tires for garden furniture besides other items of use, like weight lifting tool. Community was thrilled to join and learn of these new techniques. The idea was to develop their skills to start small innovative enterprises in local area. The same work was repeated in Dharamshala area where they joined another organization in a clean campaign and learned of Tibetan culture and history.



### India (RUCHI)

Tibetan Culture and Waste Upcycling from 11/09 to 23/09: Pille-Riin, a middle age woman, was one of the 14 volunteers who joined this project. She was from Estonia and this was her first volunteering opportunity. She was confused in the beginning about the type of work and physical work involved in it. However, her perspective changed after 4-5 days and she was not only fully involved but stated enjoying everything. She learned a lot about upcycling, enjoyed interacting with women and contributed on farm activities. She intends to come back but meanwhile she continues to donate small funds to RUCHI.

### India (FSL)

Completion of sanitation camp by ESTP University students as volunteers from France send by JR France. The camp started since 2012 and the volunteers have created awareness on sanitation to the tribal community, the school students with mural paintings and renovation work and construction of 45 toilets. The community also raised the resources from the Government and completed the toilet construction for all the families.



### India (FSL)

Volunteer Yuka from NICE Japan worked in a Narayana Special School, a project for the special children at Kundapur. Her story is given in the link below: <https://fsl-india.org/blog/my-life-here-is-very-exciting>



### Taiwan (VYA)



Project: Discover the Rich Folk Culture of Xiushan Community Date: Aug.9th-22nd: Since 2017, the Xiushan Project has famous in work together with elders and share religious traditions by local masters. International volunteers' participation just like alternative vitamin to re-booth into elders. Make them become energetic and younger. Project: Centennial Spring's Beauty Revives Date: Jul. 5th-10th: First time for local partner to host international volunteers. A town has spring within it for century long, and the residents use the spring for washing dishes and clothes, for tea making after boiled, etc... Volunteers came to learn the ancestors' wisdoms and also decorate the area of spring side to remind local people to co-live with the nature.

### Taiwan (VYA)



Old House Renovation and Culture Exchange in Xiluo Date: Oct.-Dec. Marco is from Italy. To participate as a LMTV in Xiluo project was also first time to stay in Asia. For engaging with more local people, community partner connected the primary school to let Marco to has class on cultural exchange on every Thursday morning, in 2 different grades. In addition, teachers and administrative staff also invite Marco to join the dinner talk of parents committee and excursion during weekend. During his stay, he not only knew about the history of rural Xiluo, but also has wonderful friendship with people there.

### Thailand (DaLaa)

Voluntary Service Community,- All year around- We call the place where our association is VSC. This was our dream since we started DaLaa 20 years ago to have our own community where we can spread and practice our important values. Since a few years we managed to make it happen and we are improving in managing our life with a mix of office work and community work. Recently it feels more and more in harmony and the relationships of family that we managed to maintain despites the change of people in incredible. For us this is a real advancement in the name of peace on Earth. We would like to thank all our volunteers who join VSC in 2023. This felt very meaningful.



### Thailand (DaLaa)



Hug Ban Den, Lampang province, North Thailand. For 2 months in October- November 2023, Marie from Belgium has been the first volunteer to stay with our host Kru Ann in this little village from the North Thailand. As the first and only volunteer in this village, she was fully immersed in the local culture and so well taking care of. She discovered the strength of the simple life and solidarity in the village. Her experience was above all her expectations and her evaluation was so warming heart to listen to.

### Indonesia (GREAT)

Mulyo Asri Mangrove, a conclusion of the hosting year 2023: with the incoming volunteers from the short term to middle term volunteering projects, one after another, has put the real IVS works and image on field to see and feel directly by our local partner that there is hope for future mangrove and its good benefits to the local people. The later opportunity comes for our local partner to learn and promote more about mangrove from different countries in Indonesia and abroad also motivate them to keep their environmental purposes on its course.



### Indonesia (GREAT)

We are proud to have new volunteers as camp leaders during 2023. Not only for the experiences they had during the work camps but also how it changed them for unlocking their new skills and to have better skills especially in leadership, communication and project management of international voluntary service

### Japan (NICE)

Shirakami workcamp in Jul. 30-Aug. 07: Shirakami mountains are registered as the natural World Heritage Site and has very rich nature. However, the area is facing to the serious depopulation and aging issues as well as many parts of Japan, so maintaining a good conditions of the forests and preservation of traditional cultures (hunting people) are in crisis. So, together with the hosting NPO (Nature School) and NICE, 6 vols. from Japan, Taiwan, Italy and France successfully organized a kids camp to feel/ enjoy the nature and culture as well as planting trees and made a PR video of the town. The kids and vols. made beautiful friendship through the music, etc. with overcoming the language barriers. They cried in the end. The host appreciated to the impact and decided to continue the workcamps again this year!



### Japan (NICE)

Van Vieng (Laos), Aug. 09-22: Riko joined this workcamp with 5 other Japanese and many local people. Before joining the workcamp, she was pretending to be popular for the majority of her involved various communities without really showing her natural character. She was often afraid if she is refused/ disliked by the groups. This is quite typical for many Japanese people especially youth to mind how they are looked before they show what they really want. But through the workcamp experience to work, live, eat, play, laugh, talk together toward the common goals and values with different personalities/ cultures, she has got real friends, confidence and changed her mind/ behavior to be as she is. Her experience was presented in the IVS contest of NICE where she got the semi-championship for the volunteers' department!



### Korea (IWO)

Local people welcome very much the volunteers in the project.



### Korea (IWO)

local students gladly joined the event

### Nepal (VIN)

Children Summer Camp 10th -22 July, 17- 27 July, and 23 July-3 August: VIN organized three children's summer camp in 10th July, 17th July, and 23rd July at Raktamala School and Karkala Devi School in Okhaldhunga and one summer camp at Jitpurphedi school in Kathmandu. The main objectives were to provide a unique opportunity for overall development (social, emotional, physical, mental, creativity) & provide fun time for children aged 6-12 utilizing their vacation period. To promote friendship, understanding, and solidarity among local young volunteers and cross-national volunteers. To provide an opportunity to understand and appreciate the Nepalese culture and tradition via cultural immersion. This summer camp involved a series of activities, including sports, art, music, dance, academics, and cultural events, aimed at developing children's knowledge and skills. These initiatives are designed to encourage learning activities during public holidays, providing a platform for holistic development of the children. More than 100 children participated in these three-summer camp in Okhaldhunga and Kathmandu. We will share the annual report to the partners soon. Thanks to our volunteers and other stakeholders.



### Nepal (VIN)

Early Childhood Development -- From 30th October for 8 weeks: The name of the project is Early Childhood Development in Okhaldhunga which started in -30th October for 8 weeks. This project focused to the development of the young children. We conduct this project in Okhaldhunga and Jitpurphedi (Kathmandu). ECD project focuses on enhancing motor skills and social skills in children aged 3 to 6. Volunteers organize diverse activities, including recreational; like games, singing rhymes, drawing, and art and craft sessions, to promote holistic development among the participating children.

The volunteers enjoyed a lot in the project. Beside this we organized and conducted many projects in the community and Monastery where volunteers enjoyed and learned many things in their life.

### Nepal (FFN)

1. We hosted students from Nagoya university and they went Sarada Devi community forest Banepa and working for the forest community in Nepal. (29 January 2024 to 13 February 2023) 2. Sebu Children's home and Humanitarian concern center exchange children between Nepal and Japan (16to 24 August 2023)



### Nepal (FFN)

We hosted especial group from Nagoya university students group they took part to the deferent activities in Nepal Teaching about education system in Japan for the Nepali students and they lean also how about the education system in Nepal group from the Nagoya university starting form 29 January 2024 to 13 February 2023.

### Hong Kong (Voltra)

The long-awaited Hong Kong workcamp has finally returned after few years of pandemic 🇻🇳 and it is also the first time for our Cultural Facilitators to be the camp leader 😊! This international workcamp brought together more than 50 participants from 13 places, including Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, South Korea, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, the Philippines, Peru, Kenya, and Russia 🌍.

In just 6 days, the workcamp with a focus on community and sustainable living had a very rich program 😊. Participants not only experienced the life of fishermen in the Fisherfolk Culture Village on Lamma Island 🏞️, but also visited Tai Kwun and the Hong Kong Palace Museum to learn about Hong Kong's history and culture 🏛️. They also went deeper into organic farming at Winnie The Farm 🌱. Lastly, they enthusiastically shared their cultures and various hometown snacks to public at the cultural booth of "VolTra Market" 🍽️!

We believe that all participants and Cultural Facilitators have left unforgettable and valuable memories in this short time 😊. We look forward to more extraordinary encounters in the future, and please stay tuned for more exciting activities from VolTra 😊.



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### Hong Kong (Voltra)

VolTra recently recruited a group of enthusiasts who enjoy making new friends and cultural exchange to participate in the Cultural Facilitator Camp. This camp allows all "Cultural Facilitators" to acquire the "VolTra Way" 🌟 through two days of training sessions and various activities. This equips them to lead participants from diverse backgrounds in overseas workcamps, creating journeys full of warmth 🌍! We hope that each "Cultural Facilitator" can take on a guiding role in multicultural environments, bringing various possibilities to the world! Exciting activities are coming one after another, so please continue to look forward to their performance 😊!



### Vietnam (SJV)

Mai Chau project for community development. We have been working at the project sites for more than 10 years but during Covid 19 pandemic, we had to stop. When we came back with volunteers for workcamps, local people were very happy.



### Vietnam (SJV)

We had volunteers came back after 10 years and they wanted to stay at the same workcamps. They recognized that they learnt a lot from other volunteers and local community

### Cambodia (CYA)

It's nice to have people from different part of the world back to community and work together again.



### Cambodia (CYA)

Refreshing their thought and ideas after years of locked down.



### Malaysia (MOVE)

6th August 2023 – 01st October 2023 - Golden Age (also known as Golden Life). A volunteer from Czech Republic came as a long-term volunteer for 2 months. His target community was old people who are living at Old Age home (project area). He builds a strong and smooth relationship with everyone there. The residents, staffs, pets (few pet dogs) and the visitors. He left in two months' time but the residents are still in touch with him via whatsapp calls. After the workcamp he visited them once in December and promised them that he will come again in May 2024. Words from him: The first country that left a mark on my heart. The first country that made me cry and the first country where I felt at home... All thanks to the amazing local people and my new family. I won't exaggerate when I say that I never once encountered a bad mood in their company. Everyone is so cheerful, non-confrontational, pleasant, friendly, smiling, and relaxed. As for my family, I lived in a little house with three amazing aunties: auntie Mag, auntie Sathi Devi (both aunties also known as my grandmas or girlfriends), auntie Gnanes, dog Toffie, and a female dog Šiba. Besides this home, I also worked in two larger retirement homes => amazing people with a sad ending, but still happy, nonetheless. Moreover, there were also amazing employees, who cannot be overlooked. My new sisters Radhika and Sumati or the most kind-hearted boss...and other lovely stuff... Shared walks, shopping, singing, gardening, jokes, board games, exercise, celebrations, deep conversations, tears, or when auntie Sathi Devi told me she would like to die knowing that someone would take care of me (referring to my love life) ... All of these things, whether we want it or not, build a family bond among you. Apart from the happy moments, I unfortunately also experienced a sad moment when one uncle passed away in front of my eyes. This makes the wishes from my aunties even more meaningful when they wish me a beautiful life that has actually just begun for me... Unfortunately, everything has its end, and I am proud that I will carry their legacy and memories of them and us for the rest of my life. Thank you for everything aunties, you will be always in my heart.





### Myanmar (GIVE)

We couldn't host any IVS project in 2023 due to the conflict in Myanmar.



### Laos (HJA)

In the morning of April 24, 2023, the joint HJA team together with the government partners at the provincial and district levels had a joint planning meeting to prepare and follow up the activity of "planting vegetables in the shade house" of the youth of Hongsa District, Meaunghan Village and Phonxay Village in Xayabuli Province that the project supported under the CISAC-19 program. In addition, HJA team together with project partners continued to follow up and gave advice to the target group of youth who did the activity of "planting vegetables in the green house in 2 projects, namely: Meaunghan and Phonxay Village, Hongsa District, Sayaboury Province. Let's together improve food security so people can earn income and eat nutrition foods Huamjai Asasamak Association is part of the European Union in Laos CiSAC-19 Project. Association for Mutual Assistance.



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### Laos (HJA)

Case study of Miss. Lao Khang, an alumnus of HJA Volunteer Internship Placement in 2012-20213. Miss. Lao Khang is a Hmong ethnic, born in the village of Nam Khon Co, Nong Hat District, Xieng Khuang Province. She was born in a middle-class family. After her father died and her mom became sick, she had to leave School and take care of her 6 brothers and sisters. In 2012-2013, Lao Khang was selected as a volunteer of HJA. her communication with her friends was quite difficult, making her not confident in talking with other people in Lao language. As the months passed, Lao Khang met many new friends and her communication skills improved. she also worked as an assistant rugby teacher. After finishing as a volunteer from HJA, she was recruited as a permanent staff member of the Lao Rugby Federation with the responsibility of being the coordinator of the development of Rugby sports in Xieng Khuang province. Her success story has been published in both domestic and foreign press. She is proud to be a part of helping young people interested in playing all kinds of sports, especially rugby. She uses now English to talk to foreigners, she traveled to many countries to attend rugby matches and exchange lessons with various countries, such as: Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, England, Australia, Qatar and other countries. She is very proud that she has come to this point, she learned many skills, got a good opportunity to volunteer until she became a Lao youth leader and passed on the lessons to the next generation of volunteers.

### Belgium (SVI)

Renaissance,  
September 2023



### Belgium (SVI)

MCF Junior School  
and Daycare,  
Uganda, 2023-09-  
26, 2023-10-26

# 3. PROJECTS & ACTIONS

## 3-1. Training & Networking Workcamp

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NVDA usually organizes the Training & Networking Workcamp (TNW) together with the General Assembly (GA). It was stopped in 2020-2021 due to the restriction by the COVID-19, and revived in 2022 June in Hat Yai, Thailand hosted by DALAA with the 17<sup>th</sup> GA organized in the hybrid style.

The 17<sup>th</sup> TNW with [the 18<sup>th</sup> GA](#) was organized in **2023 May 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> in Halong Bay, Vietnam** hosted by **SJV (Solidarity Jeunesse Vietnam)** and **13 leaders from 10 NGOs in 10 countries** actively participated whose evaluation was very positive. For more details, see [the project report](#).

### < Program & Schedule >

Date		Program
<b>05/14 Sun</b>	Aft	<b>Arrival</b>
	Eve	<b>Welcome Party</b>
<b>05/15 Mon</b>	Mor	<b>Workshop 1</b> (Social impact goals)
	Aft	<b>Workshop 1</b>
	Eve	<b>Free</b>
<b>05/16 Tue</b>	Mor	<b>Voluntary Work</b> (Ethnic kids school)
	Aft	<b>Workshop 2</b> (NGO empowerment goals)
	Eve	<b>Beach party</b>
<b>05/17 Wed</b>	Mor	<b>Workshop 2</b>
	Aft	<b>General Assembly</b> (Evaluation of 2022-23)
	Eve	<b>Free</b>
<b>05/18 Thu</b>	Mor	<b>General Assembly</b> (Finalizing Proposals)
	Aft	<b>General Assembly</b> (Plan for 2023-24)
	Eve	<b>Farewell Party</b>
<b>05/19 Fri</b>	Mor	<b>Meeting for Asian Voluntary Service</b>
	Aft	<b>Project visit in Hanoi/ Departure</b>

Mor=Morning/ Aft=Afternoon/ Eve=Evening

### < List of Participants >

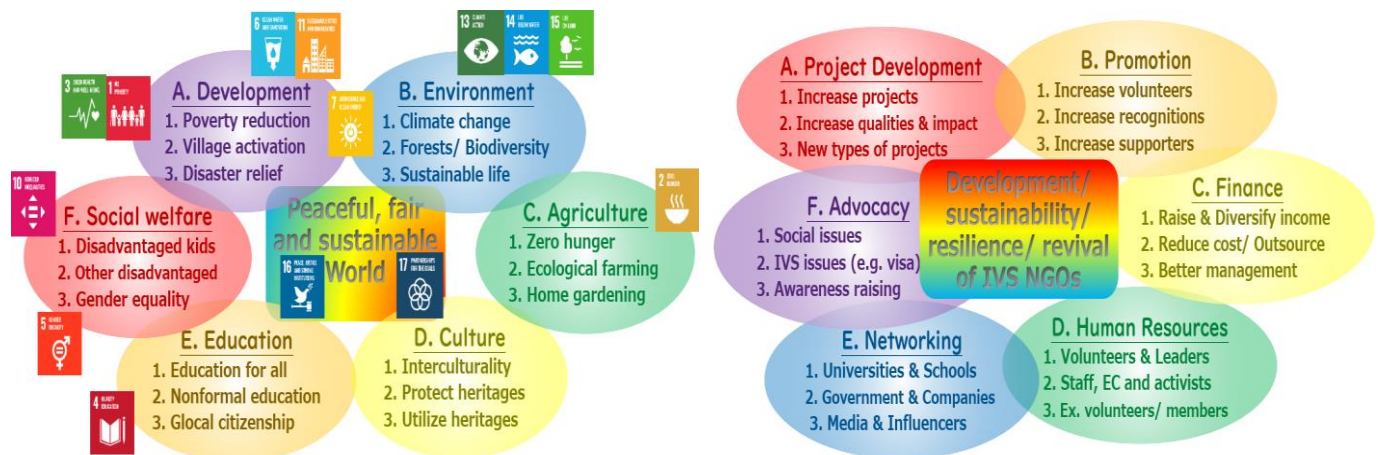
Name	Country	NGO	Position in NGO
Ayoub	Belgium	SVI	IT engineer
Ben	Indonesia	GREAT	Project Coordinator
Henry	Hong Kong	VT	Staff
Thazin	Myanmar	GIVE	Executive Director/ NVDA General Secretary
Mami	Japan	NICE	Incoming coordinator
Kai	Japan	NICE	President/ NVDA President
Alex	Thailand	DALAA	President/ NVDA Vice President
Baatar	Mongolia	MCE	Executive Director/ NVDA Treasurer
Sophat	Cambodia	CYA	President/ NVDA Vice President
Rakesh	India	FSL	President
Phuc	Vietnam	SJV	Executive Director
Vy	Vietnam	SJV	Project coordinator
Lallie	Vietnam	SJV	Long term volunteer

Name=Nick name. Country=Residential country



## Workshop 1 - Actions toward NVDA 2030 goals on Social Change

## Workshop 2 - Actions toward NVDA 2030 goals on NGO Empowerment



Participants cooperatively and productively worked on the development of the above 2030 goals for both visions and actions, a part of which were concretized and approved in the General Assembly. (Go to [5-3 General Assembly](#) for the list and the details for 9 approved actions!).

## Voluntary work @ Mountain school for Ethnic minority children

Participants visited the school provides education to the disadvantaged children of the ethnic minority and hosts the international LMTV (Long and Mid Term Volunteers) from SJV.



## Project visit @ Hanoi - Eco Sponge Action for Women Empowerment

The Fisher village is a slum of the boat houses along the Red River. It is one of the last places where people with various and big difficulties such as loss of the work/ property/ family/ houses can escape to and survive. SJV started the projects here in 2004 and NICE has been co-organizing the Eco Sponge Action since 2009 that has generated 16,530 USD by selling 4,768 sponges in Japan. The actions was also approved as one of the common actions of NVDA for many years.

Some participants visited this place, had a lunch with the woman leader (Ms. Anh), see the area and contributed to the actions by buying some sponges and other hand crafts made by the women!



## 3-2. Asian Voluntary Service

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Asian Voluntary Service (AVS) is a special program of NVDA to exchange the LMTVs (Long and Mid Term Volunteers) in the workcamp (group) format. It started in 2014 and 84 volunteers from 14 countries have been hosted in 40 projects of 11 countries till 2017.

We restarted it in a new format of **exchanging Office Interns & Project Leaders** in 2023! **10 vols. from 5 countries** were working wonderfully in **7 NGOs of 6 countries** in **Aug. 01-Sep. 16.** with the financial support by the **Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation** in Japan.



### < Program & Schedule >

Date (M/D)	Program
08/01	Arrival at Hosting countries/ NGOs
08/02-03	Kick off seminar (Online together sharing expectation, fear, action plans, goals, etc.)
(Between)	Office internship/ Project coordination
09/01	Mid. Evaluation (Online together sharing impact & challenges, planning AVS Night, etc.)
(Between)	Office internship/ Project coordination
09/14-15	Evaluation Seminar (Online together, including Open online event "AVS Night")
09/16	Departure from Hosting countries/ NGOs

\* 3 vols. had different start/ end dates by the personal reasons.  
(Kureha: 08/15-08/23, Nori 08/23-09/16, Ryota: 08/25-09/24)

### < List of Participants >

Name	From	Send	To	Host
Yuka	Japan	NICE	Philippines	GIED
Kureha	Japan	NICE	Cambodia	CYA
Honoka	Japan	NICE	Thailand	DALAA
Nori	Japan	NVDA	Thailand	DALAA
Asuna	Japan	NICE	India	RUCHI
Ryota	Japan	NICE	Belgium	SVI
Yui	Japan	NICE	India	FSL
Mimie	Thailand	DALAA	India	FSL
Yen	Philippines	GIED	Japan	NICE
Ayoub	Belgium	SVI	Japan	NICE

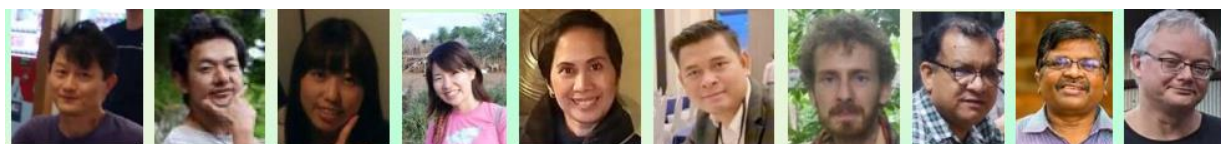
\* Name=Nick name From=Original country Send  
=Sending NGO To=Hosting country Host=Hosting NGO

\* Photo (above): From left, Yuka, Kureha, Honoka, etc.

### < List of the international workcamps/ LMTV projects organized >

Country	Location	Dates (M/D)	Main work	Volunteers
Japan	Misato (Shimane)	08/06-08/14	Preserve Traditional fishing	12 from 5 countries
Japan	Ojira (Hyogo)	09/04-09/10	Activate Depopulated village	4 from 4 countries
Philippines	Moalboal (Cebu)	08/15-08/26	Educate Intercultural leaning	23 from 4 countries
Philippines	Daanbantayan (Cebu)	09/05-09/16	Protect Mangrove forests	20 from 2 countries
Cambodia	DCC (Battambang)	08/14-08/25	Teach English in After-school	5 from 4 countries
Thailand	Phang nga	08/06-08/19	Teach English in Island School	7 from 3 countries
Thailand	Satun	09/01-09/14	Plant rice, Play with Children	11 from 7 countries
India	Kalka (H. Pradesh)	08/07-08/19	Plant trees to stop climate change	5 from 3 countries
India	Dharamsara	08/14-08/26	Activate Tibetan rural village	7 from 4 countries
India	Kalka (H. Pradesh)	09/04-09/16	Assist Women empowerment NGO	7 from 4 countries
India	Kundapur	All year open	Promote Sustainable agriculture	3 from 3 countries
Belgium	Renaissance	All year open	Assist mentally challenged people	2 from 2 countries

Coordinators  
of  
Participating  
NGOs





### Honoka (Japan → Thailand)

The language barrier is the biggest challenge for me. I was confused and felt so bad during conversations with people who could not speak Japanese or English because even though they tried to say something to me and say Thai slowly, I couldn't understand.

However, by learning Thai words, body language, and smiling, this feeling went away a little and communication became smoother.



### Mimie (Thailand → India)

Indian people is kind, friendly and down to earth and I love that they have a positive attitude towards foreigners.

What is the best memory here I would say when I missed the bus to go office when I was buying snack and then the seller shouted at another bus and asked conductor to help me. It was such a nice moment 😊

### Ryota (Japan → Belgium)

We had very good time with mentally challenged people by eating, going out and enjoying a Japanese cultural workshop together. I cannot forget his happy smile whom I assisted to have him eat ice cream in the excursion...



### Yen (Philippines → Japan)

I could rediscover myself through this project. I have learned Japanese language to communicate with the local people more actively and also could inspire other youth with reviewing my way of work.

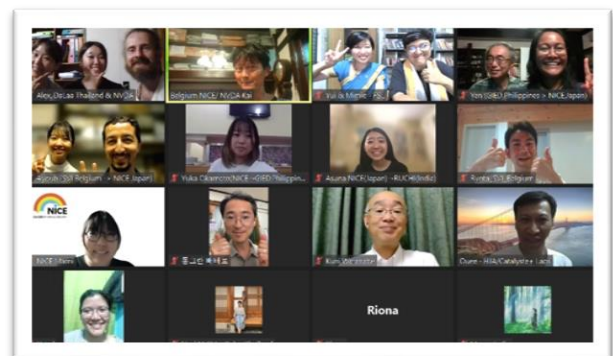
## < Evaluations from Volunteers >

Question	Score
General experience	8.11
Project management	8.33
Your PR efforts	7.22
Work with Sending NGO	9.00
Work with Hosting NGO	8.33
Motivation in the beginning	8.11
Motivation in the end	8.67
Contribution to Communities	8.22
Contribution to Hosting NGO	7.56

\* Score: Average (chose between 1 and 10).

### < Best memories of AVS >

- 😊 Island Trip with local students (cooking, sun-set)
- 😊 Dancing together with univ. students in the last day
- 😊 Warm welcome of the villagers
- 😊 Surprising Birth Day party for one Long term vol.
- 😊 Interaction with local people etc., etc.



### AVS Night (2023 Sep. 14<sup>th</sup>)

As the final memorial event of AVS, this online open was held where vols. presented their activities and frankly discussed culture shock, memorable events and other topics to over 30 zoom participants and through the Facebook Live (click [here](#) to see the video. Presentation starts at 13:15).

Public participants commented that the content was very good and stimulating, and that they would like to join the IVS projects in the near future!



## 3-3. SCC (Global Voluntary Service to Stop Climate Change)

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To dramatically increase the impact of carbon reduction, NVDA started the SCC project in 2016 together with Member NGOs and Sister Networks financially supported by the UPS Foundation, NLAPO (National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization, Japan) and Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation.

SCC conducts **3 months workcamps** of the practical work such as planting mangrove seedlings and making bamboo charcoal to be used as fuel instead of oil with hosting **Short Term workcamps** and calling for **Carbon Offset** donors. In 2018, it reduced 161 tons of CO2 with 164 vols. in 8 countries.

In 2020-21, IVS (International Voluntary Service) projects were stopped due to COVID-19, but new donation project "Eco Tree Action" started. Short term workcamps were restarted in 2022 also at the SCC project site of Cambodia and Indonesia that were greatly developed further in 2023!

### Eco Tree Action (Japan & Cambodia)

This CSR project started in 2021 by Citizen (watch company) which donates the money to plant one mangrove tree every time their customer refuses to a paper rapping box.

In 2023 (2022 Nov.-2023 Oct.), CYA & NICE could **generate 5,205 USD** and **planted 25,050 trees** by this action!

Period (Y/M)	Donation	Plantation
2020.11-2021.05	4,305	21,340
2021.06-2021.10	1,286	6,130
2021.11-2022.04	2,056	9,980
2022.05-2022.10	2,234	10,870
2022.11-2023.04	2,690	13,150
2023.05-2023.10	2,515	11,900
<b>Total in 3 years</b>	<b>15,086</b>	<b>73,370</b>



### Trapaing Sangke (Cambodia)

The forest has been terribly lost by the port construction and illegal cut, so the community started reforestation and the eco-tourism center. CYA started the workcamps in 2012 and organized over 10 projects in 2023. The above-mentioned Eco Tree Action is conducted in this project.

### Mulyo Asri (Indonesia)

The village was severely flooded by the climate change, but the local young people have initiated to revive the area.

The bilateral workcamps by GREAT & NICE were organized in 2023 Feb. and Aug. with 20 vols. from Japan & Indonesia including a staff of the bag company which donates the money.

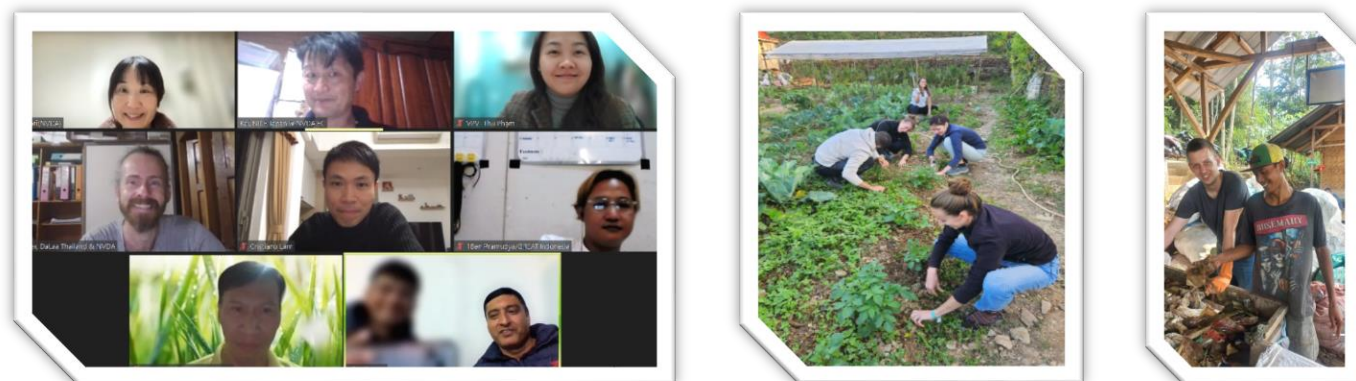


## 3-4. Members Monthly Meeting

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NVDA started organizing this online meeting from 2020 Dec. that is open to the leaders and staff members of Member NGOs, focusing on organizational management, in particular to the survival strategies and innovative practices. Till 2021 Dec., it was held 5 times with 84 participants from 24 Member NGOs in 17 countries/ areas joined & 8 NGOs presented 11 practices.

It had been stopped since 2022 due to various reasons, but revived on 2023 Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> where **13 leaders/ staff of 12 member NGOs in 11 countries** actively discussed on various issues.



## 3-5. Publication & Promotion of IVS

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NVDA actively promotes International Voluntary Service movement and the projects organized by the member NGOs through the publication, website and SNS that should empower the movement toward the achievement of the peaceful, fair and sustainable world.

[Website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) are the main channels to connect the network with the public audience and keep them updated on all NVDA's members' activities/projects and movement.

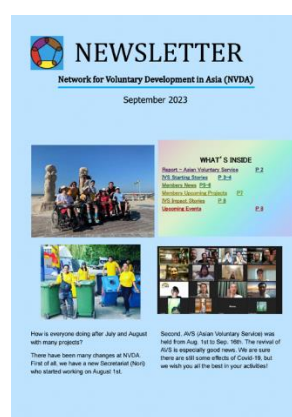
Publication: The newsletters aim to provide NVDA news, IVS stories and upcoming events that keep the members as well as the public get involved in the activities of the network. It was published for 3 times in 2023 (Mar., Sep. and Dec.)

Click each picture or below to go to newsletter!

Left: [Vol. 13](#) (2023 Mar.)

Middle: [Vol. 14](#) (2023 Sep.)

Right: [Vol. 15](#) (2023 Dec.)

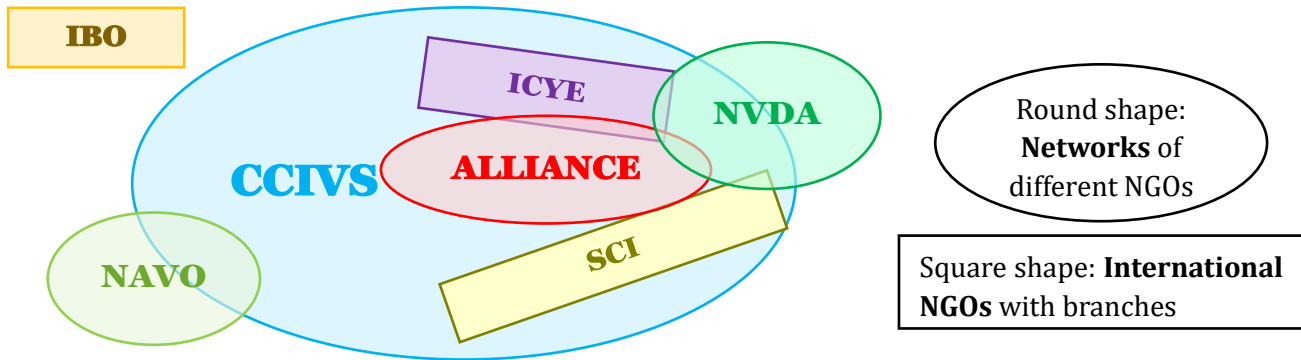




# 4. EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIP

## 4-1. Networks of IVS NGOs

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**CCIVS** (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service): [Global network founded in 1948](#)

**ALLIANCE** of European Voluntary Service Organizations: [European based network founded in 1982](#)

**NAVO** (Network of African Voluntary Organisations): [African network founded in 2020](#)

**SCI** (Service Civil International): [International NGO founded in 1920](#)

**ICYE** (International Cultural Youth Exchange): [International NGO founded in 1948](#)

**IBO** (International Building Organisation): [European NGO founded in 1953](#)



### Technical Meeting of ALLIANCE

in Mar. 1-6 in Latvia with 91 participants from 49 NGOs in 31 countries incl. 4 NVDA member NGOs (VT, NICE, VIN and VYA) mainly having series of the bilateral talks.



### General Assembly of CCIVS

in Nov. 21-26 in Greece with around 50 participants from 25 NGOs in 20 countries incl. 8 NVDA member NGOs (CYA, VT, FSL, GREAT, NICE, MNCYA, GIED and VIN). Chris (MNCYA) was elected as a new EC member.

### GMIVS (Global Meetings of IVS networks)

This meeting has been coordinated by CCIVS since 2006 as a platform to develop partnership among different networks of IVS NGOs in the world.

In 2023, it took place 6 times where KAIZAWA Shinichiro (President), Thazin AUNG (General Secretary) and Sophat SORN (Vice President) joined from NVDA.

Main topics were updates from each network, Global statistics of IVS, Common campaigns on Climate Justice, Global LMTV Meetings and future vision of IVS.



## 4-2. Frame(v) project

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The project “Frame[v]work” aimed at improving the quality of volunteer exchange within the IVS movement. It intended to be a capacity-building project to develop a functional, shared framework for international voluntary work and volunteers exchange in the IVS movement.

This project was organized by EGYSEK (Hungary) and CCIVS together with the partner networks and NGOs including NVDA and its 6 members (FSL, RUCHI, GREAT, NICE, GIED and SJV). It created various kinds of impact through the gathering of many IVS NGOs toward the common goals!

### < List of the meetings >

Meeting	Period (YMD)	Location	Host	NVDA's representative + Participating members
Kick-off Meeting	2019.11.20-25	Hungary	EGY	GIED-Queenie (President) + GREAT
European Lab	2020.02.18-25	Hungary	EGY	GIED-Queenie (President) +
Asian Lab	2023.03.27-04.03	Indonesia	GREAT	NICE-Kai (President), GIVE-Thazin (General Secretary) + FSL, RUCHI, GREAT, GIED, SJV
American Lab	2023.06.27-07.05	Costa Rica	ACI	NICE-Kai (President)
African Lab	2023.09.21-26	Zimbabwe	ZWA	GIVE-Thazin (General Secretary)
Final Meeting	2023.11.20-26	Greece	SCI	NICE-Kai (President) + GREAT

\* Representative: Name=Nick name. Position is the one held at the meeting period.

#### Asian Lab (Indonesia)

The meeting was held in the beautiful, green Christian premise with various topics such as rename of “workcamp”, measuring and collecting IVS impact, voluntourism, volunteers exchange guideline, etc.

Kai (President) and Thazin (General Secretary) also visited Mulyo Asri, one of the SCC project sites (see 3-3) with the kind support of Ben (GREAT).



#### American Lab (Costa Rica)

Many countries of this region don't have IVS yet, so Kai (President) run the workshop “why & how to start IVS” to share the Asian practices that was highly appreciated by NGOs from “new” countries such as Chile, Uruguay, El Salvador and Brazil 🇵🇷

The meeting was productive and cheerful in which end, a new American network was created!



#### African Lab (Zimbabwe)

Thazin (General secretary) joined Discussions including gender issue in Africa and in workcamp, diet plan and their customs, fund and networking.

She also visited Tsungirira Welfare Organization that runs Early Child Care Development Program, food distribution activity to slam community, agriculture activity and was hosting one LTV.



#### Final Meeting (Greece)

It was summarizing the results of 4 regional Lab and also planning the follow up actions especially to finalize and implement Global Exchange Guideline.

This was organized with General Conference/ Assembly of CCIVS and Kai (President) coordinated the workshop “Global statistics” which has been initiated by him with 5 networks since 2013.



# 4-3. Members practices

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\* From the Annual Report from the members.

## Governments and Inter-governmental agencies

- 😊 Building mutual partnership with the Government stakeholders (FSL, India)
- 😊 Our local government is very supportive and extends all support as per the needs. (RUCHI, India)
- 😊 The employment grant to powerfully support the staff salary was given us till March. Two governmental foundations supported our projects. (NICE, Japan)
- 😊 As a local Non Profit Association (NPA), we have to work along side with the partners as a protocol of Lao Government. By working with the key government partners allowed us to go to the field work without any concerns and trouble when traveling with them and guided by them as our main facilitators for field trips to our target communities or project sites, etc. (HJA, Laos)
- 😊 Send regular report. (GIVE, Myanmar)
- 😊 We are working for the school and local government in Nepal (FFN, Nepal)
- 😊 Working connecting the government policies. partnering with some activities. (VIN, Nepal)
- 😊 We continued strong partnership with Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency being one of their active IVS Organization in terms of inbound and outbound IVS deployment and strongly on their national campaign on volunteering for development and the observation of national volunteer month and international volunteer day 2023 (GIED, Philippines)
- 😊 We join activities of the provincial office of the ministry of social affairs, this is one of the 3 institutions needed to help with the visa process, but it's not enough. (DALAA, Thailand)

## Companies, Shops and Foundations

- 😊 The local shops and camp locations were on time and other NGOS helped in logistical arrangements (FSL, India)
- 😊 3 foundations came to our rescue and helped us as well as local communities in disaster relief activities through distribution of hygiene kits, blankets, food supplies etc. (RUCHI, India)
- 😊 The same as the earlier year, still forging new partnerships with several organizations for webinar activities, applying for various grants outside the IVS/Erasmus network (GREAT, Indonesia)
- 😊 The bag company started donation projects with us to support the mangrove plantation in Indonesia and animal rescue in Ukraine. We got a grant from Mitsubishi UFJ International Foundation for AVS (NICE, Japan)
- 😊 They were positive impact and gladly continue the project with us (IWO, Korea)
- 😊 To date, HJA has been working closely with Phan-thin Social Enterprise and Samdhana Institute whom being as our development partners, donors and collaborators. (HJA, Laos)
- 😊 Established cooperation with Fr. Al's Children Foundation Inc. and facilitated the deployment of their 17 Filipino long term volunteers to Germany (GIED, Philippines)

## Networking Visit to Malaysia

Alex (Vice President), Nori (Secretariat) and Kai (President) were warmly welcomed by the beautiful family of Siva (MOVE) to promote the Sending Volunteers project of NVDA in Sep. 08-10. They could re-develop Partnership with SCI Malaysia and X-Trekkers (Singapore).





## Universities and other educational institutions

- 😊 Promotional Event on the campus and inside classrooms (SVI, Belgium)
- 😊 The Universities were keep sending interns to do volunteering with FSL (FSL, India)
- 😊 One international school sent us hygiene kits for distribution to affected school children (RUCHI, India)
- 😊 We developed new partnership with some universities especially for sending their students to join international workcamps (DJ, Indonesia)
- 😊 We received more invitations for seminars in schools and university students community as speakers, to talk about IVS and others that helped us to maintain our visibility locally and nationally. (GREAT, Indonesia)
- 😊 7 universities/ high schools and 2 student group co-organized 19 group workcamps in Japan and Indonesia. Thus, 10 universities and high schools requested the staff of NICE to conduct the classes on the global issues and voluntary service in addition to the regular classes in 2 univ. and high school. 79 vols. were sent by 5 univ. to the normal workcamps by the special partnership. (NICE, Japan)
- 😊 Every year, at least 3-4 students from the Universities asking to do their internship placement at the HJA Office for about 2-3 months with their practical and hand-on assignments in learning by doing, sometimes these students had chances to do their field practicum with our team as well. (HJA, Laos)
- 😊 Some universities supporting us sending their students as interns (VIN, Nepal)
- 😊 Maintain strong partnership with the Cebu Technological University being our partner institution in the final year of implementation of our 2 Erasmus+ projects with them on capacity building. (GIED, Philippines)

## Other stakeholders

- 😊 Impact survey of LTV and WC with all stakeholders including vols. and sending NGOs (FSL, India)
- 😊 The print and social media through local video channels gave us wide publicity of our relief work (RUCHI, India)
- 😊 Reactivating and creating partnership whenever needed and there is any chance. (GREAT, Indonesia)
- 😊 Ex. members and local hosts greatly supported NICE by collecting the donations for its operation cost especially through the donations of "Monthly Supporters". NICE was affiliated in "1% For The Planet" (global big donation platform for environmental NGOs) by the recommendation of the partner company of the donation project. (NICE, Japan)
- 😊 The way that we partnering with Phan-thin Social Enterprise is the great effort. Phan-thin Social Enterprise supported us to become more stronger and allow HJA to work in collaboration with any other NGOs and local communities more effectively. (HJA, Laos)
- 😊 We have good rapport with community and beneficiaries. (VIN, Nepal)
- 😊 We sealed our partnership with the Local Government of Alegria, Cebu last May 2023 and placed 4 German long term volunteers for the first time with them starting last Sep. 2023. (GIED, Philippines)
- 😊 We are only working with community based activities or CBO based activities. All activities are focused to create a real community leaders. (GV4GF, Sri Lanka)

# 5. STRUCTURE

## 5-1. Membership

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In 2023, CSDS was disaffiliated from NVDA after GA. Currently, there are 28 NVDA members from 22 countries/area that includes 26 full members and 2 associate members (SVI and HJA) as follows;

No	Country	NGO	Full Name of Organization	Year
1	Australia	<a href="#">IVP</a>	International Volunteers for Peace	1997
2	Bahrain	<a href="#">AH</a>	Arab House	2018
3	Bangladesh	<a href="#">BWCA</a>	Bangladesh Work Camp Association	1997
4	Belgium	<a href="#">SVI</a>	Service Volontaire International	2020
5	Cambodia	<a href="#">CYA</a>	Cambodian Youth Action	2012
6	China	<a href="#">DWC</a>	DreamWalker China	2014
7	Hong Kong	<a href="#">VT</a>	VolTra	2010
8	India	<a href="#">FSL</a>	Field Services & Inter-cultural Learning	2004
9	India	<a href="#">RUCHI</a>	Rural Centre for Human Interests	2008
10	India	<a href="#">SMILE</a>	Situational Management And Inter Learning Establishment society	2012
11	Indonesia	<a href="#">DI</a>	De Javato Foundation	2008
12	Indonesia	<a href="#">GREAT</a>	Gerakan Kerelawanan Internasional	2016
13	Indonesia	<a href="#">IIRC</a>	Indonesia International Work Camp	2000
14	Japan	<a href="#">NICE</a>	Never-ending International workCamps Exchange	1997
15	Korea	<a href="#">IWO</a>	International Workcamp Organization	2000
16	Laos	<a href="#">HJA</a>	Huam Jai Asasamak	2019
17	Macau	<a href="#">MNCYA</a>	Macau New Chinese Youth Association	2012
18	Malaysia	<a href="#">MOVE</a>	Malaysian Organization of Volunteer Exchange	2015
19	Mongolia	<a href="#">MCE</a>	Mongolian workCamps Exchange	2001
20	Myanmar	<a href="#">GIVE</a>	Giving For Earth	2012
21	Nepal	<a href="#">FFN</a>	Friendship Foundation Nepal	1997
22	Nepal	<a href="#">VIN</a>	Volunteers Initiative Nepal	2011
23	Philippines	<a href="#">GIED</a>	Global Initiative for Exchange & Development	2015
24	Sri Lanka	<a href="#">GV4GF</a>	Green Volunteers for Green future	2012
25	Taiwan	<a href="#">VYA</a>	Vision Youth Action	2008
26	Thailand	<a href="#">DALAA</a>	International Volunteers for Social Development Association	2008
27	Vietnam	<a href="#">SJV</a>	Solidarity Jeunesse Vietnam	2006
28	Vietnam	<a href="#">VPV</a>	Volunteers For Peace Vietnam	2006



# 5-2. Members situation

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## < Summary Results from Member's Annual Report >

\* Major difficulties encounter expressed by the members

Lack of staff / skillful staff (6 members)	Financial difficulties (5 members)	Visa issue (4 members)	Receive less volunteers (3 members)	Local authority conflict issue (2 members)	Natural disaster (1 member)
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\* Based on above challenges, the member's propositions to NVDA are as follow:

More exchange among Asia	Increase AVS mobility	Develop project with common interest	Link with new generation like CCIVS Youth Committee	AVS workcamp organize by NVDA
Revise 2030 goal	Permanent crowd funding platform	Creating promotion videos with SDGs	Involve more in social justice	Capacity Building support, Info sharing
Propose to register as INGOs, to have legal status	Purpose to follow the trend; the time of technology	As a collaboration body, support		

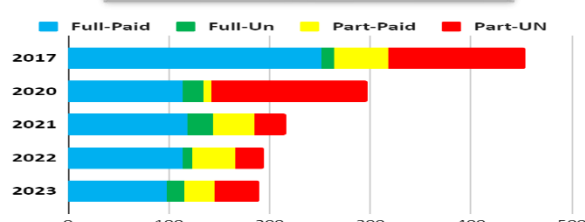
## < Number of Staff Members >

	Full time		Part time		Total	Full time		Part time	
	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid		Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid
National office	81	17	16	20	134	60%	13%	12%	15%
Regional offices	8	0	5	6	19	42%	0%	26%	32%
Projects, others	9	0	10	17	36	25%	0%	28%	47%
Total	98	17	31	43	189	52%	9%	16%	23%

The **total** number of staff in 2023 was **3% decreased from 2022** and **58% decreased from 2017**. The **full-time paid** staff is **13% decreased from 2022** and **61% decreased from 2017**.

Though the numbers of IVS projects and volunteers were greatly increased from 2022 (see 2-1. IVS Statistics in Asia 2023), the number of Staff was not really recovered in 2023.

	Full-Paid	Full-Un	Part-Paid	Part-UN	Total
2017	252	12	54	136	454
2020	113	21	9	154	297
2021	119	25	41	31	216
2022	113	11	42	29	195
2023	98	17	31	43	189



## 5-3. General Assemblies

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The 18th GA of NVDA together was held in **2023 May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Halong Bay, Vietnam** wonderfully hosted by **SVJ (Solidarity Jeunesse Vietnam)**, as a part of the 17th TNW (Training & Networking Workcamp). **13 leaders from 10 NGOs in 10 countries** actively participated.

\* For Program & Schedule and List of Participants, see [3-1. Training & Networking Workcamp](#).

From the workshops of TNW, the following **9 actions plans** were created and developed, all of which were approved at the General Assembly as a part of NVDA action plans for 2023-24.

	Theme	Approved Action (click each title for more details)
Social Change	B. Environment	<a href="#">Caring for our planet</a> <a href="#">Saving Oceans and Life Below Water</a>
	C. Agriculture	<a href="#">Ecological farming</a> <a href="#">NVDA Green Volunteers</a>
	D. Culture	<a href="#">Interculturality</a> <a href="#">Protect Heritages via Social Media</a>
NGO Empowerment	A. Project Development	<a href="#">Measuring Quality &amp; Impact</a>
	B. Promotion	<a href="#">Social Media Development</a>
	D. Human Resources	<a href="#">Capacity building for staff and camp leaders</a>



### < Decision List >

	#	Proposal	Proposer	Votes	Result
1	O	Validate all the voting decisions of GA	EC	9.0.0	Approved
2	O	Agenda	EC	9.0.0	Approved
3	R	GA Report 2022	EC	9.0.0	Approved
4	R	Activity Report 2022	EC	9.0.0	Approved
5	R	Financial Report 2022	EC	9.0.0	Approved
6	P	Affiliated in CCIVS as a member?	2020 EC	1.6.2	Refused
7	A	Activity Plan 2023-24	EC	9.0.0	Approved
8	A	Budget Plan 2023-24	EC	9.0.0	Approved
9	A	NVDA Action for Climate	DALAA, NICE, GREAT	7.0.2	Approved
10	A	Save Oceans and life below water	FSL, CYA	6.0.3	Approved
11	A	NVDA Green Volunteers	NICE	2.0.7	Approved
12	A	Interculturality	CYA, FSL, SJV	7.0.2	Approved
13	A	Measuring Quality and Impact	NICE, SVI	4.0.5	Approved
14	A	Protect Heritages via Social Media	VT, SVI	4.0.5	Approved
15	A	Ecological farming- (sharing practices)	DALAA, SJV, GIVE	7.0.2	Approved
16	A	Social Media Development	VT, NICE	7.0.2	Approved
17	A	Capacity building for staff/ camp leaders	GREAT, MCE, GIVE, NICE	8.0.1	Approved

R=Report, P=Policy, A=Action/ Plan, O=Others. \* Votes: from left, the number of in favor, against and abstain.

\* All the approved documents (besides 1 and 2) are stored in [Proposals in google drive link](#).



## 5-4. Executive Committee

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The Executive Committee (EC) is the second highest governing body of the network after the General Assembly (GA), consisting of 5 member NGOs and the representatives elected in the GA.

There has been no secretariat since 2020 Jun. mainly due to the limit of both financial resources and network activities, so the EC members had been working very hard also for the tasks of the secretariat of the daily operations and project coordination voluntarily in addition to those of the EC.

Since 2023 Aug., NVDA has finally got a new secretariat, but the tasks of the EC stay quite a lot due to the increase of the activities and the needs to guide to/ collaborate with the secretariat.

### ◀ List of EC members ▶

Position	Organization	Representative	Position in NGO
President	NICE(Japan)	KAIZAWA Shinichiro (Kai)	Founding President
General Secretary	GIVE (Myanmar)	Thazin Aung (Thazin)	Founding Executive Director
Treasurer	MCE (Mongolia)	Myagmarjav ENKHBAATAR (Baatar)	Founding Executive Director
Vice President (External)	CYA (Cambodia)	Sophat Sorn (Sophat)	Founding President
Vice President (Internal)	DALAA (Thailand)	Alex Bechetoille (Alex)	President



## 5-5. Secretariat

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New Secretariat, **OHKUSA Noriko (Nori)**, started to work in 2023 Aug. With her very rich IVS experience and high motivation, she worked hard together with the Executive Committee including;

- + Assisted Coordination of Asian Voluntary Service (AVS)
- + Participated in AVS project in Thailand hosted by DALAA
- + Updated Website, Instagram, Facebook page, Leaflet, etc. (including the promotion of the member's IVS projects)
- + Participated in EC monthly meeting and report the work
- + Wrote, edited and sent the newsletters
- + Made a networking visit to Malaysia with Kai and Alex.
- + Coordinated AVV, MMM and other projects with the EC
- + Launched a call for annual report/ statistics submissions
- + Dealt with various inquiries from members and outsiders



# 6. FINANCES

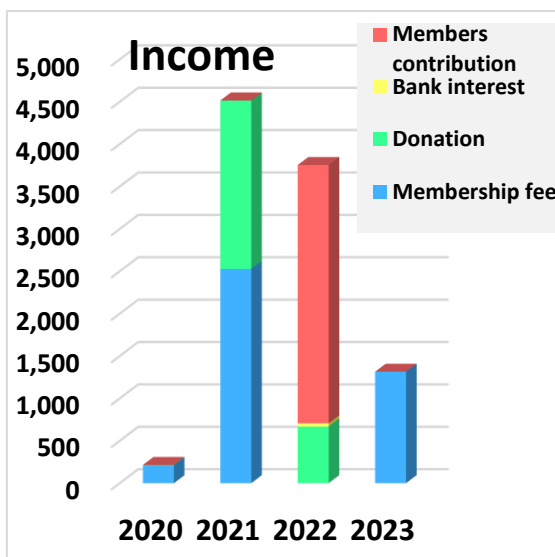
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**NB: The figures are provisional, to be finalized in 2024 May!**

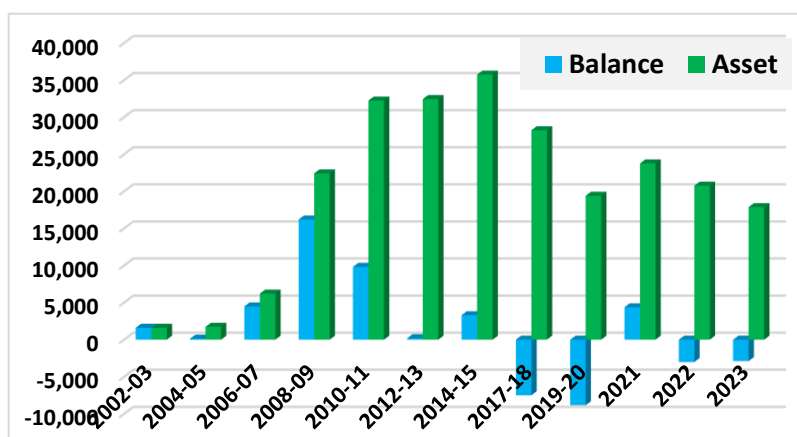
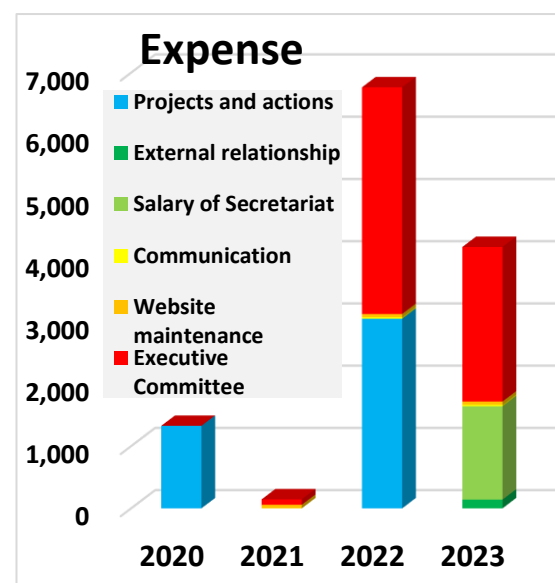
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### ◀ Income and Expense ▶

Income	2020	2021	2022	2023
Membership fee	211	2,528	0	1,315
Donation	4	1,987	669	0
Bank interest	0	0	38	0
Members contribution	0	0	3,047	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>1,315</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-1,111</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>-3,011</b>	<b>-2,885</b>



Expense	2020	2021	2022	2023
Projects and actions	1,326	0	3,047	0
External relationship	0	0	0	140
Salary of Secretariat	0	0	0	1,500
Communication	0	2	24	24
Website maintenance	0	55	52	52
Executive Committee	0	88	3,642	2,484
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>6,765</b>	<b>4,200</b>



### ◀ Balance of the year ▶

Total balance of 2023 was minus 2,885 USD.

Total asset at the end of 2022 is 17,877 USD with the following history;

Year	2002-03	2004-05	2006-07	2008-09	2010-11	2012-13	2014-15	2017-18	2019-20	2021	2022	2023
Balance	1,603	132	4,477	16,208	9,823	199	3,300	-7,502	-8,837	4,370	-3,011	-2,885
Asset	1,603	1,735	6,212	22,420	32,243	32,442	35,742	28,240	19,403	23,773	20,762	17,877

# 6-2. Members Finance 2022

**NB: This part will be updated to 2023 figures by 2024 May!**

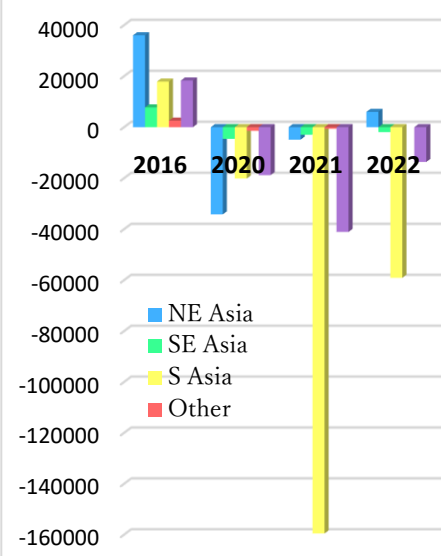
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## ◀ Balance of the year ▶

County	NGO	2016	2020	2021	2022
Australia	IVP	2,543	-1,406	-595	-
Bangladesh	BWCA	-392	-	-	-
Cambodia	CYA	-	-	-8,500	-
China	DWC	2,230	-2,192	-2	-580
Hong Kong	VT	132,000	44,306	8,224	20,498
India	FSL	13,730	-80,643	-914,796	-290,522
India	RUCHI	115,360	-9,785	-13,870	-351
India	SMILE	182	245	43	-
Indonesia	DJ	4,630	-3,416	-5,626	-2,041
Indonesia	GREAT	5,456	0	0	0
Indonesia	IIRC	462	-	-	-
Japan	NICE	77,223	-113,234	-27,848	42,367
Korea	IWO	17,743	-18,159	-1,800	-9,700
Laos	HJA	-	49,615	39,517	2,840
Macau	MNCYA	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	MOVE	35	-999	0	0
Mongolia	MCE	4,260	-15,230	-3,590	-5,150
Myanmar	GIVE	3	-	-247	-1,346
Nepal	FFN	0	-700	-800	-100
Nepal	VIN	-3,000	-30,000	-27,848	-4,470
Philippines	GIED	0	-12,498	-2,950	-
Sri Lanka	GV4GF	-730	33	0	0
Taiwan	VYA	18,777	-218,460	-53,697	-2,271
Thailand	DALAA	7,493	-16,597	-10,090	7,465
Vietnam	CSDS	8,367	2,600	9,500	-
Vietnam	SJV	38,919	0	-11,659	-15,798
Vietnam	VPV	11,980	-5,800	0	-
<b>NE Asia</b>		252,233	-273,353	-39,195	48,004
<b>SE Asia</b>		77,345	-36,709	-29,572	-11,720
<b>S Asia</b>		125,150	-120,850	-957,271	-295,443
<b>Other</b>		2,543	-1,406	-595	0
<b>Total</b>		457,271	-432,318	-1,026,633	-259,159
<b>Per one</b>		18,291	-18,796	-41,065	-13,640

\* All in USD. NE=North East, SE=South East, S=South

## Balance per one NGO



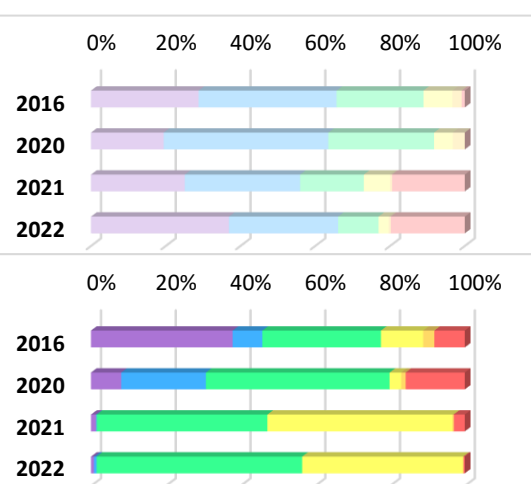
The total situation in 2022 was greatly improved from 2021 though it was still in difficulties.

11 members had minus while 4 members had plus and 4 members had balanced results. The average per one NGO was minus 13,640 USD.

Fee income was only 2% of the total income that occupied 46% in 2016.

## ◀ Consistence of each item ▶

		2016	2020	2021	2022
Expense	a) IVS projects cost	29%	19%	25%	37%
	b) Other projects cost	37%	44%	31%	29%
	c) Staff cost	23%	28%	17%	11%
	d) Other operation cost	8%	5%	7%	3%
	e) Network & Promotion	2%	5%	1%	1%
	f) Others	1%	1%	19%	20%
Income	a) Inscription fee	38%	8%	1%	1%
	b) Participation fee	8%	23%	0%	1%
	c) Grant	32%	49%	46%	55%
	d) Donation	11%	3%	50%	43%
	e) Fund raising	3%	1%	0%	0%
	f) Others	8%	18%	3%	0%





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## < Projects >

Country	NGO	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	Home	Abroad 1	Abroad 2	ENV	DEV	CUL	EDU	SOC	Oth	Total
Australia	IVP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	SVI	3	258	224	18	10	0	243	0	0	0	0	0	253	253
Cambodia	CYA	0	68	8	8	36	6	0	7	9	9	17	0	0	42
China	DWC	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hong Kong	VT	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
India	FSL	0	30	0	54	23	4	15	8	3	1	11	0	19	42
India	RUCHI	0	20	16	2	19	0	0	2	13	0	4	0	0	19
Indonesia	DJF	0	6	4	8	8	0	1	0	0	1	8	0	0	9
Indonesia	GREAT	3	4	8	0	9	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	9
Japan	NICE	54	226	96	2	129	85	2	51	85	15	38	27	0	216
Korea	IWO	0	8	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Laos	HJA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macau	MYCYA	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Malaysia	MOVE	0	0	18	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
Mongolia	MCE	0	22	0	0	11	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	7	11
Myanmar	GIVE	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Nepal	FFN	0	6	0	10	8	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	8
Nepal	VIN	1	14	40	6	31	0	0	5	5	1	16	4	0	31
Philippines	GIED	1	10	28	28	34	0	0	12	10	2	10	0	0	34
Sri Lanka	GV4GF	0	40	0	0	20	0	0	2	13	0	0	5	0	20
Taiwan	VYA	0	12	8	0	10	0	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	10
Thailand	DALAA	0	18	18	18	27	0	0	10	9	0	8	0	0	27
Vietnam	SJV	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Vietnam	VPV	0	484	84	46	307	0	0	2	29	0	276	0	0	307

## < Volunteers >

Country	NGO	Incoming				National				Outgoing				Total
		VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	VSTV	STV	MTV	LTV	
Australia	IVP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	SVI	0	4	4	1	0	3	1	0	11	278	178	7	487
Cambodia	CYA	0	103	17	9	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	149
China	DWC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	24
Hong Kong	VT	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	198	5	0	287
India	FSL	0	57	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	105
India	RUCHI	0	34	8	2	0	12	9	1	0	0	0	0	66
Indonesia	DJF	0	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	1	44
Indonesia	GREAT	11	8	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
Japan	NICE	54	182	44	1	95	195	9	0	85	534	57	2	1258
Korea	IWO	0	48	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	120	0	0	213
Laos	HJA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	14
Macau	MYCYA	18	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Malaysia	MOVE	0	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Mongolia	MCE	0	59	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Myanmar	GIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Nepal	FFN	0	33	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Nepal	VIN	29	24	119	3	0	3	29	0	0	0	0	0	207
Philippines	GIED	16	52	11	35	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	34	154
Sri Lanka	GV4GF	0	36	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Taiwan	VYA	0	48	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	29	0	0	80
Thailand	DALAA	0	22	32	16	0	10	2	0	0	21	0	7	110
Vietnam	SJV	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	125
Vietnam	VPV	0	242	42	23	0	0	0	0	0	30	1	4	342

# Annex 2. Member's Situation details

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\* The following info. has been provided by each member through their Annual Report submitted to NVDA.

NGO	Significant news/ Achievements in 2023	Major Difficulties
CYA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Receiving volunteers again</b> in our projects</li> <li>2. <b>Hard to get motivated staff</b> like before covid</li> <li>3. We are trying to work more with government offices to make it more easy to organize the project.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finding the new <b>staff with motivation</b> to work and stay longer is challenging.</li> <li>2. <b>Financial conditions</b> are a big burden in operating our organizing activities.</li> </ol>
DALAA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Restart regular MLTV</b> with 9 active MLTV placements</li> <li>2. Building a beautiful <b>new clay house</b></li> <li>3. Being part of <b>NVDA EC</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since August, It's quite impossible for us to get the right visa for our volunteers, we are struggling a lot with work <b>permit and visa extension</b>- mostly limited to tourist visa. It took a lot of our energy.</li> <li>2. So <b>limited number of STV</b>, maximum number of inter volunteer to our WC was 3, but mostly 1 or 2!</li> <li>3. <b>Missing</b> 1 or 2 more <b>staff</b> to deal with all the work</li> </ol>
DJ	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Start sending volunteers</b> abroad for workcamp (Japan &amp; Korea)</li> <li>2. Start <b>sending LTV</b> volunteer for Germany</li> </ol>	Hit by Covid pandemic and <b>changing visa regulation</b> for Indonesia which is more complicated and costly
DWC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Able to <b>restart workcamp</b> in China,</li> <li>2. Able to <b>send volunteers</b> abroad again</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Hard to restart workcamp</b> in China since we do not have any staff and all our active members are busy.</li> <li>2. We are trying to recruit new member.</li> </ol>
FFN	After the covid-19 effect we <b>hosted</b> three different groups project in Nepal 1. student from the NAGOYA UNIVERSITY STUDENT GROUP 2. Sebu Children home group from Japan 3. some teaching volunteers	<b>Lack of volunteers</b> we cannot run our project as we expect. we <b>don't have enough budget</b> to run the long term project. We just practice as a traditional volunteer project
FSL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Increased number of volunteers</b> for WV</li> <li>2. <b>Impact survey of LTV and WC</b> conducted</li> <li>3. <b>Completion of sanitation project</b> at Ballenahalli by construction 45 toilets to the tribal families</li> </ol>	<b>The Visa issues</b> and <b>lack of volunteer</b> registrations for work camp
GIED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Established</b> 7 German Organization <b>partnerships</b> for FSJ, BFD and Weltwaerts programs</li> <li>2. <b>Renewal</b> of Mercy Ships Inc. <b>partnership</b></li> <li>3. Deployment of 30 <b>outbound</b> Filipino <b>long term</b> volunteers to Germany</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Strict implementation of immigration policies</b> that delays/hinder the IVS exchange program specially for long-term volunteers. We overcome this by having close coordination with PNVSCA, the national government agency that is the clearing house for volunteers visa and volunteer clearances for Filipinos going abroad for volunteering. Since, GIED is an active member of PNVSCA, we are able to access the information and updated policies that allows us to act ahead of time.</li> <li>2. We were overwhelmed with inquiries from Filipino individuals who were confirmed with volunteering abroad but were denied exit from our Immigration due to lack of clearance from PNVSCA. We overcome this by having regular bilateral meeting with PNVSCA and they recommended us to facilitate such clearances on condition that we establish partnership first with their hosting organizations that were predominantly German institutions.</li> <li>3. Due to <b>unforeseen influx of volunteering opportunities abroad</b> and soaring number of incoming long term volunteers, our staff were overwhelmed with work and experienced work burn-out. We overcome this by being flexible with their work by observing hybrid work schedule and provided incentives when possible.</li> </ol>

GIVE	1. GIVE member can go out abroad and join GA in Vietnam after incidents with military 2. Join Frame[v] work as a NVDA member/ EC abroad	The <b>civil war</b> continues in 2023 and almost all IVS project areas of GIVE have unstable situation under conflict. There's no fight near GIVE centre however, there were <b>travel restriction</b> to get to the village as some area of Shan state have ongoing fight and even intensified greatly in Northern Shan state. The junta has lost control to many cities and villages during 2023 and there is a big internal migration wave in Myanmar. GIVE centre and IVS activities are unable to run so the members focus on capacity building by attending the class in other parts of the country. IDPs (internal displaced people) are also not stable because of the ground situation.	
GREAT	1. GREAT reached more visibility from its <b>publication through social media</b> due to more announced activities during 2023 and mainly from the projects which attracts new local volunteers to volunteer with us and new potential local partners to work together with GREAT in new IVS projects. 2. GREAT managed to <b>send</b> its 2 Indonesian members to volunteer abroad Hong Kong and Germany in 2023, which later attracts more interest to volunteer in other countries too.	<b>Reduction of international projects</b> and volunteers still affected GREAT finances hugely. The way to overcome this is by doing financial analysis and the result is management's expenditure efficiency and eliminating other expenses.	
GV4GF	1. We <b>found a new partner organization</b> at Nawalapitiya who work with different nationalities 2. <b>Hosted a group</b> from Japan and Yasu visited to Sri Lanka in first time. 3. Volunteers achieved and learned something that they cannot experienced in their countries.	Some projects had <b>no volunteers</b> . We discussed this matter with the host organization as well as the community activists.	
HJA	1. EU continues to provide COVID-19 relief support. HJA together with Department of Health in Sayaboury Province continues health education on COVID-19 prevention and vaccination to isolated communities in Laos. The virus is not gone yet. Full vaccination means better immune system and lessening the severity of COVID-19. EU provides financial and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of Lao CSOs in COVID-19 prevention through the CiSAC-19 project, which is coordinated through Lao CSO Coordination Office - LCCO and implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, SAEDA LAO, the Community Health and Participation Association CHIAs Laos, and Plan International Laos, of which HJA is part of this project. 2. HJA <b>organized</b> the "Communication Strategy <b>Training</b> for 15 volunteers, held on November 11-12, 2023. The training was rich in sharing knowledge and understanding of effective communication skills that can be applied in various aspects of life, including study, work, and personal interactions. 3. The annual meeting of 2023 between Huam Jai Asasamak Association and Phan-Thin Social Enterprise, which was held between December 26-28, 2023, filled with an atmosphere of learning, sharing lessons learned, and reporting the success of the organization of joint activity cards. Also planning for the year 2024.	We encounter with <b>financial crisis</b> , as our main donor from EU for PACE Project. In 2023, we had some small grants through the collaboration and partnership funded project from different iNGOs and donors in Lao PDR.	
IVP	1. Found out major project 2. Recruiting young people into key role 3. Continue collaboration with peace groups	Not enough volunteers to run the organizations	
IWO	Slow rebounding from the COVID19 recession on the exchange.		Less experienced staff
MCE	1. <b>Number of volunteers</b> are slowly <b>recovering</b> , 2. <b>Financial situation</b> of organization <b>gets better</b>	<b>Lack of human resource</b> not really managed yet and we will keep trying coming 2024.	
MNCYA	1. The Feast of Na-Tcha in the Historic Centre of macau 2. The 13th year of MNCYA workacmp 3.went to Fuichiu, China to know more about volunteer work of China and other cities	Due to COVID, the program of <b>sending</b> volunteers to other countries <b>stopped</b> for a period; and would start this sending volunteers project in 2024	



MOVE	We <b>launch our first LMTV</b> project	MOVE always supported by NICE to find project leaders. This time MOVE able to hire 2 part time staffs.
NICE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Numbers of <b>Projects and Vols.</b> were greatly <b>increased</b> from 2022 and recovered to 50% of 2019!</li> <li>2. The number of <b>Universities and High Schools</b> we <b>collaborate</b> was <b>increased</b> from 22 to 31!</li> <li>3. We could successfully <b>revive Asian Voluntary Service with NVDA</b> and its members!</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recovery is still on the way, especially for <b>Incoming</b> – Organized some projects as national workcamps and recruited some foreigners living in Japan.</li> <li>2. By the damage of <b>decrease</b> during the COVID-19 period, we <b>don't have many active members</b> as before though we have been greatly sustained by them – Organized various events to activate the membership.</li> <li>3. Number of <b>staff members</b> were <b>low</b> considering the amount of work - Staff worked harder and we could recruit a few new staff starting from 2023-2024!</li> </ol>
RUCHI	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quickly responded to relief needs of people who suffered from natural disaster in Solan district during July-September, 2023</li> <li>2. <b>Completed three pending projects</b> under Erasmus+ programme</li> <li>3. IVS programme slightly picked up after the slack period from 2019 onwards</li> </ol>	The <b>natural disaster</b> during July- August 2023 flooded and completely washed away more than 50 houses and damaged more than 500 houses partially. Even RUCHI was flooded with water and debris caused due to a cloud burst causing a damage to our structure to the extent of 6000 USD. We were all without power and water for 4 days. However, the MTVs helped us a lot in removing debris and restoring our operations. Raising funds is another problem we faced during the year and this required further cut on staff and expenses.
SJV	Recovering from Covid 19 pandemic	Still deal with recovery after pandemic and there are lot all projects could be rebuilt
SVI	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quality Label for Lead Organisation (European Solidarity Corps) obtained</li> <li>2. <b>New staff</b> members <b>hired</b></li> <li>3. Participation in the Asian Voluntary Service 2023 as both hosting and sending organization</li> </ol>	<b>Financial difficulties</b> due to a reduction in young people's attraction to volunteering for various reasons (travel costs, lack of resources, etc) Solution: implementation of new promotion strategies at local level
VIN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Constructed 1 drinking water reserve tank</b> and supplied drinking water to 43 families in Taluwa, Okhaldhunga</li> <li>2. <b>Constructed 50+ RCC water tank</b> for micro irrigation, Provided training of Permaculture to all families for Sustainable Food Production.</li> <li>3. <b>Mobilize 207 international and local volunteers</b> for different project to achieve our goal for community development successfully.</li> <li>4. <b>Implemented</b> Women Empowerment, Children Development, Youth Empowerment, Public Health and Medical Care, Environment Conservation, Disaster Risk Reduction programs successfully in the working communities.</li> </ol>	<b>Less participant volunteers in most of the projects</b> - hard to manage, tried with limited resources. Financial difficulties-struggling Many of the partners in the world are not functioning well still/ or promoting workcamps because which we faced hard to find workcamp volunteers and hard to find volunteers to send.
VT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">First Hong Kong workcamp after pandemic</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">"Travel For Good Market" Local Flagship Event</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">"Cultural Facilitator" Camp Leader Training</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">Hong Kong Winter Bootcamp</a></li> </ol>	Some previous practice and experience of organizing the local workcamp/ physical <b>project has changed</b> . So may need more time to organize and align with the partner.
VPV	N/A	<b>Cooperating with local authorities to get permission</b> to work in disadvantage areas
VYA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During 2023, we have successfully helped 3 senior high schools to <b>organized group volunteers</b> to complete voluntary works in Japan, Vietnam and in Taiwan.</li> <li>2. To empower at least 30 youths to become potential camp leaders through <b>training program</b> in June of 2023.</li> </ol>	To compare with situation before the Covid, it's only one-sixth of outgoing participants in 2023; we are looking forward to having number up during 2024.

\* There is no respond from 4 members that are AH, BWCA, SMILE and IIWC.

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