



**KNOWLEDGE
FOR DEVELOPMENT
WITHOUT BORDERS**
DEVELOPMENT AID SUPPORT

VOLUNTEERS' GUIDE



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Who we are?

Knowledge for Development without Borders (KFDWB) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 2014 and based in Vienna, Austria.

Our vision is to empower local citizens to know, understand, secure and enforce their roles, responsibilities, and engagements for the success of the SDGs in order to create a better world – a world of economic and social justice.

Our mission is to share relevant knowledge in order to build skills needed to alleviate development issues at a community level. We motivate people on the ground to express their individual needs and the needs of their communities, and to become actively involved in developing solutions. We raise awareness on local development issues and we identify the best development practices specific to each community and their locality in an effort to resolve these issues once and for all.

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do.



Why become a volunteer?

Volunteering brings benefits to both society at large and the individual volunteer. It makes important contributions, economically as well as socially. It contributes to a more cohesive society by building trust and relationships of reciprocity among citizens.

You have the extraordinary opportunity to create beneficial change and have a positive impact on your community and people's lives.



Our organisation gives the chance to everybody willing to engage in SDGs fulfillment!

What is our approach about?

The core principle of KFDWB involves **encouraging and propagating bottom-up development practices**. We aim to **promote local community initiatives** and to support such projects and the groups and individuals involved. By providing a support structure and a readily accessible platform for interaction and knowledge-sharing, we strive to build a cohesive, organized and sustainable global development community. As the future of development largely rests on the shoulders of volunteers and civil society, our mission is to assist all development actors, particularly those on the ground, build on their capacities and tap into all potential resources to help them fulfill their goals.

How to become an active volunteer on the ground?

1. Contact us.
2. Join the StayConnecteD4Dev: Community Learning Center and **be proactive.**
3. Join the volunteers' orientation webinar.
4. Reach out to your community.
5. Stay in touch with our global manager.

What would your tasks be?

Your tasks will vary according to where you are, the community you are in, and the issues that are most pressing in your immediate region. As we condone bottom-up development approaches, we are very open to new and different ideas. So as a KFDWB volunteer, you would be part of a highly communicative team of flexible thinkers!

- Reaching out to your/a community.
- Developing project plans **with your community** to address development issues your community is facing.
- Keeping the wider development community and KFDWB informed on the progress of projects in your community and/or problems they are facing.
- Making use of the StayConnecteD4Dev: Community Learning Center as a resource for your projects, for example, by accessing educational materials.
- Connect with local and regional development agencies.
- Contact us for support: if you are struggling with certain issues in your community and you are unclear on how to proceed, we can support you along the way.



What are you expected to commit to?

- Commitment to the fulfillment of the SDGs and bottom-up development practices. Respect towards your community and their needs.
- Being open and communicative with volunteers, regional managers, and community members.
- Being honest about difficulties or problems you encounter.
- Exhibiting, at all times, a positive and friendly approach with the purpose of ensuring event attendees have an enjoyable and memorable experience.
- Being sensitive to the diversity of participants and fellow volunteers.
- Not consuming alcohol or drugs while on a shift and not reporting for duty while under the influence of such substances.

What to avoid?

- Any behavioral misconduct.
- Spreading internal documentation.

Need more information?

- Contact us!
- Visit our website
- See how it works on the ground: Discover Pierre's story or Discover George's story

Join us! Together we can make it happen!

