



EU Aid Volunteers Pilot Projects 2013/2014

Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)

Facts & Figures

- **Project Leader:**
VSO
- **Project Start:**
August 2013
(18 months total duration)
- **Recruitment start:**
September 2013
- **Contingent:**
17 EU Aid Volunteers
- **Deployment Period:**
up to 9 months
missions from January
to October 2014
- **Deployment Countries:**
India, Pakistan &
Philippines
- **Focus of the Project:**
disaster risk reduction,
disaster prevention, &
capacity building

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The Project

'EU Aid Volunteers Building in Resilience' is the title of this pilot project which is coordinated by Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) <http://www.vso.org.uk>.

Participating partner organisations are:

- Stichting VSO Nederland, <http://www.vso.nl>
- Pro Vobis (Romania), <http://www.provobis.ro>

The main objective of the project is the improvement of resilience planning capacity of national actors and communities in third countries. The action will deliver capacity-building activities in the field of national disaster risk reduction, disaster management and climate change adaptation planning.

The Volunteers

- 17 technical experts
- Deployments: up to 9 months missions in South & South East Asia

The Project Cycle

Step 1

Identification of Missions

- The needs of the hosting organisations will be assessed
- The missions for volunteers will be identified
- Practical and logistical matters for volunteers will be defined during missions

Step 2

Recruitment and Selection

- Potential volunteers should be experienced in community engagement, organizational development, volunteer management, DRR planning, sustainable livelihoods and/or natural resource management
- Preferred volunteers will undergo an assessment day, situational judgment test and panel interview.
- 17 volunteers will be selected: 5 for India, 6 for Pakistan and 6 for the Philippines

Step 3

Preparation and Training

- The pre-departure training will include a 5-day face-to-face workshop with a focus on mentoring and coaching skills,
- and a 3-day module delivering practical skills and tools for community volunteer management

Step 4

Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers

- The hosting organisations are located in India, Pakistan and the Philippines
- Details about the missions, organisations and local communities will be provided by hosting organisations
- Volunteers are involved in national disaster risk reduction, disaster management and climate change adaptation planning
- Deployment will last up to 9 months depending on the placement

Step 5

E-Volunteering

- An e-volunteering model will be set up and piloted in this project
- Experts from corporate organisations will be enabled to share expert knowledge with third country organisations
- Various options of online volunteering will be tested

Step 6

Evaluation & Follow-up

- 1-day-training for returned volunteers covering evaluation of the effectiveness of capacity-building
- Support with resettlement will be offered