Facts & Figures

- Project Leader: France Volontaires
- Project Start: June 2012 (15 months total duration)
- 26 Volunteers: 18 European and 8 from Burundi, Chad, Central African Republic and Kenya
- Deployment Period: 6 months
- Deployment Countries: Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad and Kenya
- Focus of the Project: Resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction and Post-Crisis Recovery

The project is coordinated by France Volontaires, [http://www.france-volontaires.org](http://www.france-volontaires.org)
The partners are:

- Associazione di Cooperazione Rurale in Africa, ACRA, (Italy) [http://www.acra.it](http://www.acra.it)
- Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontariato, FOCSIV (Italy) [http://www.focsiv.it](http://www.focsiv.it)
- Groupe URD (France) [http://www.urd.org](http://www.urd.org)
- Open Street Map France, OSM-Fr [http://www.openstreetmap.fr](http://www.openstreetmap.fr)
- People in Peril, PIPA (Slovakia) [http://www.peopleinperil.sk](http://www.peopleinperil.sk)
- Sloga (Slovenia) [http://www.sloga-platform.org](http://www.sloga-platform.org)
- Service de Coopération au Développement, SCD (France) [http://www.scd.asso.fr](http://www.scd.asso.fr)
- Diaconia ECCB, Center of Humanitarian and Development Aid, (Czech Republic) [http://www.diakonie.cz](http://www.diakonie.cz)

The main objective of the project is to develop a framework guaranteeing the added value and the security of European citizens' commitment to international humanitarian aid through volunteering, in order to increase the effectiveness and inclusiveness of humanitarian aid.

The Volunteers

- 26 volunteers: 18 European and 8 African
- Target group: Europeans and Africans from different backgrounds and ages
- Deployments: 6 months for groups of 4 to 5 European volunteers and 2 African volunteers
The Project Cycle

Step 1
Preparation (June – October 2012)
- Preparation of selection, training and deployment standards, procedures and support materials.
- Identification of:
  - local civil society/community based organisations
  - local/national authorities
  - international NGOs and organisations
- Logistics will be prepared for arrival of volunteers in the field.

Step 2
Selection (June – September 2012)
- European volunteers as well as African volunteers will be selected.
- Volunteers will be selected according to their motivation, commitment to solidarity and citizenship, educational background and thematic knowledge in disciplines such as geography, computer sciences, social sciences, project management.
- EU volunteers will be given a 9 month French Civic Service status covering social security.
- Online volunteers with experience will be selected in order to mentor volunteers in the field.

Step 3
Training (September – October 2012)
- All the volunteers will be trained in Plaisians, France during 3 weeks.
- Generalist modules will be provided on:
  - Humanitarian aid and coordination
  - European citizenship
  - Security in the field
  - Work on behavioural and intercultural skills
- Thematic modules will be provided on:
  - Disaster risk reduction and preparedness
  - Humanitarian Information management
  - Humanitarian surveying and mapping
  - Inter-actor mediation
- Simulation exercises, tests, and delivery of training certificate are also included in the training.

Step 4
Deployment (October 2012 – April 2013)
- Groups of 4 to 6 EU volunteers and 2 African volunteers will be deployed to 4 deployment countries during 6 months.
- The EU host organisations will provide logistical and technical support to the volunteers.
- There will be 3 main areas of activities:
  - Humanitarian data collection and management through field study, interviews with locally-based actors, and open-source information management and sharing
  - Connect international and local actors
  - Presentations and workshops to improve local capacities
- Special attention will be paid to avoiding duplication and to coordinating with existing humanitarian projects and information-sharing initiatives.

Step 5
Evaluation, Capitalisation and Valorisation (June 2012 – August 2013)
- Over the last few weeks of deployment an internal project evaluation will be conducted.
- For each project activity, internal reports and assessments will be considered in order to create a final best practice report.
- The project communication consists on a web page with written and video materials on each project activity, blogs and social media updates.