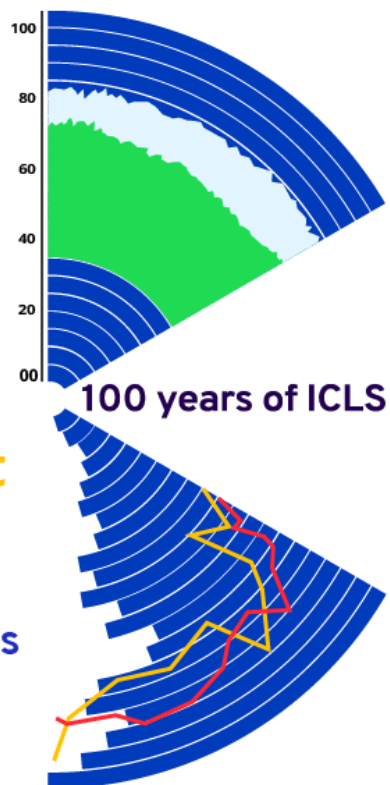




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## Measurement of volunteer work

## Introduction

- ILO - United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV) collaboration
- Tools and guidance
- Country support
- Volunteer work statistics in ILOSTAT
- Volunteer care work
- Future work

## ▶ ILO-UNV collaboration

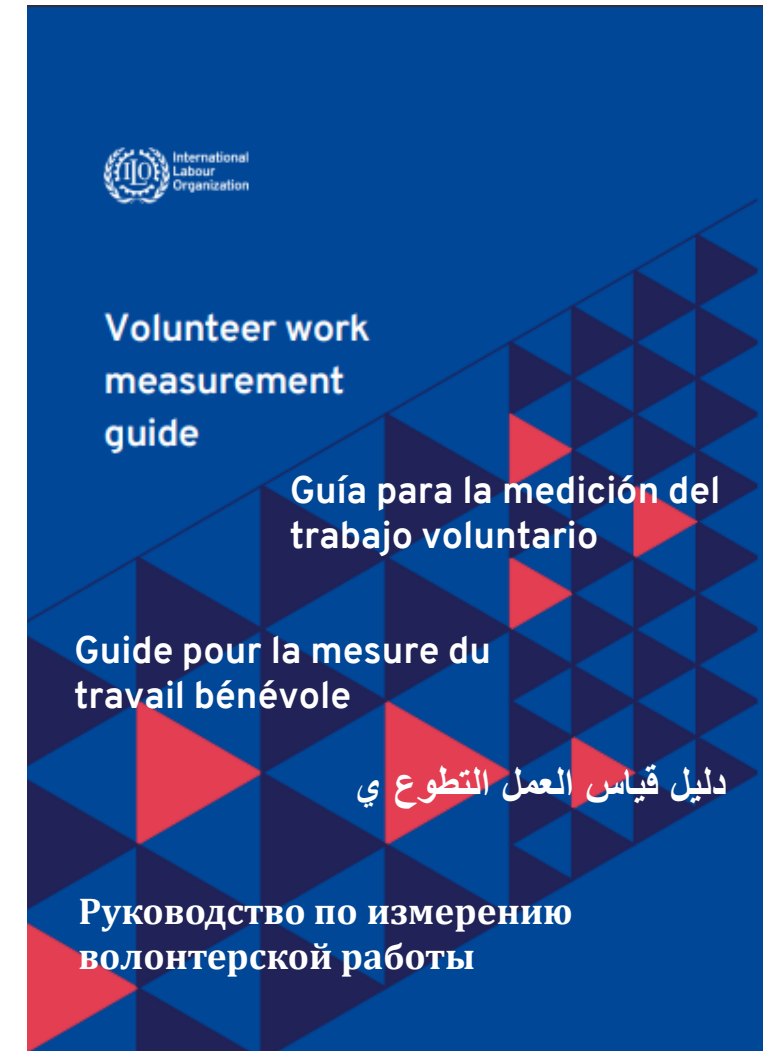
- ▶ Dedicated project from 2017 to 2022
  - New Labour Force Survey module and guidance
  - Training materials and courses
  - National data aggregation
  - Support to the UNV's estimation/measurement efforts
  - Country support
- ▶ Continued collaboration
  - Promoting and supporting implementation of standards and tools



## Tools and guidance

### Volunteer work measurement guide

- ▶ Replaces measurement guidance provided in the ILO Manual (2011)
- ▶ Published in May 2021 and available in five languages
- ▶ Contains a new LFS add-on module and implementation advice
- ▶ Developed through qualitative and quantitative research conducted in Ukraine and Senegal
- ▶ Ukraine applied the guidance to produce official volunteer work statistics in 2021
- ▶ Other countries and organizations are working/planning to do so



## ▶ Country support

- ▶ Live online courses
  - Standalone
  - Labour Market Statistics and Analysis Academy
  - Unpaid care work
- ▶ Self-learning free online course in five languages
- ▶ On-demand assistance
  - Direct requests
  - Through the UNV



## Volunteer work statistics in ILOSTAT

- ▶ Dedicated page on ILOSTAT:  
<https://ilostat.ilo.org/topics/volunteer-work/>
- ▶ Four tables in the database
- ▶ Updated each year
- ▶ Data on 62 countries
  
- ▶ 20 countries collect data in 2023
- ▶ 37 countries have plans to measure volunteer work from 2024 to 2028 (mainly Africa, Europe and Americas)

### What is volunteer work?

As defined in the latest statistical standards, **volunteer work** comprises non-compulsory work performed for others without pay.

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### Data catalogue



Filename	Zipped csv	Data Explorer
+ Number of volunteers by sex and type of volunteer work (thousands)   Annual	gz	<a href="#">View</a>
+ Number of volunteers by age and type of volunteer work (thousands)   Annual	gz	<a href="#">View</a>
+ Volunteer rate by sex and type of volunteer work (%)   Annual	gz	<a href="#">View</a>
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## ▶ Volunteer care work

- ▶ Volunteers do a lot of care work
- ▶ Comprehensive measurement of unpaid care work
- ▶ Searching for ways to identify volunteer care activities using
  - definition from the ILO report on care work
  - data from Ukraine
  - ICATUS and ISCO
- ▶ Experimental results:
  - 41% of all volunteers performed care tasks
  - women: 49%, men: 31%
  - urban: 45%, rural: 36%
  - in labour force: 39%, out of labour force: 47%



## ▶ Future work

- ▶ Promoting and supporting the use of the ILO measurement guidance
  - Collaboration with the UNV is crucial
  - Key problems face by countries
    - \* Not a priority, No capacities, No resources
- ▶ Collaboration with the UNV on estimates and analysis
- ▶ Applying employment-related concept to volunteer work
  - For example:
    - Decent work
    - Underemployment
    - Labour underutilization
- ▶ Developing new concepts
  - For example: micro volunteering



