THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND THE VOLUNTEER FACTOR

VOLUNTEERING IN CANADA

- 79% of Canadians 15 years and older volunteer either formally or informally
- That's 24 million Canadians engaged in volunteering
- On average, volunteers dedicated 206 hours formally, informally, or a combination of both

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to mobilize global efforts to improve social, economic and environmental conditions around the world by 2030.

WHY LOOK AT VOLUNTEERING AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS?

- Illustrate how volunteers already contribute to achieving the goals in Canada
- Raise awareness that the goals are relevant to Canadian communities
- Identify areas where increased volunteer effort is needed
- Demonstrate how organizations are working to achieve the goals
- Communicate to volunteers their impact in a clear and compelling way

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS CANADIANS VOLUNTEER WITH MOST

- Environment (SDG 6, 7, 12, 14, 15)
- Law, Advocacy and Politics (SDG 5, 8, 10, 16, 17)
- Social Services (SDG 1, 2)
- Development and Housing (SDG 9, 11)
- Health (SDG 3)
- Education and Research (SDG 4)

Visit Statistics Canada for the full report General Social Survey, Giving, Volunteering and Participating 2018 developed in collaboration with Employment and Social Development Canada.