



ONLINE

LABOUR MARKET

E-LEARNING COURSE ON MEASURING VOLUNTEER WORK (NEW)

27 SEPTEMBER – 5 NOVEMBER 2021

 6 WEEKS, 60 HRS

Information Note



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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Volunteer work, often referred to simply as “volunteering,” is an essential renewable resource for social, economic, and environmental progress all over the world. The contribution of volunteers to the well-being of individuals and communities plays an important role in keeping societies and communities together, building social cohesion and meeting the needs of many disadvantaged groups facing daily life challenges or during times of crisis. Recognizing this, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda calls on governments to work closely with volunteer groups on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. To achieve this, however, basic information on the number and characteristics of persons working willingly and without pay to support others is needed. Such information can help target better economic and social policies. Despite the widely acknowledged importance of volunteer work in society, however, little sustained effort has gone into measuring and analysing volunteer work in most countries. This course presents tools and recommendations provided by the 19th ICLS, with a particular focus on the LFSs add-on module that experts could use to produce statistics on volunteer work. By complementing existing data on employment and unpaid housework, statistics on volunteer work can facilitate a more complete understanding of the multiple ways in which people produce goods and services to satisfy their own and others’ needs. The objective is to make available comparative cross-national data on a significant form of work that is growing in importance but is often ignored or rarely captured in traditional economic statistics. The ILO Department of Statistics, in collaboration with the ITCILO, is therefore proud to offer the first online edition of this course designed to guide countries in generating systematic and comparable data on volunteer work via additional modules to labour-force or other household surveys. In order for volunteer work to fully unlock its potential and contribute to the achievement of important development goals, it is essential to have access to relevant and reliable statistics concerning volunteer work.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the course is to *“provide participants with the necessary skills to collect, measure, and analyse data to measure volunteer work. Moreover, the course will also emphasize the latest 19th ICLS resolutions concerning the LFSs add-on module that contribute to the measurement and analysis of volunteer work.”*

More specifically, the course aims to:

- Enhance understanding about the statistical definition of volunteer work;
- Provide insight about the surveys necessary to measure and analyze the volunteer work;
- Examine how the LFSs add-on module is structured to contribute to the measurement and analysis of volunteer work;
- Consider how to address measurement issues related to analysing volunteer work for the optimal implementation of the LFS add-on module;
- Learn how to create variables used to estimate key volunteer work indicators.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The course targets:

- Statisticians from national statistical offices; Ministries of labour and other institutions involved in production of work and social statistics;
- Governmental agencies responsible for developing and implementing volunteering policies, labour-market data analysis and national SDG reporting; ILO Social Partners (employers' and workers' organizations); research and academic institutions; international organizations; development agencies; non-governmental organizations;
- Employment and development policy analysts from National Statistical Offices, Research and Academic institutions, International organizations and Donor organizations.

ONLINE COURSE CONTENT

Using a step-by-step approach, this course provides practical skills and tips for analysing and process data to construct and interpret volunteer work. The course is structured around six modules taking place over six weeks as follows:

Week 1 27 September – 1 October

- Structure of the course, contents and tools
- Importance of measuring volunteer work, global estimates, policy relevance
- Key statistical concepts and definitions of Volunteer Work

Week 2 4 October – 8 October

- National practices in measuring volunteer work — data sources, approaches and topics covered
- The importance of collecting quality data

Week 3 11 October – 15 October

- The LFSs add-on Module – development phases
- The LFSs add-on Module – structure and content
 - Identification of volunteer workers
 - Characteristics of volunteering activities

Week 4 18 October – 22 October

- Advice and recommendations for the implementation of the module
- Issues to address during implementation

Week 5 25 October – 29 October

- How to process data
- Deriving key variables to identify volunteers
- Using ISCO-08 and ISIC to classify volunteer work and organizations mobilizing volunteers

Week 6 1 November – 5 November

- Calculating and interpreting the key indicators of volunteer work
- Preparing tabulations for publication
- Test your Knowledge

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The course is constructed as follows:

- **Lectures by experts and practitioners**
 - Sharing knowledge with participants around the various topics covered in the course
- **Practical exercises and group work**
 - Hands-on practical exercises on analysing volunteer work data

The course will emphasize a unique learning approach:

- **Harnessing digital learning technology**
 - Interactive online platform
 - Online Real-time feedback and support
 - Online forum discussions and interaction
- **Training methodology will combine**
 - Expert presentations
 - Practical online exercises
 - Online Group discussions and exercises
 - Online Group work.

DATES

The course will take place from **27 September 2021 – 5 November 2021**.

LANGUAGE

The course will be conducted in **English**.

COST AND FINANCING

The course is fee-paying. The total cost is **Euro 855**.

- The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme will provide a number of **fully-funded course fellowships** to highly motivated applicants from the global South who hold a leadership position in labour or social statistics at National Statistics Offices or other authorities producing official statistics on volunteering. Selection for fellowships will be based on information provided through the course application. Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION

Payments need to be received latest 14 days before the beginning of the course. Payment modalities will be communicated in the letter of acceptance. In the event of a cancellation, a participant may be substituted with another candidate. Cancellations remain free of charge if communicated latest 14 days prior to the start of the course.

For cancellations after this date, a penalty will be applied. For further information regarding payment, cancellation and refunds, please consult: <http://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/how-to-apply>

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HOW TO APPLY

To register, kindly fill in and submit the online registration form available through this link: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9713857/en>

The selection of applicants will be based on the submission of:

- A completed **online registration** form
- An **official sponsorship letter** issued by their organization (or donor organization),

Kindly note that we need to receive the above-mentioned documents in order to register you for the course!

The selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

- Proven work experience in relevant field (e.g., labour force survey data collection, processing, analysing and interpretation; statistical reporting);
- Submission of the official sponsorship letter issued by organization or donor organization

We strongly recommend applying early since admission is competitive and space is limited!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The deadline for applications is **20 September 2021**.

CONTACTS

- Administrative arrangements can be coordinated with the course assistant via (lmstats@itcilo.org);
- For the technical coordination, please also be in contact with the ITCILO programme officer Mr. Mostafa Mohamed (m.mohamed@itcilo.org).

WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course: No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 100% of course price.

INFO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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