Study: How does French international volunteering contribute to the 2030 Agenda

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Since volunteers consider contributing to several SDGs during their missions, starting with one linked to SDG 4, they have an impact on several SDGs.

An indispensable network of volunteerism stakeholders

66% of the volunteers consider the role of external players indispensable in achieving certain SDG 4 targets. In general, the assistance of a plurality of actors is viewed as essential.

Volunteers: Cornerstones of a stakeholder network

Methodology

- **At the initiative of**
  - FRANCE VOLONTAIRES
  - and 12 of its members*
    - assisted by Sociotopie*

- **With some**
  - international volunteers on long-term assignments (ISV, CS, ECV, unsponsored volunteers, trainees)

- **Why?**
  - To develop a method for tracking the 2030 Agenda on behalf of IESV stakeholder
  - To demonstrate the specific contribution of IESV to the 2030 Agenda

- **In two phases**
  - Quantitative: close to 650 volunteers responded to the survey
  - Qualitative: 15 interviews

What contribution is French international volunteering making to the 2030 Agenda with a particular focus on SDG 4 and on Madagascar?

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