

-Suggestion on types of Volunteerism in solving the SDGs-

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From the start of 2000s, our generations have been hearing that we are living in 'global village'. The notion of global village is rarely used now but it is so natural that now, the era that we are living, is the time that every country cannot exist only by them respectively. Under this context, NGOs of various countries have been continuing international development and cooperation. UN's <sustainable development goals> is the new paradigm of these international development and cooperation, and it was appeared when MDGs (Millennium development goals) have ended. It is core agenda that is leading ODA from 2016 to 2030, and is consisted of 17 goals 169 detailed goals pointed to resolve poverty and realized sustainable development. Different from MDGs, which only took care of economic development, SDGs consider social and environmental problems under the humane values like tolerance, universality and equality. Announcing SDGs, UN emphasized that volunteerism is a key element in achieving the plans. On the international volunteer day of 2015, Ban Ki Moon, the former president of UN, highlighted that the volunteerism is a phenomenon transcending regional, religious, cultural division, and the volunteers are the symbol of devotion, diversity and solidarity. The volunteerism that UN are talking here right now, is transgressing the individual of a community, including all various subjects like company, foundation, online network and media. In this essay, as a university student living in Korea, will be listing about the forms of volunteerism youth can participate in and can be a help to achieving SDGs, and conversely, which values we could be earning by those participation.

Few months ago, while propping up and preparing for the KOICA-UNV (UN volunteer program) I got to face the notion of ODA, MDGs and SDGs for the first time, and realized that what I have been thinking of beneficiary countries was too immature and at the same time claimed that we must help them even not properly understanding their circumstance. Furthermore, I became to understand that the volunteerism that UN are suggesting under the resolution of SDGs is not what can be done by only specially qualified people, but it is an action by anyone towards anyone for owing the better life. Now, without any special skills, there are three things that I thought I could do as university student. It is not only direct individual action carrying out an aid, but what I can do as a various shape of volunteer subject. Working as UN volunteer by applying as a roaster in UN volunteers program is the first way. Since many youth haven't got any experience in the field of international development and cooperation, they can receive help from organizations like KOICA and be linked with them. KOICA not only offers those chances to students but there are also many quota for college graduate, master, and ordinary citizen, so that everyone can be a part of international development and it can be a great start point of volunteerism. Another way is participating to programs of companies and foundations. By joining

in volunteer activities to the places lacking material and human resources, or by donating to the foundations where taking an objective to antipoverty and human right expansion like Habitat or International Amnesty, we can interact with the international society. Lastly, urging the positive movement by SNS and media channels. Recently plastic problems came to the fore and at the same time, on the SNS, 'Plastic Free', claiming that we should refrain the usage of plastic, briskly went on. This movement went on by making people post the picture using tumbler and bamboo straw with the hash tag on their SNS pages. They set the goal to gathering the money for environmental cleanup or providing a chance to present plastic free products to other people who are ignorant to environmental problems. Since contemporaries, especially my generation, are mostly keen to the media, pressing the actions of people using words, pictures and videos, can also be volunteerism in a broad sense.

UN, in official information, claims that volunteerism not only changes co-workers but the volunteers themselves. They say that the volunteers expand the position henceforth, build trust, contain the sense of chance and ownership, reinforce regional sovereignty, and build the environment where volunteerism can be the means of social participation. And through these, they can raise their possibility, develop capacity, reinforce self-awareness to themselves and the society, and eventually become the catalyst of the change. So volunteerism is what individual can provide help to the society, but also getting help of arranging a foothold where he can initiatively act. Like what I listed, participating as an UN volunteer, inbreathing consciousness of people by using SNS, or participating in the programs of the company and foundation, in any way, we can move forward to the society where everyone can rejoice the better life by volunteerism, and also contribute to make the international society even more solid.