

What is the role of volunteering for solving the UN SDGs?

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Poverty relief, hunger relief, health assurance, education security, gender equality, drinking water and sanitation, energy, jobs..... These are all the "Global Sustainable Development Goals" adopted at the UN General Assembly in 2015. These goals, which developed countries and developing countries have begun together from 2016 to 2030, along with the slogan "Leave no one behind" are too optimistic and unrealistic at first glance. Since civilization has begun, humans all around the world are still underestimating those 17 items, despite we should do as.

Last semester, I participated as a presenter in a conference of the theme of the study on "true happiness". To achieve sustainable happy without remaining in the moment of bliss, 13 students - including myself - presented various creative ideas focusing on their opinions and published a book by combining them. Through December performance, I did my best to change life-styles of audience. The solutions I proposed were related to education, a sustainable society, and good laws for implementation. It was my ultimate goal that our young people who will become the older generation someday, would voluntarily endeavor not to leave the evil of this society to the next generation. Even if a good leader appears and changes a society, the reform would be a temporary measure, unless death is irrelevant to us. We didn't know at the time, but now we think that it is just amazing that we think that all of the alternatives we put into our minds seem to closely match the goals of sustainable development proposed by the UN. 'Could it be that this is overlapping because sustainable development is, in the end, one of the ways of human happiness?' Suddenly though myself.

Many experts say that participation of volunteers is essential in implementing the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), which are aimed at achieving by 2030 in the UN. The experts said that "Cause volunteers are people who have authenticity, courage and adventure and they are more active and harder than others." I fully agree with that statement. Their souls are attracted to authenticity, not money, so they will not hesitate to be given the opportunity to contribute to society. Of course, there may be some differences in the standards of service, but in the end, they all want to share the power to make this society change a little faster. People from many occupations gather to share their talents and skills and to provide appropriate solutions. That is one of the main reasons why volunteers can't be ignored in the field of the development of sustainable society. But I think their voices are still too weak to change this world. But, obviously, this society has not lost its light because of their presence. However, they have to work harder to change this society. In that sense, I would rather focus on the so-called "imposed role" that they should take in the future rather than the role of existing volunteers.

I have realized that this society never changes with a single change when I was 22. As I prepared the presentation to give a practical voice, I constantly contemplated different ways to draw empathy from others. I couldn't find an answer until the day of my speech, but I could find a clue when I heard the announcements of my classmates. I realized that some of the

announcement are very impressive, but some of others were not. I found this conclusion is directly related to the answer to the question "How does it benefit to myself by doing it?", and "Is it truly practical and sustainable over what we have already done?". In order to get changes of other people, I knew that it is essential to inform them that the act has a profound effect on their life. Please think about it. Which sentence is more persuasive to you?

- You should not use a plastic straw to save a sea turtle.
- You should not use a plastic straw since the environmental hormones from the material will further deepen women's menstrual cramps.

Many environmental and human rights organizations usually say that ignorance and selfishness hinder the recovery of this society. That's right. But they need to know why a number of people don't answer to them, no matter how they speak impassionedly. Take for example the "marine ecosystem" which corresponds to one of the SDGs. The main reason why many people still use plastic products after they have heard of marine protection campaigns is simple. This is because all society has no alternative to plastic. Plastic products have already been used in almost every aspect of the economic market and have become an indispensable element in our daily lives. It is absolutely impossible to avoid it. Someone could say: "Well, we can strengthen the regulation of the law, don't we?" Unfortunately, such legislation isn't possible in modern capitalist society, and even if the law is enacted, more problems arise. In the absence of a substitute for cheap and durable plastic, regulating it under extreme conditions can cause serious economic hardship and many unemployed people. There are many other obstacles to practice. They don't work individually but usually make a network by forming a close relationship and a causal relationship with each other so that make people to give up to solve.

So, what should volunteers do to break through this impregnable castle? (I won't say the sufficient support of countries in this article because it is too natural and gorged.) I hope that volunteers have more knowledge and sufficient exchange time. In modern society, we are used to the division of labor. Only few people have skills and ideas to apply their own domains to other disciplines. This expertise not only hinders the presentation of diverse and innovative approaches, but also disturb unity among volunteers. This is what I have been feeling since joining volunteering and international exchange events when I was a high school student. In order to overcome the situation, they must exchange information with their colleagues who work in diverse majors. The conclusions drawn from the opinions of various fields are far superior to those made in a single field. It isn't that the fourth industry is not a word. If the volunteers will succeed in getting empathy from their colleagues while being feed-backed to each other with different views, the solution will surely be recognized by crowd. However, to let it be, the governments should help the organizations. No matter how passionately youth try to do something, a lot of them have to leave their dreams due to travel expenses and academic problems. The state should not lose sight of these people and should not let them open their wallets because they are truly precious assets of the state. Full and steady exchange among volunteers, and national support for the event..... I think this is one of the most obvious and feasible ways to solve the problems facing the UN and the global community. I hope that volunteers will give you more strength.