

## **Volunteering in addressing the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

After my first degree in medicine and surgery, I decided to change my career perspective to work in the humanitarian sector hence, why I studied cooperation and development in international relations during my master's degree. I had dreams and objectives: to fulfil the dream of knowing new cultures and countries, and to contribute, even in a small part, to improving the living conditions of people in developing countries no matter how small my quota can be in making a difference.

Growing up with a mum who is a social worker, in a developing country such as Nigeria, enlightened me in various aspects of life and SD goals where she worked a lot on gender equality as regards to the girl child education and also attended conferences with her discussing good health with the awareness of fistula. This had me always having the burning desire to get work experience within the United Nations System, because the system is based on true values of neutrality, justice, impartiality, equality, transparency and it is recognized globally. I also understand that the presence of a United Nations Volunteer offers the possibility of having another perspective, with an unbiased view, which ultimately may translate into positive change.

At a young age, I participated in volunteer activities at a community and local level. As an adult, I still make myself readily available whenever it is needed. This helped me to understand that as a volunteer, the little you do from the heart no matter how small is the change we need to a better future to achieving the goals we set for a better tomorrow.