General

- Finland funds Junior Professional Officers (JPOs) and United Nations Volunteers (UNVs) to work in UN Organizations all over the world for 2 to 3 years
- the Programme is an important part of Finland’s Development Policy and multilateral development cooperation
- Finland has signed JPO Agreements with more than 30 UN Organizations since 1965
- Human resources for developing countries through international organizations
Objectives

• to allow young Finnish professionals to gain valuable experience and understanding of multilateral development cooperation
• to increase the number of Finns working within development cooperation
• to allow Finnish nationals the possibility to be recruited into international organizations
• to promote Finnish expertise and know-how around the world
Where?

- Finland’s priority countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Zambia, Tanzania, Vietnam
- Countries recovering from conflicts: Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Sudan, Palestinian territories
- Other developing countries
The Role of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

- planning, administration and funding
- budget 9,5 million euro
- annually 30 new JPOs, 15-20 UNVs
- presently 100 JPOs and 40 UNVs are based around the world
- more than 80% are women
- the recruitment process of JPOs is handled by CIMO and the recruitment of UNVs by the UNV Headquarters in Bonn
Employment Contract

- the JPO signs a contract with the organization; the UNV has a contract with UNV Headquarters
- the contract is renewed annually
- JPOs and UNVs are entitled to a training allowance
- the income is tax exempt
- a Finnish national registered in Finland remains within the social security system
For more information

- www.formin.fi
- www.cimo.fi/jpo
- www.unv.org