

Hyun Jin Moon's Global Peace Foundation January Updates from Around the World

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January 2026 Global Highlights

See how Global Peace Foundation is driving impact through global leadership, peacebuilding, and community action.

2026:
A New Year
To Choose
Peace
Together



A New Year, A Shared Hope

A new year begins with a shared hope for peace and unity in a world that continues to seek connection.

At Global Peace Foundation, we start 2026 inspired by the people and communities who choose dialogue over division and action over indifference.

Let’s remain committed to walking alongside our partners and youth leaders to help build a more peaceful future, together.

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Celebrating a Decade of Cultural Unity in Japan

GPF Japan marked the One Family Festival's 10th anniversary, uniting cultures through music, dance, food and dialogue, inspiring thousands to celebrate diversity, family and shared responsibility for peace worldwide together.



Knowledge and Service Drive Sustainability in Nepal

GPF Nepal strengthened community resilience through hands-on environmental education, empowering women and youth with practical skills in water management, renewable energy, and sustainable living rooted in shared responsibility and service.

In Africa



Dialogue and Education Strengthen Peace in Tanzania

GPF Tanzania strengthened local peace by empowering youth and women through dialogue, education, and community monitoring, reinforcing inclusive leadership, early conflict prevention, and shared responsibility for peaceful, resilient communities.



Sports as a Bridge for Unity and Peace in Nigeria

GPF Nigeria united youth through the Independence Under-19 Unity Football Cup, showing how sports foster teamwork, bridge religious and ethnic divides, and inspire a shared national identity rooted in peace.

In the Americas



Central American Youth Champion Food Security in Rome

At the World Food Forum in Rome, Indigenous youth leader and GPF Central America program beneficiary Verónica Yacabalqueij amplified regional voices, advancing youth participation, food sovereignty, and sustainable agri-food systems.



GPW Uruguay Recognizes Quiet Acts of Service

Global Peace Women Uruguay honored four individuals and organizations whose service to children, families, and vulnerable communities reflects compassion, resilience, and the belief that peace is built through everyday acts of solidarity.

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Starting 2026 by Honoring Our Global Volunteers



As we step into the new year, we pause to recognize the volunteers who quietly serve communities around the world.

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The World Needs Peace

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"Peace isn't just the absence of violence or conflict, but I think it's a state where people can come to their full potential. They can feel free to be able to be creative, to be giving, and reach a higher state than what they currently are."

- Risa Perea (USA)



One Korea Global Campaign

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"This was my first time attending a training like this. I was happy to sit and learn with women from other religions. We discovered we share the same family origin...We left not just with knowledge, but also with friendship and peace."

- Aisha Yusuf (Nigeria)



Women and Families in Peacebuilding

Support the mentorships, networking platforms, and ongoing enrichment programs that uplift the values and dignity of women, support the development of service-minded leadership on all levels, and strengthen families.



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"This initiative has made a significant impact on the lives of our residents, especially during this season of giving. It shows how collective efforts can bring meaningful change to communities in need."

- Mayor George D. Suayan of Candelaria (Philippines)



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Transforming Education

Support transforming the education ecosystem with inputs from the community, employers, and parents to build an engaging learning environment to encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, cross-cultural understanding, and peaceful schools and communities.





"Hearing stories from fellow youth around the world reminded me that peace is not just a political goal, it is something we can all contribute to through simple, collective actions."

- Devina Andreny Wongso (Indonesia)



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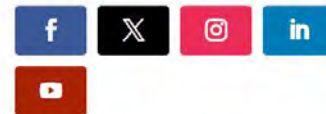


From Nepal to Kenya: GPF Volunteers Who are Quietly Rebuilding Communities

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Volunteers hand out gloves for a tree planting service project in Tanzania.

This month, we celebrated International Volunteer Day. We acknowledge not just service, but the sometimes quiet, yet courageous, choice of a single person to act and serve. We celebrate every single volunteer at the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) for their heart to lead and bring about change, no matter how small. Each volunteer at GPF is a living testament to the power of one. One youth, one idea, and one act



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of service. One spark that can resonate around the world.

Since 2010, GPF has hosted multiple volunteer camps where young people learn to lead using the global peace values framework, focusing on *Living for the Greater Good, Dream Big, Ownership, and Teamwork*. The [Global Peace Volunteers](#) (GPV) of GPF is more than just a program. It's a global community committed to building peace across divides of race, religion, and geography

Today, we highlight GPF volunteers and projects worldwide, bringing about change, one initiative at a time.

In Kathmandu, Nepal, [Project Saksham](#) is taking



groot as a foundation for youth development and values-based volunteering. Spearheaded by youth volunteers, the project invites young volunteers to run values-based trainings and programs in schools, reaching 12 schools and engaging 268 students. These sessions are more than just theories; they are facilitated conversations where students are invited to reflect deeply on their purpose and choices. GPF Nepal volunteers don't just teach; they listen, guide, and model the values they hope to inspire.

"No one ever told me I could be a leader until today", said one of the students after a session.

This one moment reflects the positivity and inspiration that our volunteers spread.

Likewise, in a very different corner of the world, GPF Malaysia is also striving to develop leadership among

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GPF Malaysia is showing now volunteering can uplift not just people, but entire ways of living. In early 2025, a team of 24 volunteers from Kuala Lumpur collaborated with Ninja Van to construct a [chicken coop](#) in Kampung Gemuruh, Pahang. Despite the mud and rain, the volunteers worked shoulder to shoulder with farmers like 71-year-old Halludin, who said his heart “swelled up” seeing so many people caring enough to help that would eventually sustain his heart.

For farmers like Halludin, the coop represents more than just an income; it represents stability, dignity, and a path to long-term financial security. Amai, another beneficiary, now wakes up with renewed purpose, and as she gets busy, she dreams of a future that no longer depends on scavenging. That transformation started with the volunteers, individuals who believed in shared humanity and committed to something bigger than themselves.

In Africa, volunteers have become bridges for peace, quietly mending communal relationships strained by division, unrest, and controversies. The environmental restoration project, in partnership with Butere Girls High School, the [GPF Kenya volunteers](#) planted trees with a message of renewal and peace. The project aims to restore damaged land and foster a culture of peace, responsibility, and intergenerational justice. Deeply symbolic, the initiative is a living reminder that growth and healing are always possible.

Brain, a volunteer in the project, expressed, “When we plant trees together, we become one team. The land unites us.”

Furthermore, the students involved will be responsible for maintaining the site, ensuring its sustainability, and ownership of the project and the land. Environmental efforts, in this sense, do more than restore soil; they restore trust, dignity, and connection.

Across continents, GPF youths have participated in various projects aimed at positive change. What connects these young volunteers from Nepal to Malaysia to Kenya is the intention. The intention that positive change starts from the

intention, that positive change starts from the ground up.

At GPF, we are proud to have provided a platform for these volunteers, offering them an ecosystem that includes training, mentorship, community partnerships, and cross-cultural collaboration. This ecosystem of volunteerism has contributed positively to the development of service-minded leaders, transformation, and sustainable peacebuilding.

As the year comes to an end, we reaffirm our commitment to youth volunteerism and continue our work. With this, we invite you to join us in supporting our volunteers and their incredible work. When you support GPF, you fund more than just a project – you fund transformation.

Volunteer impact is powerful, but it requires support. Your [Year-End Gift](#) helps us support these volunteers and fund projects that bring transformation. With your help, you are not just supporting a project; you are empowering a global network of peacebuilders who believe in “One Family Under God.”

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