

2 BILLION HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TO IMPROVE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR PLANET

Children advocating, mobilizing, raising awareness, informing and communicating.

Global

Scouts have now contributed an astonishing 2 billion hours of community service through the Messengers of Peace Initiative to improve the sustainability of our planet by promoting peace, acting as environmental leaders, and championing equality around the globe.

The milestone puts Scouting half-way towards fulfilling its commitment to make the world's largest youth contribution of 4 billion hours of community service towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. In 2010, Scouting pledged to inspire a culture of peace and dialogue through its flagship Messengers of Peace initiative by encouraging millions of young people to carry out peace-building projects in their communities and log their volunteer hours through Scouting's online platform.

Since then, Scouts have delivered more than 16 million local projects and actions throughout the world, supporting communities devastated by natural floods and earthquakes in Haiti, leading peace-building efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, facilitating interfaith dialogues in Indonesia, standing up for gender equality in Saudi Arabia, and working to make refugees feel welcomed in Turkey.

Through these efforts, Scouting is recognised globally as a vital force for humanitarian action and emergency response. During the COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of thousands of Scouts around the world stepped up in different ways to ensure the safety of their communities and respond to their needs.

