

# GLTN-FIG Volunteer Community Surveyor Programme



Together with Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), the FIG Young Surveyors Network (FIG YSN) has established a competence-based volunteer programme for young surveyors also known as the [Volunteer Community Surveyor Programme](#) (VCSP). The VCSP is an innovative volunteer programme that intends to be a powerful driver for both social impact and professional development. The VCSP leverages on the skills, experience, talents and education of young surveyors and matches these competences with the needs of GLTN, particularly in GLTN's county-level implementation plans and programmes.

VCSP represents opportunities for young surveyors to touch a particular cause, or bring surveying skills and knowledge to contribute and impact communities

through one's volunteered capacity. VCSP is about matching the right person with the right skills and knowledge, at the right time, to the right opportunity through GLTN with the overriding aim to achieve greater impact.

The VCSP is inspired by the conviction that volunteerism is a powerful means of engaging people in tackling development challenges worldwide. Every young surveyor can be a VCS by contributing their time, skills and knowledge through volunteerism, and their combined efforts can be a significant force for achieving development on the ground. The young surveyor will be challenged to transfer useful knowledge and contribute at the community level while gaining a greater understanding of the issues affecting these communities that are often marginalised and vulnerable.

The Volunteer Community Surveyor Programme is a pilot programme. It is a small-scale, short-term pilot that helps GLTN/UN-Habitat and FIG YSN to learn how a large-scale program might work in practice. It provides a platform for all stakeholders to test logistics, prove value and reveal benefits."

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