



## The Guidelines for Effective Volunteer Projects Using Project Management Principles

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### Abstract

This research aims to develop comprehensive guidelines for effective volunteer projects by integrating project management principles. The study begins with an extensive literature review to set up a theoretical framework, finding and synthesizing key concepts and best practices from existing research on project management and volunteer coordination. Following this, secondary data analysis is conducted using case studies, reports, and databases to find shared challenges and successful strategies in volunteer project management. Selected case studies of successful volunteer projects are analyzed to document best practices and lessons learned. These insights are then integrated to develop practical guidelines, addressing crucial areas such as community engagement, volunteer satisfaction, and technological integration. The guidelines undergo validation through feedback from project management and volunteer coordination experts, ensuring their applicability and robustness. The current program series is developed and managed by volunteers from Bandula Abesundara Charity Trust (BACT), which has extensive experience in the volunteer sector in Sri Lanka. The planned research project series is an ongoing large-scale initiative where theoretical knowledge is applied in practice. The final guidelines are compiled into a comprehensive report and given to relevant stakeholders. This structured approach aims to enhance the efficiency and impact of volunteer projects, providing valuable tools and strategies for project managers and volunteer organizations.

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