

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

SDNR000176--Public Health Officer

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that promotes volunteerism to support peace and development worldwide. Volunteerism can transform the pace and nature of development and it benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer. UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for volunteerism globally, encouraging partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing volunteers. In most cultures volunteerism is deeply embedded in long-established, ancient traditions of sharing and support within the communities. In this context, UN Volunteers take part in various forms of volunteerism and play a role in development and peace together with co-workers, host agencies and local communities. In all assignments, UN Volunteers promote volunteerism through their action and conduct. Engaging in volunteer activity can effectively and positively enrich their understanding of local and social realities, as well as create a bridge between themselves and the people in their host community. This will make the time they spend as UN Volunteers even more rewarding and productive.

General Information

Country of Assignment	Sudan
Host Institute	World Health Organization
Volunteer Category	International Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	12 months
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	Khartoum [SDN]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark

assignment with some travel to the field as and when needed

Living Conditions

Khartoum is the capital and trading centre of Sudan and is situated in Khartoum State, at the junction of the Blue and White Nile rivers; Omdurman is also a suburb of Khartoum, giving the urban area a population of over 3 million.

It has long served as a major communications centre between the Arab countries of North Africa and central African countries. The city lies near the rich, irrigated cotton-growing Gezira area to the south and much of its trade is based on Nile river traffic. An oil pipeline links the city with Port Sudan on the Red Sea. Industries include tanning, textiles, light engineering, food processing, glassware, and printing. Sudan's climate ranges from tropical in the south to arid dry desert in the north. Khartoum is one of the hottest capitals in the world in summer, although the winter months are cooler and pleasant. A rainy season in many areas spans from April to October. Living conditions in Khartoum are good. Khartoum is classified as a family duty station, with an adequate level of services, accommodation and facilities. One can rent a comfortable modern apartment or house with air conditioners that mitigate the hot and dusty climate. Medical facilities are basic. The cost of living may be high, depending on the

standards, particularly for food and accommodation. It is a relatively safe environment, sometimes marked by small criminality or anti-western public demonstrations. MORSS (Minimum Operating Residential Security Standards) compliance is required. Generally the city is safe compared to other capitals in the continent. There are many restaurants and cafes for socializing, although limited sports facilities due to the climate although one can get membership of gyms for indoor exercise and there are clubs for swimming. International personnel should be prepared to use cash while in Sudan. ATM facilities are only available for local accounts. Credit cards cannot be used while in Sudan. Currency exchange and money transfer facilities, such as Western Union, are available in Khartoum. All Photography without a permit is forbidden in Sudan. Do not take photographs without express permission. On occasion, even the sight of a camera has caused problems from the authorities and others. Where an official is present, you must ask permission to photograph. It is advised to obtain such permission prior to any display of a camera. Sudan is culturally Islamic and observes Sharia Law. Staff members are cautioned to behave in a manner appropriate to local mores and customs. Dress code is modest and conservative (arms and legs covered), although trousers are acceptable for women, head scarves do not need to be worn by expatriate women in the capital, men should wear long trousers. Public displays of affection should be avoided. Public drunkenness is forbidden and possession of alcohol in Sudan is against the local laws. Visitors should always note that UN staff members are not permitted to bring alcohol into the country.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

Public Health Officer

Organizational Context & Project Description

Under the guidance Technical Officer (Communicable Diseases, and overall guidance of WHO Representative and in close collaboration with the field team and local authorities, the incumbent provides expertise in the areas of surveillance and strengthening preparedness for epidemic-prone diseases, gathering and disseminating information on health threats, activities and outcome, supporting analysis and consolidation of data for monitoring and early warning in emergency settings. In addition to ongoing contacts with technical staff to secure sources of information and recommending work plans for medium- and long-term work plans, the incumbent has contacts with counterparts from local health authorities and relevant partners to coordinate activities and provide technical expertise for the implementation of surveillance and preparedness for epidemic-prone diseases within the context of emergency response

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

UNV Focus Area

Securing access to basic social services

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Technical Officer / Communicable Diseases, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

1. Collate compile information on communicable and related health sectors, analysis of data and strengthen Country office database and evidence generation.
2. Coordination of teams working on maintaining, assessing, improving and developing CDS public health surveillance systems and registries.
3. Assist in monitoring the implementation of progress on WHO CDS workplans road map
4. Assist in follow-up and assessments relevant to the health of displaced people or other population groups affected by humanitarian crisis.
5. Conduct technical reviews of programme plans, reports, proposals and other documents relevant to the programme.
6. Assist in development of periodic reports as per WHO indicators and SDG framework on activities in public health.
7. Identify and compile of training needs for respective target audiences and draft comprehensive plans for capacity building and material preparation
8. Arrange and deliver capacity development activities, conduct impact assessment for health personnel in general, in the camps and in health facilities located in the host communities.
9. Collaborate with health partners to ensure that humanitarian and public health assistance is in line with international priorities:

- a) Identify of priority health and nutrition-related issues among the affected population and ensuring that these are properly addressed in an integrated primary healthcare approach.
- b) Plan and deliver interventions to solve urgent problems identified during the analysis phase.
- c) support in in meetings preparation (including field meetings) with the national counterparts and UN stakeholders for planning, conducting and reprogramming of collaborative actions. Production of minutes, recommendations and lessons learnt of these meetings.

Furthermore, UN Volunteers are required to:- Strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the concept of volunteerism by reading relevant UNV and external publications and take active part in UNV activities (for instance in events that mark International Volunteer Day)- Be acquainted with and build on traditional and/or local forms of volunteerism in the host country- Reflect on the type and quality of voluntary action that they are undertaking, including participation in ongoing reflection activities- Contribute articles/write-ups on field experiences and submit them for UNV publications/websites, newsletters, press releases, etc.- Assist with the UNV Buddy Programme for newly-arrived UN Volunteers- Promote or advise local groups in the use of online volunteering, or encourage relevant local individuals and organizations to use the UNV Online Volunteering service whenever technically possible.

Results/Expected Outputs

Strengthened the system to systematically align activities & interventions to control and combat CDS thus reducing mortality and morbidity

Development of products and supported policy guidance based on evidence based practice

- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counter-parts, including Implementing Partners (IPs);
- Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated and documented in all activities throughout the assignment
- A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for peace and development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed

Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

Type of Degree: Medicine or Public Health

Required experience 24 months

Experience Remark

At least 2 years of relevant experience in public health and health sector coordination, with emphasis on emergency response, and/or the management of epidemic-prone diseases, disease early warning system

Language Skills

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Public health Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

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No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Ethics and Values
- Planning and Organizing
- Respect for Diversity
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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Conditions of Service for International Specialist:

The contract lasts for the period indicated above with possibility of extensions subject to availability of funding, operational necessity and satisfactory performance. However, there is no expectation of renewal of the assignment.

A UN Volunteer receives a Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) which is composed of the Monthly Living Allowance (MLA) and a Family Allowance (FA) for those with dependents (maximum three).

The Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) is paid at the end of each month to cover housing, utilities, transportation, communications and other basic needs. The VLA can be computed by applying the Post-Adjustment Multiplier (PAM) to the VLA base rate of US\$ 1,602. The VLA base rate is a global rate across the world, while the PAM is duty station/country-specific and fluctuates on a monthly basis according to the cost of living. This method ensures that international UN Volunteers have comparable purchasing power at all duty stations irrespective of varying costs of living. The PAM is established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and is published at the beginning of every month on the ICSC website <http://icsc.un.org>.

For example, kindly enter the link [Calculator](#)

In non-family duty stations that belong to hardship categories D or E, as classified by the ICSC, international UN Volunteers receive a Well-Being Differential (WBD) on a monthly basis.

Furthermore, UN Volunteers are provided a settling-in-grant (SIG) at the start of the assignment (if the volunteer did not reside in the duty station for at least 6 months prior to taking up the assignment) and in the event of a permanent reassignment to another duty station.

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UNV provides life, health, permanent disability insurances as well as assignment travel, annual leave, full integration in the UN security framework (including residential security reimbursements).

UN Volunteers are paid Daily Subsistence Allowance at the UN rate for official travels, flight tickets for periodic home visit and for the final repatriation travel (if applicable). Resettlement allowance is paid for satisfactory service at the end of the assignment.

UNV will provide, together with the offer of assignment, a copy of the Conditions of Service, including Code of conduct, to the successful candidate.

Application Code SDNR000176-2724

Application procedure

How to apply via the UNV Talent Pool

** Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?*

Please first register your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup>. Important: After creating your account, complete all sections of your profile and submit it. Then go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the 'Special Calls' hyperlink. Lastly, select the special call to which you would like to apply.

** Already registered in the UNV Talent Pool?*

Please first update your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/profile>. Then go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the 'Special Calls' hyperlink to select the special call to which you would like to apply.

This assignment is funded by the Government of Japan, therefore only nationals from Japan are eligible to apply. Please note that if you have previously served as a UN Volunteer under *Japan Trust Fund*, you are not eligible to apply. If you are a former *Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer* (JICA-JOCV) and eligible to apply for JICA funded UN Volunteer assignments, you are not eligible to apply for this assignment funded by the Government of Japan.

Application deadline: 31 May 2018.

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United Nations Volunteers is an equal opportunity programme which welcomes applications from qualified professionals. We are committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture.