

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

ZMBR000062--Essential Drugs and Medicines 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	Zambia
Host Institute	World Health Organization
Volunteer Category	International Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	12 months
Possibility of Extension	Yes
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	Lusaka [ZMB]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark

Assignment with family.

Living Conditions

Lusaka became the capital city of Zambia in May 1935. Lusaka's central position in Zambia and its extremely pleasant climate were two of the main reasons for its selection as the capital. It is a metropolis, which provides a home to about two and half million (2.5M) inhabitants of many different nationalities. It has grown to become the seat of the Government of the Republic of Zambia and as such all diplomatic missions, international organizations, industrial and commercial entities have set base. Its political, social, economic and cultural significance has also increased through the years. Lusaka has all amenities in place that would make a visitor's stay comfortable. For more info, visit: <http://www.zambiatourism.com>.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

Essential Drugs and Medicines Officer

Organizational Context & Project Description

The overall goal of the WHO Essential Drug and Medicines Programme is to promote policies and technical capacities in the health system and provides guidance for health systems to deliver health products safely and cost-effectively. The incumbent will be the focal person for Essential Drugs and Medicines (EDM) programme at the WHO Country Office (WCO). He/she will provide lead technical support to achieve the national programme and WHO's objectives. He/she will have an additional advisory role seeking guidance from the WHO Regional Office (WRO) for any issue that requires major decision making or the organization's commitment. The incumbent will further provide leadership and support to the country in promoting affordable access to quality, safe and effective medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and other medical products/health technologies.

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 WHO Representative, the international UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

Serve as WHO Focal Point for EDM activities in the country;

Assist the Ministry of Health to plan effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of WHO Medicines Strategy;

Facilitate collaboration between Essential Medicines, Drugs and Health Technologies/Africa Regional Office (EDM/AFRO) and Essential Medicines, Drugs and Health Technologies Geneva Headquarters (EDM/HQ) and stakeholders in the pharmaceutical sector in the country to help develop, implement and monitor national drug policies and improve access to essential drugs for priority diseases;

Assist in the analysis of the pharmaceutical sector in Zambia and the assessment of problem areas and help define technical support to be provided;

Coordinate WHO technical input with the Ministry of Health and with other stakeholders in the pharmaceutical sector including authorities responsible for traditional medicines;

Help identify skills and projects carried out in the country that should be supported; actively contribute to the strengthening of institutions and of human resources development programmes for healthcare providers; NGOs and other stakeholders; ensure inter-sectoral collaboration and assist the Ministry of Health in the coordination of partners involved in the pharmaceutical and traditional medicine sectors e.g. international agencies, NGOs and other relevant networks to ensure an integrated and appropriate technical support to the country;

Perform other tasks as agreed with EDM/AFRO and EDM/DAP for the provision of technical support for the development, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of national policies on drugs and traditional medicines in the country as well as in neighbouring countries as part of the WHO sub-regional strategy to country support in Africa;

Promote the rational use of blood and other medical products of human origin (MPHO) through the development of guidelines for the prescription and use of blood, the training of clinicians and care providers, and the establishment of national hemovigilance systems for adverse donor and patient events.

Support mobilisation of resources and documents achievements;

Perform any other duties as required.

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.

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Results/Expected Outputs

Role of in-country WHO Focal Point for EDM activities performed;
 Assistance provided to Ministry of Health to plan effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of WHO Medicines Strategy;
 Collaboration enhanced between EDM/AFRO and EDM/HQ and stakeholders in the pharmaceutical sector to assist develop, implement and monitor national drug policies and improve access to essential drugs for priority diseases such as HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria;
 Support provided in the analysis of the pharmaceutical sector in Zambia; problem areas assessed and technical support defined.
 WHO technical input with the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders coordinated.
 Projects, institutions and persons who require support from the Ministry of health identified.
 Resources mobilised and best practices documented.
 Improved access to and rational use of safe, efficacious and affordable quality medicines and other health technologies.
 A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed.

- 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 Master degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

Post Graduate qualifications in Pharmacy, Public Health or related field desirable.

Required experience 36 months

Experience Remark

Minimum three (3) years Two years years of practical experience in planning, implementing, monitoring and supervising of Essential Drugs and Medicines (EDM) activities at national or regional/provincial or district level.

Language Skills

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Public health Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Experience in implementation of public health programmes with emphasis on developing and implementing National Drug policies.
 Significant knowledge of and experience in Essential Drugs and Medicines programmes, including basic epidemiological skills, analysis and interpretation of data. Publication in peer reviewed journals will be an added advantage.

Need Driving Licence

No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Client Orientation
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Creativity
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Knowledge Sharing
- Planning and Organizing
- Respect for Diversity
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service[Click here to view Conditions of Service](#)**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

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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 ZMBR000062-2726

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.