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: Bangladesh
Host Institute: United Nations Children's Fund
Volunteer Category: National Specialist
Number of Volunteer: 1
Duration: 12 months
Possibility of Extension: Yes
Expected Starting Date: Immediate
Duty Station: Cox's Bazaar [BDG]
Assignment Place: Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark

Living Conditions

Cox's Bazar is a district of Bangladesh and it is famous for fishing port and tourism. It is one of the most-visited tourist destinations in Bangladesh. The beach in Cox's Bazar is an unbroken 120 km (75 miles) sandy sea beach with a gentle slope, making it the second longest sea beach in the world. The climate of Cox's Bazar is similar to the rest of the country. The climate of Bangladesh is generally determined by its location in the tropical monsoon region: high temperature, heavy rainfall, generally excessive humidity, and distinct seasonal variations. It is further characterized by the location in the coastal area.

Historically Cox’s Bazar, like other parts of Bangladesh, is a safe place to live. Since August 2017, with the large scale Rohingya influx from Myanmar, Cox’s Bazar is seen as a district with a humanitarian crisis. Culturally Cox’s Bazar is very diverse and well-known for its traditional heritage. The communications systems in Cox’s Bazar are well-developed and the district is well-connected with other cities. All the national mobile networks are operational in Cox’s Bazar. Walking within Cox’s Bazar city is only allowed during day time. Travel by rickshaw is also permitted within Cox’s Bazar only during day time. Cox’s Bazar has a domestic airport and is currently classified as...
Assignment Details

Assignment Title: UNV Health Officer

Organizational Context & Project Description

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything the organization does — in programmes, in advocacy and in operations. The equity strategy, emphasizing the most disadvantaged and excluded children and families, translates this commitment to children’s rights into action. For UNICEF, equity means that all children have an opportunity to survive, develop and reach their full potential, without discrimination, bias or favoritism. To the degree that any child has an unequal chance in life — in its social, political, economic, civic and cultural dimensions — her or his rights are violated. Equity accelerates progress towards realizing the human rights of all children, which is the universal mandate of UNICEF, as outlined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, while also supporting the equitable development of nations.

The UNICEF Humanitarian Health Strategy (Response to the Rohingya Crisis) is to reduce the risk of communicable disease outbreaks and their consequences among refugees and host communities, and to improve access to lifesaving interventions through the strengthening of systems to provide comprehensive primary and secondary health services for crisis affected population for both refugees and host communities, using government systems where possible.

This includes routine immunization activities in the camps to prevent and control vaccine preventable disease outbreaks; providing lifesaving and comprehensive primary health care services with special focus on newborn and Integrated Management on Childhood Illness and referral services to provide access of Rohingya babies to specialized neonatal care; preparedness and response to communicable disease outbreaks (acute watery diarrhoea etc); reproductive health; gender-based violence medical services; reporting and monitoring through the District Health Information System; and monsoon/cyclone preparedness and response. The Health Officer will work to ensure that these activities are undertaken in adherence to agreed minimum standards, and to link the reality on the ground to programme and policy development for UNICEF, its implementing partners and government counterparts.

The Health Officer will split their time between where they are based in the central town of Cox’s Bazar (generally Wednesday to Saturday) and staying closer to the Rohingya camps (Sunday to Tuesday) in accommodations provided for humanitarian workers (DSA to be provided for the latter). Accommodations are safe, clean and comfortable, but basic. The arrangement could be modified (Tuesday to Thursday staying closer to the Rohingya Camps and Sunday to Monday in Cox’s Bazar).

As this is a national UN Volunteer assignment, the UN Volunteer will be responsible for arranging his/her own housing and other living essentials. National UN Volunteers are part of the malicious insurance plan.

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of the Health Specialist or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UNV Health Officer will:

- Provide capacity building and supportive supervision of service providers at health posts, primary health centres, diarrhea treatment centres, field hospitals, upazilla health complexes, union health and family welfare centres and community clinics with particular attention to adherence to agreed guidelines and standards
- Monitor routine immunization sessions and ensure all antigens given as per the schedule, with safe injections and adverse event following immunization monitoring is established as per guidelines. Support vaccination campaigns/supplementary immunization activities as required.
- Ensure medicines and renewables are managed as per standards (First Expired, First Out)
- Capacity building and monitoring partners in the roll out of early essential newborn care and Integrated Management on Childhood Illness in the camps
- Support the roll out of Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance Review in the camps
- In case of floods and/cyclone, participate in organizing mobile teams and other relief interventions as needed
Support the supervision and/or enumeration of key surveys, assessments and studies on the situation of children in the camps, and contribute to the development of analysis and results.

Draft contributions to donor reports and proposals.

Any other related tasks as may be required or assigned by the supervisor.

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.
- Provide annual and end of assignment reports on UN Volunteer actions, results and opportunities using UNV’s Volunteer Reporting Application.
- 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

As an active UNICEF team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to UNICEF and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:

- Quality of health services improved in UNICEF-supported facilities and through outreach and campaigns (as required) in camps and host communities.
- Medical treatment guidelines were followed by 100% medical and paramedical staff, and no medicines expire (up to date stock of essential medicines).
- All health facilities were supported by UNICEF report in a timely manner to DHIS2.
- Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance Review been rolled out across UNICEF-supported facilities.

- 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**

Bachelor’s degree in a relevant area, e.g. public health;

**Required experience**

36 months

**Experience Remark**

- At least 3 years of professional work experience as clinician or medical doctor in public health or managing maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health (MNCAH) programmes. Experience in emergency response is an advantage;
- Experience in monitoring and evaluation is desirable.
- Excellent oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills;
- Excellent interpersonal skills; culturally and socially sensitive; ability to work inclusively and collaboratively with a range of partners, including grassroots community members, religious and youth organizations, and authorities at different levels; familiarity with tools and approaches of communications for development;
- Ability to work and adapt professionally and effectively in a challenging environment; ability to work effectively in a multicultural team of international and national personnel;
- Solid overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications (Excel, Word, etc.) and email/internet; familiarity with database management; and office technology equipment;
- Self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; ability to work with tight deadlines;
- Sound security awareness;
• Have affinity with or interest in children’s rights, volunteerism as a mechanism for durable development, and the UN System.

Language
• English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
• AND - Bengali (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise
• Public health Mandatory
• Community participation and development Optional
• Monitoring and evaluation Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement
• Strengthening capacity of service providers and supervision supports.
• Experience in working with community people in relation to provide their health services
• Excellent drafting, formulation, report writing skills.

Need Driving Licence
No

Competencies & Values
• Accountability
• Adaptability and Flexibility
• Commitment and Motivation
• Commitment to Continuous Learning
• Communication
• Creativity
• Ethics and Values
• Integrity
• Planning and Organizing
• Professionalism
• Respect for Diversity
• Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service
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The rapidly changing nature of novel coronavirus COVID-19 has placed significant and increasing restrictions on the freedom of movement of people, even within countries. Such restrictions may affect the ability national UN Volunteers to begin their assignments at their assigned duty station or limit the ability to enter UN premises. Thus, UNV cannot guarantee assignments will proceed as normal.

Candidates for national UN Volunteer assignments requiring travel to the duty station may be exceptionally granted during this period alternative working arrangements to work from their place of recruitment until restrictions are lifted. Candidates for national UN Volunteer assignments may also need to begin their assignments remotely in cases where access to UN premises is restricted. These are decisions at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss travel requirements, any restrictions, and possible alternative arrangements with the host entity. If selected, candidates should carefully consider the circumstances before accepting UNV’s offer.

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.

Travel to duty station (if applicable) and a Settling-In-Grant will be provided in the event the duty station is not within commuting distance from the place of recruitment. The applicable Volunteer Living Allowance is provided monthly to cover housing, utilities and normal cost of living expenses. Life, health and permanent disability insurance are included (health insurance for up to 3 dependents), as well as final repatriation (if applicable) and resettlement allowance for satisfactory service.

Furthermore, in non-family duty stations that belong to hardship categories D or E, as classified by the ICSC, a Well-Being Differential (WBD) on a monthly basis will be provided.

For UN Volunteer entitlements, kindly refer to the link https://vmam.unv.org/calculator/entitlements

Supervision, induction and duty of care of UN Volunteers (Roles and Responsibilities of Host Entity)

UN Volunteers should be provided equal duty of care as extended to all host entity personnel. Host entity support to the UN Volunteer includes, but is not limited to:

- Introductory briefings about the organisation and office-related context including security, emergency procedures, good cultural practice and orientation to the local environment;

- Support with arrival administration and official processes;

- Structured guidance, mentoring and coaching by a supervisor including a clear workplan and performance appraisal;

- Access to office space, equipment, IT support and any other systems and tools required to complete the objectives of the assignment including a host entity email address;

- Access to shared host entity corporate knowledge, training and learning;

- Any necessary security measures, ensuring that UN Volunteers are covered by the United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS) in line with the UNDSS Security Policy Manual;

- Leave management;

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- DSA for official travel, when applicable;

- All changes in the Description of Assignment occurring between recruitment and arrival or during the assignment need to be formalized with the United Nations Volunteer Programme.

- Investigate misconduct: sharing reports with the UNV;

- Provide emergency assistance, e.g. the death of volunteer or medical evacuation, in collaboration with UNV. Accept letters of guarantees or potential liabilities for covering medical costs not claimable under medical insurance in extraordinary situations (e.g. isolation facilities’ services during pandemics).

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Application procedure

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* 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 is a National UN Volunteer Specialist assignment, therefore only nationals of (Bangladesh) and legal residents in (Bangladesh) with the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless are eligible to apply.

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