

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

BRAR000555--Economic and Fiscal Expert

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	Brazil
Host Institute	United Nations Children's Fund
Volunteer Category	National UN Volunteer Expert
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	6 months
Possibility of Extension	Yes
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	Brasilia [BRA]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark	

Living Conditions

The assignment will be in Brasília, the Federal capital of Brazil and seat of government of the Federal District.

Brasilia is a family duty station and classified A (hardship). The living conditions in Brasilia are good as well as the access to health services. The accommodation facilities are in general good, and the choice is wide. Rent for small one-bedroom apartments range from 200 USD (unfurnished) to 600 USD (furnished) per month. UN Volunteers are also encouraged to share accommodation.

Brazil is security level 3 (moderate). UNDSS Brazil advises to exercise a high degree of caution in Brazil due to high levels of serious and violent crime, particularly in major cities. Violent crime as muggings, armed robbery, kidnappings, and sexual assault, is very high. Avoid shanty towns (favelas) in the big cities and if you are attacked or robbed, do not resist. Demonstrations can occur at any time and may turn violent with little or no warning. All United Nations personnel must scrupulously comply with UNDSS procedures and recommendations during their assignment in Brazil. For missions in rural areas or indigenous reservations, special procedures may

apply; UN personnel should consult with the local DSS office in advance.

Brasília is located in the country's centre-western region. It was founded on April 21, 1960, to serve as the new national capital. Brasília and its metro area were estimated to be Brazil's 3rd most populous city, with 3.039.444 people. Among major Latin American cities, Brasília has the highest GDP per capita.

The city has a unique status in Brazil, as it is an administrative division rather than a legal municipality like other cities in Brazil. Brasília was planned and developed by Lúcio Costa and Oscar Niemeyer in 1956 to move the capital from Rio de Janeiro to a more central location. The landscape architect was Roberto Burle Marx. The city's design is divided into numbered blocks as well as sectors for specified activities, such as the Hotel Sector, the Banking Sector and the Embassy Sector. Brasília was chosen as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its modernist architecture and uniquely artistic urban planning.

Although Brasília is used as a synonym for the Federal District through synecdoche, the Federal District is composed of 31 administrative regions, only one of which is the area of the originally planned city, also called Plano Piloto. The rest of the Federal District is considered by IBGE to make up Brasília's metro area.

All three branches of Brazil's federal government are centred in the city: executive, legislative, and judicial. Brasília also hosts 124 foreign embassies.

The city's international airport connects it to all other major Brazilian cities and many international destinations and is the third busiest airport in Brazil. Brasília is the most populous Portuguese-speaking capital city.

The city is located at the top of the Brazilian highlands in the country's centre-western region, at 1,172 m. The Paranoá Lake is a large artificial lake that was built to increase the amount of water available and to maintain the region's humidity.

Brasília has a tropical savanna climate (Aw, according to the Köppen climate classification), with two distinct seasons: a rainy season from October to April and a dry season from May to September. The average temperature is 22°C, rising to over 30°C during the hottest period. The hottest month in Brasília is September and the coolest month is July.

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.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

Economic and Fiscal Expert

Organizational Context & Project Description

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has been present in Brazil since 1950. The UNICEF Brazil team is spread out in 9 offices across the country, of which Brasília is the head office. UNICEF Brazil is currently implementing its 2017-2021 Country Programme, which entails an integrated programming approach of Social Policy. The Social Policy agenda includes technical assistance, research, policy analysis and public advocacy around issues of social protection, multidimensional poverty and public financing for children (PF4C), including in emergency situations such as within the scope of the migration inflow from Venezuela as well as the larger context of Brazil's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Article 4 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child provides for the obligation of States to invest the appropriate resources for guaranteeing that all the rights safeguarded by the convention are fulfilled "to the maximum extent of their available resources." The safeguarding of these rights require States to engage in budgeting processes that allocate the necessary amount of resources to guarantee all children and adolescent's rights in order for them to be able to reach their full potential.

There is ample evidence that seeks to highlight the linkages between policy development and child rights compliance i.e., about investing resources to ensure children's right to health, education, and protection from violence, exploitation, and discrimination, social protection and socioeconomic progress for society at large. Positive effects from effective intervention can be seen in the short run, for example, in the form of protecting or smoothing food consumption among children in periods of crises, but also in the long run, through the life cycle of an individual, thus breaking the intergenerational transmission of poverty and strengthening equal opportunities. In addition to the ethical imperative in recognizing children's rights, there are complementary links between social and economic policy and positive implications of social investment on children for economic development and productivity gains in any country. Therefore, well-articulated – and gender responsive - economic and social policy decisions in general and for children and adolescents in

particular could play a crucial role in promoting gender equality, equity, social justice and facilitate economic growth and poverty reduction.

In this sense, and considering the importance of appropriately allocated public budgets, it is also important to analyze the fiscal space that exists in each country so that these public resources are efficiently and effectively allocated for public policies that benefit children and adolescents. This is even more relevant in the current context derived from the global socioeconomic crisis caused by the pandemic COVID-19, which threatens to decimate progress made on social spending for children in recent years.

The current and potential impacts yet-to-come of COVID-19 on human capital investments worldwide and in Brazil may have terrible implications on government revenues, social sector spending, budget transparency, and fiscal accountability. This is especially true from a child perspective. In this context, it is even more critical to ensure that public resources are allocated to policies that guarantee children's rights for whom the consequences of the pandemic crises are already devastating.

Brazil has one of the most favorable institutional frameworks to guarantee children and adolescents rights in the world, starting from the Federal Constitution (1988) and the Statute of Children and Adolescents - ECA (Law No. 8.069 / 1990) that place children and adolescents as an absolute priority in public policies. ECA is the juridical instrument which transposes to the national plane the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and provides for the adoption of mechanisms and supplies guidelines so that public policies can be geared to promoting such rights.

Even though many mechanisms have been put in place in Brazil to guarantee that child rights are prioritized in public policies and programmes, further advancements are needed to move from policy to budget commitment, including costing and resourcing through the public budget. Furthermore, apart from allocating additional resources for children and adolescents, it is also important to ensure efficient, effective, and equitable use of available funds, especially in times of limited fiscal space.

It is in the light of the above-mentioned context that UNICEF Brazil is seeking to hire a National UNV Economic/Fiscal Expert. This UNV assignment is placed within the Social Policy section and will be focusing specifically on the PF4C agenda, providing support to coordination and specialized technical assistance on economic and fiscal measures for better public budget allocations for children and adolescents in Brazil.

Sustainable Development Goals

1. No poverty

Task description

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of the Social Policy Specialist, the national UN Volunteer Economic and Fiscal Expert will provide technical support for UNICEF Brazil on economic and fiscal policy analysis, with focus on public budgeting and financing for children and adolescents.

This work will entail the following:

- Review and analysis of macro-economic and fiscal tendencies, including
 - existing and potential fiscal space as well as sustainability of such fiscal space;
 - efficiency and effectiveness of increased spending for children and adolescents;
 - macroeconomic and fiscal feasibility analysis.
- Analysis and elaboration of summary briefs and other material on economic and fiscal trends for child-related public budget allocation including for subnational levels of the Brazilian federative system, including:
 - Briefing notes and presentations for technical internal and external discussions;
 - Analysis of existing national budget policies, social expenditures and investments in social policies for children and adolescents in Brazil
 - Analysis of existing 'allocation and operational' effectiveness and efficiency of direct/indirect public allocations for children and adolescents;
 - Analysis of the overall economic and financial situation of Brazil, ensuring a child-responsive analytical lens, to identify available and/or potential fiscal space for sustainable spending on social policies;
 - Analysis of existing national legal framework and macro level policies, fiscal policies, budget planning, formulation, execution, reporting, auditing and monitoring.
- Support elaboration of guidelines and knowledge products on prioritization of children and adolescents in public budgeting processes.
- 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 analysis and elaboration of knowledge products for internal and external audiences produced in a timely fashion;
 - Adequate support provided to the Social Policy team and other programme sections as required.
- 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

Master's degree in economics, public policy, Public Finance, Economy, Public Administration or another relevant field.

Required experience 96 months

Experience Remark

- At least 8 years of professional work experience at the national and/or international level in economic policy, management and research, development studies, and/or labour market at both theoretical and practical level;
- Experience with human rights and/or child rights is an asset, as is experience working in the UN or other international development organization.

Language

- Portuguese (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Spanish (Optional) , Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise

- Macroeconomics and public finance Mandatory
- Finance, accounting and audit Optional
- Monitoring and evaluation Optional

Area of Expertise Requirement

Competencies and skills

- Background and familiarity with Brazilian economy, fiscal policies, public budget at national, state or municipal levels;

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- Excellent oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills; and excellent analytical skills;
- Accuracy and professionalism in document production and editing;
- 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 human rights and child rights, social inequalities, volunteerism as a mechanism for durable development, and the UN System;
- 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.

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Competencies & Values

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

Conditions of Service and other information

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Conditions of Service:

Note on novel coronavirus – COVID-19.

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.

UN Expert Volunteers receive a monthly Expertise Differential, calculated at 40% of the UN Specialist Volunteer monthly living allowance.

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;
- 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).

Application Code

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Application procedure

* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

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?

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 assignment, therefore only nationals of Brazil and legal residents in Brazil with a residency permit, the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless are eligible to apply. Don't forget to tick the yes box for: "I am interested in serving as a volunteer in my own country."

Application deadline: 08-September-2021, 23h59 Germany time

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