

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

COGR000169--Technical Expert - WASH

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	Congo
Host Institute	World Health Organization
Volunteer Category	International Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	12 months
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	Brazzaville [COG]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark	

Living Conditions

This is a family-duty station for most UN staff despite the limited operability of health facilities; there is an American International school, a French Lycée and several other private institutions of education. All major cards can be used through a network of automated teller machines (ATMs) throughout the city. There is a wide range of housing options including what WHO offers in its multiple compounds (houses and apartments).

An entry visa to the Republic of Congo is mandatory. Visas can be obtained at the Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Congo in your country of nationality or residence. If there is no diplomatic representation of the Republic of Congo in your country, it is mandatory to please bring the following:

- The waiver provided by WHO, with the circular in French;
- A copy of your travel authorization or official letter of invitation.

Congo provides for an interesting and enriching environment, but also requires a mature level of cultural awareness, as well as more stamina and commitment than elsewhere to make life comfortable and affordable. Therefore, flexibility and the ability and willingness to

live and work in potentially difficult conditions, involving physical hardship and limited comfort, are essential.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

Technical Expert - WASH

Organizational Context & Project Description

Founded in 1948, the World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) which aims to bring all people to the highest possible level of health, health being defined as "state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not only consisting of an absence of illness or infirmity."

This UNV will encumber the position of Technical Officer, Environmental Health Promotion (EHP) to provide technical support to Member States to increase capacity in environmental health risk assessment and management; enhance health sector leadership on primary prevention interventions that reduce environmental and occupational hazards to health and enhance regional cooperation in managing major environmental and occupational health hazards including chemicals, radiation, water and sanitation, indoor and outdoor air pollution and also the health risks related to changes in the global environment. The incumbent liaises with relevant WHO/AFRO Clusters and WHO/HQ Departments and Partners to promote capacity building and research and supports the mobilization of required resources and technical expertise.

The Climate Change, Health and Environment unit is set to achieve the following

- To ensure universal health coverage through reducing the burden and negative impact of communicable and non-communicable diseases on health and on the social and economic well-being of all people in the WHO/AFRO Region.
- To reduce morbidity, mortality and disability through the prevention, control, eradication and/or elimination of selected non-communicable and communicable diseases.
- To contribute to the reduction of environmental risk factors of ill health and the environmental burden of disease, through regular assessments of the environmental risk factors to human health and the deployment of cost effective preventive interventions.

Under the guidance and supervision of the Technical Officer WASH and within the scope of the regional strategies, policy guidelines and programme objectives, the incumbent supports Member States to prevent water, sanitation and hygiene-related diseases through promotion of access to quality water and sanitation, development of norms and guidelines and support to the planning and implementation of public health and environment policies and programmes in and conducting and contributing to capacity building activities.

Duties require ongoing contacts and consultation within CHE, UHP and other Clusters in the Regional Office, WCOs, ISTs, HQ and other players in relevant areas of work to promote and ensure effective cross-cutting collaborative activities. Successful results also require regular contacts to establish and strengthen communication and partnerships with regional and national senior technical/administrative government advisers, health and other professionals, stakeholders of WASH projects and programmes, multi- and bilateral partners with an emphasis on monitoring, assessment and dissemination of relevant WASH information, including for evidence-based decision making, resource mobilization and advocacy

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of Technical Officer WASH or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UN Volunteer Technical Expert - WASH will:

- provide technical support to Member States in the systematic collection and collation of data on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) from projects and programmes implemented by governments and concerned stakeholders, (e.g. policies, financing, human resources), utilising existing WASH monitoring assessments and platforms at the national, regional and global level to determine progress against implementation targets and plans, effectiveness and specific vulnerabilities.
- be actively engaged with harmonizing and strengthening assessment and monitoring mechanisms, including the development of on-line surveys and the configuration of a data management system to allow for the submission and presentation of data from

countries and donors/external support agencies, together with the transparent display of data sources, improved analytical interpretation and new ideas on the analysis and presentation of data.

- proactively participate in the planning and implementation of regional strategies, norms, standards and guidelines to ensure full collaboration and efficient implementation of cross-cutting activities, and the documentation of successes, lessons learnt and best practices in WASH, as an authoritative reference to make policy decisions and resource allocations and/or to propose remedial actions and innovative solutions to identified constraints.
- actively support the development and dissemination of appropriate information packages and guidelines to facilitate community behavioral change campaigns which engage and empower the community and address social norms related to hygiene practices and improve access to and utilization of clean water and improved sanitation.
- collaborate in the regular reporting and the production of global, regional and national WASH reports highlighting progress against benchmarks and responses over time that help to pinpoint the populations and areas which are outliers from national averages. In addition, to share information with relevant stakeholders at regional and national level, through joint meetings, video conferencing, informal consultations and inter-country meetings, as required.
- fully participate in the identification of national capacity gaps to improve existing procedures and introduce new practices and/or ideas among partners and key stakeholders; and support the planning and management of workshops, seminars and training to strengthen health staff and Member State skill-sets.
- support the development of strategic partnerships, including drafting proposals, to increase resource mobilization to sustain CHE activities and interventions contributing to WASH.
- perform other related responsibilities as assigned by the supervisor, including replacing and backstopping for others 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- 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

- 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

- Essential: Advanced university degree in Public Health Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology, Sanitation Engineering, Environmental Science or Management or a related field.
- Desirable: Post-graduate training or specialization in Public Health, Science/Engineering, Management, Health Education or Communication for Development.

Required experience 60 months

Experience Remark

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- Essential: At least five years' practical experience in implementing and managing WASH programmes or conducting research on WASH and environmental determinants of health, of which at least three years were at the international level. Experience, ideally in developing countries, working with individuals on issues pertinent to environmental health.
- Desirable: Experience developing technical guidance and tools for assessing effectiveness of health interventions and working knowledge of the use of databases and spreadsheets and statistical programmes. Some experience or a sound knowledge of WHO mandate and goals or in UN organizations/agencies, health cluster partners, recognized humanitarian organizations, international institutions or NGOs..

Language

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - French (Mandatory) , Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise

- Water, sanitation and environmental engineering Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

- Excellent oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills;
- Accuracy and professionalism in document production and editing;
- 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.

Need Driving Licence

No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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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 across the globe, within countries and across borders. Such restrictions make it very difficult for international UN Volunteers to begin their assignments at their assigned duty station and UNV cannot guarantee assignments will proceed as normal.

Candidates for international UN Volunteer assignments during this period may be exceptionally granted alternative working arrangements to work from their place of recruitment until restrictions are lifted. This is at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss the likelihood of travel and possible alternative arrangements with the host entity. If selected, candidates should carefully consider the circumstances before accepting UNV's offer.

In cases where the UN Host Entity partner has requested the UN Volunteer to perform their assignment remotely, the Post Adjustment Multiplier (PAM) and related entitlements to be paid may be adjusted to the temporary duty station from where the UN Volunteer has been requested to work if requested by the UN Host Entity.

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\$ 1,682. 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 UN Volunteer entitlements, kindly refer to the link <https://vmam.unv.org/calculator/entitlements>

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.

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.

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 including setting-up of bank accounts, residence permit applications and completion of other official processes as required by the host government or host entity;
- 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;
- Inclusion of the volunteer in emergency procedures such as evacuations;
- 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

COGR000169-10215

Application procedure

*** 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.

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Application deadline: 08-08-2021

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