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.

Country of Assignment: Iraq

Host Institute: United Nations Development Programme

Volunteer Category: International Specialist

Number of Volunteer: 1

Duration: 12 months

Possibility of Extension: Yes

Expected Starting Date: Immediate

Duty Station: Baghdad [IRQ]

Assignment Place: Non-Family Duty station

Assignment Place Remark:

Living Conditions:

The UN Volunteer will live in Baghdad, which is not a family duty station. The official offices of UNDP will be located inside the “International Zone”, which comprised all UN Offices operating out of Baghdad. Generally speaking, stringent security measures are in place throughout the country, and UN Volunteers, as other UN staff, are quite limited in all duty stations in Iraq when it comes to movement (walking virtually not allowed). Movement is done inside the “International Zone”, in armored vehicles.

This assignment requires travel outside the duty station to project locations in different parts of the country, as required by the job. International personnel operating in Iraq must take online security awareness trainings (Basic Security and Advanced Security in the Field) prior to arrival in Iraq and undertake a mandatory Security Induction Awareness Training (SAIT) immediately upon arrival.

The Rest and Recuperation (R&R) cycle for the Baghdad duty station is 4 weeks, with the designated place of R&R being Amman, Jordan. There are many international flights to and from Erbil, Baghdad, and Basra. There is no particular dress code to be
observed; however somewhat conservative European casual wear is highly recommended. Depending on the field location of project activities, additional considerations with regards to dress code can be required, and advice on the required would be provided by the Project.

The dominant currency in use in Iraq is USD. The Iraqi Dinar is used with an exchange rate of approximately USD 1 = 1,460 Iraqi Dinar. UN personnel need to be culturally sensitive and adjust to the culture of the country.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title: Reporting Specialist

Organizational Context & Project Description

Iraq’s rampant corruption, impacting on every aspect of its citizens’ lives, was one reason for civil unrest in October 2019. Low oil prices and the pandemic have accelerated the quest for change. Against the background of popular calls for action against corruption and the need for international investment in Iraq, the international community has improved conditions to engage with the government and provide support in taking substantive and sustainable steps to combat corruption and promote economic growth.

Iraq acceded to United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in 2008 and gradually adjusted its legislative and strategic framework to the Convention. The first (2013) and second (ongoing) cycles of review of the implementation of the Convention have identified several areas for improvement in legislation, strategic framework and requests for technical assistance. Iraq recently adopted a National Anti-Corruption Strategy, has initiated a review of its legislation and made a breakthrough in investigation after the creation of a committee for the investigation of high-profile corruption in August 2020. However, significant gaps remain in legislative and strategic framework, investigation and adjudication, enforcement and recovery of stolen assets.

Iraq adopted in March 2021 the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, but its legislation has to be revised to comply with the convention, court jurisdictions have to be expanded, capacity of judges and arbitrators has to be built and modern systems of hearing and certification need to be established.

Building on its previous experience, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Iraq has launched a project in May 2021 to support public partners at federal and the Kurdistan Regional Government to improve their capacity and legal framework to combat corruption and conduct commercial litigation.

The project titled “support to justice initiatives curbing corruption and promoting commercial dispute resolution” (hereinafter, Anti-Corruption & Arbitration, ACAI) is funded by the European Union for a period of four years. The project works closely with the Prime Minister Office in Baghdad and supports directly the Commission of Integrity, the Higher Judicial Council and the Legal and Integrity Committees of the Council of Representatives. In Erbil, the project follows a similar mechanism of collaboration. Further, the project works with key civil society and investigative media organizations.

The project has the following specific outcomes: (1) Improved Legislative and Strategic Framework for Anti-Corruption Reforms; (2) The justice sector, lawyers and CoI are better equipped to process corruption offences due to (2.1) improved technical skills relevant for corruption investigation, prosecution, adjudication and (2.2) improved integrity rules of the justice sector; (3) Improved capacity and legal framework to conduct commercial litigation through (3.1) better legal framework and capacity building for arbitration and (3.2) further development of the commercial court; (4) Create a climate of support in Parliament for anti-corruption reforms; (5) Increased transparency and public accountability.

Sustainable Development Goals

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Manager, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

1. Project and donor reporting
   * Ensure proper and timely reporting to donors (quarterly updates, annual reports and completion report) and other partners
project implementation, the achievement of outputs, and progress towards outcomes and impact;

- Improve project impact reporting and assist in the development of information management requirements to improve impact reporting;
- Produce donor-specific reports that are required by donor agreements and ensure that donor-specific reporting adheres to guidelines of donor agreements;
- Ensure lessons learned from the field are incorporated and shared in donor reporting;
- Ensure that reporting adheres to UNDP reporting guidelines;
- Coordinate with the M&E Specialist on qualitative data collection requirements for reporting;
- Ensure availability of Governance Pillar inputs to meet UNDP Iraq’s corporate reporting requirements;
- Support ad hoc reporting requests as required.

2. **Contributes to effective and strategic donor relations and promote UNDP partnerships through engaging, innovative, and informative reporting**

- Through reporting, ensure donors and the Government of Iraq have access to and are aware of project progress, and understand opportunities and challenges;
- Ascertain and monitoring donor reporting requirements, ensuring that project reporting meets donors’ informational needs;
- Advocate for project goals and support communication of results.

3. **Provides strategic support to Project Management and Communications Unit**

- Produce and update information products such as reports, charts and infographics by turning data into graphical products to convey messages and a story-line;
- Assist Communications Unit and Project Management in content development, especially with regards to reporting of program impact, beneficiary figures, and project progress to external audiences;
- Work with the Communication Unit to ensure Communication and Visibility deliverables in project implementation are developed and tracked;
- Assist Project Unit in the development of presentations with accurate information;
- Assist Communications Unit in drafting a Monthly Newsletter that captures developments in the anticorruption sector in Iraq;
- Promote information sharing and coordination with various implementing partners and donors;
- Assist the Communications Unit to identify opportunities to highlight donor-specific communications opportunities;

4. **Technical assistance and lessons learned**

- Support the documentation of the lessons learned during project activities;
- Facilitate knowledge building and management;
- Utilize the captured lessons learned, advise the team on project activities to ensure they contribute to the strategic direction of the project;
- Incorporate lessons learned in donor and project reporting;
- Liaise with the M&E specialist to ensure conflict sensitivity data is captured in reporting.

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**

- Effective programming, implementation monitoring and reporting;
- Tasks are delivered in an efficient manner, to a high quality;
- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, including Implementing Partners (IPs);
- Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated and documented in all activities throughout the assignment.
- Qualitative indicators where applicable are formulated and integrated into the M&E framework and tools
- A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for peace and development during the assignment, such as reporting on
Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level
Master degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments
Master degree in Journalism, Communications, Public Administration, Political Science, Peace and Conflict Studies, International Relations, Development Studies, Economics, or related field

Required experience
48 months

Experience Remark
At least three years of work experience in reporting, monitoring and evaluation or communication, preferably in an international context.

Language
- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent
- AND - Arabic (Optional), Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise
- Monitoring and evaluation Optional
- Resource mobilization, partnership and donor coordination Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement
Development programmes, technical assistance and volunteer management

Need Driving Licence
No

Competencies & Values
- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Client Orientation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

Conditions of Service for International Specialist:


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
IRQR000392-9763

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.

* 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.

Application deadline: 20 June 2021

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