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

Myanmar

Host Institute

United Nations Children’s Fund

Volunteer Category

International Specialist

Number of Volunteer

1

Duration

36 months

Expected Starting Date

01-09-2021

Duty Station

Yangon [MMR]

Assignment Place

Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark

Living Conditions

Yangon, with over 7 million people, is Myanmar’s largest city and its most important commercial centre. It takes 30-45 minutes to the country’s capital Naypyitaw where the Government offices are located. Yangon is full of colonial-era buildings. UNICEF office is just several kilometers away the downtown area.

Yangon is currently a “Level 3” area and therefore the Designated Official for Security for Myanmar must receive a travel notification in advance and provide security clearance. On 1 February 2021, the Myanmar Military took over the power from the democratically elected government and declared a state of emergency. Following the takeover, the security situation in the country worsened. Since 30 March 2021, there has been a family restriction in place and eligible family members of international staff members have been evacuated.

The public healthcare system in Myanmar has deteriorated since the military takeover, with many hospital workers participating in the national strike called the Civil Disobedience Movement. However, the UN clinic to where UN staff can turn for health issues remains open.
open. There are many internationally qualified doctors working in Yangon, but in case of hospitalization, it is advisable to go to Singapore or Bangkok. As a result of recent Military coup, banking sector is not operating with its full capacity due to banking staff participating in the national strike referred to as the Civil Disobedient Movement. The economy contracted by 10%, triggering a cash crisis. The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) has imposed restrictions on cash withdrawals of MMK- 500,000 for individual and MMK-50,000 for company/organization per week. This is further reduced by individual banks based on the availability of cash within every bank. ATMs are not being replenished regularly and the limit on ATM withdrawal has been progressively lowered. Restrictions are also imposed on daily/weekly ATM withdrawals. As ATM queues become long, people have even started the business of selling their spots in ATM queues. Mobile banking is partially resumed.

The security situation in Myanmar is currently volatile and unpredictable. Acts of violence by both parties of the conflict can occur anywhere, anytime and a further deterioration of the security situation is possible. Although the supplies have been limited and pricy, the situation is changing rapidly and a wider range of accommodation options are becoming available. There are some private real state agents with Websites. There are also real estate agents who have been helping UNICEF staff to find housing. If requested, the Education section can share the contact information of some agents.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title  Child Protection Officer – Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Organizational Context & Project Description

With more than 10,000 staff members, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) works in over 190 countries and territories to protect the rights of every child. UNICEF is one of the longest-serving international organizations in Myanmar, with almost 70 years of service in the country, working to improve the lives of children and their families.

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. There is growing evidence that investing in the health, education and protection of a society’s most disadvantaged citizens — addressing inequity — not only will give all children the opportunity to fulfill their potential but also will lead to sustained growth and stability of countries. This is why the focus on equity is so vital. It 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.

More information on what we do in Myanmar is available here.

The international UNV will have the opportunity to work at the Child Protection section based in Yangon and UNICEF field offices based in Shan, Chin, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin (also covers Mon and Tanintharyi).

Sustainable Development Goals  16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Child Protection Specialist, the International UN Volunteer will carry out the following tasks:

- Support phased scaling up UNICEF CP MHPSS prevention and response services (encompassing both humanitarian and non-humanitarian areas) for children and caregivers who are in need of mental health support;
- Develop and support a system of MHPSS capacity development of child protection actors involved in MHPSS service delivery in both humanitarian and non-humanitarian areas;
- Develop and support a MHPSS mainstreaming strategy in sectoral interventions beyond Protection/Child Protection – with a specific emphasis on Education, Health/Nutrition and WASH sectors;
- Work in consultation with the Child Protection team to strengthen the referral mechanism for girls and women, and their children to available MHPSS services and programmes;
• Work with CAAC/MRE team and partners to ensure MHPSS services are available and tailored to the needs of women and girls who were associated with Government and Non-Government Actors and who have suffered conflict related sexual violence, through the provision of individual psychosocial support;
• Build and sustain close working partnerships with counterparts and national stakeholders through active sharing of information and knowledge on MHPSS prevention and response including case management, to facilitate programme implementation and build capacity of stakeholders to achieve and sustain results on MHPSS;
• Contribute to the development of new programme cooperation agreements with international and national NGOs/CBOs (including ethnic service providers), with the aim to expand MHPSS coverage;
• Prepare donor proposals and resource mobilization materials on MHPSS response, support implementation, monitoring and donor reporting;
• Participate in inter-agency meetings/events on CP and MHPSS, including MHPSS
• Working Groups at the State and sub-national levels with the aim to represent, integrate and harmonize UNICEF’s position and strategies on MHPSS.

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

• Enhance UNICEF Child Protection Programme’s existing interventions on MHPSS – with a strong focus on CPiE programming but not limited to it;
• Strengthen local capacities to deliver MHPSS services to vulnerable children by developing and implementing a MHPSS capacity building plan for UNICEF and its partners;
• 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

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Education - Additional Comments

An advanced university degree in one of the following fields is required: international development, social work, public health, gender, human rights, psychology, or another relevant social science field.

A first level university degree in combination with two (2) years additional qualifying experience (i.e. a minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience) may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree

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<th>Required experience</th>
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Experience Remark

Minimum of three years professional experience in social development planning and management in child protection related areas, at the international level, is required
Language
- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise
- Mental health Mandatory
- Other development programme/project experience Mandatory
- Social work Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement
Ability to develop and coordinate diversified MHPSS programmes that target IDPs/returnees and their host communities, survivors of violence, children and caregivers living in conflict-affected areas is considered a strong asset;
Experience in implementing MHPSS programmes for girls and boys affected by conflict is considered a strong asset;
Relevant experience in programme development in MHPSS or child protection related areas in a UN system agency or organization is considered as an asset;
Experience in both development and humanitarian contexts is considered an added advantage.

Need Driving Licence
- No

Competencies & Values
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Building Trust
- Commitment and Motivation
- Empowering Others
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Technological Awareness
- 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 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  MMRR000151-10060

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.

Application deadline: 25 July 2021

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