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

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Assignment Place Remark
Only candidates from George Town (Penang) who are actually residing there currently are eligible to apply.

Living Conditions
As this is a community UN Volunteer assignment, the UN Volunteer will be responsible for arranging his/her own housing and other living essentials.
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Assignment Title

Community Volunteer for Research (for George Town, Penang)

Organizational Context & Project Description

This UNV assignment is part of the Border Management programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific of Bangkok, Thailand.

As the guardian of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), the three International Drug Control Conventions and the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), UNODC is mandated to support Member States in the implementation of measures to comply with the Conventions, as well as to coordinate regional and international drug control actions. To this end, UNODC has the expertise and capacity to assist Member States in combating drug trafficking and organized crime.

In Southeast Asia, export-driven growth and major regional infrastructure upgrades, including those associated with the ASEAN Connectivity Masterplan, will concentrate resources along “development corridors” in the coming decade. While these trends will generally be positive in terms of lowering overall trade costs and boosting economic growth, they will also provide increased opportunities for organized criminal groups to traffic illicit goods and smuggle across borders.

Border communities are key actors in countering or facilitating illicit trafficking. In this regard, little is known on the drivers that lead border communities to have a given attitude towards illicit trafficking. UNODC seeks to understand those local dynamics and to draw conclusions/recommendations for its future partnership with countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

Sustainable Development Goals

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Task description

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Under the direct supervision of the full-time Community Volunteer (Research) in the country of assignment, the part-time Community Volunteer (Research) will:

- Conduct interviews of people living in border areas to understand the key factors behind a community’s attitude towards illicit trafficking and the possible remedial actions that could be put in place;
- Travel to nearby communities to reach out to more individuals to understand the local dynamics in those communities. Only day roundtrips will be allowed, i.e. no overnight stays outside the town/village of origin;
- Compile the information and data collected and send them every week to the full-time UN Community Volunteer in the country of assignment;
- Create communication contents on the implementation of the assignment (e.g. pictures, short films, narrative accounts – including human stories), while respecting security and safety rules, and send those to the full-time UN Community Volunteer in the country of assignment for forwarding to UNODC;
- Be in constant contact with the full-time UN Community Volunteer in the country of assignment to understand the latest instructions from UNODC regarding the implementation of the initiative;
- Any other related tasks as may be required or assigned by UNODC.

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

- Around 300 individuals would have been interviewed, while respecting the guidelines on age, income, geography and gender for the interviewees provided by UNODC to ensure that the results are representative of the make-up of those border communities;
- Gained understanding of the local dynamics applicable to illicit trafficking in the area of assignment.
Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level
Secondary education

Education - Additional Comments
- Secondary school education or equivalent;
- Voluntary service, community engagement or work experience can be considered in lieu of any formal education.

Required experience
0 months

Experience Remark
- Good communication skills;
- Good command of local languages in the area of assignment (Malay and Penang Hokkien) is required.

Language
- Malay (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise
Community participation and development Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement
- Good communication skills;
- Good command of local languages in the area of assignment (Malay and Penang Hokkien) is required.

Need Driving Licence
Yes

Competencies & Values
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Conditions 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.

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).

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.

As UN Community Volunteers serve in the communities in which they live, they are not eligible for travel, settling in grant or resettlement allowance entitlements.

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 Entities)

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 project context including security and emergency procedures;
- Structured guidance, mentoring and coaching by a supervisor including a clear workplan and performance appraisal;
- Access to systems and tools required to complete the objectives of the assignment including a host entity email address;
- Access to shared 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;

- Day to day 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 MYSR000024-8009

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: 06-06-2020

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