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
Niger

Host Institute
United Nations Children’s Fund

Volunteer Category
International Specialist

Number of Volunteer
1

Duration
12 months

Expected Starting Date
Immediate

Duty Station
Niamey [NER]

Assignment Place
Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark
RAS

Living Conditions
The assignment will take place in the nation’s capital, Niamey, a family duty station. Niamey is a liveable city. The spontaneous reception and hospitality of the Nigeriens is among the characteristic features of this West African country. The living conditions in Niamey are good, as well as the access to health services. The yellow fever vaccine is compulsory and vaccination cards should be presented at the entrance. Vaccinations against Meningococcal Meningitis and Hepatitis A and B are also recommended. The basic drugs are available in pharmacies but it is recommended to bring specific prescription drugs. It provides for an interesting and enriching environment, but also requires a mature level of cultural awareness, as well as more
Assignment Title: Giga Country Implementation Specialist

Organizational Context & Project Description

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs). ITU allocates global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develops the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strives to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide. ITU supports countries in implementing digital transformation projects to harness ICT for SDGs. For more information about ITU or this paper, please visit the website: http://www.itu.int

About UNICEF:

UNICEF works in some of the world’s toughest places, to reach the world’s most disadvantaged children. To save their lives. To defend their rights. To help them fulfil their potential. The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything the organization does — in programs, in advocacy and in operations. UNICEF is mandated to uphold the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and works across different domains including education, health and protection, to ensure that all children everywhere are able to equitable enjoy their rights. For more information about UNICEF, please visit the website: https://www.unicef.org/

About Giga:

Giga is a joint UNICEF-ITU initiative to connect every school to the internet, and every young person to information, opportunity and choice. In 2020, Giga team developed a proposal to accelerate the initiative in 13 countries, including Niger, to expand sustainable and affordable connectivity to all schools.

To accelerate the deployment of Giga in Niger there is a need of a specialist who will support implementation of the initiative. For more information about Giga, please visit the website: https://gigaconnect.org/

Sustainable Development Goals

4. Quality Education

Task description

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of UNICEF Chief of Education or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UN Volunteer Giga Country Implementation Specialist will:

- Act as primary focal point for coordination
  - Act as liaison between Government of Niger, ITU, UNICEF, the Giga HQ team and key sector ministries.
  - Support the budgeting of key initiatives and the preparation of relevant, linked communication and materials.
  - Oversee development and quality assurance during planning and deployment of Giga based initiatives; participate in establishing and maintaining standards, documentation and support mechanisms.
  - Support the Giga Niger Technical Committee to ensure that progress is made on the Giga work plan.

- Lead and provide critical input in design for major Giga Niger events in 2021/2

- Develop relationships with counterparts in relevant institutions and private sector.
  - Develop partnerships and networks with key line ministries (education), local solution providers, innovators, NGOs, the private sector, local media and academia to advance Giga in Niger.
  - Support the establishment of data sharing agreements with MNOs and ISPs and manage these relationships to ensure smooth and continued data sharing.
  - Support the generation of partner-oriented communication materials, including clear concept notes and budgets.
  - Ensure their support to the project and facilitate timely communications.

- Coordinate the activities related to all the pillars of Giga.
  - Work with relevant government divisions to collect, clean, classify the required data for Giga mapping and finance
modeling work. Support relevant government counterparts to re-incorporate cleaned and validated data back into the respective government registries.

- Support the deployment of software tools for real-time monitoring of internet connectivity in schools.
- Work with the Giga team to adapt the developed tools to the needs of Niger, and coordinate and mediate between all key stakeholders to achieve the results.
- Identify and compile lessons and results from previous connectivity initiatives in Niger, especially those related to school connectivity, and integrate these insights into Giga programming and planning.
- Coordinate the implementation of an eventual Giga pilot and inform scale-up through testing innovative technologies, business models, costed investment cases and other solutions to inform scale up school connectivity in the country.
- Knowledge Management activities including progress reporting, project communications, risk management and lessons learned.
- Identify, capture, synthesize and share lessons learned from Giga deployment for integration into broader knowledge development planning and management efforts including from other countries through the global and regional networks. Share regular updates with the Giga HQ team.

Ensure documentation and clear monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for Giga in Niger including baseline data collection, on-going monitoring, as well as first phase data collection and analysis.

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/ITU team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to UNICEF/ITU and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:
  - Providing professional, technical, operational and administrative support in the identification, assessment, and integration of Giga in Niger and wider education and related sector programming.
  - Contextualizing and integrating Giga in Niger, one of the pilot countries for the initiative.
  - Coordinating and facilitating the mainstreaming effort, and for strengthening Government of Niger’s capacity to lead and support Giga related projects, identifying and engaging with key partners and key line ministries, and maximizing potential for Giga scale-up and roll-out.
  - 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.

- 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**

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Education, qualifications, skills, experience, areas of expertise (to be filled in by the host entity).

For example (the below is indicative, to be adapted by the host entity).

- An advanced university degree (Master’s or higher) in technology, business administration or management, public relations, international development or other relevant fields.
- Eight years progressively responsible professional work experience in startups, business, management consulting or a relevant field, some of which should be in an international setting.
- Experience with ICT hardware, mobile phones and web-based technologies, particularly designing or deploying tools appropriate to low-bandwidth environments.
- Experience working with or managing relationships with Telecommunications sector, fixed MNOs and ISPs.
- Familiarity working with quantitative and qualitative statistics and government data is desired: census, EMIS, location data, etc.
- Strong familiarity with the cultural and political context of the region.
- 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;
- < > valid national driver’s license and proven ability to drive manual gear 4x4 over rough terrain; (if not applicable, delete)
- Sound security awareness;
- Have affinity with or interest in technology for development, volunteerism as a mechanism for durable development, and the UN System.

b) Competencies and values:

- Professionalism: demonstrated understanding of operations relevant to UNICEF/ITU; technical capabilities or knowledge relevant or transferrable to UNICEF/ITU procedures and rules; discretion, political sensitivity, diplomacy and tact to deal with clients; ability to apply good judgement; ability to liaise and coordinate with a range of different actors, especially in senior positions; where appropriate, high degree of autonomy, personal initiative and ability to take ownership; resourcefulness and willingness to accept wide responsibilities and ability to work independently under established procedures; ability to manage information objectively, accurately and confidentially; responsive and client-oriented;
- Integrity: demonstrate the values and ethical standards of the UN and UNICEF/ITU in daily activities and behaviours while acting without consideration of personal gains; resist undue political pressure in decision-making; stand by decisions that are in the organization’s interest even if they are unpopular; take prompt action in cases of unprofessional or unethical behaviour; does not abuse power or authority.
- Teamwork and respect for diversity: ability to operate effectively across organizational boundaries; excellent interpersonal skills; ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and harmonious working relations in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, mixed-gender environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity; sensitivity and adaptability to culture, gender, religion, nationality and age; commitment to implementing the goal of gender equality by ensuring the equal participation and full involvement of women and men in all aspects of UN operations; ability to achieve common goals and provide guidance or training to colleagues;
- Commitment to continuous learning: initiative and willingness to learn new skills and stay abreast of new developments in area of expertise; ability to adapt to changes in work environment.
- Planning and organizing: effective organizational and problem-solving skills and ability to manage a large volume of work in an...
efficient and timely manner; ability to establish priorities and to plan, coordinate and monitor (own) work; ability to work under pressure, with conflicting deadlines, and to handle multiple concurrent projects/activities;

- Communication: proven interpersonal skills; good spoken and written communication skills, including ability to prepare clear and concise reports; ability to conduct presentations, articulate options and positions concisely; ability to make and defend recommendations; ability to communicate and empathize with staff (including national staff), military personnel, volunteers, counterparts and local interlocutors coming from very diverse backgrounds; capacity to transfer information and knowledge to a wide range of different target groups;

- Flexibility: adaptability and ability to live and work in potentially hazardous and remote conditions, involving physical hardship and little comfort; to operate independently in austere environments for protracted periods; willingness to travel within the area of operations and to transfer to other duty stations within the area of operations as necessary;

- Genuine commitment towards the principles of voluntary engagement, which includes solidarity, compassion, reciprocity and self-reliance; and commitment towards UNICEF/ITU’s mission and vision, as well as to the UN Core Values.

**Required experience**

96 months

**Experience Remark**

- At least two years of professional experience in external relations, communications, project development, reporting and/or any resource-mobilization related activities.
- Prior international development or humanitarian experience desirable.
- Strong writing and editing skills in English and French.
- Strong analytical and logical thinking.
- Ability to work under pressure.

**Language**

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

**Area of Expertise**

- Development programme/project administration Mandatory
- Development programme management Mandatory
- General business management Mandatory

**Area of Expertise Requirement**

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.
Conditions of Service and other information

Need Driving Licence

No

Competencies & Values

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

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)

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- 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).

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Application procedure

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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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