

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

UGAR000734--Epidemiologist

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	Uganda
Host Institute	World Health Organization
Volunteer Category	National Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	12 months
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	Kampala [UGA]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark

Immediate/emergency deployment as part of response to COVID-19 pandemic

Living Conditions

The UN volunteer will be based in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda located at 1200 metres above sea level with pleasant climate all year round. It is a family duty station which presents relatively good living conditions with adequate housing and access to social amenities and other essential services.

The city has good security and is under the UN security system-Level Three of which all new staff undergo security briefing by the United Nations department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) who also provide elaborate security documents as well as regular security situation updates.

Kampala has a vibrant expatriate community and is a major tourist destination.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

Epidemiologist

Organizational Context & Project Description

WHO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that was established in July 1946 and whose objective is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health. WHO's primary role is to direct and coordinate international health within the United Nations system. WHO's main areas of work are health systems; health through the life-course; noncommunicable and communicable diseases; preparedness, surveillance, and response; and corporate services.

On 21 March 2020, Ministry of Health confirmed a positive COVID 19 case following RT PCR tests at the Uganda Virus Research Institute. This outbreak which originated from Wuhan, China has globally affected over 1.7 million including more than 100,000 deaths. It was declared a pandemic by WHO on 11 March 2020. The confirmed case in Uganda was a traveler intercepted at a health screening point at Entebbe international airport.

As of 1 June 2020, Uganda has reported over 71,000 cases including over 600 deaths.

The mission of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme ("The Programme") is to help countries, and to coordinate international action, to prevent, prepare for, detect, rapidly respond to, and recover from outbreaks and emergencies.

In the context of the WHO Health Emergencies Incident Management System (IMS), at the country level, the incumbent will provide technical advice for all WHO strategic categories and related public health programmes.

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Under the supervision of the WHO Country Representative or his designated mandated representative (s) and under the overall guidance of the Incident Manager, the UNV Epidemiologist will perform the following tasks;

Work with the COVID-19 response team to perform outbreak investigation of confirmed cases.

Prepare daily regional/district COVID-19 epidemiological situation to support incident management real time decision making.

Work closely with the regional and district surveillance focal persons to support epidemiological investigations of clusters.

Ensure daily and timely reporting of districts using Open Data Kit (ODK) through daily follow-ups and provision of feedback to district on quality report.

Support incident commander to process incident information, follow up action points and ensure adequate information sharing between the command centre and the district task force.

Collate and verify data on reported COVID-19 or rumours received from multiple sources, conduct retrospective analysis of reported incidents; determine trends, distribution patterns, and efficiency of the verification mechanism.

Contribute in building the core surveillance, alert and enhance national capacities in accordance with the requirements for International Health Regulation (IHR 2005); provide trainings for subnational incident management team and health facility level staff suited for the areas of responsibility and any particular local, cultural language or other aspects that may pertain to it, support the team in the supervision and on-the-job training at health facility level.

Support the development of early warning systems (including event/community based and indicator-based surveillance) for epidemic and pandemic-prone diseases for early detection and response to public health incidents.

Conduct field investigation, provide technical support for vulnerability assessment, risk mapping and development of preparedness/contingency plan at district level.

Maintain a clean line list of all reported COVID-19 cases at National and Subnational level and document all steps taken in the verification and response process.

Facilitate the district surveillance regular review meeting including the tracking of the surveillance performance indicators. In

cooperation with the team, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the planned surveillance activities, as well as alert and response capacities for incident detection, verification and response in compliance with IHR 2005.

Prepare and disseminate outbreak updates and assessments to World Customs Organization (WCO) as required using standard tools and templates.

Perform any other incident-specific related duties as required by the functional supervisor

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 WHO team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support is rendered to WHO and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including; development of local health capacities, mentoring and formal on-the-job training when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, including Implementing Partners (IPS).

- 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

Master's degree or equivalent in epidemiology, health, or public health from an accredited and recognized academic institution is required, or, a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in combination with relevant training and/or professional experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.

Required experience 36 months

Experience Remark

At least 3 years of professional work experience at the national level in implementation of public health surveillance, outbreak investigation and response.

Previous experience in implementation of Intergrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDST) is required.

Previous work experience in a developing country context, collaborating with multiple actors in public health surveillance is desirable.

Prior humanitarian work experience at the field level, with WHO/UN system, health cluster partners, relevant non-governmental or humanitarian organizations with expertise in disaster and outbreak response is desirable.

Strong overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications and office technology equipment.

Proven ability to multitask across various planning and implementation processes within a highly demanding environment.

Language

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Emergency response, immediate relief operations, and post-conflict humanitarian aid operations Optional
- Public health Optional
- Healthcare administration Optional

Area of Expertise Requirement

Strong overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications and office technology equipment.

Experience in surveillance and development of early warning systems for epidemic and pandemic-prone diseases for early detection.

Need Driving Licence

No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Ethics and Values
- Professionalism

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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Conditions of Service:

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, 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

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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.

Travel to duty station (if applicable) and a Settling-In-Grant will be provided in the event the duty station is not within commuting distance from the place of recruitment. 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), as well as final repatriation (if applicable) and resettlement allowance for satisfactory service.

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.

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 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 and official processes;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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

UGAR000734-10165

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' <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: 08 August 2021

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