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

 Fluent in French and confident in English, or fluent in English and confident in French.

Living Conditions

Central African Republic is a non-family duty station with a difficult security and working environment. The country is landlocked with very limited travel possibilities and surrounded by countries with volatile and security problems (Chad, DR Congo, Sudan, South Sudan and Cameroon). Volatile socio-political situation and social unrest and grievance in particular in the capital city Bangui with frequent civil servants strikes causing interruption of health, education and civil service due to years of unpaid salaries. Power cuts are a norm causing insecurity in town. The population in Bangui including the expatriates is concerned about increasing cases of criminalities as a direct result of the March 2013 coup by the SELEKA – a coalition of rebel groups and recent events in December 2013 that carried the country into a chaos.

The country is totally dependent on Cameroon sea port situated 1500 kms away causing regular shortage of basic domestic goods. Travel time from Douala (Cameroon) to Bangui for a truckload averages a week because of very bad roads and several roadblocks. The country security level is between 3 and 4 restricting movement to official travel only. Currently the curfew applies from 10 pm to 5 am.
This situation puts tremendous stress on staff and their family members. There are very limited medical infrastructures and services do not function properly. Nevertheless, a UN Dispensary provides basic medical care for the UN personnel and the UN hospital built is operational since August 2014.

Only four airlines officially recognized by UN System serve the country: Air France (once a week), Royal Air Maroc (twice a week), Kenya Airways (three flights per week) and Asky (three flights per week). Flights are sometimes subject to cancellation when security situation volatility increases.

Staff in Bangui (MHQ) lives on local economy by renting apartments and houses. In comparison to 2014 more accommodation is available but with high costs therefore sharing is recommended. Supermarkets having all variety of food and appliances are available but costlier than normal process. Also Level II Hospital run by military medical team is available next to the MHQ. MINUSCA has constructed tented camp for civilian personnel with air-conditioned and acceptable standards and prefabricated accommodation camps started in May 2016. Similarly, installation of office prefabricated units also ongoing. There is catering services provided by a commercial entity on payment basis also the local market is well furnished of basic goods and opened all the week. There is Level2+ fully equipped military hospital in the Bria Green field where all civilian, military camp components are situated.

Bria (Sector East HQ) is located in eastern CAR, approximately 600 Km from Bangui (capital city). Security situation is stable there, no need for an escort. MINUSCA has constructed tented camp for civilian personnel with air-conditioned and acceptable standards and prefabricated accommodation camps started in May 2016. Similarly, installation of office prefabricated units also ongoing. There is catering services provided by a commercial entity on payment basis. The security situation is stable but an escort is needed for some distance.

Bouar (Sector West HQ) is located in western CAR, approximately 500 Km from Bangui (capital city) where living conditions are quite acceptable. The local market is opened every day and well furnished with seasonal fruit and basic goods. Military Level I clinic exists but the mission has plan to provide better facility. MINUSCA has constructed tented camp for civilian personnel with air-conditioned and acceptable standards and prefabricated accommodation camps started in May 2016. Similarly, installation of office prefabricated units also ongoing. There is catering services provided by a commercial entity on payment basis. The security situation is stable but an escort is needed for some distance.

Kaga Bandoro (Sector Centre HQ), is located in the center is 320 Km far from Bangui and the same living conditions of Bria applies here.

Rest & Recuperation (R&R) scheme in Bangui has been re-established since August 2013 and maintained for all CAR duty stations to a 6 weeks frequency. Living conditions are becoming more and more difficult due to the high cost of living and the scarcity of basic products and food. Fresh vegetables and fruits are available in the market. There is no MINUSCA Guest House in Bangui. Private accommodation possibilities are limited and getting a house according to the security measures can take about 4 weeks or more. Nevertheless, currently all serving UN Volunteers have a decent accommodation ensuring minimum and above the minimum standard of comfort. The average cost for accommodation varies from around 500 USD, for a small apartment with no furniture and no power generator, to 1700 USD with all commodities. For the sake of rewarding experience, UN Volunteers in CAR carry out their duties with flexibility, commitment, and a willingness to live and work in challenging conditions including heat and limited water and electricity supply.

14. Conditions of Service for international UN Volunteers:

Initial contract from Entry on Duty (EOD) until 30 June 2020, with further possible extension based on Mission’s mandate, operational necessity and satisfactory performance.

A 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 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$1,587. The VLA base rate is a global rate, while the PAM is 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 example, if the PAM for the current month in the country of assignment is 49.8%, then the VLA for that month and for that country will be US$1,587 + (1587x 49.8%) = US$2,377.32

Moreover, to complete the monthly VLA rate, a Family Allowance (FA) is added in function of the number of recognized dependents (or: in the amount of US$250 if the UN Volunteer has 1 recognized dependent, and US$450 if the UN Volunteer has 2 or more recognized dependents).

In addition, 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. The VLA and WBD taken together form the net core entitlements.
Organizational Context & Project Description

Concerned with the security, humanitarian, human rights and political crisis in the Central African Republic and its regional implications, the Security Council authorized on 10 April 2014 deployment of a multidimensional United Nations peacekeeping operation – MINUSCA, with the protection of civilians as its utmost priority. In its current context, the mission’s other task included support to the implementation of political agreement for peace and reconciliation negotiated in Khartoum and signed on 6 February 2019 between the Government and representatives of the 14 armed groups. According to United Nations Security Council Resolution S/RES/2448 (2018), the mission should also facilitate humanitarian assistance; promote and protect human rights; support justice and the rule of law; and disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and repatriation processes.

Sustainable Development Goals

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Task description

The UN Volunteer Political Affairs Officer will report directly to the Director of the Political Affairs Division or a designated officer and will be responsible for the following duties:

1) Political Analysis and Advice
   - Provide country-specific and regional analysis on the impact of developments in CAR and in the region and make policy recommendations for UN response.
   - Identify, analyze and monitor political developments and emerging issues with respect to the implementation of the Mission’s mandate assesses implications and make recommendations on policies, strategies and other measures to address the issues of concern and to advance mandated objectives.
   - Provide support to the follow-up and implementation of the Political Peace Agreement signed on 6 February 2019.

2) Reporting and Information Management
   - Prepare summary and analytical reports including, but not limited to, daily and weekly situation reports, briefing notes, options papers, code cables and input for the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council, General Assembly or other bodies.
   - Prepare contextual information material, such as background notes, political profiles, and databases of relevance to the assigned portfolio.
   - Manage information to ensure its accessibility and utility.

3) Planning, Coordination and Facilitation
   - Develop and maintain collaborative relationships with UN Common System colleagues and counterparts, Government representatives, civil society actors, military and law enforcement actors, academic and research institutions, and other national and international partners on information sharing, policy and coordination matters.
   - Support prefectural efforts to develop inclusive political dialogue through the follow-up and implementation mechanisms of the Political Peace Agreement to address root causes of conflict with all main stakeholders, including signatories.
   - Consult and cooperate with partners to develop strategies and plans of action to address political challenges, in pursuit of shared objectives. Monitor, evaluate and report on implementation.
   - Assist in the organization of meetings and mission events, prepare written summaries and conduct follow-up activities as appropriate and draft correspondence, political reports, analyses and talking points for Mission Leadership.
   - Draft programmatic funding project proposals in support to Mandate implementation.
   - Facilitate project implementation either directly or through implementing partners, throughout the project implementation cycle.
   - Prepare narrative and financial reports on project implementation, as required by PAD guidelines.
• Participate in fact-finding and other missions.

• Prepare written summaries of meetings/visits and assist with follow-up activities, as appropriate.

• Perform other relevant duties as required.

• When working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, the incumbent is strongly encouraged to set aside dedicated time for capacity development through coaching, mentoring and formal and on-the-job training.

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

- Efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to the Political Affairs Division.
- A substantial number of analytical papers in French and English, including daily, weekly sitreps, code cables, talking points, background notes, speeches, press release on the political situation in CAR produced.
- Research and analysis on political-related issues in CAR documented.
- High-level meetings for government officials, UN delegations or any other parties supported.

• Le développement des capacités grâce à l’encadrement, le suivi et la formation continue, en travaillant (y compris la supervision) avec le personnel national ou les homologues de la contrepartie (gouvernementale ou non-gouvernementale, y compris les partenaires d’exécution (IP)).
• La perspective de l’âge, du genre et de la diversité (AGD) est systématiquement appliquée, intégrée et documentée dans toutes les activités tout au long de l’affectation.
• Un rapport des réalisations dans le domaine du volontariat pour la paix et le développement pendant l’affectation, comme par exemple le nombre de volontaires mobilisés, la participation aux activités et la contribution au développement des capacités.

Required Degree Level

Master degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

A degree in law, political sciences or international relations is highly desirable.

Required experience

36 months

Experience Remark

A minimum of three (03) years of progressively responsible experience in political affairs, diplomacy, conflict resolution, development, disarmament or related field. Experience in political analysis and outreach, solid report writing skills (on political issues) is required, and Relevant experience in international organization or nongovernmental organization- in a conflict or post-conflict setting is highly desirable.

Language

- French (Mandatory), Level - Fluent
- AND - English (Mandatory), Level - Working Knowledge
- And One of these - English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise
- Crisis and conflict prevention, mitigation, resolution and reconciliation Mandatory
- Other emergency management experience Optional

**Area of Expertise Requirement**

Political science, international relations, international economics, law, public administration or related fields. A first-level university degree (BA) in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree

**Need Driving Licence**

Yes

**Competencies & Values**

- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Working in Teams

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**Conditions of Service and other information**

**Condition of Service**

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**Conditions de Service:**

Information sur le nouveau coronavirus (COVID-19)

L’évolution rapide de la pandémie de maladie à coronavirus (COVID-19) a entraîné l’adoption de restrictions importantes et de plus en plus sévères pour la liberté de mouvement des personnes dans le monde entier, à l’intérieur des pays et d’un pays à l’autre. En raison de ces restrictions, il est très difficile pour les Volontaires des Nations Unies internationaux de se rendre sur leur lieu d’affectation pour y commencer leur mission, et le programme VNU n’est pas en mesure de garantir que les affectations se dérouleront comme prévu.

Durant cette période, les candidats pour des affectations en tant que Volontaire des Nations Unies international pourront exceptionnellement obtenir un réaménagement du régime de travail afin d’exécuter leur mission depuis le lieu de leur recrutement, jusqu’à la levée des restrictions. L’agence hôte seule peut décider d’accorder un tel réaménagement. Nous recommandons aux candidats qui ont été sélectionnés pour un entretien de discuter avec l’organisation d’accueil des possibilités de voyage et des autres arrangements pouvant être envisagés. S’ils sont retenus, les candidats doivent soigneusement examiner les circonstances de l’affectation avant d’accepter l’offre du programme VNU.

Le contrat couvre la période ci-dessus indiquée, renouvelable selon la disponibilité des fonds, nécessités opérationnelles et performance satisfaisante. cependant il n'y a aucune garantie soit prolongé au-delà du contrat initial

Le/la volontaire reçoit une indemnité de subsistance des Volontaires (VLA) qui est composée de l'indemnité mensuelle de subsistance (MLA) et une allocation familiale (FA) pour les personnes à charge (maximum trois). L'allocation de subsistance des Volontaires (VLA) est versée à la fin de chaque mois pour couvrir les frais de logement, les charges locatives (eau, électricité et gaz), le frais de transport, les communications et les autres besoins de base. La VLA est calculée en appliquant l'indice d'ajustement de poste (PAM) au taux de VLA de base de 1.651 dollars Etats Unis ($EU). La VLA de base s'applique à l'ensemble des pays, tandis que le PAM est spécifique au pays et peut varier chaque mois en fonction du coût de la vie.

Cette méthode est ainsi établie pour s'assurer que les Volontaires internationaux des Nations Unies ont un pouvoir d'achat comparable quels que soient les lieux d'affectation. Le PAM est établi par la Commission de la Fonction Publique Internationale (CFPI) et est publié au début de chaque mois sur le site Web de la CFPI (http://icsc.un.org).

Par exemple, veuillez entrer le lien https://vmam.unv.org/calculator/entitlements

Quand les Volontaires des Nations Unies sont affectés dans des lieux d'affectation « sans famille » où les conditions de vie sont très difficiles et classées par la CFPI sous la Catégorie D ou E, ils reçoivent une prime mensuelle leur permettant de faire face aux dépenses additionnelles dues aux conditions de vie difficiles.

En outre, les Volontaires des Nations Unies reçoivent une indemnité d'installation (SIG) en début d'affectation (si le/la volontaire ne résidait pas dans le lieu d'affectation pendant au moins 6 mois avant la prise de fonction) et, également en cas de réaffectation dans un autre lieu d'affectation.

Pendant leur affectation les Volontaires des Nations Unies sont couverts pour une assurance médicale et une assurance vie qui couvre également les situations d'invalidité permanente.

Ils/elles reçoivent un billet d’avion pour le voyage d’affectation. Ils ont droits aux congés annuels et font partie intégrante du système de sécurité de l’ONU (y compris les remboursements des frais liés aux mesures de sécurité résidentielle). Ils/elles ont droit aux indemnités journalières de subsistance (per diem) pour les missions officielles aux taux établis par l’ONU et aux congés dans les foyers. A la fin de l’affectation, un billet d’avion (si applicable) et une indemnité de réinstallation après service satisfaisant sont payés par le Programme VNU. Le programme VNU enverra une copie des conditions de service, y compris le code de conduite, au candidat retenu pour de plus amples informations.

Supervision, initiation, orientation et devoir de protection des Volontaires des Nations Unies (Rôles et responsabilités des organisations d’accueil)

Les Volontaires des Nations Unies devraient bénéficier du devoir de protection et de diligence de l’entité hôte égal à celui de tout son personnel. L’appui de l’entité hôte au Volontaire des Nations Unies inclut, mais n’est pas limité à :

- Des séances d’information préliminaires sur l’organisation et sur le contexte professionnel y compris la sécurité, les procédures d’urgence, les bonnes pratiques culturelles et l’orientation vers l’environnement local;
- Un appui administratif à l’arrivée, y compris l’ouverture de comptes bancaires, les demandes de permis de séjour et autres démarches officielles requises par le gouvernement hôte ou l’entité hôte;
- Une orientation, un mentorat et un encadrement adéquats par un superviseur, y compris la provision d’un plan de travail clair et d’une évaluation de performance;

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- L'accès à l'espace de bureau, aux équipements de bureau, l'appui informatique et à tous les autres systèmes et outils requis pour atteindre les objectifs de l'affectation, y compris une adresse électronique de l'entité hôte;

- L'accès aux connaissances institutionnelles, ainsi qu'aux programmes de formation et d'apprentissage de l'entité hôte;

- L'inclusion du volontaire dans le plan de sécurité;

- La gestion de ses congés;

- Des indemnités journalières de subsistance pour les voyages officiels, le cas échéant;

- Tous les changements apportés à la description de l'affectation entre le recrutement effectif du Volontaire des Nations Unies et son arrivée sur son lieu d’affectation ou pendant l’affectation doivent être officialisés avec le Programme des Volontaires des Nations Unies;

- Effectuer les enquêtes en cas d’allégation de mauvaise conduite : communiquer les rapports d’enquête au programme VNU;

- Apporter une aide d’urgence, par exemple en cas de décès du ou de la volontaire ou d’évacuation médicale, en collaboration avec le programme VNU. Accepter les lettres de garantie ou les obligations potentielles pour le paiement des frais médicaux non remboursables par l’assurance médicale dans des situations extraordinaires (par exemple, pour les services fournis par les centres d’isolement en cas de pandémie).

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