UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

CHNR000099--Innovator in Mobile Health

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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UN Youth Volunteer assignments are considered as non-family assignments.

Living Conditions

The duty station of the national UN Volunteer is located in Beijing city, where modest public infrastructure and health services are available. It is the foremost political and cultural metropolis in China. The city has excellent health services available.

In general, rent for apartments in central locations is high relative to other regions in China, but quality is good. Beijing is well served by many shopping malls, large supermarket chains, and international brands. Buses and subways are the most common form of mass transportation. Metered taxis are widely available and domestic and regional travel by train and airplane is popular.
Assignment Details

Assignment Title
Innovator in Mobile Health

Organizational Context & Project Description

UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Our mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA's goal is to achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health, realize reproductive rights, and reduce maternal mortality to accelerate progress on the ICPD agenda, to improve the lives of adolescents and youth, and women, enabled by population dynamics, human rights, and gender equality.

In 2018, UNFPA launched efforts to achieve three transformative results, ambitions that promise to change the world for every man, woman and young person:

1. Ending unmet need for family planning
2. Ending preventable maternal death
3. Ending gender-based violence and harmful practices

UNFPA Young Innovators Fellowship Programme

Enabling young people to realize their full social, economic and human potential is a key aspect of UNFPA’s mandate. Our Fellows are innovative young people from around the world who have demonstrated commitment to development issues within their communities.

The fellowship programme brings young people into UNFPA with a dedicated focus on both providing a youth perspective and driving innovation. This exciting opportunity sees fellows joining us at UNFPA Headquarters where they undergo leadership training, after which they either remain in HQ or move to Regional or Country Offices, in a capacity relevant to their experience.

Our goal is to provide fellows with the tools, skill sets, international experience and exposure to innovation to empower them to realize their career goals, thus building national capacity. Fellows in turn provide innovative insights and ideas that will enable us to be better aligned with development issues in their community.

At UNFPA there are a number of initiatives underway with immense opportunity for innovation including:

Mhealth in China

China has become a major hub for global innovation, including in the healthcare sector. With China’s One Belt One Road Initiative, innovation has great potential to be scaled up in other developing countries, benefiting more people in need. Chinese young people today are widely connected through technology and the Internet more than ever. Mobile phones and devices are accelerating progress towards improving
their health and education. Many innovators and development partners work together to address some of
the bottlenecks to reach more young people with information, education, services and entertainment that
they need on a daily basis.

Mobile health (mHealth) has become an effective and efficient approach to provide technology-based
solutions to deliver health services, information and education to vast and diverse populations.

Keeping in mind China’s rapid ICT sector expansion in and outside China, there is great scope for
sourcing and deploying proven solutions and partnerships for addressing issues around ASRH rather than
the creation of new technical solutions or technological breakthroughs.

Based on a collaboration between China CO and the Tsinghua University-Schwarzman College Masters in
Global Affairs Program, the County office hosted in 2018, 3 candidates on the program as part of their 6-
week internship with the CO to analyze and scan China’s private ICT sector for promising partnership
platforms that could be leveraged by UNFPA to expand youth access to SRH information and services.
This resulted in an assessment of selected technology companies that UNFPA could forge partnerships
with for the integration of SRHR content into existing non-SRH focused channels or platforms, for high
impact. Based on this analysis, China CO plans to explore targeted content partnerships with some
Chinese technology companies in 2019.

UNFPA China office believes in the power and creativity of young people. Through hosting UNFPA young
innovation fellows in China Country Office (CO), we aim to work together to find impactful partnerships
with the private sector to advance adolescent health of young people in China and other developing
countries through mhealth technologies and other approaches. The work of UNFPA young innovation
fellows will be based on the CO’s previous efforts in this field. The CO prefers to host at least one Chinese
national as the work environment requires certain level of understanding about the country context and
the ability to speak Chinese language.

For the first two months of this National UN Youth Volunteer assignment, the UN Volunteer will be based
in New York. Costs for return travel from the place of recruitment and a monthly living allowance
equivalent to an International UN Youth Volunteer will be provided for the time spent in New York. For the
rest of the assignment, the UN Volunteer will based in their home country under the terms contained in
the National Volunteer Conditions of Service.

Sustainable Development Goals  3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

The UN Youth Volunteer will work closely with their supervisor to:

1. Building on the recommendations from the recent ICT sector assessment, develop partnerships and
   project ideas with selected private sector companies, in order to improve adolescent health of young
   people in China;
2. Interact with the local youth community; networking and building relationships with local
Learning elements for the UN Youth Volunteer include the development of:

- Professional skills: including specific competencies and reflection on assignment-related abilities; and on-the-job skills such as time management, problem solving, team building; and career preparedness such as interview skills, CV preparation, job searching.
- Interpersonal skills: including communication and listening skills; multi-cultural awareness and cultural competency; and conflict and stress management.
- Volunteering-related skills: including leadership; civic responsibility; and engagement and active participation.

Beyond the learning opportunities provided by UNV, UNFPA will support knowledge and capacity development in the technical areas that are relevant to the UN Youth Volunteer’s assignment.

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

1. MoU signed with identified high-impact private sector companies that are willing to work with UNFPA to address adolescent health through mhealth technologies and related approaches;
2. 1-2 partnerships initiated and implemented with private sector partners for improving the access of adolescents and young adults to SRH information, education and services;
3. A brief summary report documenting results, lessons learned, and recommendations for the future

- 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
Education - Additional Comments

Tertiary education (i.e. any kind of post-secondary degree including technical / vocational diploma or bachelor) with qualifications in computer science, engineering, Information Technology, UX design, project management, social science or a related field.

Required experience 0 months

Experience Remark

• Demonstrated interest and dedication to development issues in areas of UNFPA’s mandate through either volunteer experience, work experience, or youth network affiliations
• Demonstrated, or clear idea of, delivery of UNFPA’s mandate in an innovative way
• Experience working with the mHealth/eHealth community is an asset

Language Skills

• English (Mandatory), Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise

• Other health related experience Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

• Accountability
• Commitment and Motivation
• Communication
• Integrity
• Professionalism
• Respect for Diversity
• Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service: 

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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 and final repatriation (if applicable).

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**

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.

**Application Code**  CHNR000099-3801

**Application procedure**

* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

2. Important: After creating your account, complete all sections of your profile and submit it.
3. Then go to ‘My Page’ at [https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage](https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage) and click on the ‘Special Calls’ hyperlink.
4. Lastly, select the special call to which you would like to apply.

* Already registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

1. Please first update your profile at [https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/profile](https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/profile).
2. Then go to ‘My Page’ at [https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage](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.

**NOTE:** This is a national UN Youth Volunteer assignment, therefore only nationals of China and legal residents in China with the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless, between 18 – 29 years of age, are eligible to apply. Special consideration will be given to indigenous people, persons with disabilities and LGBTQI candidates.

**Application deadline:** 24 February 2019

**Disclaimer**

United Nations Volunteers is an equal opportunity programme which welcomes applications from qualified professionals. We are committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture.