Descripción de la asignación de voluntarios NU

COGR000084--Technical Officer - Environmental Health Promotion

El programa de Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas (VNU) es la organización de la ONU que contribuye a la paz y al desarrollo en todo el mundo por medio del voluntariado. El voluntariado es una forma poderosa de involucrar a los ciudadanos para hacer frente a los desafíos en materia de desarrollo, y capaz de transformar el ritmo y la naturaleza del mismo. El voluntariado beneficia tanto al conjunto de la sociedad como a los voluntarios, fortaleciendo la confianza, la solidaridad y la reciprocidad entre las personas y creando oportunidades de participación apropiadas. Para impulsar la paz y el desarrollo, el programa VNU promueve el reconocimiento de la contribución de los voluntarios, trabaja con sus asociados para integrar el voluntariado en los programas de desarrollo y moviliza en todo el mundo a un número cada vez mayor y más diverso de voluntarios, incluidos Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas. El programa VNU entiende el voluntariado como universal e incluyente, y reconoce el voluntariado en toda su diversidad, así como los valores que lo sustentan: libre albedrío, entrega, compromiso y solidaridad. En la mayoría de las culturas, el voluntariado está profundamente arraigado en antiguas tradiciones de cooperación y apoyo fuertemente establecidas entre las comunidades. En este contexto los Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas participan en varias formas de voluntariado y juegan un papel esencial en el desarrollo y la paz junto a sus colegas, agencias receptoras y comunidades locales. En todas las asignaciones, los Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas promueven el voluntariado por medio de su acción y conducta. La participación en actividades voluntarias puede enriquecer efectiva y positivamente su entendimiento de la realidad local y social, así como también crear un puente entre los voluntarios y la gente de la comunidad receptora. Esto hará que su tiempo como Voluntario de la ONU sea aún más satisfactorio y productivo.

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Observación sobre el lugar de asignación

Condiciones de vida

The Republic of Congo is a low-middle income country, located in Central Africa sub-region.

The country shares boundaries with Gabon in the South-West, Cameroon and Central Republic Africa in the North and North East, the Democratic Republic of Congo in the East, Angola and Atlantic Ocean in the South.
Since 2014, the Republic of Congo is experiencing an economic downturn, affecting the economic growth (-5 per cent in 2017). Because of the persistent drop in the price of oil, this situation drove to the decline of the gross domestic product per capita, from $3,196 in 2013 to $1,658 in 2017. Nevertheless, the country is globally stable and safe in the main urban and rural areas.

Frequent disruptions are recorded in the electricity supply, particularly in Brazzaville (political capital) and Pointe-Noire (economic capital). The living cost is relatively affordable, but some concerns with the cost of decent housing should be noted. The population enjoys dressing in style and loves music both profane and religious.

According to United Nations security standards, life and travel in Brazzaville and in the other areas major are secure.

The Republic of Congo is a unique country. It provides for an interesting and enriching environment, but also requires a mature level of cultural awareness, as well as more stamina and commitment than elsewhere to make life comfortable and affordable. Therefore, flexibility and the ability and willingness to live and work in harsh and potentially hazardous conditions, involving physical hardship and little comfort, are essential.

**Detalles de la Asignación**

**Título de asignación**

Technical Officer - Environmental Health Promotion

**SP Contexto Organizativo & descripción del proyecto.**

The World Health Organization (WHO) African Region has embarked on a new Global Programme of Work (GPW13) and a new Programme Budget (2020 -2021). Through these two strategic documents, the region aims to deliver public health outcomes through an integrated results-based structure.

The new focus of our work will be at the country level where we aim to reach the triple billion goal of 1 billion more people covered, 1 billion more protected and 1 billion more healthier populations. In this regard, the UN Volunteers can work at the Regional Office based in the Republic of Congo, Brazzaville or in any of our 47 country offices.

The areas of work that can be covered include: communicable and non-communicable diseases, healthier populations, health systems and information, emergency preparedness and response, data collection and management, family and reproductive health, programme support and administration.

This UNV will encumber the position of Technical Officer, Environmental Health Promotion (EHP) to provide technical support to Member States to increase capacity in environmental health risk assessment and management; enhance health sector leadership on primary prevention interventions that reduce environmental and occupational hazards to health and enhance regional cooperation in managing major environmental and occupational health hazards including chemicals, radiation, water and sanitation, indoor and outdoor air pollution and also the health risks related to changes in the global environment. The incumbent liaises with relevant WHO/AFRO Clusters and WHO/HQ Departments and Partners to promote capacity building and research and supports the mobilization of required resources and technical expertise.

The Climate Change, Health and Environment unit is set to achieve the following:

- To ensure universal health coverage through reducing the burden and negative impact of
communicable and non-communicable diseases on health and on the social and economic well-being of all people in the WHO/AFRO Region.

- To reduce morbidity, mortality and disability through the prevention, control, eradication and/or elimination of selected non-communicable and communicable diseases.
- To contribute to the reduction of environmental risk factors of ill health and the environmental burden of disease, through regular assessments of the environmental risk factors to human health and the deployment of cost effective preventive interventions.

Under the guidance and supervision of the WHO Head of Country Office or Director, Technical Cluster at the Regional Office and within the scope of the regional strategies, policy guidelines and programme objectives, the incumbent has first line responsibility for regional environmental health protection, including but not limited to: facilitate coordinated approaches; proactively contribute to the development of strategies and policies; reviewing and adapting existing guidelines; training and health education programmes for communities and capacity building activities for Member States in addition to promoting research and development for the prevention and control of environmental factors that adversely affect health.

Duties require ongoing contacts and consultation within other Clusters in the Regional Office, country offices and HQ and other players in relevant areas of work to promote and ensure effective cross-cutting collaborative activities. Successful results also require regular contacts to establish and strengthen communication and partnerships with regional and national senior technical/administrative government advisers, health and other professionals, stakeholders of Integrated Vector Management (IVM) projects and programmes, communities, multi- and bilateral partners with an emphasis on monitoring, assessment and dissemination of relevant Environmental Health Protection information, including for evidence-based decision making, resource mobilization and advocacy.

**Sustainable Development Goals** 3. Good Health and Well-being

**Descripción de la tarea**

The UN Volunteer Technical Officer - Environmental Health Promotion will:

- collaborate with and provide Member States with up-to-date information to strengthen the development and implementation of regional strategies, norms, standards and guidelines that improve and resolve environmental health issues such as sound management of hazardous chemicals, including pesticide used in public health, with special emphasis on children’s environmental health, poison management and reducing unnecessary exposure to toxic chemicals in air, soil, crops and water, emergency preparedness and response to chemical incidents and the management of hazardous chemical and bio medical wastes.

- proactively participate in supporting development of national chemical profiles, identifying country needs and support the planning and implementation of environmental health protection programmes and projects that address weaknesses and ensure full collaboration and efficient implementation of cross-cutting activities, with particular attention to safe food and drinking-water, adequate sanitation
and hygiene promotion; preventing risks associated with exposure to toxic chemicals, hazardous waste and air pollution; and mitigating and adapting to the human health impacts of climate change.

- be actively engaged with the monitoring and evaluation of environmental health protection programmes and projects to determine progress against implementation targets and plans, effectiveness and specific vulnerabilities and propose remedial actions and innovative solutions to identified constraints; support preparation of national, regional and global reports to share successes, lessons learnt and best practices as an authoritative reference to make policy decisions and resource allocation, in addition to raising awareness of environmental health threats brought on by shifting patterns of disease, extreme weather events, the degradation of air quality, food and water supplies and sanitation.

- fully participate in the identification of country capacity gaps to improve existing procedures and develop innovative approaches for capacity building based on continuous review and monitoring of the environmental health situation and on environmental health protection research results and support the planning and management of workshops, seminars and training to strengthen health staff and Member State skill-sets.

- support the development of strategic partnerships, including drafting proposals, to increase advocacy and resource mobilization to sustain CHE activities and interventions that contribute to comprehensive approaches to promoting health protection within the context of sustainable development.

- perform any other related responsibilities as assigned by the supervisor, including replacing and backstopping for others as required.

Además de lo anterior, a los Voluntarios de la ONU se les insta a:
• Fortalecer su conocimiento y entendimiento sobre el concepto de voluntariado por medio de la lectura de publicaciones pertinentes tanto del programa VNU como externas, así como desempeñar un papel activo en las actividades del programa VNU, como por ejemplo en los eventos de conmemoración del Día Internacional del Voluntariado (DIV); • Conocer y desarrollar las formas tradicionales y/o locales de voluntariado en el país anfitrión; • Reflexionar sobre el tipo y la calidad de la acción voluntaria que se lleva a cabo, incluida su participación en actividades realizadas periódicamente; • Contribuir con artículos/criticas (opiniones) de las experiencias en el terreno y enviarlas a la sede para su publicación en el sitio web, publicaciones, panfletos/boletines, notas de prensa, etc. del programa VNU; • Ayudar con el Programa de Mentores para los nuevos Voluntarios de la ONU; • Asesorar a grupos locales en el uso del servicio Voluntariado en Línea del programa VNU o promover el uso del servicio con individuos y organizaciones locales pertinentes cuando sea técnicamente posible;

Resultados / Resultados esperados

- As an active WHO's team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to WHO and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:
- Nivel de Grado Requerido
  - Bachelor degree or equivalent

- Experiencia Necesaria
  - 36 meses

- Cualificaciones/Requisitos
  - Nivel de Grado Requerido
    - Bachelor degree or equivalent
  - Educación - Comentarios Adicionales
    - Essential: First university degree in Environmental, Civil or Sanitary Engineering, Toxicology, or in Environmental-related Science and a postgraduate degree in Public Health or a related field.
    - Desirable: Post-graduate training or specialization in Public Health, Science/Engineering, Management, Chemical Safety, Health Education or Communication for Development.
  - Experiencia Necesaria
    - 36 meses
  - Comentarios sobre la experiencia
    - Essential: At least 3-5 years’ practical experience in implementing and managing programmes or conducting research on environmental and social determinants of health, of which at least three years were at the international level. Experience, ideally in developing countries, working with individuals and issues pertinent to environmental health protection projects, policies and/or monitoring, including with governmental bodies at global, regional and national level.
    - Desirable: Experience developing technical guidance and tools for assessing effectiveness of health interventions and working knowledge of the use of databases and spreadsheets and statistical programmes. Experience with the UN System or WHO, ideally related to environmental health, and knowledge of national, regional and global partnerships and networks.
  - Lingüísticas
    - English (Mandatory), Nivel - Fluent
    - AND - French (Optional), Nivel - Working Knowledge
  - Área de Experiencia
    - Other health related experience Obligatorio
    - Development programme management Obligatorio
    - Monitoring and evaluation Opcional

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
Condiciones de servicio y otra información

Other desired/mandatory required technical knowledge
- 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.

Necesita Licencia de Conducir  No

Condiciones del servicio y otra información

Conditions of Service for International Specialist:

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$ 1,651. 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

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**

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.

Código de aplicación COGR000084-6544

Procedimiento para la aplicación

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This assignment is in the framework of the Africa Women Health Champions to improve health and gender equality initiative. African female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application deadline: 24 March 2020

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Advertencia

El programa de Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas es un programa basado en la igualdad de oportunidades, que recibe gratamente aplicaciones por parte de profesionales cualificados/os. Estamos comprometidos a lograr la diversidad en términos de género, nacionalidad y cultura.