UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

COGR000085–Technical Officer – Nutrition and Food Safety in Emergencies

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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<th>Country of Assignment</th>
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<td>Host Institute</td>
<td>World Health Organization</td>
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<td>Volunteer Category</td>
<td>International Specialist</td>
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<td>Number of Volunteer</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
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<td>Expected Starting Date</td>
<td>01-07-2020</td>
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<td>Duty Station</td>
<td>Brazzaville [COG]</td>
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Living Conditions

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.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title
Technical Officer – Nutrition and Food Safety in Emergencies

Organizational Context & Project Description

In the context of the WHO's Emergency Response Framework that seeks to provide a holistic response to health emergencies, the incumbent will support the integration of nutrition and food safety into AFRO’s emergency preparedness and response activities. S/he will provide technical expertise in surveillance and contribute to WHO Health Emergency (WHE) Programme operations. Beyond WHO s/he will support collaboration with other emergency clusters, national authorities, related health and non-health partners in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of nutrition interventions in line with WHO’s related policies and strategies.

Sustainable Development Goals
3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of Nutrition team lead or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UN Volunteer Technical Officer - Nutrition and food safety in Emergencies will support the integration of nutrition and food safety activities in AFRO’s Emergency Preparedness and Response activities through performing the following tasks:

- Monitor sources of early warning information, based weather patterns, disease outbreaks, food security trends, etc, and contribute to AFRO WHE’s preparedness and response planning;
- Support integration of nutrition and food safety indicators in tools used in the emergency context (e.g., Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR), Health Resources Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS), etc), and support capacity building for their application in nutrition monitoring and response;
- Participate in interagency dialogue during development and implementation of preparedness and response plans to address specific nutritional and food safety emergencies;
- Support epidemiological and risk assessment, and propose responses to nutritional and foodborne disease outbreaks;
- Support strengthening of surveillance: identify constraints and gaps in existing surveillance systems and provide technical solutions to improve nutrition/food safety integration in broader health information systems (DHIS2, IDSR, HeRAMS);
- Undertake field assignments during emergencies when needed;
- Any other related tasks as may be required or assigned by the 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 member of the Nutrition and Food Safety team, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to WHO and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:

- Response strategies and action plans for addressing nutrition and food safety events in specific emergency situations;
- Documentation on best practices for integrating nutrition- and food safety-related actions in different types of emergency incidents, based on the experience gained during the assignment;
- 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

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Education - Additional Comments

Required Education:

An advanced university degree in Public Health, Clinical or Public Nutrition, International Health, Epidemiology, Food Science and Technology or related fields.

Required experience

36 months
Experience Remark

Required Experience:

Three to five years of relevant experience, at national and international levels, in outbreaks and/or emergency operations with emphasis on nutrition/disease surveillance. Experience in developing and promoting collaborative actions within and between agencies.

Language

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

Area of Expertise

- Food safety and nutrition Mandatory
- Emergency response, immediate relief operations, and post-conflict humanitarian aid operations Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

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

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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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.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
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 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

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**

COGR000085-6568

**Application procedure**

* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

First register your profile at [https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup](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](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?

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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.

**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: 26 March 2020**
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.