

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

EGYR000887--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	Egypt
Host Institute	World Health Organization
Volunteer Category	National Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	6 months
Possibility of Extension	Yes
Expected Starting Date	01-04-2021
Duty Station	Cairo [EGY]
Assignment Place Remark	

Living Conditions

The duty station will be the city of Cairo, which is a

family
duty
station
with
a
wide
range
of
services
(health,
education
and
leisure)
and
good
living
conditions.
Cairo
as
well
as
Egypt
as
a
whole
have
long
been
centres
of
the
region's
political
and
cultural
life.
Like
other
similar
cities,
Cairo
offers
good
quality
life
in
terms
of
access
to
shopping
centres,
banks,
medical
services,

cultural
events,
etc.

The
Arab
Republic
of
Egypt
has
a
unique
geographical
position
in
Northeast
Africa,
at
the
crossroads
of
Europe
and
Asia,
on
the
Mediterranean
and
Red
Sea,
and
its
connection
to
Sub
Saharan
Africa
through
the
Nile
Valley.
The
country
is
defined
by
desert
and
the
Nile,
the
longest
river
on
Earth.
Egypt

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is
bordered
by
the
Gaza
Strip
and
Israel
to
the
northeast,
the
Gulf
of
Aqaba
to
the
east,
the
Red
Sea
to
the
east
and
south,
Sudan
to
the
south
and
Libya
to
the
west.

With
over
90
million
inhabitants
-
two-
thirds
of
which
are
below
29
years
-
Egypt
is
Africa's
third
most

populous
country
after
Nigeria
and
Ethiopia,
and
it
has
the
highest
population
in
the
Arab
world.
About
95
percent
of
Egyptians
live
along
the
Nile
—
on
less
than
5
percent
of
Egypt's
territory
—
making
the
Nile
Valley
one
of
the
world's
most
densely
populated
areas,
especially
in
greater
Cairo,
Alexandria
and
other
major

cities
in
the
Nile
Delta.

The
country
has
witnessed
significant
political
and
economic
changes
since
2011.
Through
this
transition,
which
includes
periods
of
political
unrest,
the
main
income
sources
of
the
economy
have
been
negatively
impacted,
particularly
in
the
tourism
sector,
as
well
as
revenues
from
the
Suez
Canal,
oil
and
remittances
from
Egyptians
working

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abroad,
affected
by
the
global
economy.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

Epidemiologist

Organizational Context & Project Description

The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health. The goal of the WHO is to build a better, healthier future for people all over the world. Working through offices in more than 150 countries, WHO Secretariat staff work side by side with governments and other partners to ensure the highest attainable level of health for all people. The Headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland. More than 7000 people from more than 150 countries work for the Organization in over 150 WHO country offices, 6 regional offices, at the Global Service Centre in Malaysia and at the headquarters. The regional divisions of WHO were created between 1949 and 1952, and are based on article 44 of WHO's constitution, which allowed the WHO to "establish a single regional organization to meet the special needs of each defined area". Many decisions are made at regional level, including important discussions over WHO's budget, and in deciding the members of the next assembly, which are designated by the regions. The WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean that is located in Cairo, Egypt, aims to work with local governments, specialized agencies, partners and other stakeholders in the field of public health to develop health policies and strengthen national health systems.[3] It serves the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, which includes 21 member states in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and Central Asia, as well as the occupied Palestinian territory (West Bank and Gaza Strip). The office covers an area of nearly 583 million people. WHO helps countries prepare for emergencies and act when they strike. To this end, the WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE) was established in 2016. The work of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme is organized around five major areas: (1) Infectious hazard management, to ensure that strategies and capacities are established for priority high-threat infectious hazards; (2) Country health emergency preparedness and the International Health Regulations (2005), to ensure that country capacities are established for all-hazards emergency risk management; (3) Health emergency information and risk assessment, to provide timely and authoritative situation analysis, risk assessment and response monitoring for all major health threats and events; (4) Emergency operations, to ensure that populations affected by emergencies have access to an essential package of life-saving health services; and (5) Emergency core services, to ensure that the WHO Health Emergencies Programme is rapidly and sustainably financed and staffed. The current assignment is proposed by the Health emergency information and risk assessment Unit (HIM) of the WHE Programme. HIM provides authoritative information for public health decision-making in emergencies, with responsibility for identifying new public health events, assessing risks to public health, conducting epidemiological surveillance and field investigations, monitoring public health interventions, and communicating public health information to technical partners: event-based surveillance is a core activity, as it enables the WHE Programme to identify new events that may have adverse public health impacts; assessing the public health risks of new events is important for the initiation of preparedness and response measures; epidemiological surveillance and investigation, as well as monitoring of public health interventions, is critical for effective management of the health consequences of new and ongoing emergencies; being able to communicate technical information to partners within the emergencies and public health community is needed so that coordination of joint interventions and capacities can be optimized. HIM works closely with the other units in the WHE Programme, WHO disease-specific departments, WHO departments providing support to national health systems, WHO country offices, and partner organizations and non-governmental organizations that contribute to the collection of health information or to the response to public health events.

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

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Task description

Under the direct supervision of Team Lead, Detection, Verification and Risk Assessment the Epidemiologist will undertake the following tasks:

- Assist in the detection of COVID-19 cases through the official MoH websites and other sources of information;
- Prepare relevant report with regard to COVID-19;
- Assist in the data management of COVID-19;
- Collect indicators relevant to COVID-19;
- Act as country focal point for COVID-19 in selected countries;
- Assist in the conduct of risk assessment for COVID-19.

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

- Folder of Country Situation Reports and other UN reports related to COVID-19 updated in the HIM share folder;
 - COVID-19 signals identified from the EMR countries included in the Signal database;
 - COVID-19 Events analysed and managed (including its documentation: events created and updated in the EMS);
 - Minutes of meetings related to COVID-19 attended (for Response and Alert modes).
- 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 Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

Bachelor of Science in Public Health or Doctor of Medicine or Veterinary Medicine.

Required experience 24 months

Experience Remark

- At least two-year work in Public health, epidemiology or Information Management either in Public or Private sector. Has been working mainly with issues on communicable and non-communicable diseases and its relation to public health in general. Data management work includes data collection, cleaning, analysis and report generation is an advantage.

Language

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Arabic (Mandatory) , Level - Working Knowledge

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Area of Expertise

- Public health Mandatory
- Other health related experience Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

- Basic Epidemiology.

Need Driving Licence

No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Building Trust
- Communication
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Technological Awareness
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service[Click here to view Conditions of Service](#)**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 at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss travel requirements, any restrictions,

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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 Entities](#))

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 procedure**Instructions for application:**

1. Go to <https://vmam.unv.org/>
2. Click on "Candidate Signup"
3. Register with UNV database by entering basic personal information
4. Click "Sign Up"
5. Receive notification e-mail to your provided e-mail
6. Click on the link in the e-mail to validate the e-mail address
7. Complete all the required sections (experience, education, languages, etc.) under "My Profile"
(Congratulations! Your profile was successfully entered into UNV database and will be considered for future Assignments in Jordan and internationally.)
- 8. Go to "My Page" -> continue to "Special Calls" -> click "Apply" for the assignment -> press "Submit my Application"**

doa.apply_url

<https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/show-doa/RUdZUjAwMDg4Nw==>**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.