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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### Living Conditions

The duty station is Erbil Iraq which has hot climate in summer and cold in winter, the security situation is stable. It required an entry visa to come the duty station in addition to medical clearance report. There is an international airport in Erbil. Address used can be formal or casual. Alcohol is allowed on shops, hotels and clubs. Cost of is living is moderate. Accommodation is available at hotels 2-5 star in addition to apartments for rent with cost range from USD 600-1200. Varieties of food/water/electricity, medical facilities, banking facilities, communications infrastructure, etc. are available.

“Iraq” 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**
Agro-industry and agricultural marketing and Economics Specialist

**Organizational Context & Project Description**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Serving both developed and developing countries, FAO acts as a neutral forum where all nations meet as equals to negotiate arguments and debate policy. It was founded on 16 October 1945. The FAO goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With over 194 member states, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide. We believe that everyone can play a part in ending hunger. The project has funded by EU and the overall objective is to make a significant contribution to the sustainable food and agricultural livelihood security of Iraq’s rural and peri-urban population in Ninawa Governorate. The project has the following outcomes:

Outcome 1: Vulnerable smallholder crop and livestock farmers have improved their household food security status and standard of living, generated from vegetable production and agri-food processing:

Output 1.1. Vegetable production and marketing systems rehabilitated and strengthened;

Output 1.2. Small-scale agri-food processing, marketing and micro-enterprise systems developed;

Output 1.3. Improved small-scale dairy processing and marketing systems developed;

Outcome 2: Enterprising smallholder farmers adopt efficient irrigation water use measures and technology while engaging in revitalized cereal, legume and animal fodder input value chain systems

Op 2.1. Efficient irrigation water use and management measures and technology introduced;

Op 2.2. Increased availability of quality cereal and legume seeds;

Op 2.3. Improved small-scale animal fodder production, conservation and marketing systems developed;

This UNV assignment is part of [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations’ project. This project entitled “Support to agricultural livelihoods of rural and peri-urban returnees and communities in Nineveh Governorate, Iraq” Provide brief description of the project including relevant stakeholders, outcomes etc. and/or include web link.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

2. Zero Hunger

**Task description**

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of the international consultant and project...
Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of the international consultant and project manager or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UN Volunteer on Agro-industry and agricultural marketing Agricultural economics will:

- Lead, manage, administer and oversee the implementation of the project component and ensure that FAO procedures are adhered to;
- Prepare detailed project annual work plans in line with the budget and in collaboration with stakeholders, and make necessary arrangements for their successful implementation in a timely manner, plus track the project procurement and financial commitments;
- Select implementing partners (national and international non-governmental organizations);
- In cooperation with the MoA and the Implementing Partner, conduct beneficiary selection during the inception phase (priority given to women headed households);
- Prepare the technical specifications for the required inputs following FAO procurement rules and procedures;
- Ensure close collaboration and coordination with other UN agencies and partners (NGOs, national institutions and donor’s community, etc.) involved in relief and emergency activities;
- Recruit national project staff, consultant, trainers, including the preparation of job descriptions and fulfillment of TORs; Ensure support to the identification and implementation of training programmes (technical and management aspects) and equipment/technology packages (including technical specifications and estimated costs) and Equipment distribution among beneficiaries;
- Ensure delivery of technical assistance to government counterparts on policy and technical matters related to food processing project (including, surveillance and information analysis) and value chain (including post production and marketing);
- Identify and select vocational training center for the training of the beneficiaries;
- Represent FAO in interagency coordination meetings related to emergency/rehabilitation activities and report the outcome of such meetings with recommendation on actions to be taken;
- Ensure preparation of required reports as per the rules and regulations applicable to it;
- Support the organization of a stakeholder consultation meeting and act as resource person in this meeting;
- Carry out other duties and responsibilities assigned by the supervisor;
- Submit interim donor reports and final assessment report;
- Contribute to the development of the final project report;
- Conduct any other task relevant to the scope of the work as requested 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 FAO team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to FAO and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:
  - Stakeholder consultation conducted
  - Training programme on food processing and marketing for selected beneficiaries
  - Two milk collection centers rehabilitated and two established, PG established and manage these centers
  - A packages of food processing tool kits distributed to the trained beneficiaries
  - 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
Advanced university degree in agriculture, food processing, livestock science, or closely related subject;

Required experience
60 months

Experience Remark
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience in in the area of food processing, micro industry and cottage industry management with public or private sector institutions and international organizations, including in developing countries. (Ph.D. may substitute for five years of required experience);
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work in the region, particularly in field positions is essential;
- Extent and relevance of knowledge or experience in development work and institutional development in the food processing sector;
- Knowledge and experience of field programme/project formulation in semi-arid areas;
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning and implementation of multidisciplinary programmes that include food processing in development organizations;
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses;
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize and lead group work, including organizing international working meetings;
- Relevance and level of academic qualification in Economics and Agricultural Economics;
- Excellent communications skill, both orally and in writing, on technical materials for audiences at different levels of technical expertise;
- Assessment and analytical skills - experience with quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis and report writing;
- Ability to work under pressure and to carry out several tasks in a timely fashion and under tight deadlines with minimum supervision;
- Courtesy, tact and ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

Language
- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise
- Agro-industry and agricultural marketing Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement
- Need Driving Licence - No

Competencies & Values
- Accountability
- Building Trust
- Client Orientation
- Commitment and Motivation
- Creativity
- Integrity
- Knowledge Sharing
- Professionalism
- Self-Management
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Click here to view Conditions of Service
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$ 1,631. 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 IRQR000277-5348
Application procedure

* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?
Please first register your profile at 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 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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and click on the ‘Special Calls’ hyperlink to select the special call to which you would like to apply.

Application deadline: 15 September 2019

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