General Information

Country of Assignment: Iraq
Host Institute: UN Investigative Team for Accountability of Da'esh/ISIL
Volunteer Category: International Specialist
Number of Volunteer: 1
Duration: 8 months
Possibility of Extension: Yes
Expected Starting Date: Immediate
Duty Station: Baghdad [IRQ]
Assignment Place: Non-Family Duty station
Assignment Place Remark:

Living Conditions
The UN Volunteer will live in Baghdad, which is not a family duty station. The official offices of UNITAD will be located inside the "International Zone", which comprised all UN Offices operating out of Baghdad.

Generally speaking, stringent security measures are in place throughout the country, and UN Volunteers, as other UN staff, are quite limited in all duty stations in Iraq when it comes to movement (walking virtually not allowed). Movement is done inside the "International Zone", in armored vehicles.

Assignment Details
UNITAD is the Investigative Team mandated by Security Council resolution 2379 (2017) to support domestic efforts to hold ISIL (Da’esh) accountable for their crimes by collecting, preserving, and storing evidence in Iraq of acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide committed by the terrorist group ISIL (Da’esh) in Iraq.

Reflecting the global impact and reach of ISIL terrorist activities, as well as its extensive recruitment of foreign terrorist fighters, the Council has also requested the Special Adviser and Head of UNITAD to promote throughout the world, accountability for acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide committed by ISIL, and work with survivors to ensure their interests in achieving accountability are fully recognized.

In further recognition of the global nature of ISIL crimes, the Council underlined that another Member State in whose territory ISIL has committed acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide, may request the Investigative Team to collect evidence of such acts, but only with the approval of the Security Council.

UNITAD is based in Baghdad, Republic of Iraq. Based on the mandate established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2379 (2017) and the Terms of Reference regarding the activities of the Investigative Team in Iraq, as approved by the Security Council on 13 February 2018, UNITAD engages, inter alia, in the following activities:

- **Collection of a broad range of existing documentary, digital and testimonial evidence, obtained from actors including Iraqi national authorities, other national governments, victims and witness groups, civil society bodies and international and regional organizations;**
- **Compilation and analysis evidentiary material to identify gaps that need to be filled;**
- **Conduct of targeted field-based investigations in order to obtain physical, digital, forensic and testimonial evidence that will serve to fill the gaps identified and support case development, through direct engagement with victims and witnesses;**
- **Preservation and storage of all evidentiary material collected by the Investigative Team in accordance with international standards;**

Produce comprehensive analytical case files capable of supporting domestic proceedings, both in Iraq and other Member States.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

**Task description**

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of Chief of Information Systems or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UN Volunteer Forensic Scientist will:

- Conduct examinations of digital evidence seized from ISIL (Da’esh) terrorists (mobile phones, laptops, desktops, external hard disks, electronic documents and files, networks and other forms of data storage devices) and forensic examinations of electronic documents and files, such as photographs and videos for enhancement and face/voice identifications;
- Performs evidence handling and custodial obligations by ensuring a forensically sound collection, preservation, registration, digitization, and secure permanent storage of collected material and maintaining its chain of custody, provenance taxonomies, auditing, and authenticity;
- Assists OFI with translating the objectives of investigations into technical activities and examination of electronic content;
- Participates in the preparation of technical and investigative reports in relation to the aforementioned forensic examinations, capable of supporting criminal court proceedings: and works collaboratively and in coordination with colleagues to achieve organizational goals in accordance with standard operating procedures and in compliance with organizational regulations and rules.
- Assist in the preparation of field missions, including the preparation of forensic equipment, hardware, software and consumables;
- Prepares technical documentation, gathers requirements, and initiates standardization of practices related to the collection, handling and analysis of digital evidence;
- Provides training on forensic data acquisition, preservation and analysis for UNITAD national counterparts;
- Liaises and provides consulting services to downstream third-party judicial and prosecutorial entities regarding technical aspects of review, analysis and information retrieval;
- Identifies opportunities for the improvement of evidence collection, storage, processing and analysis processes that delivers value for UNITAD investigations;
- Proposes the use of tools to analyze and present complex data sets in understandable ways for investigation and presentation purposes;
- Test and validate forensic tools are working as expected and with the specified performance;
- Proactively identify and escalate issues and risks pertaining to his area of responsibility;
- Participate as required in targeted field-based investigations in order to obtain digital evidence relevant to the investigations, sometimes through direct engagement with suspects, victims and witnesses; and
- Performs other duties as required.

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 UNITAD team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to UNITAD and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:
- Efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality legal support rendered to UNITAD in the accomplishment of her/his functions.
- A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed.
- 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.

Required Degree Level

Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

• Advanced higher degree (Master’s or equivalent) in a relevant area, e.g. digital forensic or area related to eDiscovery; a first-level university degree or equivalent in combination with relevant training and/or professional experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree;

Required experience

24 months

Experience Remark

• The Forensic Scientist must have a minimum of 2 years of experience working in forensic science. At least 2 year of experience in digital forensic and 1 year working on eDiscovery solutions. The candidate must demonstrate proficiency in crime scene investigations, forensic physics & digital examinations. In addition, the candidate must have extensive prior experience with the following applications, services and practices:
• Tableau software, FTK Imager, XWays, Encase, dc3dd
• Cellebrite PA, Elcomsoft, MSAB XRY
• SQL Server, Cosmos DB or MongoDB
Griffeye, Amped
Nuix
Relativity
Microsoft Active Directory
Synology NAS
Adobe Photoshop
Photographic skills
Chemistry (forensic analysis will require lab work)
Cellular Biology (forensic analysis will require lab work)
Present Technical Concepts to Diverse Audiences
Python
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;
Self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; ability to work with tight deadlines;
Desirable: valid national driver’s license and proven ability to drive manual gear 4x4 over rough terrain;
Sound security awareness;

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

Area of Expertise
- Geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing Optional
- Software and applications development and analysis Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement
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

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values
- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information
Conditions of Service for International Specialist:


The rapidly changing nature of novel coronavirus COVID-19 has placed significant and increasing restrictions on the freedom of movement of people across the globe, within countries and across borders. Such restrictions make it very difficult for international UN Volunteers to begin their assignments at their assigned duty station and UNV cannot guarantee assignments will proceed as normal.

Candidates for international UN Volunteer assignments during this period may be exceptionally granted alternative working arrangements to work from their place of recruitment until restrictions are lifted. This is at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss the likelihood of travel and possible alternative arrangements with the host entity. If selected, candidates should carefully consider the circumstances before accepting UNV’s offer.

In cases where the UN Host Entity partner has requested the UN Volunteer to perform their assignment remotely, the Post Adjustment Multiplier (PAM) and related entitlements to be paid may be adjusted to the temporary duty station from where the UN Volunteer has been requested to work if requested by the UN Host Entity.

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$ 1,682. 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

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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 (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 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;

- 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).
* 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.

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Application deadline: 14 March 2021

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https://vmam.unv.org//candidate/show-doa/SVJRUjAwMDM3NA==

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