

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

JORR000370--UN Youth Volunteer in Youth, Peace and Security

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	Jordan
Host Institute	United Nations Development Programme
Volunteer Category	International Youth
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	12 months
Expected Starting Date	01-03-2019
Duty Station	Amman [JOR]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark	

UN Youth Assignments are always without family

Living Conditions

Location: The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is strategically located in the Middle East covering a diversity of landscapes. Bound by Syria to the north, Iraq to the northeast, Saudi Arabia to the east and south, the Red Sea to the south and Israel and the Palestinian National Authority to the west.

Weather: The weather in Jordan is not too extreme. Summer is dry, with temperatures regularly reaching 35 degrees centigrade. The winter is colder with temperatures often dropping to freezing point. Amman is hot and sunny from May to October with cool, pleasant evenings, whereas winters are rainy with occasional short snowfalls.

Safety and Security: Jordan is a relatively stable country. The potentials for internal or external armed conflict are considered very unlikely in the current political environment. Peaceful demonstrations, and sometimes road blockages, do occur in Jordan motivated by domestic factors such as unemployment, deprivation of resources and development or for regional issues such as solidarity with the Palestinian cause or with the Syrian crises. Most of these events are driven by civil society unions and Islamic parties. Domestic tribal civil unrest sometimes turning violent especially outside the main cities due to tribal dispute or socio-economic reasons. In all occasions law enforcement agencies usually manage to contain the situation.

Road traffic accidents are the primary threat against UN personnel in Jordan. Poor road conditions and bad driving behaviours are the main reasons for the high rate for traffic accidents.

Amman is a category A duty station with security level 1.

Transportation: Taxis are abundant and readily available in Amman. Public minibuses are the most common form of public transport. They normally only leave when full, so waiting times of an hour or more are inevitable, especially in rural areas. The larger air-con buses offer a speedy and reliable service, departing according to a fixed schedule.

Health Services: Medical facilities are generally very good, particularly in Amman where there are several modern, well-equipped public and private hospitals. Almost all doctors (and most pharmacists) speak English; many have studied abroad.

Language: The official language of Jordan is Arabic, but English is widely spoken – especially in the cities. Many Jordanians have travelled or have been educated abroad so French, German, Italian and Spanish are also spoken, but to a lesser extent.

Assignment Details

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Organizational Context & Project Description

UNDP has been a partner in driving the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda from its conception starting with the Global Forum on Youth in Jordan 2015, to the Security Council Resolution 2250 to the Secretary General Progress Study on YPS. Following an Arab region consultation, December 2016 and progress study on UNSCR 2250, one of the priorities and recommendations that emerged was a need to change how youth from the region are perceived in the media and consequently by government, and society more generally. As a result, UNDP and UNESCO have coordinated to build this regional campaign and focus on youth's role in peace and security processes that emphasizes their positive role.

Sustainable Development Goals 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Task description

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Under the direct supervision of the Regional Bureau for Arab States Peacebuilding Adviser and Programme Specialist, the UN Youth Volunteer will help liaise with the regional youth working group, UNDP, and other partners to ensure the success of the campaign “Shughel Shabab”. The responsibilities are informed by the discussions with the youth working group, and will adapt as new suggestions arise.

Key responsibilities include:

- Support advocacy campaign strategy overall and more specifically on review content for posting platforms which include Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram;
- Work planning and coordination with the youth working group: assign tasks and monitor the progress of the youth advisory work plan;
- Support and monitor deadlines in collaboration with the youth working group, UNDP and partners;
- Help write quarterly reports of the campaign;
- Support development of material as needed, as it relates to the advocacy campaign.

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

- Youth working group is planned and coordinated, including support towards assigning tasks, and monitoring the progress of the youth advisory work plan;
 - Deadlines are supported and monitored in collaboration with the youth working group and UNDP;
 - Facilitation of knowledge sharing is supported amongst the youth working group;
 - Quarterly reports are produced on the progress of the campaign;
 - Ideas are researched and suggested for expanding social media reach and momentum of the campaign together with the youth;
 - The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with The Peacebuilding Adviser and Programme Specialist;
 - 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.
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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's degree in Peacebuilding, International Relations/Development, or Humanities Studies

Required experience 0 months

Experience Remark

Demonstrated interest and/or experience (up to 2 years) in peacebuilding and young people's role in mitigating violence and tension in their communities but also engaging in participation is required

Language Skills

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Arabic (Optional) , Level - Working Knowledge
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Area of Expertise

- Other development programme/project experience Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

- Familiarity with concepts in development with education-related in political/social science, International Affairs, Law, Humanities, or any other related field;
- Experience or knowledge in the youth, peace and security agenda, SCR 2250 and the progress study;
- Strong writing skills. Ability to write in style that is accessible to a broad audience;
- Strategic planning and coordination skills;
- Team spirit, and willingness to integrate ideas of others into own thinking. Ability to remain composed under stress;
- Self-starter who demonstrates drive to achieve results in timely manner and to seek and find solutions to any problems encountered; efficient use of available resources and ability to multitask;
- Previous work with NGOs or youth peacebuilding groups is a plus.

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Building Trust
- Client Orientation
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Creativity
- Empowering Others
- Ethics and Values
- Knowledge Sharing
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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Conditions of Service:

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) per month and 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 (choose from the drop down menu the appropriate rate here): US\$1,282. The VLA base rate is a global rate, while the PAM is 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.

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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 also 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 the final repatriation travel (if applicable). A 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.

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Application procedure

Eligible candidates must be between 18 and 29 years of age throughout the entire duration of their service, i.e. born between 15 March 1990 and 15 March 2001.

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 (assignment) to which you would like to apply.

Already registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

Please first update your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/profile>. Then, go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the 'Special Calls' hyperlink to select the special call (assignment) to which you would like to apply.

Candidates may apply to a maximum of three (3) special calls (assignments) per advertisement. Your order of preference may be specified in the 'Additional Remarks' section of your profile

This assignment is funded by the Government of Finland, therefore only Finnish nationals are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: 13 January 2019

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.