UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

KENR001716--Wash Officer

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  
Kenya

Host Institute  
United Nations Children’s Fund

Volunteer Category  
National Youth

Number of Volunteer  
1

Duration  
12 months

Expected Starting Date  
Immediate

Duty Station  
Nairobi [KEN]

Assignment Place  
Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark

Youth assignment is always without family

Living Conditions

The incumbent will find his/her own housing arrangements in Nairobi. Nairobi is a modern metropolitan city where most basic goods and services are available locally at reasonable cost. The city is at a high altitude, with sunny days and cooler nights. There is a short rainy season before Christmas, and longer rains fall from March to May. November to February is generally warm. No need for central heating, however warm clothes are necessary during the rainy season. There are several transportation options in Nairobi, including taxis, buses, mini-buses, and mobile applications for transport. Public healthcare in Nairobi is generally subpar, but there are private healthcare options that are of better quality. The city is widely connected through Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and the smaller Wilson Airport.
transport is also available to many up country destinations. The city is home to some 3,000 UN personnel mainly attributed to the fact that it serves as the headquarters for both UN HABITAT and UNEP, and as the UN Regional Hub for the East and Horn of Africa region. Security is an issue in Nairobi, with incidents of car-jacking and theft not uncommon. Safety and security in Nairobi varies depending on different neighborhoods, and it is important to become familiarized with safety recommendations for the city. Telecommunication system in Nairobi is generally sufficient. Internet access is generally reliable. There are fairly frequent power cuts, however most of the shared compounds have generators. Water supply can also be an issue as Kenya often experiences drought. In these situations expats may need to supplement their water supply by buying in water tankers. Kenyans are wonderfully friendly and tolerant to visitors. English is the first language spoken here, though most Kenyans are trilingual, using tribal languages and Kiswahili.

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UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. UNICEF is guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and strives to establish children's rights as enduring ethical principles and international standards of behaviour towards children. UNICEF insists that the survival, protection and development of children are universal development imperatives that are integral to human progress. For 70 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development, to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfill their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments and works with partners around the world to promote policies and expand access to services that protect all children.

The National UN Youth Volunteer will be located at the WASH section of the UNICEF Kenya Country Office.

Sustainable Development Goals 3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Chief of WASH, the National UN Youth Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- In order to accelerate results in the Sanitation Sector, the UN Youth Volunteer will participate in
advocacy activities designed to influence Government of Kenya and counties to prioritize sanitation in the development agenda and ensure government’s leadership as follows:

- Support official launch and roll-out of the Sanitation Alliance in coordination with the MoH, MoWSI and key stakeholders;
- Support the development, publication and dissemination of learning and advocacy documents;
- Support communication effort and media engagement in collaboration with UNICEF Communication Team;
- Support roll-out of M&E mechanisms and procedures in the area of sanitation to support the roll out of the Alliance;
- Support the organisation of quarterly high-level meetings.

In order to strengthen quality and sustainability of results of WASH interventions, the UN Youth Volunteer will work with and support UNICEF WASH section as follows:

- Contribute to supporting the government: MoH, MoWS, and other key line ministries for the planning and monitoring of rural water supply and sanitation programmes;
- Support UNICEF WASH team in designing the appropriate strategic plan for WASH facilities and to sustain behavior changes;
- Support fundraising activities to mobilise and ODA domestic resources for WASH Interventions in Kenya.

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

- Basic M&E mechanism established for data collection, data compilation and archiving;
- Quarterly updates on the progress of the Kenya Sanitation Alliance;
- Contribution to the design of the strategic plan for WASH facilities and to sustain behavior changes;
- 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**  
Master degree or equivalent

**Education - Additional Comments**

Master’s degree or its equivalent in one of the disciplines relevant to the following areas: International Development, Humanitarian Affairs, International Relations, Social Sciences or Civil Engineering

**Required experience**  
0 months

**Experience Remark**

- 0-2 years relevant experience
- Demonstrated interest in Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions/approaches;
- Computer proficiency (all MS Office), knowledge management tools and systems, and social media;
- Strong written and spoken English;
- Good interpersonal, networking and communication skills;
- Willingness to contribute and work as part of a team;
- Flexible and open to learning and new experiences;
- Respect for diversity and adaptability to other cultures, environments and living conditions;
- Experience of another culture (i.e. studies, internship) would be highly regarded;
- Knowledge of other UN languages is an asset.

**Language**

- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

**Area of Expertise**

- Water, sanitation and environmental engineering Optional
- Emergency response, immediate relief operations, and post-conflict humanitarian aid operations Optional

**Area of Expertise Requirement**

**Need Driving Licence**  
No

**Competencies & Values**

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
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.

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 and final repatriation (if applicable).

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

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
- 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.

Application Code  KENR001716-6632

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.

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Application deadline: 21-03-2020

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