

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

KENR001839--Communication for Development Officer - Polio

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 Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	6 months
Expected Starting Date	01-02-2021
Duty Station	Lodwar [KEN]
Assignment Place	Non-Family Duty station

Assignment Place Remark

Non-Family Assignment

Living Conditions

The Republic of Kenya is an equatorial nation on the coast of East Africa, neighbouring Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, and the Indian Ocean. Kenya has two levels of Government; National Government and 47 sub-national Governments called Counties. Counties are further divided into sub-counties. Kenya is a multi-party state with Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.

Kenya's population of more than 40 million is growing at an annual rate of 2.2%. The country's GNP per capita estimated at purchasing power parity (PPP) is \$975, and the GNP is growing at an average rate of 0.1% annually. More than 26% of Kenya's people live below the international poverty line of \$1 per day. Kenya's main food crops are "maize, wheat, pulses, roots and tubers." (FAO).

Assignment Details

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Organizational Context & Project Description

Under the close guidance of the Communication for Development Specialist for Health and the Communication for Development Manager, the post holder will assist in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Communication for Development activities for Polio – Surge operations - with special focus on the social and behaviour change communications at the county level.

PURPOSE

The C4D Officer - Polio will work closely with the Communication for Development Specialist for Health, in the provision of behaviour change communication technical support to UNICEF Outcome 1 (Health) and implementing partners through the Ministry of Health and County Department of Health in Kenya. Specifically, the staff member will provide support to the Department of Health – Immunization and health promotion unit in preparedness activities for the introduction of novel Oral Polio Virus (nOPV), Polio outbreak response and strengthen routine immunization at county level working under the day to day supervision of the UNICEF's Health Specialist in the respective Office.

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Under the direct supervision of Communication for Development Specialist for Health, (Nairobi)/ Health Specialist/Officer Garissa arissa Field Office / Health Specialist/Officer Lodwar Field Office, the UN Volunteers will undertake the following tasks:

- Provide technical support to the C4D specialist for Health (based in Nairobi), the Health Specialist/Officer based in Nairobi and Garissa / Lodwar Field Office.
- Support MoH, Health Promotion and community health Units in coordination of integrated behaviour change communication interventions at national and selected counties.
- Support establish contextualized approaches to increase acceptance and uptake of new vaccines.
- Support planning, implementation and monitoring of Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization activities during campaigns including Polio Campaigns and other routine immunization campaigns.
- Support UNICEF-GAVI focus counties in development and implementation of county specific communication plans.
- Support the develop and contextualization of training materials and activities to build capacity in participatory & social and behavior change communication in support of Immunization.
- Support counties in implementation of Nomadic strategies for Routine and Supplemental Immunization campaigns.
- Strengthen county level coordination mechanisms among MOH and partners involved in immunization and communication for development activities.
- Any other duty assigned by the C4D Manager or C4D Health Specialist

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

- Contribute to the overall goal of the new GoK/UNICEF Country Programme 2018-2022
- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, including Implementing Partners (IPs);
- Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated and documented in all activities throughout the assignment
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Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

University Degree in Environment/Public Health, Social Science or any other relevant field of discipline

Required experience 24 months

Experience Remark

At least 2 years' experience in the areas of communication for development planning, media and material development, preferably in the area of communication for the Immunization and outbreak response programme.

Language

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Kiswahili (Optional) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Other communications related experience Optional

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Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Building Trust
- Commitment and Motivation
- Communication
- Creativity
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Technological Awareness
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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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, 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

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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 Code

KENR001839-8579

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: 28 January 2021

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<https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/show-doa/S0VOUjAwMTgzOQ==>

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