UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT
LBNR000349--External Relations Assistant

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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<th>Country of Assignment</th>
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<td>Volunteer Category</td>
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<td>Number of Volunteer</td>
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Living Conditions

As this is a national UN Volunteer assignment, the UN Volunteer will be responsible for arranging his/her own housing and other living essentials. This position is based in Beirut, Lebanon. National UN Volunteers are part of the malicious insurance plan. National UN Volunteers are expected to be culturally sensitive and adjust to the prevailing culture and traditions.

Assignment Details

| Assignment Title | External Relations Assistant |
Organizational Context & Project Description

About WFP:
Assisting 91.4 million people in 83 countries each year, the World Food Programme (WFP) is the leading humanitarian organization saving lives and changing lives, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. As the international community has committed to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition by 2030, one in nine people worldwide still do not have enough to eat. Food and food-related assistance lie at the heart of the struggle to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Lebanon currently hosts the largest per capita population of Syrian refugees in the region and worldwide, with over 1 million registered Syrian refugees. In response to this large number of refugees, WFP works to support approximately 700,000 people with regular food assistance using its e-card systems. Program implementation is supported by substantial analytical research, including annual vulnerability assessments of Syrian refugees, market and financial assessments, targeting and validation exercises, and monitoring and evaluation.

WFP also supports Lebanon’s safety net program for the poorest Lebanese, the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP), through the e-card system and a package of technical assistance to strengthen Government capacity to effectively implement the program. As the Syrian conflict persists, and due to the current economic crisis in Lebanon, effort is ongoing to scale up this operation while strengthening the quality of the existing e-cards system to make it more adaptable and flexible to the needs of the population WFP serves. Strengthening partnerships with Government, local entities, and donors is also part of WFP Lebanon Country Office’s programme strategy.

To know more about WFP’s mission, please check the below video:
https://www.facebook.com/WorldFoodProgramme/videos/10154930622760178

Sustainable Development Goals
2. Zero Hunger

Task description

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of External Partnership Officer or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UNV External Relations Assistant will:

- Support in implementing the work plan for an assigned area to enable WFP to identify, develop and strengthen quality partnerships in support of WFP strategic objectives;
- Under the supervision of the External Partnerships Officer, proactively contribute to a partnerships portfolio, including partner profiling and outreach activities, with the aim to maximize resources and leverage policy and technical support for WFP’s work;
- Compile partner’s required visibility and ensure partner conditions are met;
- Support the preparation of funding outlooks for programmatic activities, in close coordination with Budgeting and Programming unit, and flag any imminent pipeline breaks and grant expirations;
- Gather up-to-date partner information including funding opportunities and ensure Salesforce is continuously updated;
- Draft meeting minutes and ensure they are shared with relevant units and uploaded on Salesforce;
- Support in the preparation and organising of partners’ field missions, in close coordination with relevant field offices, security, admin and drivers;
- Any other related tasks as may be required or assigned 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 WFP team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to WFP and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:

- Support in the timely preparation of updated funding outlooks;
Qualifications/Requirements

**Required Degree Level**
Bachelor degree or equivalent

**Education - Additional Comments**
Bachelor’s degree in Political Science, International Development, Development Economics, International Relations, Law, Marketing, Communications, Business or other relevant field;

**Required experience**
24 months

**Experience Remark**
- At least 2 years of professional work experience at the national and/or international level in donor relations, communication, reporting, proposal drafting, or other relevant programmes. Experience with budgeting and programming, and resource management is an asset, as is experience working in the UN or other international development organization;
- Excellent English oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills;
- Excellent follow-up and deadline management;
- Excellent organisational 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, 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;
- Solid overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications (Excel, Word, etc.) and email/internet;
- Self-motivated and ability to work with tight deadlines.

**Language**
- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent
- AND - Arabic (Optional), Level - Fluent

**Area of Expertise**
- Resource mobilization, partnership and donor coordination Optional

**Area of Expertise Requirement**

**Need Driving Licence**
No

**Competencies & Values**

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The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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 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 LBNR000349-7815

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?

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 to which you would like to apply.

This is a national UN Volunteer assignment, therefore only nationals of Lebanon and legal residents in Lebanon with the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: 05-October-2020.

doa.apply_url https://vmam.unv.org//candidate/show-doa/TEJOUjAwMDM0OQ==

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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.