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.

Country of Assignment: Myanmar
Host Institute: UN Institute for Training and Research
Volunteer Category: National Specialist
Number of Volunteer: 1
Duration: 3 months
Possibility of Extension: Yes
Expected Starting Date: Immediate
Duty Station: Nay Pyi Taw [MMR]
Assignment Place: Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark: The assignment could be extended for additional 12 months if the volunteer proves to perform well.

Living Conditions:
Myanmar, officially the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, is a sovereign state in Southeast Asia bordered by Bangladesh, India, China, Laos, and Thailand. One-third of Burma's total perimeter of 1,930 km (1,200 miles) forms an uninterrupted coastline along the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea. The country has an estimated population of 51 million people. Myanmar's capital city is Nay Pyi Taw and its largest city is Yangon. The country is ethnically diverse.

Temperatures in Myanmar can vary from place to place. In general, the Myanmar climate is hot throughout the year, with temperatures averaging 27 degrees Celsius or 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The months of March, April, and May are the hottest. Despite the hot temperatures, there are areas that can be quite pleasant.
Assignment Details

Assignment Title
Public Health Specialist

Organizational Context & Project Description

UNITAR is an autonomous body within the United Nations that was established in 1965 pursuant to a UN General Assembly resolution. UNITAR’s mission is to develop the individual, institutional and organizational capacities of countries and other United Nations stakeholders through high-quality learning solutions and related knowledge products and services to enhance decision-making and to support country-level action for overcoming global challenges.

UNITAR hosts the Defeat-NCD Partnership Secretariat. The Defeat-NCD Partnership is a multi-stakeholder partnership anchored in the United Nations and includes governments, multilateral agencies, civil society, academia, philanthropies, and the private sector. It was established in January 2018 to help tackle the most significant global health problems of the age: premature death, sickness, disability, and the associated social and economic impacts of selected non-communicable diseases (NCDs). It is based on the expert guidance and the technical norms and standards issued by the World Health Organization for managing NCDs.

The Government of Myanmar is part of the Governance Mechanism of The Defeat-NCD Partnership. Specifically, the Minister of Health and Sports is a member of the High-Level Council, and the Deputy Director General, Non-Communicable Disease Division, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health and Sports, is a member of the Consultative Group. The Volunteer Specialist will be based at the Ministry of Health and Sports and shall report to the Defeat-NCD Partnership (UNITAR) Programme Coordinator for Myanmar who is also co-located there.

This assignment will enable populations in Myanmar and the other priority countries to access a range of interconnected essential services and resources through four pillars of interventions:

- NCD National Capacity Building (Pillar 1): Work with governments and other in country stakeholders to assess gaps in their NCD capabilities. Through technical support develop a multi-year NCD National Costed Action Plan. Facilitate engagement of relevant partners to ensure expansion of NCD services in line with national targets. The overall objective is to ensure that countries have institutional capacities, structures, systems, and financing in place to tackle NCDs.

- Community Scale-Up of NCD Services (Pillar 2): Aim to demystify, democratise, decentralise, and where safely possible, demedicalise NCD service provision. Enable the earlier screening and management of risk factors as well as the mitigation of established disease. at the community level. By increasing the use of self-care interventions, improve patient compliance, resulting in better treatment and health outcomes. The overall objective is to bring more of the necessary prevention and management of NCD services directly to the communities and people who need them most.

- Affordability and Accessibility of Essential NCD Supplies (Pillar 3): To make the provision of NCD supplies simpler and more cost-effective by designing a Marketplace to create a fair, competitive environment that serves the interests of both buyers and suppliers. Using market-sizing and price-tracking studies, the Marketplace’s methodology will correct current market failures due to information imbalances. It will also help address regulatory bottlenecks in an appropriate manner. The overall objective is to enable the consistent provision of affordable essential NCD medicines, diagnostics, and equipment in low-resource countries.

- Sustainable NCD Financing (Pillar 4): Governments need to invest more in health, with a greater share allocated to finance their national costed action plans for NCDs. While cost savings can be achieved by linking NCD programming with other conditions and improving service delivery and by reducing the cost of NCD supplies, additional and innovative financing will be needed outside of the ongoing aid support and expanding fiscal allocations. The overall objective is to establish a long-term sustainable financing model for NCD programming in low-resource countries.

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being
Task description

The purpose of this assignment is to provide technical advice on public health and assist in design, implementation, monitoring and reporting of The Defeat-NCD Partnership programme activities in Myanmar, in support of the Ministry of Health and Sports. Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of the Programme Coordinator for Myanmar, the Public Health Specialist will carry out the following tasks:

National NCD Capacity Building

- Keep an updated situation analysis of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Myanmar and drive country programme development;
- Lead in the monitoring and evaluation of the national costed action plan for NCDs;
- Lead in the development of training, tools and methods and identify technical resources to support programme implementation at country level;
- Prepare for and support regular meetings of the Technical Working Group (TWG) responsible for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the National NCD Strategy and its related National NCD Costed Action Plan;
- Lead the development and refinement of tools and methods on programme implementation at country level and identify technical resources requirements;
- Lead technical assistance to support the strengthening of the policy framework work for NCDs, including coordination structures and monitoring frameworks that improve data availability for better analysis;
- Lead identification of training and institutional capacity strengthening needs in terms of human resources to manage NCDs at all levels of the health services and develop and implement plans to address them in a phased manner;
- Coordinate efforts for improving evidence based operational research on NCDs by key partners and ensuring its publication and availability for all stakeholders;
- Lead to global knowledge-sharing by documenting lessons learned on capacity building in Myanmar.

Community Scale-up for NCD Services

- Lead in designing and implementing a nationwide NCD screening programme;
- Identify innovators and interventions to increase the provision of NCD services to communities in a cost-effective manner. Drive institutional processes to transform some of these interventions as investible services to that can attract venture or private equity capital;
- Analyse existing or proposed primary health care systems and services on their inclusion of NCDs; identify needs for improvement and the methods and resources to accomplish such improvements;
- Develop new program proposals and work with partnership/financing teams to proactively explore opportunities to raise new funding and capital to scale up the effort of NCD services at community level;
- Actively participate in annual planning, monitoring and evaluation exercises, program reviews and annual reviews with government and other counterparts;
- Build and strengthen close working relationship with all health sector counterparts in country;
- Lead the development of grants and agreements with identified implementation partners for managing the grant out activities in accordance with UNITAR rules and regulations.

Affordability and Accessibility of Essential NCD Supplies

- Provide leadership and technical assistance to make the provision of NCD supplies simpler and more cost effective in the country;
- Assess NCD drugs and supplies quality assurance practices and the country’s approved suppliers, and pre-qualification process;
- Lead the country and regional market monitoring studies, and global State of the World’s Essential Medicines and Diagnostic Supplies for Noncommunicable Diseases report.

Sustainable NCD Financing

- Support analysis of health financing needs to implement the national costed action plan on NCDs;
- Contribute to the development of innovative financing instruments for meeting the financing needs of the NCDs;
- Any other related tasks as may be required or assigned by the supervisor.

Furthermore, UN Volunteers are encouraged to integrate the UN Volunteers programme mandate within their assignment and promote voluntary action through engagement with communities in the course of their work. As such, UN Volunteers should dedicate a part of
their working time to some of the following suggested activities:

- 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 self-reports on UN Volunteer actions, results and opportunities;
- 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.

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Results/Expected Outputs

As an active Defeat-NCD Partnership (UNITAR) team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to Government of Myanmar and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:

- Develop and keep updated a situation analysis for NCD programming in the country;
- Develop and deliver relevant trainings as part of the capacity building effort;
- Development of activities to scale up NCD services at the community level, in particular national screening efforts for NCDs that mobilize different partners;
- Identify and develop new services for improved primary care, self-care, diagnostics or last-mile delivery of NCD drugs and supplies;
- Develop strategic partnerships with the key stakeholders, including potential implementing partners, research institutes/public health university and other training institutions;
- Mobilize funding (investments and grants) towards activities within the National Operational Plan for prevention and control of NCDs;
- Identify relevant topics and conduct research for NCD management in country and publish knowledge studies in distinguished scientific/public health platforms;
- Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated and documented in all activities throughout the assignment;

• 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 equivalent in public health and/or Graduate degree in Medicine or equivalent, from an accredited and recognized academic institution is required,
- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent in combination with relevant training and/or professional experience may be accepted in lieu of

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of an advanced university degree;

Required experience 60 months

Experience Remark

- At least 5 years of relevant professional work experience working for Public health/ Government facility, large International NGO, or Private Health Facility;
- A minimum of 4 years job-related field experience in providing support to policy and program activities with professional experience in public health and managing development and/or humanitarian operations;
- Strong demonstrated track record in programme monitoring, evaluation, and reporting is required;
- Relevant work experience in at least two of the following areas: health policy development, health system strengthening and transformation, primary health care, project planning and management, capacity building and health innovation;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- Have affinity with or interest in public health, volunteerism as a mechanism for durable development, and the UN System.

Language

- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent
- AND - Burmese (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Monitoring and evaluation Mandatory
- Other development programme/project experience Mandatory
- Public health Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

- Need Driving Licence: No

Competencies & Values

- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information
Conditions of Service:


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

MMRR000126-7778

Application procedure

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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?
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This is an announcement for a national UNV assignment. Therefore, only citizens of Myanmar and legal residents of Myanmar with refugee or stateless status can apply for this advertisement.

Application deadline: 6-10-2020

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