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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Family Duty Station

Living Conditions

Mauritania, officially the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, is a country in the Maghreb region of Northwestern Africa. It is the eleventh largest country in Africa and is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, Western Sahara in the north, Algeria in the northeast. Mauritania has a mixed Arab, Berber, Peuls, Wolof and Soninke population of 3.4 million inhabitants (in 2014), about one third of its people live in Nouakchott, the capital and largest city, situated between the dunes and the ocean. Services and infrastructures that have been improving lately. The healthcare system in Mauritania mainly consists of administrative centers and emergency health facilities.
The healthcare system in the country is predominantly public, however, over the past decade the private medical sector has experienced a steady increase. The country has hospital in all the 15 regions. Some of those hospitals are suitable for medical emergencies; however they are not fully equipped to house inpatients. The UN system has a list of hospital and private structures for the needs of the UN staff and families. There is a lack of adequate schools in the country. However, they are two main international schools (French and American).

Mauritania does not have any particular security problems. Violent crimes are rare in Mauritania. Nonetheless expats, particularly women should avoid travelling alone at night and getting taxis alone as assault can be an issue with women, particularly foreigners. They are plenty restaurants and an important community of expats. Nouakchott has a Saharan climate.

Daytime temperatures exceed 38 degrees Celcius (100° Fahrenheit) during the day, however the morning and nights are cool. No particular vaccine is required to enter Mauritania. However, having an updated vaccination certificate is recommended. Visa entry is easily acquired at arrival in the airport for one month then WHO travel service will provide with a diplomatic residency card.

*Note: For all international travel to Mauritania, security clearance must be requested a minimum of 7 days prior to travel.*

### Assignment Details

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The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is mandated by General Assembly Resolution 48/141 of December 1993 to promote and protect all human rights for all. This mandate also includes the lead within the United Nations to coordinate all human rights-related activities and to cooperate with member states on implementing human rights. By virtue of this global mandate, its expertise and its partners on the implementation of human rights relevant provisions of Security Council Resolution 2391. In this action, OHCHR will draw on experiences and lessons learned from other operational environments where aspects of the compliance framework have been applied, including UNAMA in Afghanistan and AMISON in Somalia. In addition, the experiences gained in the context of support to the implementation of the compliance framework of the FC-G5S will continue to inform developments at the continental level, including the cooperation between the UN and AU on a compliance framework for the AU peace operations.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

**16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**

**Task description**

Within the organization’s delegated authority and under the overall supervision and guidance of the G5
Sahel Project Coordinator and under the direct supervision of the relevant Team Leader, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Facilitate the implementation of human rights mandate in the designated area of responsibility (AOR);
- Contribute to the implementation of the compliance framework of the FC-G5S;
- Gather information, analyse and report on the human rights situation in the designated AOR, including through close cooperation with other United Nations actors and the community;
- Follow up on individual cases of violation of human rights and international humanitarian law and related issues with authorities with the aim of stopping or preventing human rights violations or seeking remedial action by the authorities to prevent similar violations occurring in the future;
- Contribute to the design and implementation of strategies aiming at enhanced Protection of Civilians in the AoR;
- Establish and maintain contacts with government representatives, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations, UN agencies and other partners operating in the AOR;
- Assist in conducting human rights capacity-building activities and in developing and implementing human rights training programmes;
- Contribute to and/or draft various reports, communications, briefing notes, statements or other products;
- Conduct fact-finding missions and investigations into abuses/violations of human rights or humanitarian law;
- Ensure, coordinate and supervise the timely entry of accurate and verified human rights cases into an established database; conduct quality control and deliver statistics and trend reports as required;
- Ensure human rights mainstreaming within UN planning and programming;
- Ensure the integration of gender perspectives, with specific attention to issues related to women and girls, including conflict-related sexual violence, within all assigned human rights activities;
- Represent the UN human rights component at working level meetings, as relevant;
- When working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-)governmental counterparts, set aside dedicated time for capacity development through coaching, mentoring and formal and on-the-job training; and
- Perform other related duties as required.

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**

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• Contribution is made towards improving the human rights situation;
• An overview of the human rights situation within the area of responsibility (AOR) is maintained;
• Mission human rights leadership, through the immediate supervisor, is informed of human rights developments within the AOR;
• Accurate analytical reports on the human rights situation are produced and submitted on time and the database is updated;
• Good relationships are developed and effective advocacy conducted with the local authorities;
• Contact with a variety of stakeholders is established, maintained and expanded;
• Human rights awareness and training programmes relevant to the human rights issues in the AOR are conducted;
• The capacities of local NGOs for the protection of human rights is increased;
• Capacity is developed through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, including Implementing Partners (IPs); and

A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for peace development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed.

• 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**

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Two years of work experience in a field related to human rights. Knowledge of international human rights instruments and tools for the promotion and protection of human rights is required. Knowledge of international humanitarian law is desirable. Experience in human rights monitoring and reporting is desirable. Experience in research and drafting documents, such as reports, is desirable. Experience working in Sahel and especially in Mali is desirable. Experience working in a developing, conflict or post-conflict setting is an advantage.

Language
- French (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise
- Human rights Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement
Need Driving Licence Yes

**Conditions of Service and other information**

Condition of Service
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**Conditions of Service for International Specialist:**

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) which is composed of the Monthly Living Allowance (MLA) and a Family Allowance (FA) for those with dependents (maximum three).

The Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) 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 US$ 1,651. The VLA base rate is a global rate across the world, while the PAM is duty station/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

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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.

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 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 periodic home visit and for the final repatriation travel (if applicable). 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.

Application Code: MRTR000079-6644

Application procedure

* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

Please first register your profile at [https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup](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](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: 30-03-2020

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