UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

SSDR001346–Laboratory Technician

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>Host Institute</td>
<td>United Nations Mission in South Sudan</td>
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<td>Volunteer Category</td>
<td>International Specialist</td>
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<td>Number of Volunteer</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>until 30-06-2020</td>
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<td>Expected Starting Date</td>
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<td>Duty Station</td>
<td>Aweil [SSD], Rumbek OLS [SSD]</td>
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Assignment is non-family.

Living Conditions

Living conditions vary between UNMISS duty stations. Each duty station where UNMISS has a field presence has basic residential camp facilities, which includes running water and electricity. Candidates should be aware that accommodation may be austere with the possibility of water shortages and power blackouts. On arrival in Juba, accommodation will be on a share basis. Ablutions will also be shared. As the accommodation situation improves, single unit accommodation, with an attached ablution, should become available in all locations. Hard wall accommodation is available in Juba.

All UNMISS duty stations apart from Entebbe, Uganda are considered non-family duty stations. The security level of UNMISS duty stations is classified by the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) who will brief on arrival. A number of locations in South Sudan are prone to conflict.

Primary health care services (preventive and curative) are provided in 11 United Nations Owned Equipment (UNOE) Level-I clinics, 21 Contingent Owned Equipment (COE) Level-I clinics, 4 COE Level-II medical facilities within the mission area and the establishment of contractual agreements for Level-III and Level-III care outside the mission area. The 4 Level-II facilities available in Juba, Bor, Malakal, and Wau, run by the...
Troop Contributing Countries (TCC), take referrals from the Level-I clinics and provide hospital-based care.

The climate is tropical with a rainy season in many areas, which should normally span from around April to October. Ability to live and work in difficult and harsh conditions is essential.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title
Laboratory Technician

Organizational Context & Project Description

UNMISS was established in 2011 under the auspices of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO); subsequently, UNMISS mandate has been renewed through resolutions 2057 (2012), 2109 (2013), 2155 (2014), 2187 (2014), 2223 (2015), 2241 (Dec. 2015), 2304 (2016) and 2327 (2016), 2392 (Dec. 2017), 2406 (Mar. 2018).

Sustainable Development Goals
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Task description

Under the direct supervision direct supervision of Medical officers and guidance of CMO/DCMO (please complete with the function of the supervisor), the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Collects samples from patients for Biochemistry, Hematology, Parasitological, Bacteriology, Immuno-Serology, sputum and other body fluids and conduct routine and other tests that the laboratory facilities can accommodate;
- Manages the day-to-day administration of the laboratory including proper filing of patient records in the data management system;
- Verifies and releases quality and reliable clinical test results of patients to Medical Officers;
- Identifies and recommends quality control mechanisms and design laboratory modules and work plan that ensures safety and proper biohazard waste management;
- Ensures proper handling and storage of human blood products meant for transfusion;
- Ensures proper record keeping and strict confidentiality of patients’ records;
- Monitors laboratory inventory and prepares requisitions for laboratory reagents and laboratory consumables in collaboration with the Pharmacy unit;
- Ensures proper recording and reporting of laboratory data capturing the daily, monthly, and annual laboratory tests performed.
- Contributes insights on various hospital-based infection control measures;
- Performs a variety of procedures using established laboratory techniques on both manual and automated laboratory equipment;
- Ensures the cleanliness, maintenance and calibration of laboratory equipment, as well as reporting any equipment malfunction and initiating repairs when necessary by qualified repair technician;
- Acts in a professional manner, reflecting the mission’s, philosophy and values;
- Trains, assists and supervises the daily activities of the Laboratory Assistant (if any) assigned to the
Required Degree Level
- Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments
Bachelor Degree in Medical Technology (Clinical Laboratory Science).

Required experience
- 60 months

Experience Remark
- Registered Medical Technologist with 5 to 7 years work experience in a tropical country.

Language
We are inspiration in action

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent

**Area of Expertise**
- Medical laboratory testing Mandatory

**Area of Expertise Requirement**
- Solid computer skills, including full proficiency in various MS Office applications (Excel, Word); other IT applications and office technology equipment;
- Have affinity with or interest in humanitarian relief, post-conflict situations, volunteerism as a mechanism for durable development, and the UN System;
- Sound security awareness.

**Need Driving Licence**
- Yes

**Competencies & Values**
- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Working in Teams

**Conditions of Service and other information**

**Condition of Service**
- [Click here to view Conditions of Service](#)

**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$ 1,631. 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

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 SSDR001346-6286

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?

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Application deadline: 25/02/2020

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