UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

STPR000028--Strategic Health Information Technical Officer

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 Sao Tome and Principe
Host Institute World Health Organization
Volunteer Category International Specialist
Number of Volunteer 1
Duration 24 months
Expected Starting Date 01-07-2020
Duty Station Sao Tome [STP]
Assignment Place Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark
Living Conditions

Officially the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe, is a Portuguese-speaking island nation in the Gulf of Guinea, off the western equatorial coast of Central Africa. It consists of two archipelagos around the two main islands: São Tomé and Principe, located about 140 kilometres (87 miles) apart and about 250 and 225 kilometres (155 and 140 miles), respectively, off the northwestern coast of Gabon. Since the 19th century, the economy of São Tomé and Principe has been based on plantation agriculture. At the time of independence, Portuguese-owned plantations occupied 90% of the cultivated area. After independence, control of these plantations passed to various state-owned agricultural enterprises. The main crop on São Tomé is cocoa, representing about 95% of agricultural exports. Other export crops include copra, palm kernels, and coffee. The islands of São Tomé and Principe, situated in the equatorial Atlantic and Gulf of Guinea about 300 and 250 kilometres (190 and 160 mi), respectively, off the northwest
coast of Gabon, constitute Africa's second-smallest country. Both are part of the Cameroon volcanic mountain line, which also includes the islands of Annobón to the southwest, Bioko to the northeast (both part of Equatorial Guinea), and Mount Cameroon on the coast of Gulf of Guinea. At sea level, the climate is tropical—hot and humid with average yearly temperatures of about 27 °C (80.6 °F) and little daily variation. The temperature rarely rises beyond 32 °C (89.6 °F). At the interior’s higher elevations, the average yearly temperature is 20 °C (68 °F), and nights are generally cool. Annual rainfall varies from 5,000 mm (196.9 in) on the southwestern slopes to 1,000 mm (39.4 in) in the northern lowlands. The rainy season is from October to May.

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Serve as WHO focal point for strategic health information through generating data and statistics, analytics, and knowledge to support evidence use. Monitor health trends as well as the attainment of global health goals including SDGs and UHC is achieved.

**Sustainable Development Goals** 3. Good Health and Well-being

**Task description**

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of Head of the WHO Country Office or the Director, Technical Cluster in the Regional Office, the UN Volunteer will perform the following duties:

- Generate needed data and statistics such as birth, death and its causes as well as surveillance data through demographic and health surveys.
- Support in analysis of existing data and statistics in order to discern trends and patterns and build attribution and prediction models for the direction of health in the country. The emerging information shall be consolidated in periodic publications.
- Support the generation of evidence to guide in decision making, through development of health policy briefs, documentation of good / best practices, writing health blogs on key events, and other methods for evidence sharing.
- Support the work on innovative approaches to ensuring strategic health information is available, specifically focusing on functioning of health observatories in the country/Regional Office and harmonizing the work on digital health.
- Support strengthening of health information systems, particularly in assessing state of health information systems, and supporting initiatives to address gaps in the capacity to generate, analyse and use health information for decision making.
- To perform other related responsibilities as 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

- Data and statistics such as birth, death and its causes as well as surveillance data through demographic and health surveys are generated;
- Support in analysis of existing data and statistics is provided;
- Support the generation of evidence to guide in decision making, through development of health policy briefs, documentation of good / best practices, writing health blogs on key events, and other methods for evidence sharing is provided;
- Support the work on innovative approaches to ensuring strategic health information is available, specifically focusing on functioning of health observatories in the country/Regional Office and harmonizing the work on digital health is provided;
- Support strengthening of health information systems, particularly in assessing state of health information systems, and supporting initiatives to address gaps in the capacity to generate, analyse and use health information for decision making is provided.

• 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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<td>A degree in a health-related field, which includes training in Biostatistics, Demography, Public Health or Epidemiology.</td>
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Required experience
36 months

Experience Remark

At least 3 - 5 years of professional work experience at the national and/or international level in generating and using strategic health information, specifically in generating health data / statistics, analysis of data.

Language
- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- And One of these - French, Portuguese (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise
- Other health related experience Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Strategic health information, specifically in generating health data / statistics, analysis of data.

Fluency in spoken and written English or French or Portuguese is required.

Need Driving Licence
No

Competencies & Values
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- 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

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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

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: STPR000028-6530

Application procedure

* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

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?

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.

Application deadline: 23 March 2020

doa.apply_url: https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/show-doa/U1RQUjAwMDAyOA==
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