General Information

Country of Assignment  Suriname
Host Institute United Nations Development Programme
Volunteer Category National Specialist
Number of Volunteer 1
Duration 5 months
Possibility of Extension Yes
Expected Starting Date 01-08-2020
Duty Station Paramaribo [SUR]
Assignment Place Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark

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. National UN Volunteers are part of the CIGNA insurance plan.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title Macroeconomist

Organizational Context & Project Description

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.
The COVID-19 outbreak is causing widespread concerns and economic hardship for consumers, businesses and communities across the globe. The situation is changing quickly with widespread impact. Financial impact includes effects on results of operation, future periods and liquidity and capital resources.

In Suriname, ongoing policies have been focused on ensuring that the distribution of basic supplies, crucial government services, and utilities continue during the COVID-19 crisis period. On the policy front, the country will need to strengthen its social safety net to effectively protect the most vulnerable populations as well as those in the informal sector to support post COVID-19 recovery.

In this context, this socioeconomic impact assessment is being conducted with the aim of preparing the UN system to respond to a potential economic crisis that may cripple the provision of public services across the country, further exacerbated by the pandemic.

To contain the economic shock due to the COVID-19 in Suriname, there must be a focus on the following priorities: (i) The Immediate Public Health Response, (ii) Safety Nets for Vulnerable Populations, (iii) Economic Productivity and Employment and (iv) Fiscal Policies for the Amelioration of Economic Impact

UNDP assessment tools and policy analyses are put at the service of the shaping of policy, and internal capacity UNDP country office is being strengthened to perform as key interlocutors for the government in all issues pertaining to development. A Senior International Economist, has been brought on board to enhance the capacity of UNDP Suriname Country Office and lead the production of policy oriented analytical work related to the socioeconomic impact of COVID19; produce policy advice that contributes country-level policy decisions to mitigate negative impacts of COVID-19; and produce country-level rigorous analytical work - quantitative and qualitative - to support Suriname Country Office and counterparts on the analysis of policy response to COVID-19.

Considering the COVID-19 travel related restrictions and the socioeconomic impact at the national and local level, UNDP Suriname Country Office seeks the services of a National UNV to support the Senior International Economist in developing the socioeconomic framework for Suriname to respond to COVID-19 and beyond scenarios, in particular on quantitative and qualitative macroeconomic data collection and analysis.

This deployment is part of the UNDP UNV Tandem Teams initiative, whereby international expert working remotely is paired with a national expert (NUNV).

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Under the direct supervision of Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP Suriname Country Office and working closely with the Senior International Economist, the UN Volunteer to develop the socio and economic framework in Suriname. The framework would also support and align with a UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to Covid-19 released by United Nations (April 2020).

The UN Volunteer will support with quantitative and qualitative macroeconomic data collection and analysis, reviewing the existing socioeconomic framework for Suriname in reference to the Assessing the socioeconomic impact of COVID19 and other relevant research works to be carried out.

Under the supervision of the international consultants, the UN Volunteer will:

- Provide support with methodologies and approaches to develop the socio-economic framework including tools, indicators, etc.
- Provide support to the definition of the indicators per identified sub-areas, data collection methodology and tools, including data sources and detailed workplan for collection of necessary data.
- Provide support with quantitative and qualitative macroeconomic data collection (primary and secondary disaggregated data on PFM, fiscal, macro-financial, monetary and exchange rate) and analysis, assessing the macroeconomic impact of Covid-19.
- Provide support to develop the ‘living’ Covid-19 framework for Suriname.
- Provide support to compile the feedback on the draft socioeconomic framework from consultation process with partners.
- Prepare PowerPoint presentations, notes, briefs, when requested.

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

• Development of the socio and economic framework in Suriname together with the international economist
• 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 in Economics, Finance or closely relevant subject.

Required experience

36 months

Experience Remark

• At least 3 years (up to 15 years) of high-quality applied research and experience in the macroeconomic field – including PFM, fiscal, monetary and exchange rate policies, international trade.
• Strong knowledge and experience in quantitative and qualitative macroeconomic data and economic analysis;
• Strong communication skills;
• Familiarity with processes of UN agencies and/or IFIs an asset;
• Work individually as well as part of a team towards common goals;
• Fluency in English and Dutch required
• Surinamese national or legal resident of Suriname

Language

• English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
• AND - Dutch (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

• Macroeconomics and public finance Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Functional Competencies:

• Knowledge of macroeconomic – including PFM, fiscal, macro-financial, monetary and exchange rate, the banking sector and Central banking, international trade - concepts, principles and policies and ability to apply to strategic and/or practical situations;
• Knowledge of global macroeconomic trends and ability to collect and analyse macroeconomic data at country level;
• Knowledge of PFM systems and/or macroeconomic modelling;
• Knowledge of Economic Planning and Recovery concepts and the ability to apply to strategic and/or practical situations;
• Knowledge of data and statistics analysis for 2030 Agenda for development and the ability to apply to strategic and/or practical
Conditions of Service and other information

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Ethics and Values
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Working in Teams

Need Driving Licence

No

Conditions of Service

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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**

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.

Application Code: SURR000069-7437

**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.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

This is a national UN Volunteer assignment, therefore only nationals of Suriname and legal residents in Suriname with a residency permit,
the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless are eligible to apply. Please remember to indicate in your UNV profile that you are interested in serving as a national volunteer.

Candidates with long-term experience are encouraged to apply. Provided that the respective requirements are met, the assignment might be considered as UN Volunteer expert (10 years of experience), including 40% additional VLA or as UN Volunteer Senior Expert (15 years of experience), including 100% additional VLA.

Application deadline: 3-August-2020 at 23:59hrs, Germany time

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