Descripción de la asignación de voluntarios NU

SYCR000005–Health System Development Specialist

El programa de Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas (VNU) es la organización de la ONU que contribuye a la paz y al desarrollo en todo el mundo por medio del voluntariado. El voluntariado es una forma poderosa de involucrar a los ciudadanos para hacer frente a los desafíos en materia de desarrollo, y capaz de transformar el ritmo y la naturaleza del mismo. El voluntariado beneficia tanto al conjunto de la sociedad como a los voluntarios, fortaleciendo la confianza, la solidaridad y la reciprocidad entre las personas y creando oportunidades de participación apropiadas. Para impulsar la paz y el desarrollo, el programa VNU promueve el reconocimiento de la contribución de los voluntarios, trabaja con sus asociados para integrar el voluntariado en los programas de desarrollo y moviliza en todo el mundo a un número cada vez mayor y más diverso de voluntarios, incluidos Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas. El programa VNU entiende el voluntariado como universal e incluyente, y reconoce el voluntariado en toda su diversidad, así como los valores que lo sustentan: libre albedrío, entrega, compromiso y solidaridad. En la mayoría de las culturas, el voluntariado está profundamente arraigado en antiguas tradiciones de cooperación y apoyo fuertemente establecidas entre las comunidades. En este contexto los Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas participan en varias formas de voluntariado y juegan un papel esencial en el desarrollo y la paz junto a sus colegas, agencias receptoras y comunidades locales. En todas las asignaciones, los Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas promueven el voluntariado por medio de su acción y conducta. La participación en actividades voluntarias puede enriquecer efectiva y positivamente su entendimiento de la realidad local y social, así como también crear un puente entre los voluntarios y la gente de la comunidad receptora. Esto hará que su tiempo como Voluntario de la ONU sea aún más satisfactorio y productivo.

Información general

País de la asignación  Seychelles
Agencia / Entidad Anfitriona  World Health Organization
Categoría de Voluntariado  International Specialist
Número de Voluntario  1
Duración  12 meses
Fecha de Inicio Esperada  01-05-2020
Lugar de Destino  Port Victoria [SYC]
Lugar de Asignación  Lugar de Destino Apto para Familias

Observación sobre el lugar de asignación

Assignment with family

Condiciones de vida
Seychelles is a group of 115 islands located 1,600 km east of the African coast in the Indian Ocean. Victoria, the capital of Seychelles, is located on Mahé the largest islands. The population of Seychelles stood at around 94,600 in 2017. Most of the population lives on the 3 main islands of Mahé, Praslin and La Digue. The weather is generally warm and humid throughout the year. The country is generally very peaceful with relatively low crime rates. However as in any other place in the world, people are encouraged to take general safety precautions. The majority of the population are Roman Catholics, followed by Anglicans. There are three official languages: English, Creole and French. Creole is the most widely spoken, but English is the language of government, commerce and education. In addition, most Seychellois will also speak or understand French. Seychelles is a high income country. It is a visa-free country meaning that there are no visa requirements for any person wishing to travel to this country. However, it is to be noted that any nationals entering Seychelles should nevertheless have in their possession a valid passport or other travel documents recognized by Seychelles to be awarded entry into the country. The passport must be valid for the period of the intended stay until arrival back in the holder’s country of origin or residence. Nationals meeting the above criteria are granted a stay visitor’s permit on arrival.

The country uses the Seychelles Rupee with an average exchange rate of 1USD to 14SCR. Housing, such as a Bedsitter or 2 room house, can be rented from private individuals for long or short term lease. Price will depend on location and whether the accommodation is furnished or semi-furnished and cost can range from 700 USD per month. Seychellois diet consists of mostly rice, fish and vegetables and if you have no special dietary needs you should expect to spend around 150-200USD on basic commodities. Utility bills are paid on a monthly basis and charges increase as more units are used. One should expect to pay on average 30 USD for electricity and gas bill every month with normal usage. One month subscription to a standard internet package will cost around 70 USD. The most common form of transport in the country is public buses. Bus fares are around 0.50 USD (7.00Scr) per trip to anywhere on the island, taxis are around 10USD for very short trips and car hires on average are 50 USD per day. Healthcare in all government facilities is provided free of charge to all citizens of Seychelles but foreign nationals are expected to pay for any treatment. Doctor’s consultation at a health facility cost Scr200 (around 14 USD) and Scr300 (around 22USD) at the Emergency Unit. Same exclude any investigations, procedures and medications. Cost of hospitalisation per night starts from Scr1050 (75USD) with additional cost for investigations, procedures and medications. Clients are expected to settle payment directly to the health facility or hospital on the day of seeking service. There are also a number of private medical and dental clinics in the country. When arriving in Seychelles, one will be required to show proof of yellow fever vaccination particularly if arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever.
WHO Country Office in Seychelles is the sole health development partner delivering support for policy advise, norms and standards, strengthening institutional capacity; stimulating the generation, translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge, monitoring the health situation and assessing health trends in close collaboration.

The burden of disease in Seychelles has over the decades gradually shifted to non-communicable diseases (NCDs), injuries and mental health. NCDs are currently the main burden of disease with an upward trend since the last ten years. The main causes of disease morbidity and mortality are mainly cardiovascular diseases, cancer, respiratory system disease, and infectious diseases. This shift can be attributable to epidemiologic transition as well as affluence and changes in life styles and habits. Major attributable risk factors are obesity, tobacco use and alcohol abuse as well as lack of physical activity.

The level of alcohol consumption and drug abuse particularly amongst youths is of national concern. The country has seen an alarming increase in the number of injecting drug users over the last five years, associated with an increased prevalence of HIV and Hepatitis C in the population. Although HIV and AIDS in Seychelles is regarded as low prevalence, the epidemic is concentrated due to high prevalence in high risk groups including injecting drug users, commercial sex workers and men who have sex with men. In a country where antiretroviral therapy (ART) are offered free of charge to everyone living with HIV, the country still struggles to achieve over 80% ART coverage.

Maternal deaths are considered to be one of the lowest rates in Africa. Fertility rate continues to decline to less than 2 per women but teenage pregnancy remains a problem. Vaccine-preventable diseases have almost disappeared from the islands due to the high vaccination coverage and effective implementation of preventive programs. The country has recently developed the National Health Policy 2016 and National Health Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (NHSP), which are in line with global and regional goals including Sustainable Development goals, World Health Assembly resolutions, the UN General Assembly Political Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases, and the UNAIDS Getting to Zero declaration, amongst others.

For the successful implementation of the National Health Strategic Plan, the WHO-Seychelles Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) 2016-2020 and recently conducted functional review identifies the need to focus WHO support on evidence creation for policy dialogue in an environment of sustained guidance on setting and maintaining norms and standards. These functions contribute towards (i) halting and reversing the rising burden of non-communicable diseases; (ii) introduction of new and ensured sustained delivery of existing interventions targeting emerging or re-emerging conditions to eradicate, control and/or eliminate targeted communicable disease; (iii) attainment of a fit for purpose and motivated health workforce through improvements in regulation, production and management of the health workforce adolescent health and (iv) putting in place innovations in quality, effectiveness & responsiveness in provision of essential services focusing on person centeredness, client management & service organization.

Seychelles was supported to holistically identify strengths and weakness related to the nineteen 2005 International Health Regulation (IHR 2005) core capacities. A country national action plan to address the
3. Good Health and Well-being

Descripción de la tarea

The UN Volunteer will support strengthening resilient health systems based on primary health care. The work will focus on health system strengthening to support universal health coverage, concentrating primarily on people-centred health services and integrated health care along the life time continuum of care. Under the direct supervision of the WHO Representative, the UN Volunteer will support delivery of the following:

- Provide technical guidance and support in the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of the national health sector plans for identified Seychelles Department of Health priorities.
- Provide technical assistance to the implementation and monitoring of the Integrated Approach on Management of NCDs for Primary Health Care (WHOPEN, Chronic Care model, HEART model, Cancer Control) developed through phased approach, taking into consideration the social and cultural aspects for the effective use and access to services
- Contribute to the development of a Health workforce profile and national Health Workforce Account, aimed at increasing the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of the health workforce
- Contribute to the planning and implementation of technical activities pertaining health information system development including strengthening Civil Registration and Vital statistics, Nutrition Surveillance System, IDSR and NCD monitoring
- Support the development and consolidation of the health information system to assist in the decision-making processes, focussing on technical support for the establishment of a national health observatory including the to provide information on the health situation, status and trends
- Advise and collaborate on the development and instutionalization of Harmonized Health Facilities Assessments (HHFA)
- Support the design, development and institutionalization of National Health Account 2018
- Stimulate the generation, dissemination and application of valuable knowledge for policy dialogue as agreed with Ministry of Health and other sectors in the area of service delivery, Human Resources for Health and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- Support the Adolescent Health Strategy development and implementation
- Formulation and monitoring of WHO Office detailed implementation plans and investment case(s);
- Development of WHO biennial report and documentation of lessons learnt
- Perform any other incident-specific related duties, as required by the by the WHO Representative

Además de lo anterior, a los Voluntarios de la ONU se les insta a:
• Fortalecer su conocimiento y entendimiento sobre el concepto de voluntariado por medio de la lectura de publicaciones pertinentes tanto del programa VNU como externas, así como desempeñar un papel activo en las actividades del programa VNU, como por ejemplo en los eventos de conmemoración del Día Internacional del Voluntariado (DIV);
• Conocer y desarrollar las formas tradicionales y/o locales de voluntariado en el país anfitrión;
• Reflexionar sobre el tipo y la calidad de la acción voluntaria que se lleva a cabo, incluida su participación en actividades realizadas periódicamente;
• Contribuir con artículos/criticas (opiniones) de las experiencias en el terreno y enviarlas a la sede para su publicación en el sitio web, publicaciones, panfletos/boletines, notas de prensa, etc. del programa VNU;
• Ayudar con el Programa de Mentores para los nuevos Voluntarios de la ONU;
• Asesorar a grupos locales en el uso del servicio Voluntariado en Línea del programa VNU o promover el uso del servicio con individuos y organizaciones locales pertinentes cuando sea técnicamente posible;

Resultados / Resultados esperados

- National Health Strategic Plan review report and Strategic Plan
- Health Workforce analysis report and roadmap to address the challenges
- National Health Workforce Account 2019 Report
- Harmonized Health Facilities Assessments (HHFA) 2019 Report
- Integrated Approach on Management of NCDs for PHC monitoring reports
- WHO detailed implementation workplan and regular progress updates
- 2018-2020 WCO annual reports and lessons learnt
- Adolescent Health periodic progress report
- Civil Registration Progress report
- Monthly plan and progress reports
- ACP project periodic progress reports

• 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

Cualificaciones/Requisitos

Nivel de Grado Requerido
Master degree or equivalent

Educación - Comentarios Adicionales
Experiencia Necesaria

60 meses

Comentarios sobre la experiencia

A minimum of 5 years’ progressive and related experience at the national and international levels, in areas related to health policy, planning and management.

Lingüísticas

- English (Mandatory), Nivel - Fluent

Área de Experiencia

- Public health Obligatorio

Requisito de área de experiencia

- Public Health practice
- Health planning and management
- General management

Necesita Licencia de Conducir

No

Competencias y Valores

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Client Orientation
- Communication
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Working in Teams

Condiciones del servicio y otra información
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.

Código de aplicación SYCR000005-6648

Procedimiento para la aplicación

* 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.

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Application deadline: 31-03-2020

Advertencia
El programa de Voluntarios de las Naciones Unidas es un programa basado en la igualdad de oportunidades, que recibe gratamente aplicaciones por parte de profesionales cualificados/os. Estamos comprometidos a lograr la diversidad en términos de género, nacionalidad y cultura.

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