

## UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

TTOR000023–Education 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

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<b>Country of Assignment</b>	Trinidad and Tobago
<b>Host Institute</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>Volunteer Category</b>	International Senior UN Volunteer (pilot)
<b>Number of Volunteer</b>	1
<b>Duration</b>	12 months
<b>Expected Starting Date</b>	Immediate
<b>Duty Station</b>	Port of Spain [TTO]
<b>Assignment Place</b>	Family Duty Station
<b>Assignment Place Remark</b>	

Assignment with family

### Living Conditions

Generally, living conditions are good in Trinidad and Tobago, however, crime and security should always be taken into account. Delays in clearing of shipments through customs may occur. TV, radio and internet services are readily available.

Road conditions are reasonable but traffic congestion at peak times is an issue considering the limited road capacity for the number of vehicles circulating in the country. Taxis (marked with an “H” license plate) can be accessed through set routes throughout the country and buses are also available within Port of Spain, and into and out of the city into other areas in the country; however, transportation becomes

more limited in the evenings, when many routes are not serviced. Transportation between Trinidad and Tobago is via airbridge, or ferry from Port of Spain to Scarborough. Medical care is available in Port of Spain and other major centres.

Public and private (including international) schools are available throughout the country. Different types of quality houses/apartments are available but are generally quite expensive compared to other countries. Monthly rent charges range from \$3,500TTD-\$7,000TTD for furnished accommodation (dependent on location, number of bedrooms). Banking and credit card institutions are generally good with online banking also available for local bank accounts; although, it is becoming more difficult for foreigners to open bank accounts due to foreign exchange shortages and money laundering/fraud concerns. Due to the current shortage of foreign currency in the country, VLA's will either be provided in the local currency via cheques or wire transferred to your home bank account. It would be very important for you to come to the country with 1 months' worth of USD with you as a starting point.

The country is experiencing an economic recession and prices of numerous commodities such as imported foods are increasing. Although some gas subsidies have been removed, gas and electricity remain affordable in comparison to other countries in the Caribbean and even globally. Shopping is available at shops in the city centres and at suburban malls, and in produce and craft markets. A variety of local and imported foodstuffs are available.

Prior to arrival to Trinidad and Tobago the UNV Field Unit will share further information on the living conditions in the country, and provide the UNV with options regarding transportation from the airport upon arrival and temporary accommodation until more permanent housing is located.

## Assignment Details

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**Assignment Title** Education Officer

### Organizational Context & Project Description

Since 2017, migrant flow to Trinidad and Tobago has been steadily increasing, resulting in an estimated 40,000 Venezuelans moving to Trinidad and Tobago. Out of the 40,000 people of concern from Venezuela, an estimated 4,000 are children. The number of migrants from Venezuela is anticipated to grow to 60,000 in 2019. This will call for scaled up response to the basic social services needs of the migrant population and the host communities. UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area, is responding to the migrant crisis in three main areas namely education, including early childhood care and nutrition, child protection and communication for development. As the crisis evolves, it is critical to scale up response as well as to contribute to a coordinated response with the government and other development partners.

**Sustainable Development Goals** 4. Quality Education

### Task description

The Officer will work under the direct supervision of the Education Manager of UNICEF Eastern Caribbean

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Area Office (Based in Barbados) and will also work in close coordination with all partners in Trinidad and Tobago and in the region.

The Education Officer will:

- Work closely with national partners to support the design of the scale up strategy, with the aim to reach all of the out-of-school children and adolescents.
- Support national authorities and partners, to implement the scale up strategy, identifying opportunities, implementation options, drafting technical proposals based on stakeholder consultations to understand the educational needs, etc.
- Work with partners to review the existing education programme and to align it with national and regional existing curriculums and certifications / accreditation programmes.
- Provide Technical support to partners to fully implement the designed and approved strategies.
- Support the partners with the programme implementation.
- Identify opportunities to improve the quality of the education programmes, promote consensus about improvement opportunities, and implement the proposal.
- Identify opportunities to mainstream life skills in the educational programme and the Safe School Principles.
- Support partners with trainings, consultative processes and high-level policy dialogue.
- Generate evidence and document the different existing experiences.
- Work closely with other UNICEF colleagues (Child Protection, Social Policy, ECD and M&E,...) to ensure the full integration of the different areas.
- Generate regular reports, identifying achievements, bottlenecks and proposal to improve.

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

- A clear strategy to scale up the educational programme is defined and is being implemented.
- A clear strategy to improve the education programme quality is defined and is being implemented.
- The consultant will work closely with national partners: Living Water Community, Red Cross, The University of the West Indies Family Development & Children's Research Centre among others, to identify the needs and opportunities.
- The consultant will establish a frequent dialogue with the migrants' populations (Through the existing channels) to ensure their opinions, including children and adolescents', are fully included in the

proposals.

- The consultant will work closely with UNICEF colleagues to ensure fully integrity and coherent programming.
- 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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**Required Degree Level** Master degree or equivalent

**Education - Additional Comments**

Advance degree in Education, Pedagogy or related discipline

**Required experience** 96 months

**Experience Remark**

A minimum of 8 years' experience with either the UN and/or NGO in Emergency or Early Recovery settings.

**Language Skills**

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Spanish (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

**Area of Expertise**

- Protection of refugees, asylum seekers and IDPs Mandatory
- Human rights Mandatory

**Area of Expertise Requirement**

- Education in an emergency or early recovery setting
- Education, pedagogy or related discipline

**Need Driving Licence** No

**Competencies & Values**

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment and Motivation
- Communication

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- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Judgement and Decision-making
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Working in Teams

## Conditions of Service and other information

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Condition of Service	<a href="#">Click here to view Conditions of Service</a>
Application Code	TTOR000023-3725
Application procedure	

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Application deadline: 20 January 2019

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