

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

TUNR000251--UN Coordination Assistant

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	Tunisia
Host Institute	Resident Coordinator Office
Volunteer Category	National Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	until 30-04-2022
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	Tunis [TUN]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark	

Living Conditions

Geography and Climate: Tunisia, the smallest country of the North African coast, with a population of slightly over 10 million of which about 60% live in urban locations, has one of the highest living standards on the continent. Tunis is the capital of the country and the largest city (population of approximately two million in and outside the city proper). As a small country, all destinations within Tunisia can be reached in a day drive. Tunisia borders with Libya (Southeast) and with Algeria (West).

Tunisia has a Mediterranean climate. Along the coast of northern Tunisia, summers are hot and dry, and winters are warm and rainy. In the northwest, there is occasional snowfall in the mountains. In southern Tunisia, it is hotter and drier. Southern Tunisia, where the Sahara begins, is semi-desert. In some parts, there are oases with giant palm trees and small market gardens.

Religion: About 99 percent of the population is Muslim, especially Sunni Islam, as it is the major and state religion. Tunisia has also a small Christian population, composed of Roman Catholics, members of the Greek Orthodox Church, and French and English Protestants. In addition, there is a small population of Sephardic Jews.

Economy: The country does not have vast stocks of hydrocarbons like its neighbours Algeria and Libya but has prospered under long-

standing government policies to develop manufacturing, tourism, and agriculture. At the same time, social programs limit population growth, provide a high standard of education, and ensure a relatively decent standard of living for all. The largest percentage of Tunisia's exports are agricultural and mining products, which generate over 11 billion dollars a year. Tunisia's biggest export partners are France and Italy. Tunisia is a member of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), the Arab Monetary Fund, and the Union of the Arab Maghreb (UMA).

Public transportation: In addition to the private taxi services, the state runs a reliable and cost effective public transport system.

Safety and security: The crime rate is low, but there have been cases of theft. Walking alone during daylight hours is permitted, but you may want to be more careful at night. Tunisia is still undergoing a critical period of democratic and social transition. The heated political debate has, at times, developed into a localized confrontation among ideological opponents. Although these tensions are unrelated to foreigners, it is nevertheless important to remain updated on the political situation. Therefore, security advice is sent systematically by UNDSS and UNHCR security staff. Since 2015, there have not been terrorist attacks in Tunisia.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title UN Coordination Assistant

Organizational Context & Project Description

The UN Resident Coordinator's Office supports the UN Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Team (UNCT) to ensure the strategic, coherent and efficient functioning of the UN System in Tunisia under the UN Delivering as One approach.

The Resident Coordinator System is the main mechanism to coordinate the UN system's operational activities for development, as well as emergency, recovery and transition in programme countries.

The Resident Coordinator (RC) is leading and strategically positioning the United Nations country team to respond to the current national priorities especially those related to Tunisia's socio-economic recovery post-COVID. The Office has five core functions:

- Strategic Planning
- Economics
- Partnerships and development finance
- Data and results management and reporting
- Communications and advocacy

Sustainable Development Goals 17. Partnerships For the Goals

Task description

Within the delegated authority and under the supervision of the RC or his/her designated mandated representative(s), the UN Volunteer coordinator will:

- Support the work of the UN result Groups and development of the joint annual workplan including establishment of the performance indicators.
- Contribute to successful coordination of stakeholders and networks through support to meetings, events, and communications (managing invitations, preparing agenda points, taking notes and minutes, and following up as needed).
- Work closely with the team members of the RCO to ensure coordinated support to the RC.
- Any other task requested by the RC.

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

As an active RCO team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to RCO and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions

- 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 Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

Required experience 24 months

Experience Remark

- Excellent oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills;
- Accuracy and professionalism in document production and editing;
- Excellent interpersonal skills; culturally and socially sensitive; ability to work inclusively and collaboratively with a range of partners, including grassroots community members, religious and youth organizations, and authorities at different levels; familiarity with tools and approaches of communications for development;
- Ability to work and adapt professionally and effectively in a challenging environment; ability to work effectively in a multicultural team of international and national personnel;
- Solid overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications (Excel, Word, etc.) and email/internet; familiarity with database management; and office technology equipment.

Language

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - French (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Arabic (Optional) , Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise

- Monitoring and evaluation Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Adaptability and Flexibility
- 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:

Note on novel coronavirus – COVID-19.

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 ([Roles and Responsibilities of Host Entities](#))

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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.
- Investigate misconduct: sharing reports with the UNV;
- Provide emergency assistance, e.g. the death of volunteer or medical evacuation, in collaboration with UNV. Accept letters of guarantees or potential liabilities for covering medical costs not claimable under medical insurance in extraordinary situations (e.g. isolation facilities` services during pandemics).

Application Code

TUNR000251-9310

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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This is a national UN Volunteer assignment, therefore only nationals of Tunisia and legal residents in Tunisia with the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: 25-04-2021

Pas encore enregistré/e dans la banque de candidats VNU ?

Veillez d'abord enregistrer votre profil sur le site <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup>. Important : Une fois votre compte créé, veillez à compléter toutes les sections de votre profil et le soumettre. Puis, connectez-vous à 'Ma Page' sur <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage>

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Ceci est une annonce pour une affectation VNU national. Par conséquent, seuls les citoyens de Tunisie et les résidents légaux de Tunisie ayant le statut de réfugié ou d'apatride peuvent postuler à cette annonce.

Date limite pour postuler : 25-04-2021

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<https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/show-doa/VFVOUjAwMDI1MQ==>

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