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.

Country of Assignment: Viet Nam

Host Institute: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Volunteer Category: National Specialist

Number of Volunteer: 1

Duration: 3 months

Possibility of Extension: Yes

Expected Starting Date: Immediate

Duty Station: Hanoi [VNM], Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Nghe An

Assignment Place: Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark:
- The UN Volunteer should carry out surveys in Quang Binh province, Quang Tri province, and Nghe An province during the assignment period.
- Day-to-day transportation cost will be provided.
- Moving cost from province to province will be provided by UNODC.

Living Conditions

Nghe An province

Nghe An province lies between 18° 33' and 20° 01' north latitude, and from 103° 52' to 105° 48' east longitude, which is in the center of the northern part of Central Vietnam. It is located between Thanh Hoa and Ha Tinh, bordered to the West by Laos and to the East by the East Sea. Lying on the East-West economic corridor connecting Myanmar – Thailand – Laos – Vietnam by the...
ASEAN Highway 7 to Cua Lo seaport, Nghe An has a grade 1 city, 3 towns and 17 districts, of which Vinh city is the economic and cultural centre of the province and of the North Central Region.

With more than 3.1 million people, Nghe An is Vietnam’s fourth largest province in population (after Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh city and Thanh Hoa). The urban dwellers account for 13.1%; women account for 50.32%; the population not involving in agricultural production accounts for 31.3%. The average population density is 178 people/km². The natural population growth rate is 1.0%.

In addition to the majority Vietnamese people, the province is home to the Thổ people and Tai peoples such as the Red Tai, Tai Thanh and Tai Hang Tong. Some O Du people also live here.

List of districts in the border area in Nghe An province: Que Phong, Tuong Duong, Ky Son, Con Cuong, Anh Son and Thanh Chuong.

Quang Binh province

Quang Binh province is situated in the north of Central Vietnam with an area of 8,000km² and a population of 896,601 people in the year 2019. The province has a coastline of 116.04km in the East and shares a border of 201.87km with Laos in the West.

The population of Quang Binh is 896,601 people in the year 2019.

The majority of residents belong to Kinh group. Most of the main ethnic minorities of Chut and Van Kieu including such groups as Khua, Ma Lieng, Ruc, Sach, Van Kieu, May, Arem live in mountainous districts of Tuyen Hoa and Minh Hoa and some western communes of Bo Trach, Quang Ninh and Le Thuy districts. Residential proportion is different from area to area. 79.01% of people live in rural areas and 20.99% in urban areas.

List of districts in the border area in Quang Binh province: Que Phong, Tuong Duong, Ky Son, Con Cuong, Anh Son and Thanh Chuong.

Quang Tri province

Located in the North Central Coast region of Vietnam, Quảng Trị Province is surrounded by Quảng Bình Province to the north; Thừa Thiên-Huế Province to the south; Savannakhet Province, in Laos, to the west; and the South Biển Đông Sea to the east, with 75 kilometres (47 mi) of coast. Except for the narrow piedmont coastal plains, the terrain is dominated by hills and the Annamite Mountains.

The average population of Quảng Trị was 601,672 people in 2010. The whole province has 136,743 households, around 4.4 people/household. The province has the urban population of 170,073 people, accounting for 28.31%. The natural population growth rate was down to 1.05% in 2007 and 1.12% in 2010; There was little increase in mechanical population. The average growth of population by 5,000-6,000 people annually. The province’s population density is 126.7 people/km², which is low compared to other provinces and cities in the country. The population is unevenly distributed among regions, mainly distributed in cities, towns and delta districts such as Quảng Trị town 308 people/km², Dong Ha town 1,157 people/km², while Dakrong district has only 29 people/km², Huong Hoa 64 people/km².

The ethnic community in Quảng Trị province includes 3 main groups: Kinh, Van Kieu and Pa Co. The ethnic minorities accounts for about 9% of the total population. Each ethnic group has a long history and a rich and unique cultural tradition, especially folk culture. Van Kieu and Pa Co groups live mainly in the western mountainous districts of the province such as Huong Hoa and Dakrong. All ethnic groups in Quảng Trị province have united and steadfastly fought in the two wars of resistance against the French and the US, making great contributions to the nation’s victory. Today they are joining together to help each other in production, and homeland construction.

List of districts in the border area in Quảng Trị province: Dakrong, Huong Hoa

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

National Volunteer for Research (for Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Nghe An)

Organizational Context & Project Description

This UNV assignment is part of the Border Management programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific of Bangkok, Thailand.
As the guardian of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), the three International Drug Control Conventions and the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), UNODC is mandated to support Member States in the implementation of measures to comply with the Conventions, as well as to coordinate regional and international drug control actions. To this end, UNODC has the expertise and capacity to assist Member States in combating drug trafficking and organized crime.

In Southeast Asia, export-driven growth and major regional infrastructure upgrades, including those associated with the ASEAN Connectivity Masterplan, will concentrate resources along “development corridors” in the coming decade. While these trends will generally be positive in terms of lowering overall trade costs and boosting economic growth, they will also provide increased opportunities for organized criminal groups to traffic illicit goods and smuggle across borders.

Border communities are key actors in countering or facilitating illicit trafficking. In this regard, little is known on the drivers that lead border communities to have a given attitude towards illicit trafficking. UNODC seeks to understand those local dynamics and to draw conclusions/recommendations for its future partnership with countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

**Task description**

Under the direct supervision of the designated UNODC focal point in Viet Nam, the National Volunteer for Research will:

- Conduct interviews of people living in border areas in designated provinces to understand the key factors behind a community’s attitude towards illicit trafficking and the possible remedial actions that could be put in place;
- Travel between designated provinces and to communities in border areas of each province to reach out to more individuals to understand the local dynamics in those communities.
- Compile the information and data collected and send them every week to the National UN Volunteer in Ha Noi (Data Compiling and Translation Officer);
- Create communication contents on the implementation of the assignment (e.g. pictures, short films, narrative accounts – including human stories), while respecting security and safety rules, and send those to the National UNV in Ha Noi for forwarding to UNODC;
- Be in constant contact with the National UN Volunteer in Ha Noi to understand the latest instructions from UNODC regarding the implementation of the initiative;
- Any other related tasks as may be required or assigned by UNODC.

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**

UNODC expects the Volunteer to deliver:

- Around 100 individuals each province would have been interviewed, while respecting the guidelines on age, income, geography and gender for the interviewees provided by UNODC to ensure that the results are representative of the make-up of those border communities;
- Gained understanding of the local dynamics applicable to illicit trafficking in the area of assignment;
- 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
Required Degree Level

Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

A first-level university degree in journalism, law, political science, global studies, international development, public policy or related fields;

Required experience

24 months

Experience Remark

- At least two years of professional work experience is required at the national and/or international level in journalism, programme implementation, policy/legal advice, research/analysis or other relevant experience with one or more of the fields of UNODC mandates (transnational organized crime, criminal justice, anti-corruption, drugs and health, sustainable livelihoods);
- 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;
- 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;
- Self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; ability to work with tight deadlines;
- Working knowledge of languages of any minority groups in Viet Nam is an advantage;

Language

- Vietnamese (Mandatory), Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise

- Journalism, mass media and broadcasting Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Need Driving Licence

No

Competencies & Values

- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

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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 (Roles and Responsibilities of Host Entities)

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  
VNMR000102-8948

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.

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

Application deadline: 16 March 2021

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