

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

NPLR000088--UN Youth Volunteer in Peace, Disarmament and Security

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	Nepal
Host Institute	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia
Volunteer Category	International Youth
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	12 months
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	Kathmandu [NPL]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remark

All UN Youth Volunteer assignments are non Family.

Living Conditions

The UN Volunteer will be based in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal. Nepal is a country rich in its culture and nature. There are many historical sites in Nepal, including ancient and important Hindu and Buddhist shrines and monuments. The three towns in valley Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur, near one another, were the seats of three ancient Kingdoms and abound in pagodas, stupas, palaces, and temples.

Nepali people are friendly and hospitable, and newcomers and visitors are made welcome. Shaking hands when meeting Nepalese, particularly women, is not a common custom. The common practice is to fold one's hands in the traditional gesture of "Namaste".

There are hotels, restaurants and eating places offering Nepalese, Indian, Chinese, Thai, Korean, Tibetan, Japanese and European food of various grades and quality. Prices are reasonable, except in five star hotels.

Nepal is a landlocked country situated between China in the North and India in the East, West and South. Nepal's latitude and

longitude is 28° 00' N and 84° 00' E. The population is around 29.5 million, 16 percent of whom are urban and 45 percent aged under 18 years. The country is full of diverse population where there are 101 ethnic groups and 92 languages are spoken in the country. Nepal's geography ranges from less than 100m above sea level in parts of the southern Terai plains to the peaks of the highest mountains on earth. Natural disasters such as floods, landslides and earthquakes occur frequently. Nepal's per capita income is USD 761.59 and 146th position in the Human Development Index in the World.

Nepal's climate varies with its topography. It ranges from sub-tropical to arctic depending upon altitude. The Terai region has a hot and humid climate. The Mid-Land region, where Kathmandu is situated is pleasant all year around, although winter nights are cool. The northern mountain regions above 3,350m have an alpine climate with considerably lower temperatures in the winter season.

There is easy access to schools, health facilities and good accommodation. There are taxi, cabs and local means of transportation. Colleagues in the office and national staff are useful resources in providing information about accommodation, shopping etc. the local UNDSS will provide the needed information regarding security.

Assignment Details

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Organizational Context & Project Description

a) Stakeholders: Member States of the Asia-Pacific region, inter-governmental organizations, other United Nations agencies, NGOs and other civil society organizations are the stakeholders and involved in UNRCPD projects that the UN Youth Volunteer will be engaged in. The UNRCPD projects are focused on: a) building capacity of States of the region to control their stockpiles of SALW, provide technical and legal assistance to enable States ratifying and acceding the Arms Trade Treaty; b) reduction of gun violence and illicit small arms trafficking from a gender perspective and thus, contributing to achieving targets, 5.2, 5.5 and 16.4 of the SDGs, promoting the gender aspect of disarmament and empowering women in decision making on security issues; c) peace and disarmament education in support of national ministries, education institutions and civil society organizations in countries of South Asia in producing and distributing peace and disarmament education materials, cultivating culture of non-violence behaviour.

b) Organizational background: UNRCPD is one of three Regional Centres of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), which is part of the UN Secretariat and based in New York. The Centre acts as the Office's operational branch in Asia and the Pacific. Located in Kathmandu (Nepal), UNRCPD works to implement global measures of peace and disarmament and to support the implementation of national and regional activities in 43 countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

Sustainable Development Goals 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

UNV Focus Area Peace building

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Director of UNRCPD and/or the Deputy Director, the UN Youth Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

Assist substantively in planning and organising the Centre's capacity-building activities in the Asia-Pacific region aimed at enhancing the capacity of States to combat illicit trade in small arms and light weapon, inter alia through workshops and trainings that combine basic SALW knowledge and practical exercise with human security, human rights, international humanitarian law, etc. In collaboration with the ATT Secretariat, UNV will support the Centre in planning and executing seminars and workshops to promote the ratification of and accession to the ATT by countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The work will focus on capacity-building activities, explaining synergies between the ATT and other global agreements to control stockpile management and transfer of SALW, other conventional arms and ammunition.

Reduction of gun violence and illicit small arms from gender perspective: Assist in coordinating and organizing the respective Project's sub-regional workshops for Southeast, South and the Pacific States, and the summary seminar in Kathmandu, Nepal. The work will focus on the coordination of and full assistance with the organization of these events (incl. their related substantive, logistical, liaison and administrative tasks), the finalization of the agendas/programmes, as well as

the identification of and liaison/communication with the workshop participants (incl. the trainers, gender-focused NGOs and disarmament-engaged members of parliament et al). The work will include assistance in conceptualizing and developing the Centre's initiative on armed violence reduction and prevention in line with respective targets of the SDG, the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, possibly by continuing the Centre's series of events on the issue

Peace & disarmament education in post-conflict setting: Cooperate in organising UNRCPD's activities to promote peace and disarmament education in support of national ministries, education institutions and civil society organizations in countries of South Asia;

Analysis and research of political and security affairs: Support the effort of researching and analyzing political and security developments in Asia and the Pacific and, thereby, contribute to the implementation of the Centre's strategies and projects. Research and analyze disarmament and security-related developments in Asia and the Pacific with a view to assist with the conceptualization and drafting of project proposals on conventional arms control, confidence building and other peace-and-security-related activities in the region.

Disarmament Advocacy, Outreach and Communication: Raise awareness about and advocate for confidence-building measures and disarmament issues through an outreach and communication effort, including by drafting quarterly newsletters and other outreach products, upgrading the Centre's website, etc.

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- Reflect on the type and quality of voluntary action that they are undertaking, including participation in ongoing reflection activities- 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

The UN Volunteer would have:

Assisted the Centre's planning and organisation of activities that enhances the capacity of countries in the region to better control small arms and light weapons and conventional arms;

Supported the Centre's programme promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence;

Supported successful peace and disarmament education that contributes to peace-building and reconciliation in post-conflict countries;

Engaged in efforts that promote gender aspects of disarmament;

Supported disarmament strategies and projects of the Centre by analyzing select political and security developments in the Asia-Pacific region;

Promoted international volunteerism through his/her presence, benefitting both society at large and the individual volunteer;

Prepared 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 etc.

Furthermore:

The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, including Implementing Partners (IPs);

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Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level Master degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

International relations, international security and disarmament, development studies, Asian studies.

Required experience 6 months

Experience Remark

Preferably professional work experience with foreign affairs. Experience with Asia-Pacific region is desirable. Outstanding research and analytical capabilities; Good communication and design/presentation skills.

Excellent command of English, orally as well as in writing.

Language Skills

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR), arms control, armed forces Mandatory
- Other security and protective services experience Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

International peace and security, confidence-building, arms control and disarmament issues

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

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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) per month and 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 (choose from the drop down menu the appropriate rate here): US\$1,282. The VLA base rate is a global rate, while the PAM is 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 example, kindly enter the link [Calculator](#)

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 also 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 the final repatriation travel (if applicable). A 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.

Application Code

NPLR000088-2523

Application procedure

Eligible candidates must be between 18 and 29 years of age throughout the entire duration of their service.

** 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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This assignment is fully funded by Finland. Only Finnish nationals are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: 1st April 2018.

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United Nations Volunteers is an equal opportunity programme which welcomes applications from qualified professionals. We are committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture.

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