



## UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

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**Opportunity Type (Online/Onsite)** Onsite

**Opportunity Title** Associate Field Officer

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<b>Host Entity</b>	UNHCR
<b>Country of Assignment</b>	Bangladesh
<b>Duty station</b>	Cox's Bazaar,
<b>Volunteer Category</b>	International UN Volunteer Specialist
<b>Number of UN Volunteers</b>	1
<b>Duration</b>	24m
<b>Possibility of Extension</b>	No
<b>Expected Start Date</b>	10/01/2022
<b>Sustainable Development Goal</b>	15. Life on land
<b>Disabilities</b>	No

## DOA Details

**Organisation mission and objectives**

UNHCR is mandated by the United Nations to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems. UNHCR's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. In its efforts to achieve this objective, UNHCR strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, and to return home voluntarily. By assisting refugees to return to their own country or to settle permanently in another country, UNHCR also seeks lasting solutions to their plight. Main objectives:

- Secure safe and dignified asylum for all persons of concern to UNHCR, in accordance with recognised international standards.
- Seek appropriate durable solutions for the majority of the refugees and asylum-seekers.
- Ensure that minimum standards are maintained in the provision of essential material assistance to refugees.

UNHCR Bangladesh is currently in a transition phase of moving from an emergency situation to a more stable operation. As of 31 December 2021, approximately 900,000 Rohingya refugees reside in 34 camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazilas of Cox's Bazar District. The population includes 35,680 known as 'registered refugees' who arrived in the early 1990s, and along with their children born in Bangladesh, are formally recognized as refugees by the Government. The vast majority of the Rohingya who have been registered since 2017 are not formally recognized as refugees by the government but are instead referred to as 'forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals. While not a signatory to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, and not having national legislation on refugee matters, Bangladesh is signatory to a number of international human rights instruments that have relevance to the protection of refugees.

**Assignment context**

Under the supervision of the Senior Field Coordinator, the candidate will be responsible for coordination of activities in several camp and urban location of Cox's Bazar. Given the complex cross-border and regional dynamics pertaining to the situation, the candidate should also have some knowledge of the current context in the region, the challenges, and opportunities it presents. Sensitive political context requires ability to work collaboratively with government counterparts and sound coordination skills for management of partner's response to persons of concern. Further, as Bangladesh is a challenging, emergency Level-2 operation, the candidate should be able to work well under pressure in challenging conditions with short deadlines. Through relationships with persons of concern, authorities and network of partners, the candidate should stay abreast of political, social, economic, and cultural developments that have an impact on the protection and field environment and provide advice to senior management based on this. Ability to come up with innovative and creative solutions to operational challenges and demonstrated drafting skills in English are required. In addition to the requirements set in the Job Description, the incumbent must demonstrate solid understanding of Camp Coordination and Camp Management, knowledge of main protection principles and approaches, knowledge of refugee law and standards; should have a strong focus on reporting on relevant field related activities and in providing policy and external relations support to the field unit, and therefore prior experience in these areas is desirable. Moreover, experience in developing Standard Operating Procedures is an asset, in addition to knowledge of refugee, statelessness, human rights law and principles; should also have experience of coordinating with external partners in an Inter-Agency setting within a unique coordination structure; have proven experience in coordination of the emergency preparedness and response activities in his/her area of responsibilities; should have experience in developing and maintaining monitoring, reporting and evaluation systems, including use of online reporting tools.

**Task description**

Under the direct supervision of Senior Field Officer, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks: • Identify vulnerable groups or individuals who may need special attention or special arrangements and make recommendations on the needs of different groups of refugees. • Assess protection and assistance needs of refugees and asylum-seekers in the region and monitor implementation of refugee assistance programmes. • In co-ordination with implementing partners, handle the reception, registration and provision of assistance to persons of concern to UNHCR. • Provide inputs for project submissions and periodic narrative and financial reports for the annual programme. • Develop and maintain relations with local authorities ensuring smooth negotiations in all aspects of UNHCR's mandate for the benefit of refugees. • Monitor the security situation in the area and intervene as appropriate with the local authorities. • Submit recommendation for protection interventions to the designated officer. • Negotiate with local authority counterparts, partners, and populations of concern. • Approve expenditures within the DOAP. • Conduct missions to Bhasan Char as required. • Perform other related duties as required.

## Eligibility Criteria

**Age** 27-80

**Nationality** INTERNATIONAL

**Additional eligibility criteria**

This assignment is funded by JICA, therefore only former Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JICA-JOCV) who could get recommendation by JICA-JOCV Secretariat are eligible to apply. Please check your application eligibility on the JICA website ([https://www.jica.go.jp/volunteer/obog/career\\_support/unv/index.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/volunteer/obog/career_support/unv/index.html)). The assignment is planned to start October/November 2022.

## DOA Requirements

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**Required education level** Bachelor degree or equivalent

**Area(s) of specialisation** Law, Political Science or other relevant field.

### Required experience

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**Required skills and experience**

field experience. • Knowledge of refugee law. Good knowledge of UNHCR's programmes; • Development oriented background is preferable so that effective collaboration with development actors such as JICA can be sought. • General computer literacy (word, email, internet) and good knowledge of the basic data-management programs; Excel, Access, ProGres (asset). Drafting and reporting skills • Ability to analyze large amount of data and information

## Language

Language	Language skills	Language requirement
English	Fluent	Yes

### Area of Expertise

- Development programmes

**Driving license required**

No

**Type of driving licenses**

**Competencies and values**

- Accountability • Adaptability and Flexibility • Building Trust • Client Orientation • Commitment and Motivation • Commitment to Continuous Learning • Communication • Creativity • Ethics and Values • Integrity • Judgement and Decision-making • Knowledge Sharing • Managing Performance • Planning and Organizing • Professionalism • Respect for Diversity • Self-Management • Working in Teams

**Other information**

**Living conditions and other remarks**

Cox's Bazar is a district of Bangladesh, and it is famous for fishing port and tourism. It is one of the most-visited tourist destinations in Bangladesh. The beach in Cox's Bazar is an unbroken 120 km (75 miles) sandy sea beach with a gentle slope, making it the second longest sea beach in the world. The climate of Cox's bazar is similar to the rest of the country. The climate of Bangladesh is generally determined by its location in the tropical monsoon region: high temperature, heavy rainfall, generally excessive humidity, and distinct seasonal variations. It is further characterized by the location in the coastal area. Historically Cox's Bazar, like other parts of Bangladesh, is a safe place to live. Since August 2017, with the large scale Rohingya influx from Myanmar, Cox's Bazar is seen as a district with a humanitarian crisis. Culturally Cox's Bazar is very diverse and well-known for its traditional heritage. The communications systems in Cox's Bazar is well developed and the district is well-connected with other cities. All the national mobile networks are operational in Cox's Bazar. Walking within Cox's Bazar city is only allowed during daytime. Travel by rickshaw is also permitted within Cox's Bazar only during daytime. Cox's Bazar has a domestic airport and is currently classified as a family duty station (Security Level 3-moderate; Hardship category-D).

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