



UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

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Opportunity Type (Online/Onsite) Onsite

Opportunity Title Programme Policy Officer
(Nutrition)

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Host Entity	WFP Rwanda
Country of Assignment	Rwanda
Duty station	Kigali,
Volunteer Category	International UN Volunteer Specialist
Number of UN Volunteers	1
Duration	24m
Possibility of Extension	No
Expected Start Date	10/03/2022
Sustainable Development Goal	2. Zero hunger
Disabilities	No

DOA Details

Organisation mission and objectives The World Food Programme (WFP) is the leading humanitarian organization saving lives and changing lives, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience.

Assignment context WFP Rwanda is currently implementing a five-year Country Strategic Plan (CSP, 2019-2023) with five strategic outcomes focused on both humanitarian and development support. The International UN Volunteer will work primarily under the strategic outcome three (SO3) which focuses on supporting the Government to strengthen capacity for nutrition and HIV service delivery, develop guidance materials including food standards, generate nutrition and HIV data to inform national programmes and policies. Under SO3, WFP is the lead agency for a four-year UN Joint Nutrition Project (2021- 2025) being implemented by FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. The Project aims at addressing stunting and other forms of malnutrition with activities by strengthening the Government's capacity to enhance maternal, infant, child and adolescent nutrition through various approaches including private sector engagement, social and behaviour change communication.

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Nutritionist/ Head of Nutrition, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Contribute to the development, implementation and review of nutrition activities, plans and proposals, ensuring alignment with wider nutrition policies and guidance, priorities.
- Assist to conduct literature reviews on relevant nutrition topics including behaviour change, fortification and bio-fortification in line with the Initiative for Food and Nutrition in Africa (IFNA) and Government of Japan's Sector Policy Loan for Nutrition Improvement through Agriculture Transformation activities in Rwanda.
- Contribute to nutrition situation and data analysis and reporting including development of nutrition materials as part of efforts to support the National Child Development Agency (NCDA, the Government's agency responsible for nutrition)'s priorities on reducing stunting and improving adolescent nutrition.
- Support to enhance coordination of nutrition activities under the UN Joint Nutrition Project.
- Contribute to provide guidance on nutrition-sensitive programming of WFP's humanitarian and development activities especially strengthening nutrition-sensitive agriculture programming of the CSP.
- Participate in multi-stakeholder platforms to contribute to technical discussions, advocate for nutrition interventions and identify areas of potential collaboration and partnerships as required.
- Support the capacity building of WFP staff, partners and national government to prepare for and respond to nutrition needs for example the production and review of training materials.
- Support knowledge management activities of the nutrition team.
- Provide project management support to nutrition projects and activities.
- Support to identify and mobilise funding for nutrition activities.
- Perform other duties as required.

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.

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). 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 Nutrition, Public Health, Food Science and Technology, Social Science

Required experience

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- Experience in conducting nutrition-related analysis and literature reviews.
- Experience in coordination and partnerships and working with Government.
- Experience in project management and coordination is desirable.
- Good communication and writing skills.
- Good IT skills and knowledge in MS Office suite especially MS-Word, MS-Excel, MS-PowerPoint

Language

Language	Language skills	Language requirement
English	Fluent	Yes
French	Working knowledge	No

Area of Expertise

- Social work
- Health

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
- Empowering Others
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Judgement and Decision-making
- Knowledge Sharing
- Leadership
- Managing Performance
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Technological Awareness
- Vision
- Working in Teams

Other information

Living conditions and other remarks

The Republic of Rwanda is a landlocked country in the Great Lakes region of east-central Africa, bordered by Uganda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania. It is a low-income, least-developed country with a population of more than 12 million people with about 38% of the population living below the poverty line of USD 1.25 a day. Rwanda is a verdant country of fertile and hilly terrain and bears the title "Land of a Thousand Hills". Levels of stunting among children under five years remain very high (33% according to the 2019-2020 Rwanda Demographic and Health Survey). Agriculture is the backbone of the economy, with 89% of rural households practicing small-scale farming. Poor rainfall, drought, floods and the limited amount of land that is suitable for agriculture, alongside pests and diseases, continue to pose risks to food security. The population is growing at 2.4 percent per year and the country has one of the highest population densities in sub-Saharan Africa. Rwanda ranks 157 of 189 countries on the Human Development Index (HDI) and 85 of 160 on the Gender Inequality Index according to 2018 UNDP ranking. The country has received considerable international attention due to its 1994 genocide against the Tutsis, in which between 800 000 and one million people were killed. In 2008, Rwanda became the first country in history to elect a national legislature in which a majority of members were women. The country now has many international visitors and is regarded as a safer place for tourists. The principal form of public transport in the country is shared taxi, with express tarmacked routes linking the major cities and local services serving most villages along the main roads of the country. Housing prices differ considerably depending on what sort of living standards you have. You can live with a local person for very cheap, take a room in a share house for anywhere from \$250 to \$600, or rent an entire house to yourself for a lot more. The nicer the house (and there are plenty of mansions), the higher the rent, obviously. A modern apartment could cost as much as \$1,000 or more. The principal form of public transport in the country is shared taxi, with express tarmacked routes linking the major cities and local services serving most villages along the main roads of the country. Housing prices differ considerably depending on what sort of living standards you have. You can live with a local person at very cheap price, take a room in a shared house for a cost between \$250 to \$600, or rent an entire house to yourself for a lot more. The nicer the house (and there are plenty of mansions), the higher the rent, obviously. A modern apartment could cost as much as \$1,000 or more. Internet in Rwanda is not expensive and fairly reliable. Some houses have WIFI, but most people opt to buy a USB modem and either pay for a monthly data plan or pay per KB used. Rwanda has two main telecommunication companies i.e., MTN and Airtel which offer an unlimited monthly plan for Rwf 20,000 per month (less than U\$ 20). A combination of tropical location and high altitude ensures that most of Rwanda has a temperate year-round climate. Temperatures rarely stray above 30 degrees Celsius by day or below 15 degrees Celsius at night throughout the year. The exceptions are the chilly upper slopes of the Virunga Mountains, and the hot low-lying Tanzania border area protected in Akagera National Park. Throughout the country, seasonal variations in temperature are relatively insignificant. Most parts of the country receive in excess of 1 000 mm of precipitation annually, with the driest months being July to September and the wettest February to May. In addition to Kinyarwanda, English and French are the major spoken languages.

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