

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

MDGR000102--Agro-economic analyst

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

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| Country of Assignment | Madagascar |
| Host Institute | International Fund for Agricultural Development |
| Volunteer Category | International Specialist |
| Number of Volunteer | 1 |
| Duration | 24 months |
| Expected Starting Date | 01-01-2021 |
| Duty Station | Antananarivo [MDG] |
| Assignment Place | Family Duty Station |
| Assignment Place Remark | |

Living Conditions

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in Africa where 91% of Malagasy people live on less than 2USD a day. The capital city Antananarivo is a large city with a population of about 2 million, but infrastructure has not been well established. Power and water outages happen from time to time. Tap water is not suitable to drink. Heavy traffic jam occurs in the morning and evening. Daily commodities and electronic appliances are available in supermarkets. The central highland area where Antananarivo is located (approx. 1200 m) is relatively cool and malaria is rarely observed. Malaria occurs in the coast regions where it is hot and humid throughout the year. French and Malagasy are the official languages in Madagascar.

The UN Volunteer is based at the IFAD country-office in Antananarivo. She/he will have to travel in provinces/regions for technical implementation supports and supervision missions to IFAD portfolio.

Assignment Details

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Assignment Title

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Organizational Context & Project Description

The IFAD Country Office is hosted by FAO with the main functions to: (i) manage the IFAD portfolio and the implementation of the country strategic programs; (ii) support the design of new projects/programs; (iii) strengthen partnerships with key technical actors and donors, private sector, universities, etc., as well as the development of South-South cooperation; (iv) support policy dialogues promoting investments for rural transformation, the fight against poverty, food security and nutrition as well as the strengthening of local and national capacities; (v) promote innovations and innovations' scaling-up; (vi) support the monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management and communication relating to IFAD investments in Madagascar.

Sustainable Development Goals

2. Zero Hunger

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the **IFAD Country programme Officer**, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

Collect, update and synthesize data and information related to agricultural and rural sector development ;

Analyse progress related to agricultural and rural sector policies and institutions in Madagascar ;

Participate in relevant thematic meetings on poverty, agricultural and rural development, food and nutrition security, etc.

Contribute to the technical annual review of the IFAD portfolio and country-strategy programme ;

Contribute to achieve the knowledge management strategy and activities of the portfolio, in collaboration with CAPFIDA ;

Participate in the design of new projects, the implementation support and supervision missions for current IFAD portfolio and project completion missions and reports ;

Contribute to the development of partnerships between IFAD, FAO, WFP and other partners, and follow-up partnership in place, including South-south triangular cooperation ;

Liaise with the local JICA office to seek possibilities of collaborative activities between IFAD and JICA in line with IFNA (Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa), SHEP (Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion) and CARD (Coalition for African Rice Development), where appropriate

Any other relevant tasks scheduled and assigned by his supervisor.

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

Regular updated data and reports of the evolution of the rural development sectors

Knowledge products annually produced and disseminated in collaboration with CAPFIDA

Reports of thematic meetings and workshops attended

Implementation and supervision missions reports

Reports on partnership leveraging, implementation and results

• 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

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Agriculture

Required experience 24 months

Experience Remark

Language

- French (Mandatory) , Level - Working Knowledge
- AND - English (Mandatory) , Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise

- Other agriculture related experience Mandatory
- Other civil society or community development experience Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Mandatory: Agriculture and Rural development

Additional: Knowledge management

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Building Trust
- Client Orientation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Creativity
- Empowering Others
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Knowledge Sharing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Vision
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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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 across the globe, within countries and across borders. Such restrictions make it very difficult for international UN Volunteers to begin their assignments at their assigned duty station and UNV cannot guarantee assignments will proceed as normal.

Candidates for international UN Volunteer assignments during this period may be exceptionally granted alternative working arrangements to work from their place of recruitment until restrictions are lifted. This is at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss the likelihood of travel and possible alternative arrangements with the host entity. If selected, candidates should carefully consider the circumstances before accepting UNV's offer.

In cases where the UN Host Entity partner has requested the UN Volunteer to perform their assignment remotely, the Post Adjustment Multiplier (PAM) and related entitlements to be paid may be adjusted to the temporary duty station from where the UN Volunteer has been requested to work if requested by the UN Host Entity.

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) which is composed of the Monthly Living Allowance (MLA) and a Family Allowance (FA) for those with dependents (maximum three).

The Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) 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 US\$ 1,651. The VLA base rate is a global rate across the world, while the PAM is duty station/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 UN Volunteer entitlements, kindly refer to the link <https://vmam.unv.org/calculator/entitlements>

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 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

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framework (including residential security reimbursements).

UN Volunteers are paid Daily Subsistence Allowance at the UN rate for official travels, flight tickets for periodic home visit and for the final repatriation travel (if applicable). 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.

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 including setting-up of bank accounts, residence permit applications and completion of other official processes as required by the host government or host entity;
- 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;
- Inclusion of the volunteer in emergency procedures such as evacuations;
- 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

MDGR000102-7633

Application procedure

Prerequisites

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 here:

https://www.jica.go.jp/volunteer/obog/career_support/unv/index.html

This is a UN Volunteer assignment and eligible candidates must be 25 years of age or older.

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Selection process

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The selection will be done by the UN Host Entity at the level of the country of assignment, via competency-based interviews held via skype or telephone.

How to apply

Please apply via the link below. You can then either log in if you already have an account or register via '[Candidate Signup](#)'.

You may apply to a maximum of three assignments per advertisement and indicate your order of preference in the 'Additional Remarks' section of your profile.

Application deadline: 20 September 2020

doa.apply_url

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

Disclaimer

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.