

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

TZAR000151--Programme officer – Nutrition

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	United Republic of Tanzania
Host Institute	World Food Programme
Volunteer Category	International Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	24 months
Expected Starting Date	01-10-2021
Duty Station	Dar es Salaam [TZA]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark	

Living Conditions

Communications

Mail

Airmail can take up to a minimum of two weeks to arrive in Tanzania and sometimes can take two weeks or more to get to your site.

Telephones

Cellphones are readily available in Tanzania.

Internet

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Internet services are available for reasonable fees at cybercafes in all large towns and a growing number of smaller towns.

Housing

Housing varies in size, but all houses are made of either cement block or fired brick with tin or tile roofs. Houses have at least two rooms and are sometimes furnished with a bed, a table, chairs, and possibly other items

Food and Diet

The staple food in Tanzania is maize (corn), which is prepared as a thick porridge called ugali and eaten with vegetables or beans. Meat and chicken are almost always available, and fish is plentiful in the coastal and lake areas. Many fruits and vegetables grow in Tanzania (though not all items are available year-round) and, with a little creativity, you should be able to enjoy a varied diet.

Transportation

Primary mode of long-distance transport is public buses. For shorter excursions. Adaladala is a minibus or small pickup truck that carries people and goods. (Yes, chickens could end up in your lap!) Buses and daladalas travel between or within towns on irregular schedules (i.e., when full), so travel in Tanzania is never a predictable affair.

Social Activities

Larger towns often have discos and bars, which can become very lively on both weekdays and weekends. The most common form of entertainment is socializing with friends and neighbours.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

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Organizational Context & Project Description

The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency, fighting hunger worldwide.

Malnutrition is a major public health and economic concern in Tanzania due its lifelong impact on the individual and negative impact on the economy. Despite a decline in the prevalence of stunting from 34.7% in 2014 (Tanzania National Nutrition Survey -TNNS) to 31.8% in 2018 (TNNS, 2018), malnutrition remains a burden in Tanzania with over 3 million children affected. Wasting prevalence is at 3.5% with approximately 440,000 children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 90,000 with severe acute malnutrition (SAM). In addition, micronutrient deficiencies are still common. High rates of chronic under nutrition among children in Tanzania are driven largely by poor infant and young childcaring and feeding practices at the household level, poor dietary habits, and low access to nutritious and diversified diets. Furthermore, overweight and obesity is on the rise indicating 32% of women of reproductive age are overweight (TNNS, 2018), making them susceptible to diet related non-communicable diseases. In 2017, the Government launched the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) and in 2021 will be developing the second generation NMNAP.

WFP Tanzania's Country Strategic Plan 2017-2021 has a strong focus on supporting the Government of Tanzania in addressing root causes of malnutrition and underpins the important role that WFP can play in capacity strengthening. WFP is supporting Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) to address gaps identified by the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) through evidence creation to support advocacy, policymaking and programme design for the

achievement of national nutrition targets. To this end WFP has oriented its nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive activities to align with the NMNAP, while supporting the enabling environment at national, regional and district level to implement the NMNAP, helping accelerate the reduction of stunting in Tanzania. WFP has also implemented community-based interventions called Boresha Lishe and Maisha Bora. In addition WFP is implementing a project in partnership with government and academia that develops a locally produced food supplement to treat moderate acute malnutrition and prevent stunting.

In this respect WFP's engagement in nutrition is a clear indication of our commitments to support of the Zero Hunger agenda in Tanzania. WFP Tanzania has been reinforcing its internal capacity in nutrition to be able to deliver on the commitments included in the CSP, focusing on technical support to the national government and at the implementation level, the districts councils. WFP Tanzania is committed to taking innovative approaches to addressing malnutrition especially using food supplements. WFP has just kick started the development of the next country strategic plan 2022-2027 and the nutrition unit is the process of developing a nutrition strategy that guides programming for nutrition in the country.

Sustainable Development Goals

2. Zero Hunger

Task description

Under the direct supervision of head of Nutrition, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

Lead coordination and follow with WASSHA a Japanese private company working with WFP in improving incomes of local communities through renting of solar charged lamps in further development of partnership with WASSHA

Together with the head of nutrition develop case studies and briefs to build a case for food as a tool for addressing malnutrition as well as participate in the implementation of the local production project where WFP is working with government and academia to develop specialised nutritious foods for treatment and prevention of malnutrition locally as well as develop standards for its production in country.

Prepare communication and information materials for CO programme advocacy to promote awareness, establish partnership/alliances and support fund raising for nutrition programmes.

Provide technical and operational support throughout all stages of programming processes to ensure integration, coherence and harmonization of WFP programmes/projects in the scaling up nutrition (SUN) business network.

Monitor and verify the optimum and appropriate use of sectoral programme resources (financial, administrative and other assets) confirming compliance with organizational rules, regulations, procedures, donor commitments, and standards of accountability.

Ensure timely reporting and liquidation of resources.

Liaise with the local JICA office to seek possibilities of collaborative activities between UNICEF and JICA in line with IFNA (Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa), where appropriate.

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

Proposal on new areas of working with WASSHA and other private sectors partners

Briefs on WFP Nutrition focused work

Periodic reports on the local production project progress

WFP is effectively represented in Scaling up nutrition business network meetings and activities

- 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

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Required Degree Level Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

A Bachelor's degree in one of the following fields is required: nutrition, food science, public health, nutritional epidemiology, global/international health and nutrition, health/nutrition research, policy and/or management, health sciences.

Required experience 36 months

Experience Remark

Three to five years of professional experience in a developing country in one or more of the following areas is required: nutrition, public health, nutrition planning and management, or maternal, infant and child health/nutrition care. Experience in programme/project development and management in a UN system agency

Language

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Food safety and nutrition Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Communication skills.

Data analytical and Problem-solving skills.

Partnerships

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- 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
- Technological Awareness

- Vision
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

[Click here to view Conditions of Service](#)

Conditions of Service for International Specialist:

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\$ 1,682. 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

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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 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 Entity](#))

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

TZAR000151-9530

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: [JICA website](#).

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

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 June 2021

doa.apply_url<https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/show-doa/VFpBUjAwMDE1MQ==>**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.