



## UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

### Preamble:

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.

1. **UNV Assignment Title:** Programme Officer
2. **Type of Assignment:** International UN Volunteer
3. **Project Title:** Nutritional Food Security and Disaster Preparedness and Response
4. **Duration:** Two years
5. **Location, Country:** Lima, Peru
6. **Expected Starting Date:** June 4, 2012

### 7. Brief Project Description:

The candidate will contribute to food security and nutrition related activities; as well as with disaster preparedness and response activities within the Programme Unit of WFP Country Office in Peru.

8. **Host Agency/Host Institute:** World Food Programme

### 9. Organizational Context:

a) WFP Peru's main counterpart is the Government of Peru. WFP Peru provides technical advice and support to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Education to address the strengthening of institutional and human development towards nutritional and food security issues.

b) WFP Peru works in coordination with several UN agencies, such as UNICEF, FAO, WHO/PAHO and UNODC; as well as with some companies and foundations from private sector engaged on social responsibility.

c) WFP Peru's Vision by the end of 2016 is to contribute to the Government's efforts in: (i) reducing vulnerability to chronic under-nutrition amongst children under five years of age from 18.3 to not less than 14 percent (ENDES 2009, INEI, NCHS standard); and (ii) reducing the prevalence of childhood anaemia amongst children under three years of age from 50.4 percent to not less than 25 percent.

d) WFP will work in coordination with the Ministries of Health, Education, Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, and Women and Social Development (MIMDES) towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The programme unit where the UN Volunteer will be placed is in charge of the design and implementation of activities in order to reduce both chronic undernutrition and anemia in children. All

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activities are coordinated and implemented in close coordination with the Government of Peru. For more information, on WFP Peru operations please visit: <http://www.wfp.org/countries/Peru/Operations>.

**10. Type of Assignment Place:** assignment with family

**11. Description of tasks:**

Under the direct supervision of the Head of Programme and with the WFP Representative as second supervisor, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Provide advice to the Government of Peru with regard to possible community-based activities to reduce high levels of chronic under nutrition in children under five years of age and anemia in pregnant women and children under three years of age.
- Provide overall programme assistance for all disaster preparedness and response activities, as well as food and nutritional security-related activities, which includes implementation and monitoring of programmes and activities, as well as capacity building.
- Support WFP Peru programme unit in the development of community-based assessment with close involvement with beneficiaries and planning activities in order to strengthen governmental capacities.
- Assist in the development of joint programmes with other UN agencies (mainly WHO/PAHO, FAO, UNICEF) and other partners.
- Actively liaise with UN agencies, NGOs, Peruvian Government counterparts and other partners in order to strengthen cooperation and solid partnerships with regard to emergency preparedness, food and nutritional security-related aspects, through capacity building activities;
- Assist the Government of Peru in identifying fields of development where food aid and/or food assistance is required and give assistance in planning, formulating, and targeting recipients for new requests for WFP aid;
- Provide assistance in the implementation of the 2012-2016 Country Strategy Document within the Programme Unit
- Provide support for the design of new project proposals
- Assist in fundraising and public information and communication issues.
- Ensure compliance with WFP's policies, criteria and procedures with respect to food aid;
- Explore possibilities to integrate volunteering components into projects in collaboration with the UNV Field Unit
- Perform other related duties as required.

Furthermore, UN Volunteers are encouraged 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 IVD);
- 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, videos 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.

**12. Results/Expected Output:**

- Timely implementation of disaster preparedness and response, as well as food and nutritional security-related activities.
- Adequate support given to the Government of Peru with regard to community-based activities in order to reduce high levels of chronic under-nutrition and anemia.

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- Development of community-based assessment and planning activities.
- Effective coordination with other units and Headquarters, which leads to adequate delivery of required resources.
- Effective coordination with other UN agencies and institutions on emergency preparedness, and food and nutritional security-related issues.
- Identification of fields of development where food aid is required
- project ideas and concept notes developed and presented to UNV FU that show integration of volunteerism in development
- A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed.

### **13. Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Master Degree in Development studies, Social sciences, Agricultural sciences, food sciences, Public health, Nutrition, Health Sciences or related discipline.
- At least three years of postgraduate professional experience in emergency preparedness and response, public health, food security, nutrition and/or development programmes.
- Language skills: Good knowledge of Spanish and English.

### **14. Living Conditions:**

Duty station will be in Lima, Peru

### **15. Conditions of Service**

A 24-month contract; monthly volunteer living allowance (VLA) intended to cover housing, basic needs and utilities, equivalent to US \$2,005 (*please complete the required information*); settling-in-grant (if applicable); life, health, and permanent disability insurance; return airfares (if applicable); resettlement allowance for satisfactory service.

### **Description of Assignment prepared by the UNV Field Unit/UN Agency:**

**Date:** (day/month/year)

### **Description of Assignment approved by UNDP/RR/CD or UNV Field Unit:**

**Date:** Bart Tilkin  
UNV Programme Officer (13/04/2012)