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GENERAL INFORMATION

Host Entity:	WFP Bangladesh
Country of Assignment:	Bangladesh
Duty station:	Cox's Bazaar
Volunteer Category:	International UN Volunteer Specialist
Number of Assignment(s):	1
Expected Start Date:	01/10/2025
Duration:	18 month(s)
Possibility of Extension:	No
Sustainable Development Goal:	2. Zero hunger
DoA ID:	1784888021260297

DETAILS

ORGANISATION MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The United Nations World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. The mission of WFP is to help the world achieve Zero Hunger in our lifetimes. The country strategic plan is aligned with the United Nations sustainable development cooperation framework for Bangladesh for 2022–2026 and the eighth five-year plan (covering the period July 2020–June 2025) of the Government of Bangladesh. It is informed by the recommendations of an independent evaluation of the country strategic plan for 2017–2021 and consultation with key stakeholders. It will contribute to Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 17 through four strategic outcomes. WFP is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce. WFP has zero tolerance for sexual exploitation and abuse, any kind of harassment, including sexual harassment, abuse of authority or discrimination. All selected candidates will, undergo rigorous reference and background checks. No appointment under any kind of contract will be offered to members of the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), FAO Finance Committee, WFP External Auditor, WFP Audit Committee, Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and other similar bodies within the United Nations system with oversight responsibilities over WFP, both during their service and within three years of ceasing that service.

ASSIGNMENT CONTEXT

The large-scale influx of Rohingya refugees into Cox's Bazar in 2017 has resulted in the establishment of the world's most densely populated refugee camp. Despite the continuous humanitarian assistance provided by the United Nations organizations and the other humanitarian organizations since 2017, the crisis continues to escalate due to the ongoing internal situation in Myanmar. Notably, more than 50,000 new refugees have arrived in Cox's Bazar in 2024 alone.

Furthermore, this ongoing influx has significantly impacted the livelihoods of the local community. Providing support to the host community is essential to mitigating potential tensions between refugees and local residents, as well as fostering regional development.

The purpose of the JOCV-UNV assignment is to contribute to the effective implementation of host community programmes at the WFP Cox's Bazar Area Office, supporting both the food security of Rohingya refugees and the sustainable development of Bangladesh.

WFP has been engaged in improving the food security and livelihoods of the local community in Cox's Bazar since 2012 through the Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition (EFSN) programme. This initiative primarily supports women, who are considered particularly vulnerable within Bangladesh's socio-economic context. In addition to specific livelihood activities, WFP has strengthened market linkages to create business opportunities for beneficiaries.

TASK DESCRIPTION

Under the direct supervision of Head of Resilience unit in WFP Cox's Bazar Area Office, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

Programme Management:

- Providing project management support to host community livelihoods/market linkage interventions in Cox's Bazar.
- Liaise with internal and external counterparts to ensure effective collaboration, monitor ongoing projects and highlight potential risks to project delivery. This includes providing programmatic support and advice to WFP cooperative partner(s) and support the capacity-building according to the WFP guidelines.

Coordination and Partnerships:

- Act as the donor liaison for specific donors, focusing on the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Strengthening collaboration between JICA's livelihood interventions in Cox's Bazar and WFP's market linkage initiatives will be a key responsibility. The JOCV-UNV will also engage in the preparation of project proposals, coordinate donor missions and meetings, and engage with WFP's senior management and relevant units to ensure effective stakeholder collaboration.
- Occasional travel to Dhaka for donor engagement and to Bhasan Char for livelihood programme support will be required.
- As a member of the Host Community Intervention Team, the JOCV-UNV will contribute to livelihood programme, market linkage initiatives, facilitate producer engagement, and connect local farmers with WFP-contracted retailers.
- The role also involves ensuring effective programme implementation while coordinating with private sector partners and maintaining internal alignment

with Resilience, Retail, Partnerships, and Communications units.

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 in-stance 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:	18-80
Nationality:	Candidate must be a national of a country other than the country of assignment.
Required experience:	3 year(s)

ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

3 year(s)

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- 3-5 years in international development or agri-business.

Skills and experience description:

- The field of humanitarian, development and relevant areas will be an asset.
- Excellent written and verbal communication, interpersonal and partnership skills.
- Understanding of, or experience working with rural communities and NGOs is an asset
- Ability to work with diverse group of individuals and able to work with minimum supervision.

REQUIRED EDUCATION LEVEL

Bachelor's degree in in agri-business, rural development or other field relevant to international development assistance will be an asset.

LANGUAGE

Language
English

Proficiency
Fluent

Required
Yes

COMPETENCIES AND VALUES

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Building Trust
- Client Orientation
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Working in Teams

OTHER INFORMATION

Volunteerism is understood as a wide range of activities undertaken of free will, for the general public good, for which monetary reward is not the principal motivating factor.

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 day time. Travel by rickshaw is also permitted within Cox's Bazar only during day time.

Cox's Bazar has a domestic airport and is currently classified as a family duty station (Security Level 3-moderate; Hardship category-D). Accommodations are safe, clean and comfortable, but basic. The UN Volunteer will be responsible for arranging his/her own housing and other living essentials. <https://www.unv.org/>

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

United Nations Volunteers is an equal opportunity programme that welcomes applications from qualified professionals. We are committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, care protected characteristics. As part of their adherence to the values of UNV, all UN Volunteers commit themselves to

combat any form of discrimination, and to promoting respect for human rights and individual dignity, without distinction of a person's race, sex, gender identity, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy, age, language, social origin or other status.

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