

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT
MMRR000034--UN Youth Volunteer in Supporting Child-Friendly Justice Reforms

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 | Myanmar |
| Host Institute | United Nations Children's Fund |
| Volunteer Category | International Youth |
| Number of Volunteer | 1 |
| Duration | 12 months |
| Expected Starting Date | 01-02-2018 |
| Duty Station | Yangon |
| Assignment Place | Family Duty Station |

Assignment Place Remark

UN Youth Volunteer assignments are without family

Living Conditions

Yangon is the capital of Myanmar. The population is about 5 million but has more a feel of a small town, though the city is developing quickly with the associated annoyances of traffic and construction. The climate is tropical with three seasons, temperatures reaching 40 Celsius in the hot season and the rainy season is characterized with very heavy rains and flooding. There is an expanding and active expatriate community in Yangon. There are some international kindergartens and schools. Several restaurants around the city serve local or international cuisine and there are numerous social and cultural events throughout the year organized by the international and local communities. Sports facilities (fitness, tennis, swimming golf, gyms etc.) exist in different establishments around the city.

Housing of western standard is a bit difficult to find affordably due to the influx of expatriates and not enough supply. Rental prices are high. However, with the demand and new openness of the country, apartments and flats are becoming more available. The basic infrastructures - roads, utilities, and telecommunications - are below standard, as are medical facilities, which are still largely inadequate, although a few private clinics and hospitals provide reasonably good routine care. Most foodstuffs, beverages, household goods, furniture and clothing are imported from neighboring countries. Western quality goods can be found, although they can be expensive. Meat, fish, fresh fruits and vegetables are cheap and abundantly available.

There are lots of tourist attractions to visit around the country. The city of Yangon is quite safe, as well as the country in general. Some areas are difficult to visit due to lack of access by the government.

Assignment Details

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Organizational Context & Project Description

Myanmar is transitioning at a rapid pace, politically, economically and socially. Representing over 34% of the population, children are increasingly affected by these rapid changes. One in five children are actively working in Myanmar. Reports on violence against women and children and gender inequality have become more widely discussed and reported as the media liberalises and social media becomes commonplace. Domestic violence against girls and boys is being reported directly by families and communities to authorities in greater numbers, with the anticipation of a response by government and civil society. Urban migration is increasing the number of children who work and/or live on the street. And the number of reported cases to the Myanmar Police Force of child victims of sexual abuse has risen significantly in 2015 and 2016 compared with previous years.

In this context, acceleration of social welfare and justice system reforms, development of child friendly legislation, policies and services is critical. UNICEF in Myanmar is supporting child protection systems building and child-friendly legislative and policy reforms in the context of social/child protection and justice systems. Child Protection Section of UNICEF Myanmar works on a wide variety of issues including child care and protection reforms, violence against children, alternative care, child protection in emergencies, mine action, children and armed conflict, child migration and trafficking, child labour, legislative reforms, and establishment of child-friendly justice systems.

The UN Youth Volunteer will be working in UNICEF Myanmar's Country Office in Yangon. The UNV will be part of the Child Protection Section and will directly support the Justice for Children team that works on legislative reform and children's access to justice, capacity building of justice system counterparts, as well as migration, trafficking and child labour. The UNV will be supervised by the Child Protection Specialist heading the Justice for Children team, will work closely with 2 Child Protection Officers, and will be in daily contact with the broader child protection team in Yangon and in various field offices.

Sustainable Development Goals 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

UNV Focus Area Youth

Task description

Under the direct supervision of Child Protection Specialist (Justice for Children), the UN Youth Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Contribute to the development of secondary legislation (Rules and Procedures) for Myanmar's revised Child Law by conducting research on relevant international law and best practices;
- Participate in development and roll-out of juvenile diversion programme in Myanmar by supporting the process with required research, coordination and drafting;
- Support the child protection team with drafting issue briefs and policy papers on children's access to justice, use of detention, the rights of migrant, displaced and refugee children and other issues related to the rights of children in contact with the justice system;
- Support ongoing analysis of policies and laws related to child protection and the rights of children (including anti-trafficking laws, labour laws, migration laws, various criminal legislation);
- Support the Justice for Children team in identifying models of sustainable capacity building of police and judiciary, and on-the-job support mechanisms.

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.

Results/Expected Outputs

Required research related to the development of secondary legislation conducted.

Input for the development of diversion programme prepared and support provided with coordination of reform processes.

Draft issue briefs and policy papers, or parts of such documents related to justice for children drafted as required.

Good quality analysis of policies and laws related to child protection conducted.

Support with coordination, research and analytical input continuously provided for capacity building of the justice system.

- 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

Postgraduate degree in law (specialization in child rights, criminal law or international human rights law would be preferable);

Years of Required Work Experience 0 months

Experience Description

Demonstrated interest and experience (up to 2 years) in legal research and writing, legal representation of children, youth and families in courts, with an emphasis on criminal and civil cases involving children;

Demonstrable knowledge of international human rights and humanitarian law, child rights law, international and regional human rights instruments related to the rights of children families, refugees, migrants;

Good understanding of common law systems and jurisdictions that have emerged from common law background;

Previous professional exposure or academic background related to Myanmar/ South-East Asia would be an asset;

Language Skills

- ENG (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

DoA Expertise

- Legal research Mandatory
- International law Optional

Additional Requirements for Area of Expertise

Motivated to contribute towards peace and development and to serve others;

Good interpersonal, networking and communication skills;

Willingness to contribute and work as part of a team;

Flexible and open to learning and new experiences;

Respect for diversity and adaptability to other cultures, environments and living conditions;

Fluency in spoken and written English is required;

Previous experience as a volunteer and/or experience of another culture, (i.e. studies, volunteer work, internship) would be highly regarded;

Computer skills (i.e. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, social media, and others).

UN Youth Volunteers must be between 18 and 29 years for the whole duration of their assignment.

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

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

Conditions of Service:

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) per month and 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 (choose from the drop down menu the appropriate rate here): US\$1270. The VLA base rate is a global rate, while the PAM is 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 example, kindly enter the link [Calculator](#)

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 also 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 the final repatriation travel (if applicable). A 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.

Application Code

MMRR000034-2260

Application procedure

Eligible candidates must be between 18 and 29 years of age throughout the entire duration of their service, i.e. born between 31 March 1989 and 1 February 2000.

** Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?*

Please first register your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup>. Important: After creating your account, complete all sections of your profile and submit it. Then go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the 'Special Calls' hyperlink. Lastly, select the special call to which you would like to apply.

** Already registered in the UNV Talent Pool?*

Please first update your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/profile>. Then go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the 'Special Calls' hyperlink to select the special call to which you would like to apply.

This assignment is funded by Norway, only Norwegian nationals are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: 8 October 2017

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