



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 societies 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

- 1. UNV Assignment Title:** UNICEF Youth Advocate for Technology, Youth and Innovation
- 2. Type of Assignment:** Youth Advocate UN Volunteer
- 3. UNV Strategic Framework:** Youth
- 4. Host Mission:** UNICEF - <https://www.unicef.org/>
- 5. Duty Station:** Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 6. Assignment Family Status:** Non-Family Duty Station
- 7. Duration:** 12 months
- 8. Expected Starting Date:** July 2018
- 9. Organizational Context:**

For 70 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.

In the context of transitioning UNICEF's involvement on youth and young people from a single programme (Child Protection) towards a more strategic integrated outcome on adolescence (as per the new country programme 2018-22), UNICEF is looking to fulfil the outstanding commitments regarding adolescent development and empowerment programme activities.

The Country Programme for Sri Lanka 2018-22 has been formulated following a child-centred approach, with adolescence being one of the key programmatic priorities. The adolescence programme component is aimed at ensuring that adolescents - especially the most deprived - use high-quality basic social services in a safe, supportive and protective environment and will be active agents of behavioural and social change. It will focus on keeping adolescents in school, improving their health and well-being, protecting them from harmful practices and increasing their resilience and participation and contribution to a more cohesive and peaceful society. A key implementing strategy for this programme component is the use of technology and innovation to both deliver services for adolescents and create platforms for engagement with adolescents.

Under the guidance of the adolescence outcome lead, the UNV will ensure continuous knowledge sharing and learning about various approaches to programming with and for adolescents and youth and provide technical guidance to mainstream adolescent participation into the UNICEF programme. An important priority for the UNV will be exploring opportunities to promote the use of technology use, online platforms and innovations to engage adolescents and provide more concrete programming models and options for achieving equitable results for/in the second decade. In this regard, in 2016-17, SLCO initiated a few interventions and partnerships with IT companies and civil society organizations that are now ready to be taken forward in a more systematic way. An equally important priority will be the improvement of SLCO's monitoring system to track more systematically adolescence-related results and key benchmarks on institutional progress on programming for and with adolescents.

10. Description of duties:

UN Volunteers are encouraged to integrate the UN Volunteers programme mandate within their assignment and promote voluntary action through engagement with communities in the course of their work. As such, UN Volunteers should dedicate a part of their working time to some of the following suggested activities:

- Strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the impact 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;
- Build relationships with a wide range of Youth Organizations, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to support and/or participate in community-driven voluntary activities; reflect on the type and quality of voluntary action that they are undertaking; raise awareness in communities that will increase knowledge of issues pertaining to the UNV programme's mandate and its role in supporting the Mission mandate;
- Encourage, mobilize and support co-workers and fellow UN Volunteers to better understand the connections between the UNV programme's engagement within the Mission and voluntary action;
- Contribute articles/write-ups/stories on field experiences and submit them for UNV publications/websites, newsletters, press releases, etc.;

- 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.

Under the direct supervision of the Adolescence Outcome Lead/Chief of Child Protection the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Assist to identify and operationalise opportunities to promote the use of technology use, online platforms and innovations to engage adolescents and provide more concrete programming models and options for achieving equitable results;
- Contribute to improve UNICEF's Sri Lanka's monitoring system to more systematically track adolescence-related results and key benchmarks on institutional progress on programming for and with adolescents;
- Identify opportunities to engage people on line to volunteer support for UNICEF's and the UN's work in Sri Lanka.
- Perform other related tasks and responsibilities as requested

12. Results/Expected Output:

- Adolescents engaged in programming models through use of technology.
- An enhanced monitoring system to track adolescence-related results
- Opportunities for engagement of people in support of UNICEF/UN identified/created.
- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, 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

13. Qualifications/Requirements:

A) Qualifications, skills, experience:

- Completed University Degree and/or courses in advanced University degree in communication/IT is an advantage;
- Up to 2 years of experience is an asset;
- Fluency in spoken and written English language 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 Advocates must be between 18 and 24 years for the whole duration of their assignment.

B) Competencies and values:

- Integrity and professionalism: demonstrated expertise in area of specialty and ability to apply good judgment; high degree of autonomy, personal initiative and ability to take ownership; willingness to accept wide responsibilities and ability to work independently under established procedures in a politically sensitive environment, while exercising discretion, impartiality and neutrality; ability to manage information objectively, accurately and confidentially; responsive and client-oriented.
- Accountability: mature and responsible; ability to operate in compliance with organizational rules and regulations.
- Commitment to continuous learning: initiative and willingness to learn new skills and stay abreast of new developments in area of expertise; ability to adapt to changes in work environment.
- Planning and organizing: effective organizational and problem-solving skills and ability to manage a large volume of work in an efficient and timely manner; ability to establish priorities and to plan, coordinate and monitor (own) work; ability to work under pressure, with conflicting deadlines, and to handle multiple concurrent projects/activities.
- Teamwork and respect for diversity: ability to operate effectively across organizational boundaries; ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and harmonious working.
- Communication: proven interpersonal skills; good spoken and written communication skills, including ability to prepare clear and concise reports; ability to conduct presentations, articulate options and positions concisely; ability to make and defend recommendations; ability to communicate and empathize with staff (including national staff), military personnel, volunteers, counterparts and local interlocutors coming from very diverse backgrounds; capacity to transfer information and knowledge to a wide range of different target groups;
- Genuine commitment towards the principles of voluntary engagement, which includes solidarity, compassion, reciprocity and self-reliance; and commitment towards the UN core values.

14. Living Conditions:

Colombo is situated on the Western Province of Sri Lanka and is the commercial capital of the country. Colombo is located on the west coast of the island and adjacent to the administrative capital, Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte. The climate is fairly temperate all throughout the year but humidity is usually high. From March to April the temperature averages around 31 degrees Celsius (88 degrees Fahrenheit). The only major change in the Colombo weather occurs during the monsoon seasons from May to August and October to January when heavy rainfalls occur.

Sri Lanka became a member of the United Nations on 14 December 1955.

15. Conditions of Service

A 12-month contract; with subsequent contract extensions subject to availability of funding, operational necessity and satisfactory performance. However, there is no expectation of renewal of the assignment.

Travel to duty station (if applicable) and a Settling-In-Grant will be provided in the event duty station is not within commuting distance from the place of recruitment. A Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) of LKR 61,893 is provided monthly to cover housing, utilities and normal cost of living expenses. Life, health and permanent disability insurance are included, as well as final repatriation (if applicable) and resettlement allowance for satisfactory service.

UNV will provide, together with the offer of assignment, a copy of the Conditions of Service, including Code of conduct, to the successful candidate

16. How to Apply

Submit your CV with a cover letter (in English) and telephone/email contact information by email to operations@unv.lk clearly indicating the post title " **UNICEF Youth Advocate for Technology, Youth and Innovation**" in the subject line of the email, or by post to the address below clearly indicating the post title on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and ensure it reaches the address below by **Wednesday, 25th April 2018**.

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