



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.

General

Assignment title:	Junior Partnership Associate
UN Host Entity:	UN RC Office Cambodia
Country of assignment:	Cambodia
Duty station:	Phnom Pehn
Family / non-family duty station:	Family Duty Station
Volunteer category:	International UN University Volunteer
Duration:	5 months
Expected starting date:	20 September 2022
Sustainable Development Goal:	17. Partnerships for the Goals

Details

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Organization mission and objectives

The Resident Coordinator System encompasses all organizations of the UN system to dealing with operational activities for development, regardless of their formal presence in the country. As the designate representative of the UN Secretary-General and Team Leader of the UN Country Team (UNCT), the UN Resident Coordinator (UN RC), in consultation with the UNCT, assumes overall responsibility for and coordination of the developmental activities of the UN carried out at country level.

Under the leadership of the UNRC, the United Nations in Cambodia is committed to working with the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and the people of Cambodia to achieve inclusive and equitable development, with a special focus on the most marginalized and vulnerable, to leave no one behind.

The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), a medium-term strategic planning framework for the period 2019–2023, articulates the collective vision and response of the UN system to Cambodia's national development priorities in support of an integrated approach to sustainable development.

The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Cambodia is composed of 10 staff, including the Team Leader/ Strategic Planning Officer, Partnerships and Development Finance Advisor, Special Assistant to the Resident Coordinator (SARC), Peace and Development Advisor and UN Volunteers.

Assignment context:

The COVID-19 pandemic has inflicted severe socio-economic damage on Cambodia. It wiped out significant development gains of the past years, and its adverse impacts on the economy and society may be long lasting. As the economy contracted in 2020, the country is projected to achieve low growth in the coming years, depending on the success of suppressing the pandemic and global and regional economic conditions. The impact on people's livelihoods and access to basic services, particularly for vulnerable and marginalized groups, could threaten progress in human capital development and socio-political cohesion, which would in turn cause social, economic and political consequences. Overall, there is a rising risk to Cambodia's progress towards the achievement of the Cambodia SDGs (CSDGs) in 2030 and high-income country status in 2050.

The purpose of this position is to strengthen UN coherence for development results, with a focus on monitoring and evaluation of our partnerships and collaborations, specifically in the areas of joint UN programming and implementation. The position is part of the new generation of resident coordinator offices implemented with the UN Development System reform, and the new skillset and competencies required to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. The position will support the RC and the UNCT in making the case for private sector, together with government and development partners, to invest in SDGs will be required to achieve the global goals.

Partnerships is a strategic priority area in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, bridging the means of implementation through the Goal 17. The UN Development System reform agenda outlined the need for building the collective action of all stakeholders at country level and strengthening RC office as a hub for leveraging and convening strategic partnerships to advance the Decade of

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Action. The recent reviews conducted at HQ level, identified that “Partnership for the 2030 Agenda remains relatively fragmented in practice – there has been limited if any progress on developing and delivering a systemic and strategic approach to such partnerships across the UN system.”¹

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Partnership and Development Finance Advisor of the Resident Coordinator Office the UN University Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Assist with outreach and communication materials (ppts, briefings and templates) on the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, sustainable business strategies, ESG (environment, social and governance) and other relevant topics for the consumption by the private sector partners in Cambodia.
- Contribute to research on trends regarding private sector engagement for SDGs in Cambodia/regional in the context of Common Country Analysis (CCA) by collecting data and conducting desk-review.
- Support with the coordination of the Strategic Partnerships Working Group meetings and workplanning (taking minutes and ensuring all key documents are in sharepoint).
- Support with capacity building activities/workshop/forum to work closely with businesses to engage on sustainable business practices and the 2030 Agenda.
- Assist with developing social media messages and press-release on the work of private sector engagement and overall multi-stakeholder partnerships.

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.

Requirements

¹ MOPAN – UNDS Reform Analytical Study



Required education level Secondary Education

Minimum experience 0 years

Area(s) of expertise: Currently studying towards a degree in Social Sciences or other relevant field.

Skills and experience description

- Demonstrated interest and/or experience in public policy, business administration and/or sustainable development;
- Previous experience as a volunteer and/or experience of another culture, (i.e. studies, volunteer work, internship) would be highly regarded;
- Previous experience as a volunteer and/or experience in advocacy, outreach and partnership with private sector on sustainable development goals would be highly regarded.

Language skills

English mandatory optional
 basic fair working knowledge fluent mother tongue

Competencies and Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Building Trust
- Client Orientation
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Creativity
- Empowering Others
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Judgement and Decision-making
- Knowledge Sharing
- Leadership
- Managing Performance

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- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Technological Awareness
- Vision
- Working in Teams

Driving license needed: No

Living conditions

Cambodia is a family duty station. The climate of Cambodia is tropical, monsoonal and is characterized by heat and humidity. The rainy season lasts from May to October and the hot, dry season from November until April. Houses and apartments are available to suit most budgets and preferences. House hunting is not difficult in Phnom Penh. The usual means of locating suitable accommodation is through estate agents/realtors. International UN Volunteers are required to follow the UN residential security requirements as per the local MORSS when choosing their accommodation. For daily transportation the cheapest, fastest and most frequent mode of travel is by tuktuk through designated smartphone apps. In terms of health, common diseases in Cambodia are those which exist in other tropical countries like diarrhoea, malaria, dengue and HIV/AIDS. Most of the serious cases have been reported contracted in hilly, rural and densely forested areas. Generally, in cities, people use purified water for drinking and cooking. The recommended vaccinations are those against typhoid, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tuberculosis and Japanese Encephalitis. While medical facilities in Cambodia are sufficient for the treatment of most routine ailments and minor accidents, illnesses and accidents of more serious nature require medical evacuation, usually to Bangkok or Singapore.