



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.

Country of Assignment: Honduras
Agency Name: World Food Programme

General Information

Volunteer Category: International Specialist
Number of Volunteers: 1
Duty Station: Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Duration: 24 months
Expected Starting Date: November 2019

Living Conditions:

Honduras is located in the middle of Central America, limiting to the north and east with the Caribbean Sea; southeast with the Republic of Nicaragua; to the south with the Fonseca Gulf and Republic of El Salvador, and to the west with the Republic of Guatemala. Honduras has a population of about 8,143,564 habitants, its capital city is Tegucigalpa and official language is Spanish.

The official currency of Honduras is Lempiras (Lps), however US Dollars (USD) are accepted in most commercial businesses or restaurants. Credit cards, Visa and Mastercards are also a common way of paying bills. Currency exchange services and ATMs are available at the hotels, shopping malls, gas stations and local banks. The exchange rate fluctuates periodically and may differ from the UN rate.

Electricity system in Honduras is U.S. standard 110- 120 Volts AC.

The climate in Tegucigalpa is subtropical, with average minimum temperatures ranging between 25°C and 30°C, and maximum average temperatures between 30°C and 35°C. Yellow fever vaccine with at least 10 days in advance before travelling is required. Vaccine certification will be requested at the airport. It is recommended to consult your physician before applying it.

Sustainable Development Goals:	2. Zero Hunger
UNV Focus Area:	Community resilience environment & disaster reduction
Need Driving License:	No
Assignment Place:	Family Duty Station

Supervision, induction and duty of care of UN Volunteers

UN Volunteers should be provided equal duty of care as extended to all host entity personnel. Host entity support to the UN Volunteer includes, but is not limited to:

- Introductory briefings about the organisation and office-related context including security, emergency procedures, good cultural practice and orientation to the local environment;
- Support with arrival administration including setting-up of bank accounts, residence permit applications and completion of other official processes as required by the host government or host entity;
- Structured guidance, mentoring and coaching by a supervisor including a clear workplan and performance appraisal;
- Access to office space, equipment, IT support and any other systems and tools required to complete the objectives of the assignment including a host entity email address;
- Access to shared host entity corporate knowledge, training and learning;
- Inclusion of the volunteer in emergency procedures such as evacuations;
- Leave management;
- DSA for official travel, when applicable;
- All changes in the Description of Assignment occurring between recruitment and arrival or during the assignment need to be formalized with the United Nations Volunteer Programme.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title: VAM Assistant (URBAN and PERI-URBAN Food Security Analyst)

Education

Required Degree Level: Master's degree

Education - Additional Comments: International Relations, Economics, Business Administration, Public Health Administration, Project Financing, Marketing, etc.

Required Experience:

Experience Remark: 5 years

Areas of Expertise:

Expertise	Mandatory yes/no
Food Security	yes
Urban Context	No
Economic	No

Language Skills:

Spanish mandatory optional
 working knowledge fluent

English mandatory optional
 working knowledge fluent

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

Task description

Under the direct supervision of National Programme Officer, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Coordinate and manage Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) regular activities such as food price monitoring, report writing, map generation and food security assessments;
- Coordinate and guide the work and activities of Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) field office staff in particular supporting Urban Food Security Assessments;
- Lead national food security assessments such as Food Security Assessments (FSA) and the Crop and Food Security Assessment.
- Analyze Food Security Assessments (FSA) data;
- Conduct thematic food security analysis studies to understand Urban and Peri-Urban Areas;
- Write food security reports as well as conducting rapid food security assessments when needed;
- Be actively engaged in the Honduras re-targeting exercise ensuring targeting quality and timelines are met.
- Take part in food security analysis for the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and in HNO discussions;
- Perform other duties as required by the supervisor.

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

- URBAN Food Security Methodology validated and functioning to Honduras Context
- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) 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.

Agency Details

Host Institute

The UNV will be in WFP Honduras, in the main office of Tegucigalpa. This Country Office is led by one Country Director, supported by a Deputy Country Director, with an international Finance & Admin. Officer. There are a total of 91 staff (as of September 2019) and 4 Sub-Offices which coordinate project assistant/monitors in all the provinces.

Organizational Context & Project Description:

Honduras has a population of 9 million, the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in 2016 was USD 2,361. It has one of the most unequal distributions of income and resources in the world. More than half of the population lives below the poverty line and is exposed to violence and crime. The country is further characterized by inequitable access to land, insufficient food production, high unemployment and exposure to natural disasters. Food insecurity and malnutrition among the most vulnerable populations have worsened because of droughts in the southern and western regions of the country, known as the Dry Corridor.

WFP's primary objectives in Honduras are to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition and increase human development by improving the health, nutrition and education levels of

children and other vulnerable groups. The WFP Country Strategic Plan proposes a significant shift in WFP's support to the Government to attain Zero Hunger by 2030.

Country Strategic Plan

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 1: Preschool and primary school aged children across the country have access to safe and nutritious food year-round by 2021

Activities:

- Provide daily nutritious school meals, sourced from smallholder farmers, to preschool and primary school aged children, complemented with health, hygiene and nutrition activities, gender-transformative education and school gardens.
- Provide capacity strengthening to local authorities, school staff, parents and smallholder farmers, including technical assistance and training in the management of the school meals programme.

Strategic Outcome 2: The most nutritionally vulnerable groups in targeted areas have reduced levels of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies by 2021.

Activities:

- Provide capacity strengthening to health institutions at all levels and fortified nutritious foods in targeted areas to girls, pregnant women and lactating women and girls, and children under 2.

Strategic Outcome 3: Rural agricultural labourers and smallholder farmers in targeted areas, especially in indigenous communities, are more resilient to shocks and stressors, contributing to their food and nutrition security throughout the year.

Activities:

- Provide food assistance for assets to food-insecure households to support the creation and rehabilitation of livelihood assets complemented by capacity strengthening for decentralized government authorities in the management of resilience building and climate change adaptation programmes.

Strategic Outcome 4: Targeted households affected by rapid- and slow-onset disasters have access to food year-round.

Activities:

- Complement government transfers to the most vulnerable households affected by disasters to facilitate relief and early recovery while supporting strengthened institutional emergency response capacities.

Strategic Outcome 5: Government authorities and partner organizations at the national and subnational levels, complemented by strategic alliances, have strengthened capacity to achieve the SDGs, particularly SDG 2, by 2021.

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening in emergency preparedness and response, including linkages to social protection, to institutions at the national and subnational level.
- Support an advocacy platform and communicate strategically about the 2030 Agenda, with an emphasis on SDG 2, to the general public, the private sector and partners.

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 US\$1,631. 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.



Disclaimer

The United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV) is an equal opportunity programme which welcomes applications from qualified professionals. We are committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture.

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