

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: Jordan
Agency Name: United Nations Development Programme

General Information

Volunteer Category: International Specialist
Number of Volunteers: 1
Duty Station: Amman, Jordan
Duration: 24 months
Expected Starting Date: Dec 2021/Jan 2022

Living Conditions:

Location: The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is located in the Middle East. Bound by Syria to the north, Iraq to the northeast, Saudi Arabia to the east and south, Red Sea to the south and the Palestinian National Authority to the west.

Weather: Jordan's climate can be classified as semi-arid (Bsh) on the Koeppen-Geiger classification. It features a hot, dry climate characterized by long, hot, dry summers and short, cool winters. The climate is influenced by Jordan's location between the subtropical aridity of the Arabian desert areas and the subtropical humidity of the eastern Mediterranean area. January is the coldest month, with temperatures from 5°C to 10°C, and August is the hottest month at 20°C to 35°C. Daily temperatures can be quite hot, especially in the summer; on some days it can be 40°C or more, especially when a hot, dry southerly wind blows. Such winds can sometimes be very strong and can cause sandstorms.

About 70 percent of the average rainfall in the country falls between November and March; June through August are often rainless. Rainfall varies from season to season and from year to year. Precipitation is often concentrated in violent storms, causing erosion and local flooding, especially in the winter months.

Safety and Security: Jordan is a relatively stable country. The potentials for internal or external armed conflict are considered very unlikely in the current political environment. Peaceful demonstrations, and sometimes road blockages, do occur in Jordan, motivated by domestic factors such as unemployment, deprivation of resources and development or for regional issues such as solidarity with the Palestinian cause or with the Syrian crises. Most of these events are driven by civil society unions and Islamic parties. Domestic tribal civil unrest sometimes turns violent, especially outside main cities, due to tribal disputes or socio-economic reasons. In all occasions law enforcement agencies usually manage to contain the situation rapidly.

Road traffic accidents are the primary threat against UN personnel in Jordan. Poor road conditions and bad driving behaviours are the main reasons for the high rate of traffic accidents.

Amman is a category A duty station with security level 1.

Transportation: Taxis are abundant and readily available in Amman. Public minibuses are the most common form of public transport. They normally only leave when full, so waiting times of an hour or more are inevitable, especially in rural areas. The larger air-con buses offer a speedy and reliable service, departing according to a fixed schedule.

Health Services: Medical facilities are generally very good, particularly in Amman where there are several modern, well-equipped public and private hospitals. Almost all doctors (and most pharmacists) speak English; many have studied abroad.

Language: The official language of Jordan is Arabic, but English is widely spoken – especially in the cities. Many Jordanians have travelled or have been educated abroad so French, German, Italian and Spanish are also spoken, but to a lesser extent.

Sustainable Development Goals: 17. Partnerships for the Goals

Need Driving License: **No**

Assignment Place: Family Duty Station

Assignment Place Remarks:

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 work-plan 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: Partnerships and Financing for the SDGs

Education Required Degree Level: Master's degree

in Economics, Development Economics, Finance, Private Sector Development or related subject

Required Experience: 2-3 years

Experience of working on financing for sustainable development and/or working in the impact investment ecosystem or private sector development preferred.

Strong analytical/ research and writing skills.

Language Skills:

English mandatory optional
working knowledge fluent

Arabic 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 Senior Economic Advisor, UNDP Jordan, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

Analysis of trends in financing for sustainable development with specific focus on climate finance

This includes:

- Review of latest trends in global financing for sustainable development landscape and identify opportunities of relevance for Jordan
- Contribute to analysis of current status of development finance trends in Jordan with specific focus on climate finance
- Support identification of entry points for UN and UNDP engagement to support financing for sustainable development agenda in Jordan. This includes identifying appropriate tools and entry points for supporting the establishment of integrated national financing frameworks (INFF) in partnership with other UN agencies (<https://inff.org>).
- Supporting knowledge sharing with other UN agencies and development partners on INFF related issues

Support to implementation of SDG Joint Fund Programme on SDG Financing

- Support various activities under the SDG Joint Fund Programme *Establishing the Building Blocks of an Integrated National Financing Framework* in Jordan. This includes contributing to various analyses, reviewing reports, knowledge sharing and communication activities.
- Support activities under the SDG Joint Fund Component II *SDG Accelerate* (to be submitted for consideration in November 2021). This will include partnership development with private sector and impact investment ecosystem players, supporting technical assistance components related to impact facilitation, impact intelligence and impact management and measurement related activities.

Support to public-private dialogue to improve the ecosystem for impact investment in Jordan

This includes:

- Supporting the identification of policy (regulatory, legislative, etc) and other bottlenecks for impact/SDG-aligned investments in Jordan
- Supporting the identification of SDG-aligned investment opportunities in Jordan with a specific focus on climate related opportunities
- Supporting partnership development including identifying investors and businesses interested in aligning their investments and business models to the SDGs
- Supporting the development of a *Prosper with Purpose* report featuring businesses championing sustainable development solutions in Jordan
- Supporting the curation and organization of public private dialogue sessions/ fora and impact facilitation events
- Support development and maintenance of network of strategic partners in the private sector and impact/ entrepreneurship ecosystem

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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

Outputs include:

- Completed analysis of sustainable development financing trends with a specific focus on climate finance in Jordan in close coordination with Senior Economic Advisor and other relevant colleagues.
- Substantive contributions to establishing the building blocks of an integrated national financing framework and the SDG Joint Fund Joint Programme implementation on SDG Financing.
- Partnership development with a specific focus on supporting the public private dialogue on improving the impact investment ecosystem.
- Contributions to impact intelligence (support to identification of SDG aligned investment opportunities and companies interested in/ solving for sustainable development challenges.

Further:

- 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: UNDP Jordan Country Office

Organizational Context & Project Description:

The COVID-19 crisis has had a profound impact on the Jordan. COVID-19 is exacerbating socio-economic pressures. Already prior to the crisis, Jordan struggled with low economic growth averaging about 2% high unemployment, one of the world's lowest female labour force participation rates, regional instability and large numbers of refugees and very limited fiscal space.

To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and to accelerate progress towards the SDGs, Jordan urgently needs to increase and prioritize public and private investments that move the needle on the SDGs. This requires aligning existing investments with Jordan's SDG priorities and working directly with investors and other partners to improve the ecosystem for impact investment.

Over the past couple of years UNDP in Jordan, in partnership with other UN agencies, has built a network of private sector partners and raised awareness of the business case for the SDGs. Jordan is also one of the 12 pilot countries for UNDP's global flagship SDG Impact initiative (<https://sdgimpact.undp.org/>).

SDG Impact Jordan's service lines includes the following pillars:

- **Impact awareness** to raise awareness about the role of the private sector in achieving the SDGs and to increase the number of businesses adopting inclusive and responsible business models.
- **Impact management** to build investor trust and drive greater capital flows towards socially and environmentally responsible companies.
- **Impact intelligence** to provide quantitative and qualitative data for investors and governments to enable data-driven decision making and to highlight investment opportunities for private sector investment in relevant sectors.
- **Impact facilitation** to unleash financing and facilitate connections for scalable, sustainable and inclusive businesses that create positive social and environmental impact.

UNDP is also the lead agency for two joint programmes of the SDG Joint Fund on SDG financing. Component I focuses on establishing the building blocks for an integrated national financing framework and the ecosystem for impact investment. It engages with key players in the ecosystem including the Social Security Investment Fund (SSIF) and the Amman Stock Exchanges to support alignment of investment strategies to

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the SDGs and builds the capacity of impact management and measurement. Component II of the SDG Joint Fund (awaiting funding decision) will focus on catalytic investments with a climate and gender lens and combines technical assistance with the establishment of an evergreen fund-of-funds. The initiatives provide an exciting opportunity for the UN and UNDP to position itself as a key player on sustainable development finance in Jordan.

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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\$1,602. 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.