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Opportunity Type (Online/Onsite) Onsite

Opportunity Title Resilience Building Assistant

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Host Entity	WFP
Country of Assignment	Sri Lanka
Duty station	Colombo,
Volunteer Category	International UN Youth Volunteer
Number of UN Volunteers	1
Duration	12m
Possibility of Extension	Yes
Expected Start Date	02/15/2023
Sustainable Development Goal	2. Zero hunger
Disabilities	No

DOA Details

Organisation mission and objectives

The United Nations World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. The mission of WFP is to help the world achieve Zero Hunger (SDG 2) in our lifetimes. Every day, WFP works worldwide to ensure that no child goes to bed hungry and that the poorest and most vulnerable, particularly women and children, can access the nutritious food they need. WFP has been present in Sri Lanka since 1968 and provided assistance to the country in emergency response and protracted recovery interventions in the aftermath of man-made disasters such as the 27-year conflict and recurrent natural disasters (droughts and floods/landslides). Following the end of nearly three decades of armed conflict in 2009, Sri Lanka attained lower-middle-income-country status in January 2010, and then was elevated to upper-middle-income status in 2019. Exactly one year after (2020), the World Bank has reclassified again the country in the low-income category. Despite social-economic progresses, scope remains for progress in strengthening food security and nutrition given Sri Lanka's continued alarming status on nutrition, especially wasting levels, realizing gender equality and eliminating geographic and socio-economic disparities.

Assignment context

This UNV assignment is part of the World Food Programme's Resilience Building team, which aims to assist vulnerable communities in diversifying their means of subsistence, enhancing food and nutrition security, and developing climate change resilience. The world is not on track to achieve Zero Hunger, and nations are requesting that the WFP integrate crisis response with efforts to build resilience to recurrent shocks and address structural vulnerabilities. The combined effects of climate change, political conflict, forced migration, health threats, and a variety of other factors have created a difficult set of circumstances. The increasingly complex configuration of risks faced by vulnerable populations underscores the need to identify strategies and develop programs that are tailored to the unique risk environments in which individuals work to regain and maintain well-being in the face of shocks and stressors. Resilience provides a foundation upon which to base strategies and programs. WFP's resilience programmes aim to build the capacity of individuals, households, communities, institutions, and systems to deal with shocks and stresses that threaten the food security, nutrition, and wellbeing of WFP's beneficiaries. In close partnership with the Government of Sri Lanka, WFP Sri Lanka's County Strategic Plan (CSP) will make substantial contributions to Zero Hunger while strengthening communities' resilience and nutrition security. The CSP is implemented using an integrated, holistic, and innovative programming approach that strengthens local/national capacities and ensures program sustainability. Since 2016, the Republic of Korea has been a donor to WFP's resilience-building efforts in Sri Lanka, and WFP has engaged Korean volunteers in project activities.

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Policy Officer Resilience Building of the World Food Programme Country who manage a portfolio of projects (including possibly funded by the Republic of Korea) the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks: Provide assistance with the creation and refinement of project management tools, formats, and guidelines. Contribute to the preparation of accurate and timely reports on programs and activities that allow for informed decision-making and consistency in the information presented to stakeholders. Collect and summarize data and information for donor reporting processes and prepare project report and communication inputs. Assist in the development of communication materials, such as human-interest stories, newsletters, and social media posts, that capture outcomes, best practices, and beneficiary stories, in coordination with the communication team and resilience building team. Collect and summarize data and information for donor reporting processes and prepare project report and communication inputs. Assist in the organization of meetings, workshops, seminars, and training events pertaining to resilience building in order to disseminate the results of the social protection program. Other relevant responsibilities assigned by the supervisor.

Eligibility Criteria

Age 18-26
Nationality INTERNATIONAL

Additional eligibility criteria

This assignment is funded by the Government of Korea and therefore specific criteria apply: - Candidates must be Korean nationals. - Candidates must be between 22 and 29 years old at the time of application. NOTE: If you are older than 26 when applying, the system will display a notification that the 'application does not meet the eligibility criteria'. Please disregard this notification. - Candidates who have already served as UN Youth Volunteer funded by the Government of Korea are not eligible to apply (former UN University Volunteers are eligible). - Candidates may apply to a maximum of three assignments and indicate the order of preference in the 'Additional remarks' field when filling in the application form. - Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The selection will be done by the UN Host Entity at the level of the country of assignment. APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12 September 2022 +++ UN Volunteer entitlement calculator: <https://app.unv.org/calculator> +++

DOA Requirements

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Required education level Bachelor degree or equivalent

Area(s) of specialisation climate change or other relevant field.

Required experience

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Required skills and experience (up to three years) or demonstrated in interest in project operational support, climate resilience building, agriculture and water management. Previous experience as a volunteer and/or experience of another culture, (i.e. studies, volunteer work, internship) would be highly regarded.

Language

Language	Language skills	Language requirement
English	Fluent	Yes

Area of Expertise

- Development programmes
- Administration
- Agriculture

Driving license required No

Type of driving licenses

Competencies and values Adaptability and Flexibility Client Orientation Commitment and Motivation Creativity Planning and Organizing Self-Management Working in Teams

Other information

Living conditions and other remarks

Sri Lanka is an island nation located off the south coast of India. It's home to an estimated population of over 21 million people. It is a multi- ethnic, multi- cultural and multi- religious country. More than a decade since the end of the country's civil conflict, Sri Lanka has established itself as a Middle-Income Country with a vibrant tourism sector. COVID-19 has had a considerable impact on Sri Lanka, impacting in particular foreign exchange earnings. Sri Lanka is currently in the midst of the worst economic crisis in its history resulting in shortages in terms of cooking gas, fuel, electricity and some imported food and medical items. The duration of these shortages will depend on the outcome of currently ongoing multilateral negotiations. Colombo is situated in the Western Province of Sri Lanka and is the commercial capital of the country. The city is located on the west coast of the island, adjacent to the administrative capital, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte. Bandaranaike International Airport is located 35km from Colombo and is served by the main international airlines. There are apartments, hotels and other types of accommodation options readily available in Colombo. Supermarkets, banking and medical facilities are present within the city. Telephone and internet service is widely available. Phone plans and data are inexpensive; however, you should not expect internet service to work consistently or at high speed. Sri Lanka is a tropical country with moderate temperate and high humidity throughout the year. Average temperature in Colombo ranges between 27 and 30 degrees Celsius. The island experiences two main monsoon seasons, where heavy rainfalls occur, from May to August and October to January. Sri Lankan food is characterized by fragrant spices, all forms of coconut, and rice. Rice and curry are the main dishes. Sri Lankan cuisine tends to be quite spicy.

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