

## UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

LKAR000368--Junior Research Assistant for Sustainable Development Council

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 Information

<b>Country of Assignment</b>	Sri Lanka
<b>Host Institute</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>Volunteer Category</b>	National Specialist
<b>Number of Volunteer</b>	1
<b>Duration</b>	3 months
<b>Possibility of Extension</b>	Yes
<b>Expected Starting Date</b>	01-10-2021
<b>Duty Station</b>	Colombo [LKA]
<b>Assignment Place</b>	Family Duty Station

### Assignment Place Remark

### 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.

## Assignment Details

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**Organizational Context & Project Description**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. Since 1966 UNDP partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. On the ground in more than 170 countries and territories, the UNDP offers global perspective and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nation.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

17. Partnerships For the Goals

**Task description**

Under the direct supervision of the DG Sustainable Development Council and UNDP SDG Integration Specialist, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks, mainly in relation to a Voluntary National Review on SDG Implementation, and private sector engagement on ESG Standards, sustainability reporting and SDG investments.

- Assist with data collection, compilation, transcribing and analysis from various sources.
- Assist with visualization of data and reviewing secondary data when required.
- Provide coordination and administrative support where needed-e.g. Stakeholder consultations, internal meetings etc.
- Assist with drafting of research reports, publications, policy briefs, and knowledge management products as relevant
- Maintaining excellent documentation of the data in an organized data base
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the DG SD Council and SDG Integration Specialist.
- Any other related tasks as may be required or assigned 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- Provide annual and end of assignment reports on UN Volunteer actions, results and opportunities using UNV's Volunteer Reporting Application- 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**

As an active UNDP team member, efficient, timely, responsive, client-friendly and high-quality support rendered to UNDP and its beneficiaries in the accomplishment of her/his functions, including:

- Quality research and statistical inputs provided for the VNR Process
- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counter-parts, 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

## Qualifications/Requirements

**Required Degree Level**

Bachelor degree or equivalent

**Education - Additional Comments**

Economics, statistics, development studies or any other related field

**Required experience**

36 months

**Experience Remark**

- At least 3 years of professional work experience at the national and/or international level experience in coordination, research work and statistical methods or other relevant programmes; is an asset, as is experience working in the UN or other international development organization;
- Experience in quantitative and/or qualitative social research methodologies and using different research techniques according to the audience
- Other finance, economics and administration related experience
- Excellent oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills;
- Accuracy and professionalism in document production and editing;
- Excellent interpersonal skills; culturally and socially sensitive; ability to work inclusively and collaboratively with a range of partners, including grassroots community members, religious and youth organizations, and authorities at different levels; familiarity with tools and approaches of communications for development;
- Ability to work and adapt professionally and effectively in a challenging environment; ability to work effectively in a multicultural team of international and national personnel;
- Solid overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications (Excel, Word, etc.) and email/internet; familiarity with database management; and office technology equipment;
- Self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; ability to work with tight deadlines;
- Sound security awareness;
- Have affinity with or interest in UNDP, volunteerism as a mechanism for durable development, and the UN System.

**Language**

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- And One of these - Sinhalese, Tamil (Optional) , Level - Working Knowledge

**Area of Expertise**

- Other finance, economics and administration related experience Optional
- Statistics Optional

**Area of Expertise Requirement**

**Need Driving Licence**

No

**Competencies & Values**

- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Working in Teams

## Conditions of Service and other information

**Condition of Service**

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**Conditions of Service:**

Note on novel coronavirus – COVID-19.

The rapidly changing nature of novel coronavirus COVID-19 has placed significant and increasing restrictions on the freedom of movement of people, even within countries. Such restrictions may affect the ability national UN Volunteers to begin their assignments at their assigned duty station or limit the ability to enter UN premises. Thus, UNV cannot guarantee assignments will proceed as normal.

Candidates for national UN Volunteer assignments requiring travel to the duty station may be exceptionally granted during this period alternative working arrangements to work from their place of recruitment until restrictions are lifted. Candidates for national UN Volunteer assignments may also need to begin their assignments remotely in cases where access to UN premises is restricted. These are decisions at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss travel requirements, any restrictions, and possible alternative arrangements with the host entity. If selected, candidates should carefully consider the circumstances before accepting UNV's offer.

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.

Travel to duty station (if applicable) and a Settling-In-Grant will be provided in the event the duty station is not within commuting distance from the place of recruitment. The applicable Volunteer Living Allowance (LKR 93,325) is provided monthly to cover housing, utilities and normal cost of living expenses. Life, health and permanent disability insurance are included (health insurance for up to 3 dependents), as well as final repatriation (if applicable) and resettlement allowance for satisfactory service.

Furthermore, in non-family duty stations that belong to hardship categories D or E, as classified by the ICSC, a Well-Being Differential (WBD) on a monthly basis will be provided.

For UN Volunteer entitlements, kindly refer to the link <https://vmam.unv.org/calculator/entitlements>

**Supervision, induction and duty of care of UN Volunteers ( [Roles and Responsibilities of Host Entity](#) )**

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 and official processes;

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- 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;
- Any necessary security measures, ensuring that UN Volunteers are covered by the United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS) in line with the UNDSS Security Policy Manual;
- 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.
- Investigate misconduct: sharing reports with the UNV;
- Provide emergency assistance, e.g. the death of volunteer or medical evacuation, in collaboration with UNV. Accept letters of guarantees or potential liabilities for covering medical costs not claimable under medical insurance in extraordinary situations (e.g. isolation facilities' services during pandemics).

**Application Code**

LKAR000368-10596

**Application procedure****\* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?**

First register your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup>.

**Link to follow for - Registration steps**

**Important:**

1. After creating your account, complete all sections of your profile including contact details and two references and submit it.
2. Incomplete profiles shall not be considered.
3. Then go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the 'Special Calls' hyperlink.
4. Lastly, select the special call to which you would like to apply.

**\* Already registered in the UNV Talent Pool?**

First update your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/profile>.

Then go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the '**Special Calls**' hyperlink to select the special call to which you would like to apply.

**Post is for National UN Volunteer assignments ONLY.**

Therefore, only nationals of above-mentioned Country and legal residents with a residency permit, the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless are eligible to apply.

For further details, please click on the link below.

**Application deadline:** 21-09-2021

[www.unv.org/vacancy-announcements/](http://www.unv.org/vacancy-announcements/)

For more information and support email to: [info@unv.org](mailto:info@unv.org)

**Disclaimer**

*United Nations Volunteers 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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