

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

BOLR000638--International UNV Officer – Water and Environmental Health

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

Country of Assignment	Bolivia
Host Institute	United Nations Children's Fund
Volunteer Category	International Specialist
Number of Volunteer	1
Duration	12 months
Possibility of Extension	Yes
Expected Starting Date	Immediate
Duty Station	La Paz [BOL]
Assignment Place	Family Duty Station
Assignment Place Remark	

Living Conditions

Bolivia - a founding member of the United Nations - is a land-locked country with an area of 1,098,581 square kilometers (roughly equal to that of France and Spain together). It is bordered by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Peru. A variety of geographical features, such as dense jungles, important rivers, vast plains and some of the highest mountain ranges in the world are found in Bolivia.

Geographers normally divide the country into three main regions. The Altiplano or high plateau, lies between the eastern and western ranges of the Andes, at an altitude of over 3,600 meters above sea level; in the surrounding mountain ranges, several peaks rise above 6,000 meters.

The Altiplano covers about 27 per cent of the total area of the country and contains about 45 per cent of its population. The main cities in this region are La Paz (the seat of Government) and the traditional mining centers of Oruro and Potosí.

The Valleys lie between elevations of 1,200 and 2,500 meters above sea level, bordering the Altiplano and mountain ranges to the south and east. The principal cities of this region, which covers about 14 per cent of the total area of the country, and has about 29 per cent of its population, are Sucre (the judicial capital), Cochabamba and Tarija.

The third region, the northern and eastern Lowlands, covers 59 per cent of the total area and contains only 26 per cent of the population. The principal city is Santa Cruz which has grown rapidly in economic and political importance in the last three decades. The lowlands lie between elevations of 160 and 500 meters above sea level.

There are wide variations in climate, depending on the altitude. The Altiplano is a cool, semi-arid zone with annual rainfall of 300-600 mm, two-thirds of which falls between December and March. Summer begins with the rainy season. Snow occurs infrequently at altitudes below 4,500 meters, but hailstorms are common, particularly at the end of summer. Winter, however, (June-September) is characterized by cloudless weather and sunshine.

The average temperature in La Paz is 11° C (52° F) with little difference between summer and winter. However, there is a considerable variation between day and night temperatures, and between sunny and cloudy days.

Temperatures in the valleys vary in relation to altitude. The Amazon basin (known as the Chapare) has a much higher rainfall.

The lowlands may be divided into two fairly distinct climatic zones. To the south of Santa Cruz there is a wide temperature range from 0° C to 40° C (32° F to 104° F). To the north of Santa Cruz lies the area of influence of the Amazon, with high temperatures and humidity throughout the year and an annual rainfall of 1,100-1,900 mm.

In Bolivia, almost all the characteristics of a developing country are present. In fact, despite the diversity and abundance of natural resources- in particular, great agricultural and mineral potential - the country has not been able yet to secure adequate living conditions for the majority of its population.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title

International UNV Officer – Water and Environmental Health

Organizational Context & Project Description

The 2018-2022 Cooperation Program between the Plurinational State of Bolivia and UNICEF aims to strengthen National and Sub-national institutional capacity for the provision of safe and quality water, sanitation and hygiene services to children, Adolescents, and their families, as well as the empowerment of the population in the adoption of healthy hygiene and sanitation practices, especially in rural areas.

The main lines of action in Water, Hygiene, Sanitation in articulation with Environmental Health are the following:

1. Participation and social mobilization for the adoption of healthy practices of hygiene and the community management of services of water and sanitation in the rural area.
2. Institutional strengthening for the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene services in communities, health centers, schools, child development center.
3. Strengthening intersectoral work between the Ministry of Environment and Water and the Ministry of Health (Environmental Health Management Programme) for the control and monitoring of water quality for human consumption.

The Country Program has the necessary resources to implement the actions and results presented.

The United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, strives to build a world in which the rights of every child are realized. It provides long-term humanitarian and development assistance to children and mothers in developing countries. UNICEF defends the Convention on the Rights of the Child and works to ensure the equality of discriminated persons, particularly girls and women. Their interventions are framed in the Sustainable Development Goals and in the progress promised in the Charter of the United Nations.

UNICEF has been working in Bolivia since the 1970s through a Basic Cooperation Agreement signed with the Government. The current Cooperation Program between the Plurinational State of Bolivia and UNICEF covers the period 2013-2017 and the new Country Program 2018-2022 (CPD) is in the process of being approved, where children are being placed in the center of National and sub-national policies, programs and budgets.

The new Country Program (CPD) will focus on addressing vulnerabilities and reducing geographic, social, gender and cultural disparities as an essential way of contributing to the achievement of the ODS by 2030 with equity.

The new CPD is structured around four (4) Comprehensive Strategic Outcomes closely aligned with Government Plans (2025 Patriotic Agenda and Economic and Social Development Plan - 2016-2020, sector plans and the UNICEF Global Strategic Plan 2018- 2021, among others).

Each of the Strategic Outcomes expresses a holistic vision for the well-being and protection of children within the concept of Living Well:

- II. Every child survives and thrives
- II. Every child learns
- II. Every child is protected from violence and exploitation
- IV. Every child has an equitable chance in life

Sustainable Development Goals

6. Clean water and Sanitation

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the Wash Specialist, and in coordination with the Health Officer, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Provide technical assistance to counterparts at the municipal level with the Environment Division, to strengthen the integrated management of water delivery and sanitation services in the intervention municipalities of the program.
- Provide technical assistance to the Environmental Health Management Program from the Ministry of Health in the process of Water Surveillance for human consumption.
- Promote at municipal level the coordinated work between the Environment Division, the Municipal Health Headquarters and the District Education Directorate to ensure the provision of water and sanitation services in Health Centers, Child Development Centers and Schools.
- Provide technical assistance and ensure the coordination between the Ministries head of sector to elaborate the National Standards on WASH infrastructure in schools (Ministry of Education and Ministry of Environment and Water) and health centers (Ministry Health and Ministry of environment and Water).
- Participate and provide technical assistance to the Humanitarian In-Country Team and the Emergencies Technical WASH board.
- Participate and provide technical assistance in the analysis of the situation of Early Childhood in the municipalities of El Alto and Montero, UNICEF intervention area, in coordination with the other sectors and under the coordination of the Responsible of Result 1 of the new Country Program (Chief Child Survival and Development).
- Support the processes of evaluation and follow-up to the implementation of the planned actions with the sectors involved.
- Support the management and implementation of the ongoing Sustainable Urban Decentralized Sanitation Project (2018-2021) according to needs.
- Provide technical support to the Municipal Counterparts in El Alto municipality and monitor the implementation of the WASH activities planned in El Alto Municipality.
- Identification of indicators and definition of goals.
- Prepare relevant technical reports and at the request of their supervisors.

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

- The municipal governments and WASH services operators have been strengthened in their capacity to plan and implement

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actions related to the delivery of water and sanitation services to schools, health centers, child development centers, according to current norms and laws.

- Water Quality Control and Surveillance for human consumption has been implemented and strengthened at a national level in joint work with the Environmental Health Management Programme (Ministry of Health)
 - Strategic actions of hygiene and sanitation in Educational Units have been identified and implemented.
 - National Standards for WASH infrastructures in schools and health centers are developed and socialized.
 - Sectoral Coordination spaces at the national and municipal levels have been created and strengthened.
 - Follow-up monitoring instruments are available, which include indicators related to hygiene and basic sanitation monitored at the municipal level.
 - 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
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Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level Bachelor degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

- University degree in Water Engineering and/or Environmental Health;

Required experience 24 months

Experience Remark

- 2 years of minimum experience in health and/or WASH areas;
- Ability to work with Water, Hygiene, Sanitation in articulation with Environmental Health.

Language

- Spanish (Mandatory) , Level - Working Knowledge
- AND - English (Mandatory) , Level - Working Knowledge

Area of Expertise

- Other health related experience Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

- 2 years of minimum experience in Water, Hygiene, Sanitation in articulation with Environmental Health.

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

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- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Empowering Others
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Respect for Diversity
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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Conditions of Service for International Specialist:

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 across the globe, within countries and across borders. Such restrictions make it very difficult for international UN Volunteers to begin their assignments at their assigned duty station and UNV cannot guarantee assignments will proceed as normal.

Candidates for international UN Volunteer assignments during this period may be exceptionally granted alternative working arrangements to work from their place of recruitment until restrictions are lifted. This is at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss the likelihood of travel 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.

A UN Volunteer receives a Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) which is composed of the Monthly Living Allowance (MLA) and a Family Allowance (FA) for those with dependents (maximum three).

The Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) 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\$ 1,651. The VLA base rate is a global rate across the world, while the PAM is duty station/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

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

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 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 periodic home visit and for the final repatriation travel (if applicable). 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.

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.

Application Code

BOLR000638-7124

Application procedure

You can only apply if you have created your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup>

Watch this video for the specific steps you must follow: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VT5uJ_FoIWU



If you are already registered in UNV's Talent Pool, make sure your profile is up to date before applying.

Application deadline: 07-Jun-2020 at 23:59hrs, Germany time

doa.apply_url

<https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/show-doa/Qk9MUjAwMDYzOA==>

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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