



UN YOUTH VOLUNTEER 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.

1. **UNV Assignment Title:** UN Youth Volunteer in Nutrition
2. **Type of Assignment:** International UN Youth Volunteer
3. **Project Title:** Assistance to Refugees and Persons Affected by the Colombian conflict
4. **Duration:** 12 months
5. **Location, Country:** Quito – Ecuador
6. **Expected Starting Date:** February / March 2016

7. Brief Project Description:

WFP works with local governments to introduce **innovative solutions** to promote the integration of the over 1,000 new asylum-seekers that enter Ecuador each month.

- Refugees and poor Ecuadoreans have poor diet diversity, consuming carbohydrates and fats, with little protein and micronutrients. Thus, **anemia** is still a problem for children and women; and **chronic malnutrition** is also high at 32.6 percent in children between 1 and 2 years of age. WFP works with the Government of Ecuador to eradicate chronic **malnutrition**, an important national goal, and to promote quality diets.
- About 43 percent of refugee households are headed by women; **94 percent suffer from gender-based violence** as many flee Colombia without male partners, leaving them vulnerable to abuse. Colombian refugees, especially women, face physical threats; labour exploitation, human trafficking and negative coping mechanisms. WFP is working with partners to confront gender bias and empower women to settle in their new environment.
- Almost 24 percent of Ecuadorian households and 68 percent of indigenous people live in **poverty** and are unable to find employment. Small farmers, especially women, have unstable livelihoods and limited access to markets. WFP procures food commodities locally and buys nutritious food products directly from local farmer associations with a special attention to women's farmer associations. WFP aims to empower these associations and **stimulate local markets**.

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Following national priorities and in coordination with local governments, the objectives of WFP's PRRO in Ecuador are to:

- Meet the urgent food needs of the most vulnerable and non-self-reliant Colombian asylum seekers, without creating tensions between Colombian refugees and Ecuadorean populations. Relief activities ensure that the immediate food needs of new Colombian asylum seekers who require protection and assistance under international law are met.
- Support or restore the food and nutrition security of Colombian refugees and conflict-affected, vulnerable Ecuadoreans. The recovery component contributes to stability and self-reliance and includes actions which: 1) Support resettlement and livelihoods by improving skills through trainings, including gender specific trainings; providing incentives for Colombians to send children to school and promoting quality diets and good family nutrition; and 2) Improve livelihoods and family food and nutrition security through community-based integration activities that stimulate local food production and restore degraded natural resources. Women producers and farmer associations are prioritized and WFP has set targets to ensure equal participation of women in all PRRO activities.

8. Host Agency/Host Institute: UN World Food Programme

9. Organizational Context:

WFP's goal in Ecuador is to be an innovative partner who supports Government priorities and policies, contributing to food sovereignty, food and nutrition security of vulnerable people, and gender equality. This goal will be achieved through the following four strategic priorities:

- 1) Position WFP Ecuador as a strategic partner, collaborating with the Government to reduce poverty and improve the food and nutrition security of the most vulnerable, including people with disabilities and their families;
- 2) Contribute to food and nutrition security of vulnerable people in Ecuador with an integrated approach at local level in support of food sovereignty and security;
- 3) Build resilience and mitigate the risks associated with the adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and other shocks;
- 4) Reduce tensions and support the integration of refugees in host communities.

Furthermore, WFP Ecuador has following comparative advantages:

Technical Assistance and Catalyst Role: WFP is recognized as a catalyst for national action, able to transfer innovative technologies to enhance national food security responses.

Trust, Integrity and Accountability: The Government trusts WFP as an independent and unbiased advisor, working in a transparent and accountable manner. This presents an opportunity for WFP to position itself as an advocate for national policy.

Strong Track Record in Humanitarian Actions and Emergency Response: WFP has assisted refugees in Ecuador for more than ten years, supporting the food assistance needs of the Colombian refugee population in Ecuador. In addition, WFP has an ongoing ten-year agreement with the Government to

10. Type of Assignment Place: Assignment without family



11. Description of tasks:

Under the supervision of the PRRO Manager the UN Youth Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Support the development of nutrition projects and activities, plans and processes, ensuring alignment with wider nutrition policies and guidance.
- Support the development and co-ordinate data gathering and monitoring/assessment systems ensuring that rigorous quality standards are maintained.
- Support the Track and analyse data to provide input into reporting activities and contribute to the preparation of accurate and timely reporting on nutrition activities that enables informed decision making and consistency of information presented to stakeholders.
- Liaise with implementing partners (internal and external) to monitor ongoing projects, ensuring effective collaboration, timeliness and efficiency, and highlight potential risks to project delivery.
- Support the identification of potential partners and partnership negotiations to ensure a collaborative and holistic approach to meeting nutrition needs.
- Support the capacity building of WFP staff, partners and national government to prepare for and respond to nutrition needs for example the production and review of training materials.
- Support the action in an assigned emergency response capacity as required to meet emergency food assistance needs.
- Other as required.

Furthermore, the UN Youth Volunteer is encouraged to:

- Strengthen the knowledge and understanding of the concept of volunteerism by reading relevant UNV and external publications and taking active part in UNV events.
- Be acquainted with and build on traditional and/or local forms of volunteerism in the 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 volunteering experiences and submit them to the team at UNVHQs for consideration (beyond other communications responsibilities), and input to the UNV publications/websites, newsletters, press releases, etc.;
- Assist with the UNV Buddy Programme for newly-arrived UN Youth 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.

12. Results/Expected Output:

- Problems are analysed and solutions are proposed to Supervisor in a proactive manner
- Well prepared analytical work
- Support in the organization and planification of the activities
- A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed

13. Qualifications/Requirements:

- University degree in Public Health, Nutrition, Food Technology, Sciences, or other relevant field
- Up to 2 years work experience in Public Health, Nutrition, Food Technolog or any related field

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- Training and / or experience utilizing computers, including work processing and spreadsheets
- Proficiency in English and Spanish
- Flexibility in accepting work assignments outside normal desk description
- Respect for diversity and adaptability to other cultures, environments and living conditions

14. Learning expectations

Learning and development are a central part of the UN Youth Volunteer's assignment and take place before, during and after his or her assignment in the field. Ideally, offering diverse opportunities for learning and development aim to strengthen the volunteer's skills and competences, improve the quality of the assignment and keep the volunteer's motivation high.

Learning elements for the UN Youth Volunteer include the development of:

- Professional skills: including specific competencies and reflection on assignment-related abilities; and on-the-job skills such as time management, problem solving, team building; and career preparedness such as interview skills, CV preparation, job searching.
- Inter-personal skills: including communication and listening skills; multi-cultural awareness and cultural competency; and conflict and stress management.
- Volunteering-related skills: including leadership; civic responsibility; and engagement and active participation.

Beyond the learning opportunities provided by UNV, WFP will support knowledge and capacity development in the technical areas that are relevant to the UN Youth Volunteer's assignment WFP will provide, at its expense, UN Youth Volunteers with equal opportunity to participate in training courses and workshops offered to its personnel.

15. Living Conditions:

Altitude:	2800 meters above sea level
Population:	Approximately 2.14 millions
Average temperature:	Day 19 C° and Night 8 C°
Rainy season:	October to April
Dry season:	May to September
Security Level:	2 (low)

SECURITY AREAS AND SECURITY LEVELS

For the UN System, Ecuador is divided in 5 Security Level Areas: Ecuador-Colombia Border (Level 3), Sucumbíos South (Level 3), Esmeraldas North (Level 3), Carchi South (Level 2) and other areas of Ecuador (Level 2).

SECURITY SITUATION

Almost the whole Ecuadorian territory is under general security level 2-Low but it is relevant to consider that crime level is Substantial or High, while the level of Hazards is Moderate or Substantial mainly due to the threats of earthquakes and road traffic accidents. Most frequent criminal activities are: petty crime at streets and other public places; residence break-ins; vehicle robbery; smuggling; murder; express kidnapping; and intimidation. Organized crime linked to drugs and smuggling is also a major concern especially in Esmeraldas North. Ecuadorian territory is subject to earthquakes. Serious road traffic accidents frequently occur due to a combination of twisting roads across mountains terrain, poor vehicle maintenance and reckless driving. During the rainy season, landslides frequently block the roads and cause serious accidents. Security level 3 areas are located along the northern border and suffer negative impact from the Colombian internal conflict. Individuals and groups linked to rebels are present in

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Ecuadorian territory and armed clashes between rebels and security forces sometimes occur along the border strip.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

Ecuadorian immigration authorities require a passport valid for at least six months from the entry date. Visa is not required for touristic trips shorter than 90 days except for citizens of certain citizenships (China, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, among others), that follow special arrangements. Visa for longer touristic periods and any other specific activity must be obtained in advance from Embassies and Consulates of Ecuador. Additional information can be found at the following website: <http://www.mmrree.gob.ec/servicios/visas.asp>.

16. Conditions of Service

A 12-month contract; monthly living allowance (MLA) base intended to cover housing, basic needs and utilities, with a base rate of US\$ 1,243, which is adjusted monthly according to the movement (upwards or downwards) of the Post Adjustment Multiplier (PAM), which is established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) to ensure that international UN Volunteers have comparable purchasing power at all duty stations despite varying costs of living. The applicable MLA is calculated as follows: $MLA = (MLA \text{ base rate} \times PAM) + \text{MLA base rate}$. See ICSC website <http://icsc.un.org> for more information on the applicable PAM rates.

In addition, UN Volunteers are provided a one-time settling-in-grant (if applicable); a family allowance (if applicable); Well-Being Differential (applicable only in hardship non-family duty stations) life, health, and permanent disability insurance; return airfares (if applicable); resettlement allowance for satisfactory service.

17. HOW TO APPLY

Eligible candidates, i.e. aged between 23 and 29 years throughout the entire duration of their service, i.e. born between 1 July 1987 and 28 February 1993, whose previous work experience in areas relevant for the assignment does not exceed two years, should do the following:

If you are not a candidate in the UNV database, please apply by registering your profile through the following link: http://ereta.unv.org/html/index.php?module=myprofile&ad=YTH15FFSPA_ECU.

The advertisement code **YTH15FFSPA_ECU** will appear automatically under the 'Special Recruitment' tab of your UNV profile and can be changed from there if needed.

If you already are a candidate in the UNV database, please update your profile through <http://MyProfile.unv.org> and select the code of the assignment you wish to apply for from the drop down list in the 'Special Recruitment' tab of 'MyProfile'.

Should you wish to be considered for more than one UN Youth Volunteer assignment, you can express your interest in other Description of Assignments in the 'Additional Remarks' section of your profile by entering the corresponding code. Please note however that your profile will be proposed to the host agency for only one UN Youth Volunteer assignment.

Closing date: You must be fully registered in the UNV database of candidates not later than 23 October 2015 (applications received after that date will not be taken into consideration).