

## UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

HNDR000081--Human Rights Officer

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

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<b>Country of Assignment</b>	Honduras
<b>Host Institute</b>	UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
<b>Volunteer Category</b>	National Specialist
<b>Number of Volunteer</b>	1
<b>Duration</b>	12 months
<b>Possibility of Extension</b>	Yes
<b>Expected Starting Date</b>	Immediate
<b>Duty Station</b>	Tegucigalpa [HND], San Pedro Sula [HND]
<b>Assignment Place</b>	Family Duty Station
<b>Assignment Place Remark</b>	
<b>Living Conditions</b>	

Honduras is a tropical country in the middle of Central America, bordered to the north with to Caribbean Sea, to the south with El Salvador, to the west with Guatemala and to the East with Nicaragua Climate varies significantly depending on altitude. Mid-altitude temperatures are fairly moderate with regular sunshine making temperatures climb from 15-20° C (59-68° F) to up around 28°C (low 82° F) during the middle of the day. Rainfall is quite low to moderate with a patchy wet season from May to October. Low-land and coastal regions experience less of a temperature range with warmer nights and slightly less rainfall.

The threat against UN system staff members from political activity is considered low. The threat from common criminal elements is considered highly critical in certain areas of the country. Violent crime is a

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serious and growing problem, especially in certain zones of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula, and to a less degree throughout the country. Pickpockets and purse-snatchers are prevalent in major cities at tourist sites, especially in parts of Comayagua and the central market surroundings of Tegucigalpa. Visits to these areas should be avoided, especially after dark. Highway, road and street robberies, carjacking and assaults of pedestrians by armed thieves are still high. Roadblocks and demonstrations on the main highways and border countries customs offices have decreased. In the past, demonstrations have ended in street violence, requiring intervention by national police for which precaution is requested. Threats against the public transportation system by gangs have been reported in San Pedro Sula, supposedly related to Organized Crime, for which caution should be maintained at all times on the street.

Visitors are specially advised to protect against mosquitoes bites in affected areas, due to insect – borne diseases such as Malaria and Dengue Fever (both serious, potentially fatal diseases). In general mosquitoes in Honduras are most bothersome from dusk to dawn, especially in the countryside. Other infectious diseases are common such as Diarrhea, Amoebic and food. Some specific health cares must be considered especially hygienic practices avoid eating in places where cleaning is not ensured and pay special attention to the hygiene of fruits and vegetables, wash fruits and vegetables carefully if you eat them raw or peel them before eating.

## Assignment Details

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**Assignment Title** Human Rights Officer

### **Organizational Context & Project Description**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Honduras was established in May 2015, following the signature of an agreement of cooperation between the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Government of Honduras concerning the establishment of an Office in the country.

The Office has the mandate to monitor the observance of human rights, provide technical cooperation to the authorities of Honduras and to civil society on the formulation and implementation of policies and programs for the promotion and protection of human rights, and inform publicly.

**Sustainable Development Goals** 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

### **Task description**

Under the overall supervision of the Head of Office, and the direct supervision of the Unit's coordinator, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Gather information and report on the human rights situation in a designated geographical or thematic area, including through contacts with other United Nations actors, state authorities and the community;

- Contribute to analysis and reports on human rights concerns, violations and abuses, and the consistency of policies, programme and norms with international human rights standards and the application of gender perspective;
- Assist in the designing and the delivering of technical assistance and capacity building to government institutions and civil society with focus on discrimination and gender;
- Undertake monitoring missions and reporting, use the OHCHR database to enter cases and document allegations and violations of human rights violations with focus on discrimination and gender;
- Perform other related duties as required;

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.

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### Results/Expected Outputs

- Through the work of the Office, the protection of individual and groups at risk is strengthened;
- Individual cases are investigated and documented, and appropriately recorded;
- The capacity of partners to contribute to human rights promotion and protection is strengthened;
- 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 development during the assignment,

such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed

- El desarrollo de las capacidades a través del entrenamiento, la tutoría y la capacitación formal en el puesto de trabajo, cuando se trabaje con (incluyendo la supervisión) el personal nacional o contra-partes (no-) gubernamentales, entre ellos Socios de Implementación (Implementing Partners IPs); • La perspectiva de edad, genero y diversidad se aplica de forma sistemática, integrada y documentada en todas las actividades a lo largo de la asignación • Un balance final sobre los logros alcanzado a través del voluntariado para el desarrollo durante la asignación, como la presentación de informes sobre el número de voluntarios movilizados, las actividades en las que han participado y las capacidades desarrolladas.
- 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

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**Required Degree Level** Bachelor degree or equivalent

### Education - Additional Comments

University degree, preferably in law, political science, international relations or other disciplines related to human rights. A combination of relevant academic qualifications and experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

**Required experience** 36 months

### Experience Remark

Combined professional experience at national and international levels, in the field of human rights and protection.

### Language Skills

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Spanish (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

### Area of Expertise

- Human rights Mandatory
- International law Optional
- Public law Optional

### Area of Expertise Requirement

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## Computer skills

Good knowledge of a range of human rights issues and mechanisms. Good communication, reporting and advocacy skills. Good analytical and research skills, including ability to evaluate and integrate information from a variety of sources and assess impact on the human rights situation in assigned country. Ability to transfer knowledge and skills. Ability to take own initiatives but also to work as part of a team in an international or multicultural environment. Knowledge of technology and use of office computer applications, including working with databases, Familiarity with the political, social and security environment of Honduras, as they pertain to human rights issues.

**Need Driving Licence** Yes

## Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Integrity
- Planning and Organizing
- Working in Teams

# Conditions of Service and other information

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**Condition of Service** [Click here to view Conditions of Service](#)

## 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.

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 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.





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*This is a national UN Volunteer assignment, therefore only nationals of Honduras and legal residents in Honduras with a residency permit, the status of refugee or with the status of being stateless are eligible to apply.*

*Please remember to indicate in your UNV profile that you are interested in serving as a national volunteer.*

**Application deadline: 15-09-2019**

**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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