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.

**General**

**Assignment title:  Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Junior Assistant**

**UN Host Entity: International Organization for Migration**

**Country of assignment:**  Peru

**Duty station:**  Lima

**Family / non-family duty station:** Family Duty Station

**Level of duty station: A**

**Volunteer category:** International UN University Volunteer

**Duration: 6** months

**Expected starting date:** November/December 2023

**Sustainable** **Development** **Goal:** 13. Climate Action

**Details**

**Organization mission and objectives**

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an integral part of the United Nations System, working as the foremost intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting regular, humane, and orderly migration since 1951. With 175 member states and a presence in over 100 countries, the IOM aims to ensure migration benefits all individuals involved.

As the leading intergovernmental agency focusing on migration, the IOM has played a crucial role in operational, research, policy, and advocacy initiatives. It has actively worked to prioritize environmental migration on the global, regional, and national agenda, collaborating closely with its member states, observers, and partners.

In 2021, the IOM unveiled its 10-year Institutional Strategy on Migration, Environment, and Climate Change (2021-2030), demonstrating its commitment to addressing the intersection of migration, environmental factors, and climate change through a comprehensive and long-term approach.

**Assignment context**

IOM in Peru has an Emergencies and Humanitarian Assistance Unit, which is responsible for leading the provision of assistance for basic needs, including food security, water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH), shelter and CCCM, as well as humanitarian transport. Additionally, the Unit is tasked with overseeing activities related to disaster risk management and Migration Environment and Climate Change (MECC).

**Task description**

Under the direct supervision of the Emergencies and Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator and the general supervision of the Emergencies and Humanitarian Assistance Programme Coordinator, the UN University Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

* Assisting the MECC DRM team in implementing activities related to climate change and disaster risk management.
* Providing operational support for project activities, including logistical and administrative assistance for trainings, workshops, conferences, and other events.
* Assisting in revision of research documents, situation analysis, and studies conducted within IOM projects related to MECC and DRM topics.
* Supporting community relations by engaging with community kitchens, schools, shelters, and other community spaces where IOM is involved implementing activities on MECC/DRM topics.
* Assisting in the preparation of documents such as proposals, donor reports, speeches, and advocacy materials related to climate change and disaster risk management.
* Assisting in the design and production of promotional materials.
* Undertaking any other tasks as requested by their 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;
* 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.

**Requirements**

**Required education level**  Secondary Education

**Minimum experience** 0 years

**Area(s) of expertise:** Currently pursuing a degree in Environmental Science, natural sciences, environmental protection, geography, law, economics, management, international relations, or a related field.

**Skills and experience description**

**•** Demonstrated interest and/or experience in climate change, climate action, public policy, climate law, disaster risk management and other related fields.

• Previous experience as a volunteer and/or experience of another culture, (i.e., studies, volunteer work, internship) would be highly regarded.

• The intern selected to support the climate finance team is expected to have a strong focus and interest in topics such as:

• - climate change and the importance of policy and finance for taking action;

• - international development, climate change policy, insurance, risk management and/or private sector financing.

• - mid and long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and their financial planning.

• - mainstreaming climate investments into public and private agendas;

• - public policy analysis and development.

• Disaster Risk management at community and local levels.

**Language skills**

Englishmandatory  optional

basic  fair  working knowledge  fluent  mother tongue

 Spanish    mandatory  optional

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mandatory  optional

basic  fair  working knowledge  fluent  mother tongue

**Competencies and Values**

Accountability

Adaptability and Flexibility

Building Trust

Client Orientation

Commitment and Motivation

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Communication

Creativity

Empowering Others

Ethics and Values

Integrity

Judgement and Decision-making

Knowledge Sharing

Leadership

Managing Performance

Planning and Organizing

Professionalism

Respect for Diversity

Self-Management

Technological Awareness

Vision

Working in Teams

**Driving license needed: No**

**Living conditions**

Peru is known for its stunning landscapes, delicious local cuisine, and lively culture. A wide range of cultural attractions may be found in the city as well.

Another big lure is the city's thriving culinary culture, which includes restaurants that have won prestigious awards on the world stage. People in Lima are kind and hospitable, so it's not hard to settle in and establish new friends, making it a family-friendly destination. However, Lima's traffic and congestion can make even the simplest trips difficult.

• Vaccinations are not needed for entry into the country. To be safe, travelers should check to see whether they will be passing through any locations where malaria, dengue, or yellow fever are common.

• The average temperature in Lima is 17 degrees Celsius in August and 24 degrees Celsius in February.

• Private clinics and hospitals in Lima provide access to high-quality medical care provided by trained professionals using the latest medical technology and methods.

• According to the Security Level system's approach, Lima has a very low security level. In general, violent crime is uncommon there. While in Lima, petty thievery is the most significant safety concern.

• It is possible to make a variety of payments in Peru, including wire transfers, interbank transfers, payments via QR codes or digital wallets, and withdrawals from ATMs, which are conveniently located throughout the country.

• Peru is a country highly exposed to natural disasters, being seismic with several cases of earthquakes and tremors.

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