

UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

TURR000320--Forestry Expert

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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| Country of Assignment | Turkey |
| Host Institute | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| Volunteer Category | International Specialist |
| Number of Volunteer | 1 |
| Duration | 12 months |
| Expected Starting Date | Immediate |
| Duty Station | Ankara [TUR] |
| Assignment Place | Family Duty Station |
| Assignment Place Remark | |
| Living Conditions | |

Ankara is the capital of Turkey and the country's second largest city following Istanbul with the population of 4.5 million people. Centrally located in Anatolia, Ankara is an important commercial and industrial city. It is the seat of the Turkish government and houses all foreign embassies. The city is strategically located at an important crossroads for trade in proximity of Turkey's highway and railway networks. Visas are required for entry into Turkey.

- **Security:** The current security level in Ankara is minimal – 1. Ankara is considered a generally a safe city, where normal use of common sense and acting responsibly takes one a long way.
- The public transport is safe to use. There are no direct threats towards United Nations and its staff in Turkey.
- **Housing:** Apartments and flats are easily available and generally of good condition, with well working

services (gas, electricity, water). The cost of housing is reasonable, although smaller apartments and certain locations close to foreign embassies and the UN House tend to be more expensive. Some UN Volunteers opt for house sharing. UNV Field Unit can provide assistance to UN Volunteers in identifying suitable housing.

- Cost of living and services: Housing is the largest monthly expense, and the cost of living is otherwise very affordable. Daily food and products are inexpensive, as are many services.
- Local transportation ranges from buses, mini-busses called “dolmuş” to taxis, which are all affordable. The subway lines are very limited in the scope.
- Weather: The city has a mean elevation of 938 metres. It has cold, often snowy winters due to its elevation and inland location, and hot, dry summers. Because of Ankara's high altitude and its dry summers, nightly temperatures in the summer months can be cool.

Assignment Details

Assignment Title Forestry Expert
Organizational Context & Project Description

The FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia (FAO SEC) is based in Ankara and covers Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Since its inauguration in 2007, FAO SEC has been supporting countries in the subregion to strengthen their capacities in formulation and implementation of development policies in respective technical areas in cooperation with national and regional bodies. Technical assistance is provided in (i) plant production and protection, (ii) livestock, (iii) land and water management, (iv) forestry, (v) fisheries and aquaculture, (vi) food security, and (vii) investment areas. FAO SEC has technical officers for each area. The UN Volunteer will work with the forestry team under the overall supervision of the FAO Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey.

Sustainable Development Goals 13. Climate Action
UNV Focus Area Community resilience environment & disaster reduction

Task description

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Sub-regional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, and the direct supervision of the Forestry Officer, the UN Volunteer will work with the Forestry Team. He/she will provide technical, operational and administrative support for overall implementation of the work plan of the Team. The work plan targets natural resource management focusing on forestry sector in the SEC region, and consists of programme/project and normative work. The work includes, but is not limited to:

- Supporting designing, technical backstopping and supervising of projects funded through various sources in the SEC region. Project topics include:
- Integrative management of ecosystems (e.g. forests, steppes, cold winter deserts) to promote

- conservation and sustainable use of land resources including agriculture,
- Restoration and rehabilitation of degraded dryland ecosystems,
 - Sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity, and
 - Forest resources assessment and monitoring.
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- Supporting designing and implementing field projects under the FAO-Turkish Partnership Programme (FTFP);
 - Contributing to formulation and design of new projects for the forestry and natural resource management sector in the SEC sub region;
 - Supporting effective implementation of regular work program in the sub region to:
 - improve governance in the forestry sector through strengthened institutions and improved decision-making processes, and
 - promote cross-sectoral strategies for improved conservation of forest biodiversity and genetic resources, climate change mitigation and adaptation, rehabilitation of degraded lands, and water and wildlife management.
 - Collecting and analysing data and information from various relevant sectors (e.g. on forest and land management policies);
 - Reviewing and presenting technical information;
 - Contributing to technical-operational preparation and organization of workshops, conferences, meetings and other similar events;
 - Networking and building relationships with local organizations, groups or individuals and supporting and/or participating in local volunteering initiatives;
 - Encouraging, mobilizing and supporting co-workers, fellow UN Volunteers and members of the local community to play an active part in development on a voluntary basis;
 - Supporting matters related to outside communication of FAO achievements; and
 - Performing other related duties as required 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

- The Provision of high quality support to the Forestry Officer and the forestry team as laid out in the description of duties above throughout the assignment duration;
- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, including

Implementing Partners (IPs);

- Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated and documented in all activities throughout the assignment
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Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level Master degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

- Forestry, natural resource management or related field obtained from an institution of higher education.

Required experience 60 months

Experience Remark

Five years of work experience in the forestry sector including project work (preparation and implementation), fundraising, and data collection, analysis and assessment.

Language Skills

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent

Area of Expertise

- Disaster risk reduction Mandatory

Area of Expertise Requirement

Computer literacy and familiarity with standard office software required

Substantial technical knowledge of at least one of the following areas and basic knowledge of the other two: climate change, biodiversity conservation and land degradation. Proven record of work exposure to all topics provided under the task description. Experience in facilitating consultative processes and liaising with decision makers. Demonstrated ability to cooperate and collaborate with partners and stakeholders. Ability to work harmoniously with national and international staff.

Need Driving Licence No

Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Commitment and Motivation
- Ethics and Values
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

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

Conditions of Service for International Specialist:

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\$ 1,602. 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 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>.



to which you would like to apply.

Application deadline: 21 November 2018

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