

## UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

### CHNR000077--Agriculture Innovation for Poverty Reduction 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

<b>Country of Assignment</b>	China
<b>Host Institute</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<b>Volunteer Category</b>	International Specialist
<b>Number of Volunteer</b>	1
<b>Duration</b>	12 months
<b>Expected Starting Date</b>	01-10-2018
<b>Duty Station</b>	Beijing [CHN]
<b>Assignment Place</b>	Family Duty Station
<b>Assignment Place Remark</b>	

### Living Conditions

The duty station of the UNV is in the FAO China office located in Beijing, where high-quality public infrastructure and health services are available.

In general, rent for apartments in central locations is high relative to other regions in China, but quality is good. Beijing is well served by many shopping malls, large supermarket chains and international brands. Buses and subways are the most common form of mass transportation. Metered taxis are widely available and domestic and regional travel by train and airplane is popular.

## Assignment Details

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## Organizational Context & Project Description

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) leads international efforts to defeat hunger and to support development in member countries in the areas of agriculture, fisheries and forestry. FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy.

FAO assists governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to address hunger and malnutrition, and provides technical support for the sustainable development of their agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors. The activities of FAO Country Offices include design and implementation of country-tailored field programmes, liaison with local donor representatives, and active public awareness-raising and outreach activities related to FAO initiatives such as the World Food Day.

**Sustainable Development Goals** 2. Zero Hunger

**UNV Focus Area** National capacity development via volunteer schemes

## Task description

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative, in close consultation with consultants on poverty reduction and food system developments, and in the framework of the FAO Belt and Road initiative (BRI), the UN volunteer will contribute to develop and promote FAO activities on inclusive and sustainable food systems, agriculture innovation and poverty reduction.

In accordance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Goal 1 Poverty Reduction and Goal 2 End Hunger, FAO Strategic Objectives and FAO China Country Programming Framework (CPF), the FAO BRI umbrella programme, the UN volunteer will assist in activities related to sustainable food system development for poverty reduction. Specifically, the volunteer will:

Support the development of FAO China sustainable food system development strategy and poverty reduction activities through research, data collection, analysis and reporting of related policies;

Document lessons learned from the implementation of digital-agriculture and other related strategies for poverty reduction in rural areas; identify areas to improve efficiency and effectiveness as well as additional opportunities to scale up good practices;

Assist to develop innovative activities and projects in the area of modernizing smallholder farming systems, linking poor farmers to markets, e-services and ICT for poverty reduction;

Assist to organize workshops, seminars and conferences on innovation in agriculture development;

Assist to map digital-agriculture, food system development and poverty reduction related strategies at national and regional level, specific to policy and technology transfer, in support to supply side structural reform and agriculture going aboard strategy.;

Assist and support the implementation of partnerships, advocacy and resource mobilization activities in relation to sustainable food system development, digital agriculture and poverty reduction;

Perform any other related tasks as may be 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- 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

Report/study on the lessons learned from the implementation digital-agriculture for poverty reduction

Contribute to the implementation of project related to digital agriculture, innovation and poverty reduction in the context of the

FAO BRI umbrella programme;

- 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** Master degree or equivalent

### Education - Additional Comments

MA or advanced university degree in Agriculture, Rural Development or closed related fields

**Required experience** 24 months

### Experience Remark

Experience of working in the agriculture related fields, preferably in the field of rural development, agroecology, poverty reduction.

### Language Skills

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Chinese (Optional) , Level - Working Knowledge

### Area of Expertise

- Monitoring and evaluation Mandatory
- Knowledge management, archiving and documentation Mandatory
- Other communications related experience Optional

### Area of Expertise Requirement

**Need Driving Licence** No

### Competencies & Values

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

## Conditions of Service and other information

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**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>.

For example, kindly enter the link [Calculator](#)

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.

**Application Code**

CHNR000077-2834

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This assignment is funded by the Government of Finland, therefore only Finnish nationals are eligible to apply.

\* Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

Please first register your profile at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup>. Important: After creating your account, complete all sections of your profile and submit it. Then go to 'My Page' at <https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage> and click on the 'Special Calls' hyperlink. Lastly, select the special call to which you would like to apply.

\* Already registered in the UNV Talent Pool?

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Application deadline: 30 September 2018

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