

Posting Title : Associate Protection & Neutrality Officer, 14
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Department/ Office : UNRWA - Programme Protection & Neutrality
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Staffing Exercise : N/A

United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity

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The position receives direct supervision and technical guidance from the Protection and Neutrality Team Leader or the Protection Officer/Operations Support Officer as required while the Director of UNRWA Operations/Affairs is overall responsible and accountable for the implementation of the UNRWA protection mandate and neutrality framework at the field level.

Responsibilities

Supports the mainstreaming of protection principles and standards in UNRWA service delivery and programmes including the implementation of protection audits and follow-up to their recommendations as well as support to the coordination of area protection working groups to share good practices to enhance protection responses;

Conducts regular field missions to gather information and data on protection issues confronted by Palestine refugees in order to analyse and report on the protection context and issues encountered in the field and adequately identify emerging areas of concern as a basis for informing programmatic and advocacy responses and contributing to information management systems in line with UNRWA policies and procedures;

Contributes to designing a comprehensive area level protection strategy in support of the area office by: coordinating, ensuring quality, and providing technical support (including in the areas of general protection, gender-based-violence, child protection and disabilities) to ensure effective responses by programmes (particularly at the area level) according to agreed priorities and procedures;

In coordination with other staff at the area level, builds and maintains relationships with a broad network of stakeholders (including government, local authorities, UN agencies and

NGOs as well as beneficiaries and other persons of concern) who can contribute to protection responses for Palestine refugees and in this regard enhances collaboration and coordination to address protection issues and provide/support external briefings to various interlocutors as required;

Undertakes spot-checks and follow-up of the most serious neutrality issues under the guidance of the Protection and Neutrality Team Leader and according to standard operating procedures in coordination with senior programme and other staff (including schools principals, chief medical officers, chief area officers and installations managers) that will conduct the installations inspections, providing support as required;

Supports the delivery of trainings to UNRWA personnel on protection and humanitarian principles (particularly neutrality) as required;

Prepares reports, briefings, and training materials as required and conducts oral and written translations of Arabic and English where required;

Performs other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor(s).

Competencies

Applying Technical Expertise
Planning and Organizing
Persuading and Influencing
Excellent analysis skills
Communication skills
Negotiations skills
Ability to handle sensitive issues diplomatically

Education

A university degree from a recognized university-level academic institution, preferably in social sciences, political affairs, international relations, law or a related field.

Work Experience

At least four years of relevant experience, preferably in protection, human rights, humanitarian/relief emergency operations, or other related discipline; (For Master degree holder, 1 year of relevant experience may be accepted, and for Post-graduate diploma holder, additional 2 years of relevant experience may be accepted in lieu of Bachelor degree - total 6 years).

Demonstrable knowledge and understanding of humanitarian protection and neutrality policies and approaches.

Languages

Excellent command of spoken and written English and Arabic.

Assessment

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which may be followed by competency-based interview.

Special Notice

Please make sure that your application is filled properly, correctly, and completely; any missing or incomplete information may lead to the rejection of the application by the system.

If the recruitment process generates a large number of applicants who pass the test, the Agency may interview only the top passing applicants to ensure sufficient number of candidates to be listed on a recommended list or an employment roster based on the Agency's needs. This is intended to ensure efficiency and timeliness of the recruitment process.

Type of contract and duration: Fixed – Term appointment for 3 years including 1 year probation period, with the possibility of further extension, subject to availability of funds, satisfactory performance and continuing need.

UNRWA is committed to achieving gender parity at all levels of staffing under the current UN-wide gender agenda and strongly encourages applications from qualified applicants from under-represented groups (based on, for example, gender, disabilities).

UNRWA, the largest United Nations operation in the Middle East with over 30,000 staff working across five areas of operation, is looking for highly committed professionals wishing to make a change.

UNRWA's strategic objectives: The mission of UNRWA is to help Palestine refugees achieve their full potential in human development under the difficult circumstances in which they live. In line with this mission, the Agency works towards five strategic outcomes: (a) Palestine refugee rights under international law are protected and promoted; (b) Palestine refugee health is protect and disease burden is reduced; (c) school – age children complete quality, equitable and inclusive basic education; (d) Palestine refugee capabilities are strengthened for increased livelihood opportunities; and (e) Palestine refugees are able to meet their basic human needs of food, shelter and environmental health.

UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions from UN member states, regional bodies, business foundations and individual contributions.

Equivalency: Candidates with an equivalent combination of relevant academic qualifications, professional training and progressive work experience may also be considered.

N.B: Work experience alone or formal qualifications with no relevant work experience are not considered an acceptable combination.

Desirable qualification: N/A.

Conditions of service: Monthly basic salary USD 1,461.40 + SPLA USD 167

Other benefits include monthly Provident Fund contribution (15.2% of basic salary paid by the Agency), compulsory medical insurance, 30 days of annual leave, and dependency allowance (if applicable).

Candidates need to check the Junk Email as emails from INSPIRA may go to Junk; it is the candidate's responsibility to check his/her email.

Additional information: N/A

General Information: This vacancy notice is open to internal and external candidates. Only candidates residing in Lebanon with authorization to work in that duty station at the time of application are eligible to apply. The Agency will not assume responsibility to support or

facilitate the issuance of work permit in the duty station, and without a valid work permit, the appointment may be rescinded.

During and after the completion of the recruitment process, candidate's request for review of decisions must be submitted within 48 hours from the formal notification by UNRWA.

Requests received after that will not be considered.

UNRWA is a United Nations agency whose staff are therefore expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity, neutrality and impartiality. This includes respect for and commitment to human rights, diversity, and non-violent means of dealing with all kinds of conflict.

UNRWA staff are expected to uphold these values at all times, both at work and outside. Only persons who fully and unconditionally commit to these values should consider applying for UNRWA jobs.

The Agency will disqualify applicants who have separated for reason of misconduct, who left a UN Agency while misconduct processes were pending, or who appear on the UN Sanctions List.

UNRWA is a non-smoking work environment.

The Agency reserves the right not to make an appointment, to make an appointment at a lower grade, or to make an appointment with a modified job description.

Please find below the link to a video that guides applicants on how to apply to Job Openings that approach you for guidance:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MH-IYA6Y8kxA1fgao5qyTV8VwNajgx4u/view?usp=sharing>

United Nations Considerations

Staff members are subject to the authority of the Commissioner-General of UNRWA and to assignment by him or her.

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At UNRWA, the paramount consideration in the recruitment and employment of staff is the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, with due regard to geographic diversity. All employment decisions are made on the basis of qualifications and organizational needs. UNRWA is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment of mutual respect. Reasonable accommodation for applicants with disabilities may be provided to support participation in the recruitment process when requested and indicated in the application.

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sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment, or if there are reasonable grounds to believe that they have been involved in the commission of any of these acts. Candidates who have committed crimes other than minor traffic offences may not be considered for employment. The Agency may disqualify applicants who have separated for reason of misconduct, who left a UN Agency while misconduct processes were pending, or who appear on the UN Sanctions List.

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Applicants are urged to follow carefully all instructions available in the online recruitment platform, *inspira*. For more detailed guidance, applicants may refer to the Manual for the Applicant, which can be accessed by clicking on "Manuals" hyper-link on the upper right side of the *inspira* account-holder homepage.

The evaluation of applicants will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted in the application according to the evaluation criteria of the job opening and the applicable internal legislations of the United Nations including the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions of the General Assembly, the Staff Regulations and Rules, administrative issuances and guidelines. Applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their personal profile and qualifications according to the instructions provided in *inspira* to be considered for the current job opening. No amendment, addition, deletion, revision or modification shall be made to applications that have been submitted. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to reference checks to verify the information provided in the application.

Job openings advertised on the Careers Portal will be removed at 11:59 p.m. (New York time) on the deadline date.