



# UNHCR JOB DESCRIPTION

## IDENTIFICATION OF POSITION

Position No: **10024386**

Position Title: **Assistant Protection Officer**

Position Grade: **NOA (National Officer Category)**

Position Location: Washington DC, USA

## POSITION REQUIREMENTS

### ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT.

The Assistant Protection Officer reports to the Protection Officer or the Senior Protection Officer. Depending on the size and structure of the Office, the incumbent may have supervisory responsibility for protection staff including community services, registration, resettlement and education. He/she provides functional protection guidance to information management and programme staff; and monitors protection standards, operational procedures and practices in protection delivery in line with international standards.

The Assistant Protection Officer is expected to: coordinate quality, timely and effective protection responses to the needs of populations of concern; and identify opportunities to mainstream protection methodologies and integrate protection safeguards in operational responses in all sectors. He/she contributes to designing a comprehensive protection strategy and represents the organization externally on protection doctrine and policy as guided by the supervisor.

He/she also ensures that persons of concern are involved with the Office in making decisions that affect them, whether in accessing their rights or in identifying appropriate solutions to their problems. To achieve this, the incumbent will need to build and maintain effective interfaces with communities of concern, local authorities and protection and assistance partners.

### FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT.

#### Accountability

- The protection of populations of concern is met through the application of International and National Law, relevant UN/UNHCR protection standards and IASC principles.
- Protection activities are guided by the protection strategy and respect the policy of UNHCR on age, gender and diversity (AGD).
- The participation of persons of concern is assured through continuous assessment and evaluation using participatory, rights and community based approaches.
- Protection incidents are immediately identified and addressed.

#### Responsibility

- Stay abreast of political, social, economic and cultural developments that have an impact on the protection environment.
- Consistently apply International and National Law and applicable UN/UNHCR and IASC policy, standards and codes of conduct.
- Assist in providing comments on existing and draft legislation related to persons of concern.
- Provide legal advice and guidance on protection issues to persons of concern; liaise with competent authorities to ensure the issuance of personal and other relevant documentation.
- Conduct eligibility and status determination for persons of concern in compliance with UNHCR procedural standards and international protection principles.
- Promote and contribute to measures to identify, prevent and reduce statelessness.
- Contribute to a country-level child protection plan as part of the protection strategy.

- Contribute to a country-level education plan as part of the protection strategy.
- Provide inputs for the development of global / regional international protection policies and standards.
- Implement and monitor Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all protection/solutions activities.
- Manage individual protection cases including those on SGBV and child protection. Monitor, and intervene in cases of refoulement, expulsion and other protection incidents.
- Assess needs for Promote and find durable solutions for the largest possible number of persons of concern through voluntary repatriation, local integration and where appropriate, resettlement.
- Assess resettlement needs and apply priorities for the resettlement of individuals and groups of refugees and other persons of concern.
- Contribute to the design, implementation and evaluation of protection related AGD based programming with implementing and operational partners.
- Contribute to and facilitate a programme of results-based advocacy with sectorial and/or cluster partners.
- Contribute to and facilitate effective information management through the provision of disaggregated data on populations of concern and their problems.
- Contribute to capacity-building initiatives for communities and individuals to assert their rights.
- Participate in initiatives to capacitate authorities, relevant institutions and NGOs to strengthen national protection related legislation and procedures.

### **Authority**

- Intervene with authorities on protection issues.
- Decide priorities for reception, interviewing and counselling for groups or individuals.
- Enforce compliance of staff and implementing partners with global protection policies and standards of professional integrity in the delivery of protection services.
- Enforce compliance with, and integrity of, all protection standard operating procedures.
- Recommend and prepare payments to individual cases.

### **REQUIRED COMPETENCIES,**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Managerial Competencies</u>
1. <input type="checkbox"/> M001	Empowering and Building Trust
2. <input type="checkbox"/> M002	Managing Performance
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M003	Judgement and Decision Making
4. <input type="checkbox"/> M004	Strategic Planning and Vision
5. <input type="checkbox"/> M005	Leadership
6. <input type="checkbox"/> M006	Managing Resources

<u>Code</u>	<u>Cross-Functional Competencies</u>
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X001	Analytical Thinking
2. <input type="checkbox"/> X002	Innovation and Creativity
3. <input type="checkbox"/> X003	Technological Awareness
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X004	Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
5. <input type="checkbox"/> X005	Planning and Organizing
6. <input type="checkbox"/> X006	Policy Development and Research
7. <input type="checkbox"/> X007	Political Awareness
8. <input type="checkbox"/> X008	Stakeholder Management
9. <input type="checkbox"/> X009	Change Capability and Adaptability

## **ESSENTIAL MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.**

- U.S Citizenship required
- Education: Undergraduate degree (equivalent of a BA/BS) in Law, International Law, political Sciences or related field.
- Job Experience: Minimum 2 years relevant professional experience.
- Excellent knowledge of English and working knowledge of another UN language.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS & COMPETENCIES.**

- Diverse field experience desirable.
- Good IT skills including database management skills.
- Completion of the Protection Learning Programme, RSD- Resettlement Learning Programme.

## **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

Interested candidates meeting the above requirements are requested to submit 1) UNHCR Personnel History Form available: [www.unhcr.org/recruit/unhcr-phf.docm](http://www.unhcr.org/recruit/unhcr-phf.docm) if needed extra space, please also use Supplementary Sheet available: [www.unhcr.org/recruit/unhcr-phf-sup.docm](http://www.unhcr.org/recruit/unhcr-phf-sup.docm) along with 2) a letter of motivation by e-mail to [usawaadm@unhcr.org](mailto:usawaadm@unhcr.org) quoting “Assistant Protection Officer NOA” in the subject line of the email. Late or incomplete application will not be accepted.

**Application deadline is Tuesday 13 February 2018 by close of business, 5 p.m (Washington DC time).**

**Receipt of application will not be acknowledged and only those who are short-listed will be contacted to undergo a written test and interview.**

**Please no phone calls.**