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New York, USA

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Programmatic Guidance Expert
(Consultant Contract - CTC)

Organisational Unit: United Nations University – Office at the United Nations in New York (UNU-ONY)

Reference Number: 2017/UNU/ONY/CTC/PGX/50

Applications to: By Email: PGC_ony@unu.edu

Closing Date: 27 July 2017

United Nations University Objectives:

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate teaching and capacity development and dissemination of knowledge in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The mission of UNU is to contribute, through research and capacity building, to solutions to the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its Member States. For more information please visit http://unu.edu.

Responsibilities:

This 3-month Consultancy is part of UNU’s project on Child Recruitment and Use by Non-State Armed Groups Who Promote “Extreme Violence”. This research project addresses the challenges of preventing the recruitment and use of children by non-state armed groups (NSAGs) in contemporary conflicts, and the effective release and reintegration of those children who come to be involved or associated with such groups. The project has two goals: First, to fill key knowledge gaps about child recruitment and use for “extreme violence,” and factors that impede child release from non-state armed groups; and second, to produce programmatic guidance for preventing the recruitment and use of children by, and effectively disengaging children from, groups involved in such violence.

The Consultant will help translate the project’s existing empirical findings into programmatic guidance for preventing the recruitment and use of children by NSAGs in contemporary armed conflict, and effectively disengaging children from such groups. The programmatic outputs may take the form of a risk management toolkit and related training materials for UN, national, and local actors in the field confronted with children associated with NSAGs.
The Consultancy will run roughly from mid-September through mid-December 2017. Working arrangements are flexible, and could accommodate established professionals.

The Consultant should demonstrate:

- familiarity with national and international child protection regimes and activities, including in DDR settings;
- familiarity with the UN peace and security operations;
- experience developing programmatic guidance for UN and other actors and/or designing or implementing programmes and interventions;
- superior English-language writing skills and strong communication skills;
- ability to meet strict deadlines and plan work according to priorities;
- and ability to work independently and as part of a project team.

Required qualifications and experience:

- minimum qualification: advanced degree (Masters) in relevant field (development studies, social sciences, political sciences, international relations, law, or similar field), or equivalent professional experience.
- at least seven (7) years of relevant work in the child protection or related humanitarian or development field;
- demonstrated communication skills (both oral and in writing), with experience writing programmatic guidance for UNICEF or other UN actors preferred;
- understanding of UN institutions, capacity development, and/or institutional strengthening;
- and being a good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

The consultancy allows for flexibility in terms of working hours and location, but the successful candidate will be expected to be largely available from mid-September to mid-December 2017.

Duration of Contract:

This is a Consultant Contract (CTC) with UNU-ONY. Initial appointment will be for 3 months. No consultant shall provide services for more than twenty-four (24) months in a thirty-six (36) month period.

This is a locally recruited post; no relocation expenses or allowances apply. The successful candidate will be employed under a local contract and will not hold international civil servant status nor be a “staff member” as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Starting Date: Mid-September 2017
Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email to PGC.ony@unu.edu, and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- a curriculum vitae and a completed and signed UNU Personal History (P.11) form downloadable from UNU website. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organisations;
- a writing sample, preferably reflecting original legal research by the applicant relating to the application of human rights law or IHL standards in the area of counter-terrorism, sanctions or other international peace and security domains;
- and an indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2017/UNU/ONY/CTC/PGX/50)

UNU is committed to achieving diversity within its workforce, and encourages all qualified applicants, irrespective of gender, nationality, disabilities, sexual orientation, culture, religious and ethnic backgrounds to apply.