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Post Title	Protection Associate (Legal) (two positions)
Post Level	UNOPS LICA 6
Duty Station	Lima , Peru
Closing Date	29 April 2019 (inclusive)
Type of contract	Seven months on UNOPS Contract from 1 June 2019

Background:

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees-UNHCR was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and coordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people. In more than six decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives.

More than 700.000 Venezuelans have arrived in Peru. The vast majority are entering by land through the Ecuadorian border. Over 155.000 had applied for refugee status by December 2018. In order to attend this emergency, UNHCR is scaling up its presence in the country and has set up a national office in Lima and two other field offices in Tumbes and Tacna.

UNHCR is responding to the influx directly and through the support of the Government of Peru. It works with authorities, communities, other UN agencies, NGOs and civil society to strengthen protection responses.

UNHCR is providing direct technical and material assistance to the Special Commission for Refugees in order to deal with the asylum backlog, to strengthen registration procedures and access to refugee status determination procedures. UNHCR and its partners are supporting Venezuelans and host communities by implementing multi-sectoral activities in terms of information gathering and analysis (including age and gender disaggregation), identification and referral of those most vulnerable (including women and children at risk), reception, protection and documentation, shelter, access to primary health care, to education, material assistance and other key assistance through cash based interventions. UNHCR has scaled up its protection monitoring capacities at the border and in urban settings to enhance the identification of individuals with protection or other specific needs, including those of

children at risk, SGBV survivors and LGBTI, as well as the referral mechanisms to essential services.

Coordination of the response to Venezuelan populations is being undertaken with IOM (International Organization for Migrations) in accordance with the decision of the UN Secretary General. In the mark of this joint leadership/coordination, UNHCR and IOM Peru have set-up a regional coordination platform and a local inter-agency working group on refugees and migrants called GTRM (*Grupo de Trabajo sobre Refugiados y Migrantes*) aiming to support the government response.

Organizational Context:

The Protection Associate normally reports to the Protection Officer or the Senior Protection Officer. He/she monitors protection standards, operational procedures and practices in protection delivery in line with international standards and provides functional protection support to information management and programme staff.

The Protection Associate 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 liaises externally with authorities and partners on protection doctrine and policy as guided by the supervisor.

The Protection Associate 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 UNHCR country protection strategy.
- The participation of persons of concern is facilitated through continuous assessment and evaluation using participatory, rights and community based approaches.
- Protection incidents are immediately identified and reported.

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 advice on protection issues to persons of concern; liaise with competent authorities to ensure the issuance of personal and other relevant documentation.

- Assist in conducting eligibility and status determination for persons of concern.
- 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.
- 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.
- Assist in identifying durable solutions for the largest possible number of persons of concern through voluntary repatriation, local integration and where appropriate, resettlement.
- Contribute to the design, implementation and evaluation of protection related AGD based programming with implementing and operational partners.
- Contribute to effective information management through the provision of disaggregated data on populations of concern and their problems.
- Participate in initiatives to capacitate authorities, relevant institutions and NGOs to strengthen national protection related legislation and procedures.

Authority:

- Prioritize persons of concern for interview, counselling and propose protection support for individual cases.
- Enforce compliance of local 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.
- Submit individual payments request for persons of concern for approval.

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

- Completion of secondary school. Additional certificate/training in International Law, Political Science or related field is required.
- Job experience: Relevant to the function: 6 years.
- Fluency in Spanish and working knowledge of English language (as applicable in the duty station).

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS & COMPETENCIES

- Good computer skills.
- Completed Protection Learning Programme.

Submission of Applications:

Non-UNHCR staff members shall submit their application, in Spanish or English language, including a letter of interest, complete Curriculum Vitae and an updated United Nations Personal History Form (P.11 – download by clicking on the following link: <http://www.unhcr.org/recruit/p11new.doc>). All documents must be in PDF format. File name should include the candidate's last name.

All candidates should submit their application via e-mail to admin.peru@unhcr.org. Kindly indicate: **“ProtecAsoc-April2019”** in the subject line.

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews and tests will be contacted.

Please no phone calls. All queries should be done by e-mail.