



## <u>Travel Arrangement (Overview) – Standard Operating Procedure</u>

Responsible Unit	Volunteer Solutions Section (VSS)
Focal Point	Volunteer Solutions Section -Onsite
Effective Date	1 Oct 2021
Applicability	All UN Volunteers

## Processes specific to a workflow are indicated by the colors below.

Mission	
WFP Aviation Global Passenger Services during	
COVID 19	

	Responsible party or	erson	Process step	Description	Documents	System role	Comments
#	Country Country presence presence (PA/PAn) (PAn) Flight quotation for init	e Country Presence	ssignment duty station				
1.	Voluntee	ſ	Confirm travel date task	Complete travel date task to confirm tentative travel date.			
2.	OA-VM		Request airfare quote	Review travel date and Closest Airport of departure under the assignment detail page in Travel Quotation Section. Create a new Travel Quote case in Salesforce P2P and submit to UNV Travel.		VM User in UVP And UNV Personnel in Salesforce	
3.	OA-VM		Complete travel date task	Confirm via travel date task in UVP that quote has been entered in Salesforce			

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4.	UNV Travel	Provide quote	Enter travel quote into salesforce case. Task is created in UVP to notify that travel quotation is available under assignment detail page			Avoid low-cost airlines.  VSC not to share the actual quoted itinerary with the UN volunteer
5.	UVP	Trigger entry lump sum payment request	Trigger entry lump sum payment request			
6.	OA-VM	Process entry lump sum	Process either entry lump sum or both entry lump sum and travel quotation together. If travel quotation payment is needed, add the quotation amount manually to the entry allowance in the payment request.  Travel quotation information is found under assignment detail page.  To complete this task, information is needed from the voucher raised in Atlas Finance			
7.	OA-VM	Prepare pre-departure entitlements	Raise voucher in Atlas Finance for payment of entry allowance together with the lump sum travel payment. Copy the voucher link. Return to the UVP task in step 19 and submit the UVP payment request.		Atlas Finance user	OA-VM/Payroll Associate have the responsibility to ensure all clearance is obtained prior to releasing/payment of pre-departure entitlements
8.	OA-VM	Complete the task in UVP	Copy the payment voucher link from ATLAS Finance and total amount and complete the task			
9.	OA TL	Approval	Review payment request in UVP. Click link in request to go to Atlas Finance. Approve voucher in Atlas Finance and complete task in UVP		ATLAS approval	
10.	System	Notify payment approved	Notify candidate that payment has been approved			

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11.	System	Trigger case creation in Salesforce P2P	Create Salesforce record of the voucher approval			
12.	System	Confirm voucher approved	Atlas triggers approval of case in salesforce and marks the case status as 'pay cycle'.			
13.	System	Notify payment requester	Notify by email that voucher has been approved.			
14.	Candidate	Request Security Clearance	Enrol with UNDSS TRIP, request security clearance for travel to duty station using the instructions provided by UVP after acceptance of offer. Upload in UVP via task.			If travel itinerary changes, TRIP clearance to be updated.  In such cases, document should be uploaded to document library until additional functionality developed.  Candidates who are already living in the duty station should upload proof of TRIP registration.  Candidates who are telecommuting should upload evidence that telecommuting was approved.
15.	Candidate	Upload security clearance	Complete task in UVP to confirm security clearance and update proof is complete.			
16.	OA	Check security clearance	Check that candidate has uploaded the security clearance correctly. Follow up as required with the candidate.			
17.	Candidate	Purchase flight ticket and send details to UNV	Volunteer confirms arrival date with host entity and field unit (where available) or OA before purchasing their own ticket			Volunteer should buy the ticket as soon as possible to avoid price changes.
	Flight quotation for dependant arriv	<i>y</i> al				

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1.	U	IN Volunteer	Request travel of dependent	Fil the form and Perform a task " Requesting travel of dependent" by uploading the document	Request Dependent Arrival form		
2.	РА	ОА	Request airfare quote	Review travel date and create a new Travel Quote case in Salesforce P2P and submit to UNV Travel  Complete the task in UVP			
3.		UNV Travel	provide quote	Enter travel quote into salesforce case. Task is created in UVP to notify that travel quotation is available in UVP.			VSC not to share the actual quoted itinerary with the UN volunteer
4.		OA VM	Create payment request in UVP	Create a payment request for dependent travel in UVP.			
5.	Pay	yroll Associate	Approve dependent travel payment	Approve payment in UVP			
6.		OA VM	Notify UN volunteer	Notify UN Volunteer that payment is approved			
7.		Volunteer	Register in TRIP	Register flight in TRIP and purchase ticket. Upload security clearance of dependent under "document library"			

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1.	Volunteer	Request for Home Visit	Complete 'request a home visit' task in UVP. Upload home visit request form	Home visit request form		Volunteer should request home visit as soon as possible but no later than <u>6</u> weeks to departure date. This will allow UNV personnel to process travel quotation by payroll/voucher on time.
2.	OA-VM	Confirm eligibility	Review request form. Confirm eligibility for home visit. Complete the task in UVP to confirm.			
3.	OA-VM	Request travel quote	Create travel quotation case in Salesforce Procure to Pay (P2P)			
4.	UNV Travel	provide quote	Enter travel quote into salesforce case. Task is created in UVP to notify that travel quotation is available in UVP.			VSC not to share the actual quoted itinerary with the UN volunteer
5.	OA-VM	Create home visit payment request	Create a payment request for home visit travel in UVP.			
6.	Payroll Associate	Payroll Associate approve home visit payment request	Approve payment in UVP		GP Admin	
7.	OA-VM	Notify UN volunteer	Notify UN Volunteer that payment is approved  Volunteer can also review the Payment Status from Assignment Detail page			Volunteer should purchase ticket as soon as possible to avoid price changes.
8.	Volunteer	Register TRIP	Register flight in TRIP and purchase ticket			It is the volunteers' responsibility to get security clearance for their travel

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	Flight Quotation for Repatriation Travel/Resignation (End of Assignment SOP)									
1.	Volunteer	Confirm travel date	Complete repatriation travel form and upload using UVP task	Repatriation travel form		Temporary solution for UVP launch.				
2.	OA-VM	Request airfare quote	Cross check volunteer travel form and request travel quote in Salesforce.  Complete the task							
3.	UNV Travel	Produce quotation	Provide travel quote. Triggers task to OA in UVP to review.							
4.	OA-VM	Create travel payment request	Create travel payment request in UVP based on quote.							
5.	Payroll Associate	Approve travel payment	Approve travel payment in UVP.							
6	Volunteer	Register Travel in TRIP	Volunteer registers his/her travel in UNDSS TRIP.							
	Direct Flight Ticket Booking									
1.	Volunteer	Request for direct flight ticket booking through email	UNV in very exceptional cases can book flight tickets directly through local travel service provider (LTA)  Exceptions:  1. The volunteer is unable to purchase their own travel tickets.  2. In emergency situations when a volunteer must travel urgently.							
2.	OA	Review the Request	Review the request to ensure it warrants an exception.							
3.	Travel Unit	Traveller's profile	Travel unit creates travellers' profile in ATLAS Travel and Expenses Module (T&E)	T&E Guidelines (p5-21)						
4.	OA	Travel request (TR)	TR in T&E to be created based on the itinerary and supporting document uploaded.	Passport copy, itinerary, travel authorization						

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5.	OA-TL	TR certification	Review and certify TR	Passport copy, itinerary, travel authorization				
6.	UNV Finance	TR approval	Review and approve TR	Passport copy, itinerary, travel authorization		Upon approval T&E sends automatic ticket request email to travel agency		
7.	Travel agent	Issue the ticket	Issue and share ticket with UNV travel					
8.	Travel agent	Invoice submission	Invoice submission to UNV travel via email					
9.	UNV Travel	Ticketing	Review flight ticket and share with OA-VSC		Email			
10.	OA	Shares ticket with volunteer	OA shares ticket with volunteer via email					
11.	UNV travel	Invoice processing	<ul> <li>Review and certify travel invoice upon receipt of the travel ticket.</li> <li>Forward invoice with matching TR information to Finance for payment.</li> </ul>					
12.	UNV Finance	Process payment	Process payment of invoice against matching TR					
	Reimbursement of travel (in all cases)							

Scenario 1: Reimbursement of actual cost of the ticket 1.	In case of missions/AFPs want UN Volunteers to travel to their home country due to COVID 19 situation or any other official travel and the price of the most economical and locally available commercial flight is higher than the quotation provided by UNV travel unit, UN Volunteer will be reimbursed for the actual cost of the ticket/cost difference upon submission of receipt and review and approval by Volunteer Service Centre. R&R, personal travel etc. are not included.  This also applies to the mission volunteers who use UN/ UNHAS and commercial flights for home visit and repatriation travel.	<ul> <li>Quotation from airlines/ travel agency</li> <li>F10 form with valid signature of certifying officer</li> <li>Receipt of the ticket</li> <li>Boarding pass</li> </ul>	Global COA of travel for volunteers based in Agency Funds and Programmes and mission COA for mission volunteers  COA for global charges are available here  The reimbursement can be done through payroll.  No DSA or terminals are to be paid with 120% lump sum. Please refer Interoffice memo In case of actual ticket cost reimbursement to volunteer, terminal expenses need to be included.  OA -Team Leads approve cost difference up to 20% more than quotation provided by UNV travel Unit. If the cost difference is more than 20% than the quotation, VSC Chief approves the cost difference.
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						In case of mission volunteers, if the cost difference is within 20% more than the quotation provided by UNV travel unit, OA Team Leads approve. If case of
						more than 20%, VSC needs to get approval from mission.
1.1	<b>Scenario 2</b> - Authorized travel chang travel)	ged due to COVID 19 (Assignment	If authorized assignment travel changed due to COVID 19 restriction such as cancellation of flights and volunteer has to rebook, UNV travel monetization practice will follow. Addition cost of rebooking will be charged to HE's COA. Please refer to section 3 of UNV Administrative Guidelines for more details.			The COA of the HE will be used for such reimbursement for volunteers based in Agency Funds and Programmes. Mission COA is used for mission-based volunteers.  The reimbursement will be done through voucher.

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1.2	Scenario 3 – Authorized travel char	nged due to COVID19 (Home Visit)	If the volunteers have already purchased the ticket and airlines cancelled the flights due to COVID 19, the volunteer asks for the alternative travel arrangement from the airlines first.  If alternative option is not immediately available and the price of next available ticket is higher than the quotation provided by UNV travel, the difference amount will be reimbursed to UN Volunteers upon submission of supporting documents.  Volunteers share the proof email from the airlines about the cancellation, share new itinerary which includes new cost and get approval from VSC before purchase the new ticket.	<ul> <li>F10 form         with valid         signature of         certifying         officer</li> <li>Receipt of         the ticket</li> <li>Boarding pass</li> </ul>		The Global COA of travel will be used in such cases  COA for global charges are available here  OA -Team Lead approves cost difference up to 20% more than quotation provided by UNV travel Unit. If the cost difference is more than 20% than the quotation, VSC Chief approves the cost difference.  In case of mission volunteer, if the cost difference is within 20% more than the quotation from UNV travel unit, OA Team Leads approve. If case of more than 20%, VSC needs to get approval from mission.

1.3	Scenario 4 – Reimbursement of cost difference in normal cases	If UN volunteers cannot buy ticket within the quotation provided by UNV travel;  - UN Volunteer writes to OA and inform about it, provide the quotation and request to review the quotation.  - OA requests travel unit to send the revised quotation.  - OA send new quotation to UN Volunteers which covers the cost of the ticket.  Or  - UN Volunteers inform OA about the cost difference between the quotation provided and actual cost of the ticket.  - OA Team Leads/VSC Team Lead agree to reimburse the cost difference upon submission of all relevant documents.	- Volunteers provide quotation from airlines which indicates itinerary and price of the ticket - Quotations from the airline/travel agency - F10 form - Receipt of the ticket	Payment of the cost difference will be charged to Global COA of travel. The reimbursement will be done through payroll  COA for global charges are available here  OA -Team Lead approves cost difference up to 20% more than the quotation provided by UNV travel Unit. If the cost difference is more than 20% than the quotation, VSC Chief approves the cost difference.  In case of mission volunteer, if the cost difference is within 20% more than the quotation from UNV travel unit, OA Team Leads approve. If case of more than 20%,
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					VSC needs to get approval from mission.
1.4	Scenario 5 – Reimbursement of ticket in absence of 120% quota UNV Travel Unit	When UNV travel confirms that there is no availability of flight for a particular travel route, while the volunteers can purchase tickets for these itineraries;  - OA asks volunteer to provide the itinerary of most direct and least economy class fare. (or available flight option. Due to COVID19, various options may not be available).  - OA contacts travel unit and confirm if provided itinerary is most direct and least economy class or not or close to it.  - Once Travel Unit confirm, OA advice volunteer to purchase the ticket. Volunteer claim for reimbursement with all Supporting document	- F10 form - Quotations from the airline/travel agency - Email approval from VSC - Receipt of the payment		COA for global charges are available here

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1.5	PA/OA/SO	Verifies the documents	PA/OA/So verifies the documents. If supporting documents are missing, contact UN Volunteers (in case of scenario 1 & 3).	<ul> <li>F10 form         with valid         signature of         certifying         officer</li> <li>Receipt of         the ticket</li> <li>Boarding pass</li> </ul>		
2.	GP Admin	Process reimbursement	GP Admin process reimbursement through payroll using existing element of travel for authorized travel using global COA (excluding assignment travel changed due to COVID 19, Scenario 2).	- F10 form with valid signature of certifying officer - Receipt of the ticket - Boarding pass		
3.	OA	Process reimbursement	occurred following rebooking due to	Proof of the booking provided by the volunteer candidate		
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4.	If the lump sum payment has alread from the next payroll.	y been paid to the volunteer and volu	inteer could not manage to book the flight,	, deduct the lump-sui	m amount that h	as been processed
		WFP Aviation Glob	al Passenger Services during COVID 19	1		

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Due t	Due to limited commercial airline travel during the Covid-19 pandemic, the World Food Programme (WFP) is providing air transport with lower cost to ensure that all humanitarian								
	workers, the UN, NGOs, the broader humanitarian community, and medical personnel are not restricted by commercial transport closures. This allows such personnel to rapidly reach								
the a	the areas where they are most needed, in full compliance with states' public health procedures.								
The d	The details about WFP Aviation Global Passenger Air Service is available here – <u>User Organizational Guide, Version 4</u> .								
The s	ervice can be used also for 'Non Critic	al Medical Evacuation` In such case, R	Request / Authorization' form should be us	sed in addition if this	service is require	d.			
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WFP re	equests the completion and submissio	n of an excel form (Passenger Coalitio	n Tool) for passengers transiting in Sharjal	n coming/going to Du	ıbai with a Emirat	tes commercial			
flight.	The booking submitter mention in the	comments the full itinerary for all boo	okings even in only WFP flights.						
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_	_		OP office/Host Entities. In exceptional case	es and where no UN	DP administratio	n is available and host			
	s cannot make booking, cases can be	submitted to UNV HQ via volunteer S	services Centre (VSC) only.						
Gene	ral WFP booking process								
				United Nations		UN domain email is			
				Booking Service		required to register			
1.	Volunteer / Host Entity	HE identifies the demand	Can be used in cases no	<u>WFP</u>		on the website.			
			commercial airlines are	<u>Humanitarian</u>		Candidates won't be			
			operating.	<u>Hub</u>		able to access it.			

2.	Host Entity (HE)	Request WFP booking		letter of introduction  Traveler passport copy	Email	The traveler's name should be in the subject line while submitting the request.  The form has to be signed by the traveler Official & Non Official Air Travel for UNDP Personnel  In case the travel has more than one leg —(for example Addis- Accra-Brazzaville), only one form should be filled and submitted — example- it should say Addis- Brazzaville and the details should be reflected in the comments box.  Before filing the form, requester must check if flights are available or not. This should be done on the humanitarian booking hub and the search result match the filled form which need to be attached to the booking submission email.  For 'Non Critical Medical Evacuation
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			UNDP Travel/OAs in VSC creates travel request in Atlas Travel and			Request / Authorization' form should be added.  The preferred option for WFP bookings
3.	UNDP Travel/HE/OA	Creation of Travel request (T&E)	- Travel Request (TR) using the data and COA initially provided with the booking request.  Selecting 'WFP Aviation Global - COVID 19' as the ticket expense line vendor  - VSC Team Leads of relevant portfolio with T&E certification rights should be selected in Atlas T&E. Additionally approval request can be submitted manually as well to unv.voucherapprovals@unv.org  UNV HQ Finance Section should be selected as approvers		ATLAS Finance  ATLAS Finance/ Email	submitted to and placed by the local UNDP office/Host Entities. In exceptional cases and where no UNDP administration is available and host entities cannot make booking, cases can be submitted to UNV HQ via Volunteer Services Centre (VSC) only.  UNV travel creates the profile of the traveller in T&E
			De delected as approvers			Depending on the different scenarios, UNDP Travel Unit or OA creates the Travel request in T&E module

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4.	OA	Request booking	<ul> <li>Submit request to travel unit with an approved ATLAS travel request</li> </ul>		Email	Assignment, repatriation and Home visit should charged from global COA for AFPs volunteers  Assignment, home visit and repatriation travel for mission based volunteer should be charged from mission COA
5.	UNV Travel Unit/UNDP Travel	Booking process	<ul> <li>Send booking request to Travel Clearance <u>travel.clearance@undp.org</u> (12 days prior departure date);</li> </ul>		Email	
6.	Global Operations – NY	Approves travel request and submit to WFP	<ul> <li>Approve travel request and submit to WFP (min. 72 hours prior departure time)</li> </ul>			

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7.	World Food Programme (WFP)	Confirmation of Booking	Issue booking confirmation 48 hours in advance of travel and send to UNV travel		Email	Tickets are relatively nominal in cost; WFP does not allow exchanges or trades. The full fee is charged by WFP for a 'no show'.  WFP allows passenger cancelations at least 24 hours prior to the departure (10:00 hours on the last working day preceding the day of the booked flight). Requests for cancelation should be submitted to travel.clearance@undp.org.  Cancelations must be submitted through Global Operations (GO). In the event of a flight cancelation WFP will make the refund to the user account. There is no cash refund.  For approved cancelations, the funds will be returned to the same COA used in the travel request after the ticket reconciliation is performed monthly.

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8.	UNV Travel Unit and OA	Sending ticket to travelers	<ul> <li>UNV travel shares ticket with OA. OA shares ticket with travelers along with self- declaration form</li> </ul>			Self-declaration form	
Alternative scenario: combination with commercial flight							

8.1	OA	Authorization process	<ul> <li>Prepare authorization with valid COA for UNHAS flights with 120% flight quotation from transit to the home country</li> <li>Pay terminal allowance for UNHAS leg if applicable</li> </ul>	UNHAS Flight authorization		To avoid unplanned stay in the transit area, volunteers to confirm that the onwards booking from transit to home country is confirmed  In case of no direct flight available from the transit, it is the responsibility of the volunteers and the host entity to make sure that the transit visa is in place.  In some cases, volunteers pay directly to WFP and WFP manages booking for volunteers within 3 working days. Depending on a particular case, UNV may not be involved in the booking process, and UN Volunteer may reimburse the booking HE from received travel lumpsum.
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		UN guidelines, or
		airlines create an
		unavoidable stopover
		for a UN Volunteer, then
		DSA payments will
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		follow applicable UN
		rules and remain
		payable in the stopover
		location until new
		departure travel is
		authorized and until the
		first available flight to
		the authorized final
		destination. The cost
		associated with DSA
		payment will be borne
		by the Host Entity.
		Please refer to Section
		3,b of <u>UNV</u>
		<u>Administrative</u>
		Guidelines for the Novel
		Coronavirus (COVID 19)
		Outbreak.
		Volunteers travelling
		through UNHAS flights
		contains <u>transit</u>
		<u>procedures</u> when
		traveling to / through
		select countries that
		should be reviewed in
		advance of initiating
		travel to ensure the
		traveler can meet the
		requirements for travel
		requirements for travel

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8.2	OA-TL	Authorization approval	OA-TL approves authorization			
9.	OA – TL	Travel Request Certification	Review and certify T&E request in ATLAS Finance		ATLAS Finance	
10.	UNV Finance Section	Travel Request approval	Applicable UNV Finance section staff at UNV HQ approves the TR		ATLAS Finance Email	
11	UNV Travel/UNDP Travel	Notify General Operations (NY)	UNV Travel to provide TR     number to     travel.clearance@undp.org		Email	
12	General Operations (UNDP NY)	Ticket payment/reconciliation	TKT Payment / reconciliation:     will be done General Operations     (GO - UNDP NY).			
13	Travel Unit/VSC	Add a new travel claim/Closure of the travel request	<ul> <li>Once the volunteer reaches the destination, the requestor of travel will create the travel claim and close the travel request.</li> </ul>			

## **Abbreviations**

CDA (HRS) - Capacity Development Associate

GSSC – Global Shared Services Centre (Copenhagen)

GSSU – Global Shared Services Unit (Kuala Lumpur)

HRS – Human Resource Section

OA – Operations Associate (VSC)

OA TL – Operations Associate Team Lead (VSC)

PA – Programme Assistant (Field unit)

RM - Regional ManagerSO - Support Officer

UVP – Unified Volunteering PlateformVSC – Volunteer Service Centre

TL-CD (HRS) - Team Leader of Capacity Development Team

TL-VSC - Team Leader of Volunteer Service Center

UNDP CO - UNDP Country Office