**Updated UN Volunteer Categories**

**FAQs**

Q1: How should we refer to UN Volunteers in communications?

A: All communications should refer to "UN Volunteers" and avoid references to types (international/national) and specific categories (Community/University/Youth/Specialist/Expert) to encourage inclusion and better capture the UN Volunteers’ contribution to the 2030 agenda. It is advised to rather refer to functional title indicated in the DoA by the Host Entity.

Q2: What are the new age eligibility criteria for UN Volunteers starting July 1, 2024?

A: Effective July 1, 2024, while the minimum and maximum age limits (18-80) remain in effect, UNV will no longer consider candidates' age when determining their eligibility for different UN Volunteer categories and types and The age eligibility criteria are waived through Memo as of 18 June 2024.

Q3: How are the new age eligibility criteria affecting current UN Volunteers?

A: The new age eligibility criteria will be applied to new assignments expected to start on or after July 1, 2024. It does not affect serving UN Volunteers, except in cases of contract extension and reassignment.

Q4: What is the updated experience requirement for the different UN Volunteer categories?

A: The updated experience requirements are as follows: Community requires no experience, UN Youth and University Volunteer require at least 1 month of experience, UN Specialist Volunteer requires 3+ years of experience, and UN Expert Volunteer requires 7+ years of experience.

Q5: How are the new experience eligibility criteria affecting current UN Volunteers?

A: The eligibility experience criteria update will be reflected in Descriptions of Assignment for assignments to start on or after January 1, 2025. It does not affect serving UN Volunteers, except in case of contract extension and reassignment.

Q6: What is the required serving period for each UN Volunteer category as of January 1, 2025?

A: There will be a single serving period applicable across all categories: 3-48 months.

Q7: Will the changes affect current assignments or only new ones?

A: The changes will not affect serving UN Volunteers except in the case of contract extension and reassignment.

Q8: Are the educational requirements affected by the changes to the UN Volunteer Categories?

A: In the unified Conditions of Service, there is no direct statement on requirements for education levels, and therefore it is the responsibility of the Host Entity to specify those details to best meet the specific needs of the tasks in the Description of Assignment.

Q9: How are VLA rates for UN Volunteers affected by the changes to the UN Volunteer Categories?

A: VLA will remain unchanged.