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### **Preamble:**

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that promotes volunteerism to support peace and development worldwide. Volunteerism can transform the pace and nature of development, and it benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer. UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for volunteerism globally, encouraging partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing volunteers.

In most cultures volunteerism is deeply embedded in long-established, ancient traditions of sharing and support within the communities. In this context, University volunteers take part in various forms of volunteerism and play a role in development and peace together with co-workers, host agencies and local communities.

In all assignments, University volunteers promote volunteerism through their action and conduct. Engaging in volunteer activity can effectively and positively enrich their understanding of local and social realities, as well as create a bridge between themselves and the people in their host community. This will make the time they spend as University volunteers even more rewarding and productive.

The “**University Volunteer Network**” provides human resources and knowledge resources, through the recruitment of students from partner universities. These volunteers serve for six months in developing countries.

**The Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)** acts as the coordinating university of the Spanish University Volunteer Network currently comprising 27 Spanish universities. To date, 155 assignments have been carried out. This year, it is envisaged to field 45 volunteers to work towards achieving the MDGs in selected areas of education, health, environment and Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D). The volunteers are to primarily support host institutions supported by UNV’s MDG Facility as well as UN Projects and Programmes engaged in MDGs-related activities. The focus of these assignments will be on capacity building.

1. **UNV Assignment Title:** Assistant of Training Activities for Maternal and Reproductive Health
2. **Type of assignment:** International University Volunteer
3. **Project Title:** Desarrolla (URU/07/011 Fortalecimiento Nutricional y Desarrollo de Proyectos de Vida)
4. **Duration:** 6 months
5. **Location, Country:** Uruguay
6. **Expected starting date:** October, 2009

7. **Brief Project Description:** **Desarrolla** is a project created to protect early childhood, by guaranteeing children rights and gender equity through the improvement of health conditions and educational activities addressed to the whole community. The main aim of Desarrolla Project is to strengthen Families and Communities relations, in order to guarantee children development. It is a project executed by UNDP with the collaboration of UNICEF, UNDFPA and UNIFEM and the support of Italian Cooperation. Indeed, by this inter-agency collaboration, Desarrolla Project contributes to the United Nations Reform, called “Delivery as One”. Uruguay is currently a pilot country for the United Nations reform, the only Latin American country participating officially in “Delivery as One”.

8. **Host Agency/Host Institute:** UNDP

9. **Organizational Context:** To guarantee the correct children development, with human rights and gender equity focus, this Project promotes actions and politics that allow the connexion between education, work and reproduction. In this framework together with PROINUJER Program (belonging to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security), Desarrolla Project designed a training methodology, addressed to young mothers, with the purpose of supporting their inclusion in life and working insertion projects. This methodology will be applied in four areas of the country, in order to be evaluated and improved, and to be applied, in the future, to largest amount of population.



## 10. Description of Duties:

The volunteer will support the development of Training Courses for the Empowerment of Young Mothers and the Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Capital City and in three other Departments of Uruguay. She/He will then contribute to the correct organization and carrying out of the activities and to the improvement of the courses. Further, he will be responsible for the design and the test of a monitoring system for these courses.

The volunteer will be supporting the following area(s) of the MDGs.

*Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger*

*Achieve universal primary education*

*Promote gender equality and empower women*

*Reduce child mortality*

*Improve maternal health*

*Combat HIV/AIDS malaria and other diseases*

*Ensure environmental sustainability*

Under the direct supervision of Desarrolla Project Coordinator the University volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Become acquainted on the purposes, organizations and history of Desarrolla project in Uruguay
- Acquire information and meet the main partners and national actors linked to Desarrolla project
- Supervise the Training courses on Empowerment of Young Mothers and the Sexual and Reproductive Health in order to be assure the correct development of the activities
- Create and apply a monitoring procedure for the training activities
- Maintain relationships with local actors, in order to strength the network of Desarrolla Project with them

In addition University volunteers are encouraged to further promote volunteerism and engage in volunteering activities:

- Strengthening their knowledge and understanding of the concept of volunteerism by reading relevant UNV and external publications and taking active part in UNV activities (for instance in events that mark IVD);
- Getting acquainted with and building on traditional and/or local forms of volunteerism in the host country;
- Reflecting on the type and quality of voluntary action that they are undertaking, including participation in ongoing reflection activities;
- Assisting with the UNV Buddy Programme for newly-arrived University volunteers;
- Promoting or advising local groups in the use of online volunteering, or encouraging relevant local individuals and organizations to use the UNV Online Volunteering service whenever technically possible.
- Contributing articles/write-ups on field experiences and submitting them for UNV publications/websites, newsletters, press releases, etc.;

## 11. Results/Expected Output:

- First Module of the courses in Montevideo City and in the other three departments of the country finalized
- A revised monitoring format for the training activities proposed
- A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for development during the assignment such as specific of mobilized volunteers and health promoters, activities, capacities.

## 12. Qualifications/Requirements:

- **Education:** Social Sciences, Education, Psychology, Medicine



- **Language:** Spanish. English is an asset
- **Specific skills in requested area:** gender, sexual and reproductive health. Monitoring and evaluation of social projects is an asset.
- **Computer/software skills:** knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, databases) and Windows (Internet Explorer and Outlook)
- **Additional skills:** Knowledge of training for employment is an asset

#### 14. Other information:

##### A) Visa

Please specify type of visa needed for nationals from Spain to enter your country:

- Tourist visa (if yes, return ticket needed)**
- No visa or visa upon arrival at airport**
- Visa before departure**

##### B) Accommodation

- **Location of assignment:** Montevideo
- **Nearest airport:** Montevideo
- **Type of accommodation:** dormitory in a family/student house or apartment for one person with furniture included
- **Address:** to be defined two weeks before the arrival
- **Approximate monthly cost of accommodation:** 350 USD
- **Security provision and approximate costs:** there is not any special security provision to be take in Uruguay. The centre of the capital and the other main towns and the interior of the countries are generally safe.
- **Means of local transport for the volunteer:** bus and taxi
- **What other facilities will be offered to the University volunteer(s):** all the costs for travel and accommodations in the interior of the country will be provided by Desarrolla project

##### C) Local transportation

- **Means of local transportation for the volunteer:** bus and taxi
- **Approximate monthly cost:** 80 USD

#### 15. Conditions of Service

Monthly volunteer stipend (intended to cover housing, basic needs and local transport), equivalent to EUR 683 per University volunteer; visa fees, life and health insurance; return airfare.