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## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

UNHCR Greece invites applications from qualified candidates for the following positions:

<b>Position title</b>	Host Community Project Assistant
<b>Category and Level</b>	UNOPS, LICA-3
<b>Duty Station</b>	<b>Samos</b>
<b>Remuneration</b>	Attractive salary and entitlements as per UNOPS Rules & Regulation
<b>Duration</b>	As soon as possible - 31 December 2016
<b>Effective date</b>	01 September 2016
<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>5 August 2016</b>

### OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

The situation in Greece considerably changed in March 2016, with the closure of the border between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM) on 8 March and the entry into effect of the EU-Turkey statement on 20 March. Arrivals to Greece have drastically decreased due to several reasons, including an understanding among the refugee and migrant populations that the Balkan route is closed, the expected consequences of the EU-Turkey statement, and increased patrolling in Western Turkey. The average arrivals on the Aegean islands have dropped from 2,000 per day in the months of January and February 2016 to an average of 50 daily in June 2016. As a consequence, UNHCR reviewed its response to focus on a static population.

As of mid-July, around 1,400 refugees and migrants are hosted on Samos, primarily in the Reception and Identification Centre (RIC) but also in shelters managed by various organizations as well as in the UNHCR-funded accommodation scheme for relocation candidates and other asylum seekers. Unmet needs exist, as living conditions in the sites, deteriorated as a result of congestion and the rapid nature in which some sites were established on the mainland. This has created significant strain on the host community on Samos, in combination with the perceived drop in tourism attributed to the refugee influx, contributed to changing perceptions by the population on the island.

For some time now, UNHCR Greece has been actively involved to promote peaceful coexistence between host communities and refugees. On Samos, UNHCR is in the process of initiating a number of community based projects as well as quick impact projects – involving both host as well as refugee communities, with a view of aspiring peaceful coexistence between both communities.

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In light of the above, the Host Community Projects Assistant will support UNHCR Samos, especially with regard to the implementation of peaceful coexistence activities, community based projects and quick impact projects



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## Responsibility

The Host Community Projects Assistant will undertake the following activities, in close co-operation with members of the UNHCR Samos team:

- Support the implementation of peaceful coexistence activities, community based projects and quick impact projects.
- Liaison with the Municipality of Samos and local associations, schools or other entities as well as other humanitarian actors on Samos.
- Identify, explore, design and implement activities and interventions for Greek families in need in anticipated close collaboration with the local authorities and other local entities.
- Prepare and submit regular reports on the progress and impact of her/his activities, as needed.
- Perform other relevant duties.

Under supervision of UNHCR's Senior Community Services Assistant, the Host Community Projects Assistant will work closely with the Community-Based Public Information / Public Awareness (PI/PA) Expert, who is being recruited to support the promotion of peaceful coexistence activities, as well as actions that counter xenophobia and intolerance on Samos.

Upon initiation of the assignment, the Host Community Projects Assistant will be intensively trained on UNHCR's mandate and scope of activities in Greece.

## **ESSENTIAL MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

- Education: university degree, preferably in Communications, Social Sciences, Management, or related discipline
- Work experience: minimum 3 years of previous relevant work experience; work experience with an international organization is an asset
- Fluency in English and Greek; other UN languages considered an asset
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications
- Excellent communication and drafting skills

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS & COMPETENCIES**

- Swift and solid response and reaction time
- Resourceful, innovative and creative
- Strong connection to Samos community
- Liaison and coordination skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work in a team and in a multi-cultural environment
- Experience with project based work
- Experience with event organization
- Experience with educational projects

## **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

If you wish to be considered for this vacancy, please submit your **Personal History Form (P11)** (which can be downloaded from [www.unhcr.org/recruit/p11new.doc](http://www.unhcr.org/recruit/p11new.doc)) and **Motivation Letter** by e-mail with "LAST name – Position" in the subject line to: [samarag@unhcr.org](mailto:samarag@unhcr.org) no later than 5 August 2016.



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Shortlisted candidates will have to undergo an oral interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified. No late applications will be accepted.

**UNHCR is an equal opportunity employer and does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing, training or any other fees).**

**Deadline for submission of application: 5 August 2016.**