

**UNHCR**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Manila, Philippines****Vacancy Notice No. 017/2017
Internal/External**

Position Title: Assistant Protection Officer	Date Issued: 15 September 2017
Position Level: NO-A	Closing Date: 22 September 2017
Report To: Head of National Office	Duty Station: Iligan
Contractual Status: Temporary Appointment	

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT. Define the role of the position within the team, describing its leadership role, if any, its external/internal work relationships or contacts, the contextual environment in which it operates and the scope of supervision received, and where applicable, exercised by the incumbent.

The Assistant Protection Officer reports to the Protection Officer or the Senior Protection Officer. Depending on the size and structure of the Office, the incumbent may have supervisory responsibility for protection staff including community services, registration, resettlement and education. He/she provides functional protection guidance to information management and programme staff; and monitors protection standards, operational procedures and practices in protection delivery in line with international standards.

The Assistant Protection Officer 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 represents the organization externally on protection doctrine and policy as guided by the supervisor.

He/she 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. Describe the accountabilities, responsibilities and authorities associated with the position.

Accountability (key results that will be achieved)

- 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 protection strategy and respect the policy of UNHCR on age, gender and diversity (AGD).
- The participation of persons of concern is assured through continuous assessment and evaluation using participatory, rights and community based approaches.
- Protection incidents are immediately identified and addressed.

Responsibility (process and functions undertaken to achieve results)

- 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 legal advice and guidance on protection issues to persons of concern; liaise with competent authorities to ensure the issuance of personal and other relevant documentation.
- Conduct eligibility and status determination for persons of concern in compliance with UNHCR procedural standards and international protection principles.
- Promote and 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.
- Provide inputs for the development of global / regional international protection policies and standards.
- Implement and 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.
- Assess needs for Promote and find durable solutions for the largest possible number of persons of concern through voluntary repatriation, local integration and where appropriate, resettlement.
- Assess resettlement needs and apply priorities for the resettlement of individuals and groups of refugees and other persons of concern.
- Contribute to the design, implementation and evaluation of protection related AGD based programming with implementing and operational partners.
- Contribute to and facilitate a programme of results-based advocacy with sectorial and/ or cluster partners.
- Contribute to and facilitate effective information management through the provision of disaggregated data on populations of concern and their problems.
- Contribute to capacity-building initiatives for communities and individuals to assert their rights.
- Participate in initiatives to capacitate authorities, relevant institutions and NGOs to strengthen national protection related legislation and procedures.

Authority (decisions made in executing responsibilities and to achieve results)

- Intervene with authorities on protection issues.
- Decide priorities for reception, interviewing and counselling for groups or individuals.
- Enforce compliance of staff and 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.
- Recommend and prepare payments to individual cases.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES, which illustrate behaviours that are essential to achieving deliverables described above, and that are critical to successful performance. All jobs require the staff to abide to the Values and Core competencies of UNHCR. Where applicable, select a maximum of six Managerial and three Cross-Functional Competencies. (Note that the Performance Appraisal and Management System (PAMS) allows for up to five Cross-Functional Competencies to be selected by the staff member and the supervisor.

Code**Managerial Competencies**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> M001 | Empowering and Building Trust |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> M002 | Managing Performance |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M003 | Judgement and Decision Making |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> M004 | Strategic Planning and Vision |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> M005 | Leadership |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> M006 | Managing Resources |

Code**Cross-Functional Competencies**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X001 | Analytical Thinking |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> X002 | Innovation and Creativity |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> X003 | Technological Awareness |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> X004 | Negotiation and Conflict Resolution |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> X005 | Planning and Organizing |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> X006 | Policy Development and Research |
| 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X007 | Political Awareness |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> X008 | Stakeholder Management |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> X009 | Change Capability and Adaptability |

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. Define the educational background, the relevant job experience and the language(s) that are essential to perform the work of the position.

- Education: University degree in Law, International Law, political Sciences or related field.
- Job Experience: Minimum 2 years relevant professional experience.
- Excellent knowledge of English and working knowledge of another UN language.

(In offices where the working language is not English, excellent knowledge of working language of duty station and working knowledge of English.)

*** For National Officer positions, very good knowledge of local language and local institutions is essential.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS & COMPETENCIES. Describe any experience or knowledge that would be an asset, such as: UNHCR Learning Programmes, other training, additional languages, Field/HQs experience, etc.

- Diverse field experience desirable.
- Good IT skills including database management skills.
- Training of the Protection Learning Programme, RSD- Resettlement Learning Programme.

Application invited to Filipino Nationals only.

Please email your Motivation Letter, Curriculum Vitae and P.11 with subject: "Application-VN-17 Assistant Protection Officer - Iligan" to: PHIMAVAC@unhcr.org

Only applicants meeting minimum requirements will be short-listed for written test & interviews.

Applications will not be acknowledged. Only the successful candidate will be notified of the outcome of the selection process.

P.11 form can be downloaded from the [UNHCR Official Website](http://www.unhcr.org)