Position Title: Representative, D-1, Yangon, Myanmar

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world’s leading children’s rights organization would like to hear from you.

For 70 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children’s survival, protection and development. The world’s largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.

Purpose for the job:

The Representative serves as the accredited representative of the UNICEF Executive Director in the Country and reports to the Regional Director for general direction. The Representative is responsible for establishing dialogue with the government to develop the framework of cooperation in the country and for working closely and collaboratively with the government and national institutions, stakeholders and partners, to develop the UNICEF Country Program of Cooperation in support of UNICEF’s and national and international development efforts to advance children’s rights to survival, development and well-being as established under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, international treaties/framework and UN intergovernmental bodies.

As Head of a large size Country Office (CO), the Representative is responsible for leading and guiding managers of programs/projects and operations supporting the CO programs, providing leadership and vision to the UNICEF country programme team in managing and leveraging resources for the achievement of results and fulfilment of the rights of children. The Representative leads and oversees the various program sectors and operational service teams ensuring delivery of quality results in accordance with the UNICEF Strategic Plans, standards of performance and accountability framework, ethics and integrity.

Key function, accountabilities and related duties/tasks:

- Developing and planning the Country Program
- Leading and managing the CO
- Monitoring and quality control of the Country Program
- Representation and external relations at global/national level
- Building alliance, resource mobilization and UN System coordination
- Leading innovation, knowledge management and capacity building
- Safety and security of staff, programs and organizational assets

Minimum Requirements:

- An Advanced University Degree in social sciences, international relations, government and public relations, public or social policy, sociology, social or community development or other related fields, is required.

- A minimum of 12 years professional development experience that combines intellectual and managerial leadership in development cooperation at the international level, some of which served in developing countries is required. Relevant professional experience in any UN system agency or organization is an asset.

- Oral and written proficiency in English is required. Knowledge of another official UN language or a local language is an asset.

Country Typology:

- Yangon, Myanmar is a Family Duty Station.
- Yangon is classified as a “B” Duty Station by ICSC, effective 1 January 2016
- Myanmar is a lower-middle income country with a population of 54.36 million and a GDP per capita of USD 1,203.5 in 2015.
- Despite recent progress with the new elections and political rest, context remains fragile. Conflict continues in the North and North East, and intercommunal tensions and acute discriminations prevail in Rakhine State. Children continue to suffer from high mortality and malnutrition, lower enrollment and completion of primary education, and higher risk affecting children’s protection.
UNICEF nonetheless works closely with the Union-level and State governments, CSOs, parliamentarians, and non-state actors and continues to prove its added value. It contributes actively to policy reforms and systems strengthening, promote child rights and delivers humanitarian assistance in protracted humanitarian situations.

UNICEF plays a key role in humanitarian preparedness and response, as Myanmar is prone to natural disaster.

A large country programme, with 8 field offices

209 staff

Annual average budget of approximately USD$ 75 million comprising of IB, Regular Resources, OR and ORE for Humanitarian assistance.

**Person Profile:**

- Experience in leading and managing advocacy strategically with government and other partners including in relation with sensitive issues and international obligations.
- Proven experience to promote UNICEF’s agenda in complex contexts, including civil conflicts, requiring political astuteness and sensitivity.
- Experience and skills in partnering with government and others for achieving SDGs and national development priorities, strengthening capacity, governance and systems and enhanced knowledge management.
- High-caliber knowledge provider and facilitator, to support and lead UNICEF’s up-stream programmatic engagement, policy advocacy and evidence based programming.
- Proven experience in managing emergency response and effective support to national capacity development in emergency preparedness and response.
- Proven experience in implementing conflict sensitive approaches and contributing to peace building and social cohesion.
- Technical and programmatic understanding of social policy and equity issues, to guide UNICEF’s work to address the situation of disadvantaged and vulnerable children.
- Proven record of effective management and leadership to effectively mobilize and manage large scale resources.

**Competencies of Successful Candidate:**

**Core Values**

- Commitment
- Diversity and inclusion
- Integrity

**SSR Competencies**

- Delivering results
- Managing complexity and change
- Impact and partnership
- Innovation and risk taking
- Leading, engaging and nurturing
- Self-awareness

Applications will be considered only if accompanied by an updated Cover Letter and CV, as well as the two most recent PERs (for internal candidates) / Evaluations (for external candidates). Regret letters will only be sent to shortlisted candidates.

**UNICEF is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages qualified female and male candidates from all national, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply to become a part of our organization.**