Terms of Reference
SRH Intern

Job title:	**SRH Intern, RTSU, Humanitarian Office, Geneva**
Location:	**Remote**
Full/Part time:	**100% (can be adapted to part time for the right candidate)**
Duration:	**6 months with immediate start**

The Position:

Intern will report to Catrin Schulte-Hillen, Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergencies – SRHIE Specialist, Response and technical support Unit.

How You Can Make a Difference:

UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. UNFPA expands choices and possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy and productive lives. Our work is derived from the ICPD Programme of Action; that all human beings are entitled to equal rights and protections and no one should be left behind in the fulfilment of their fundamental human rights. In a world where fundamental human rights are at risk, we need principled and ethical leaders, who embody these international norms and standards, and who will defend them courageously and with full conviction.

UNFPA's strategic plan (2018-2021), focuses on three transformative results: to end preventable maternal deaths; end unmet need for family planning; and end gender-based violence and harmful practices.

During conflicts, natural disasters and public health emergencies, sexual and reproductive health needs are often overlooked – with staggering consequences. Pregnant women and girls risk life-threatening complications without access to delivery and emergency obstetric care services. Women and girls may lose access to family planning services, exposing them to unintended pregnancy in perilous conditions. Women and girls also become more vulnerable to sexual violence, exploitation and HIV infection.

ICPD25 drew specific attention was drawn to the high burden of maternal and newborn mortality and suffering in humanitarian contexts and the urgent need for investment into these contexts. UNFPA Humanitarian Office was created as means to strengthen UNFPA capacity to expand its reach and support to humanitarian contexts.

Job Purpose:

The intern will support the SRH team in the Response and Technical Support Unit (RTSU) at the humanitarian office in Geneva. Focus will be on knowledge management and capacity strengthening building a community of practice for SRH (and GBV if desired) in emergency in order to support UNFPA colleagues to handle challenges, share and build onto their experience and knowledge and problem solving. The intern will also be supporting knowledge management within the unit and internally in UNFPA, thus supporting capacity on SRHiE, making sure that tools and resources, including thopse relevant to training, are available for relevant staff.

You Would be Responsible For:

- Developing a platform for a "community of practice" for SRH in emergency (and GBV if desired)
    - Document depository
    - Interactive communication
    - Events calandar
    - Potentially pages for regionally relevant informal information and that can be managed by regional staff
- Perform a desk review of key tools and resources used for SRH and GBV in emergencies and /or related to that
- Set up an internal depository for UNFPA on GBV and SRH in emergencies
- Support ongoing activities, such as online trainings, webinars, meetings, development of tools etc.
- Identify key actions that will need to be ensured to strengthen the potential for a dynamic platform and active engagement of relevant staff

Your Education

- Currently enrolled in the final year of bachelor programme, an advanced degree programme or recently graduated, in Public Health or related subjects

Your Experience

- Fluent English, fluency in French or Spanish is an advantage
- Previous experience of capacity building and knowledge management in is an asset
- Familiarity with SRH in mandatory, experience of working within the area of SRH is an asset

Your Competencies:

- Good organizational skill
- Initiative and resourcefulness
- Good communication skills
- IT skills, including setting up websites, zoom meetings etc, and social media skills are an asset
- Ability to live by the core values of the UN: integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity.

At the end of the 6-month assignment a "community of practice" site including a document repository, interactive communication part and events calendar will be in place and key animation to its uptake and use has been mobilized.

Learning Elements:

Upon completion of the assignment, the Intern should be able to:

1. Increased understanding of the UNFPA programming in humanitarian settings though interaction with members of the Humanitarian Office, specifically the response and technical support unit, of UNFPA
2. Understand the UNFPA mandate, especially UNFPA role and responsibilities in humanitarian settings
3. Learn UN technical language, working procedures, and coordination mechanisms
4. Networking with UNFPA staff members as part of the internship
5. Work as a team member in a multicultural setting

Financial Aspects:

Interns do not receive a salary or any other form of remuneration from UNFPA. The costs associated with an intern's participation in the programme must be assumed either by the nominating institution, which may provide the required financial assistance to its students, or by the students themselves, who will have to meet living expenses as well as make their own arrangements for accommodation, travel and other requirements. However, they receive a stipend to help cover basic daily expenses related to the internship, if not financially supported by any institution or programme, such as a university, government, foundation, or scholarship programme. The amount of the stipend varies according to the duty station (883 CHF for Switzerland). In addition, applicants must have medical insurance for the duration of the internship. Proof of insurance will need to be submitted before the internship begins. UNFPA does not provide medical insurance for interns.

Disclaimer:

UNFPA is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture. Individuals from minority groups, indigenous groups and persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

UNFPA does not charge any application, processing, training, interviewing, testing or other fee in connection with the application or recruitment process. Should you have received a solicitation for the payment of a fee, please disregard it. You are advised to apply particular care when submitting personal information on the web. Should you feel that you have received a fraudulent notice, letter or offer, you may submit a report through the UNFPA fraud hotline http://www.unfpa.org/help/hotline.cfm

How to apply

Candidates should submit their curriculum vitae/resume along with a letter of motivation, to Caroline Lugli at lugli@unfpa.org with “RTSU Internship” in the subject field, by 10 April 2021