

**UNHCR**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

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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>	Community Based PI/PA Expert
<b>Category and Level</b>	UNOPS, LICA-4
<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.

In the aforementioned framework, these efforts need not only to be retained but also strengthened with a view to sensitize and inform the public, enabling positive change, promoting tolerance and understanding. An active engagement with local media platforms and social networking sites, is expected to facilitate messages of empathy and compassion, aiming to lead towards positive steps of intercultural engagement and communication. It is also anticipated that this action will engage more supporters from various public spectra, as well as target in a more focused manner the local population receiving refugees. Besides, UNHCR's own intensive engagement in peaceful coexistence activities, community-based interventions and quick impact projects should also be promoted in order to further enhance audience engagement and the projects' visibility. These additional needs demand increased and continuous support to the Office.

In light of the above, the Community-Based Public Information / Public Awareness (PI/PA) Expert will support UNHCR Samos, especially with regard to promoting community-based interventions and peaceful coexistence activities.



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## **Responsibility**

The Community-Based PI/PA Expert will undertake the following activities, in close co-operation with members of the UNHCR Samos team as well as in coordination with UNHCR's Comm/Public Information Unit in Athens:

- Act as a Liaison person with the host community and facilitate the coordination of the humanitarian actors on communication issues.
- Explore, engage, follow-up and organize pro-solidarity initiatives, events and other public awareness activities that promote the refugee cause, involving local community on Samos; to this end, explore new partnerships and suggest innovative ideas.
- Produce new original material, including interviews, videos, photos, features and stories, to promote messages of tolerance, compassion, positive examples of solidarity and community-based activities.
- Promote such material to local media, both digital and printed.
- Identify and draft human interest stories.
- Draft regular UNHCR Samos Fact Sheet, highlighting UNHCR's role and activities on the island for external use.
- Monitor local media to alert on issues of concern to UNHCR and/or about interesting initiatives that could be capitalized upon.
- Suggest posts/tweets for UNHCR Greece's Facebook/Twitter accounts; produce original content for social media purposes.
- 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 Community-Based PI/PA Expert will work closely with the Host-Community Projects Assistant who is being recruited to support UNHCR's peaceful coexistence activities, community-based interventions and quick impact projects on Samos.

The Community-Based PI/PA Expert may be required to travel to Athens on an occasional basis. Upon initiation of the assignment, the Community-Based PI/PA Expert 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, Journalism, 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



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- Very good knowledge of new digital communication technologies

### **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.

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.**