

**Position:** Triple Nexus Specialist, UNRCO Myanmar  
**Location:** Yangon (with travel to Rakhine as the situation permits)<sup>1</sup>  
**Grade:** P4 (Equivalent)  
**Type of Contract:** 12 months  
**Languages Required:** English

## CONTEXT

The Peer-to-Peer review (P2P) of the humanitarian aid architecture that reviewed the sub-national coordination structures was undertaken in October 2022. This was motivated by the dynamic and volatile context following the military takeover of February 2021. Whereas the operational space across Myanmar has become more complex, this is particularly evident in Myanmar's Rakhine State which represents a challenging mix of armed conflict, inter-communal tensions, center-periphery grievances, and historic economic under-development. The protracted complex emergency has only grown in significance, and adds to decades of unresolved communal tensions, centre-peripheral tension and underdevelopment, with Rakhine State being one of the most vulnerable among the 14 States and Regions and amongst the most marginalized. Successive ceasefires gave some hope that Rakhine State would be spared the increasing levels of violence that has engulfed the periphery of Myanmar. Still reeling from the effects of Cyclone Mocha, the second ceasefire failed on 13 November 2023, with the Arakan Army taking significant ground, and the existing access constraints only made stricter. Given this context, the humanitarian, development, peace nexus is more relevant today than ever: *it should be underlined that the Nexus cannot be conceived of in a sequential way, as these interventions are all needed at the same time.*

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Triple Nexus Specialist (TNS) is recruited for accelerating nexus approaches taking into account interconnectedness and interoperability of the three pillars of work cutting across development, humanitarian and peacebuilding/conflict transformation, through dedicated technical capacity support to the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO), with a particular focus to the RCO sub-office in Rakhine. The post will be based in Yangon with regular travel to Rakhine.

To support the RCO and wider group of stakeholders, the TNS will undertake the following:

- Lead as technical focal point for the Rakhine Nexus Working Group (RNWG) co-chaired by RCO and OCHA identifying and promoting practical nexus approaches where possible and feasible.
- Manage the secretariat function to the RNWG (RCO is the Secretariat) to advance nexus approaches, including stakeholder engagement and forward planning for meetings and priorities.
- Sensitize and provide nexus refresher trainings, to internal and external audiences, ensuring practical interventions are emphasized.

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<sup>1</sup> While this position focuses primarily on the RCO's work in Rakhine, with the focus on taking the technical lead in the area of advancing the nexus approach, due to the volatility of the conflict terrain in Rakhine and the reduced UN footprint there, it is foreseen that the post will be based in Yangon with travel to Sittwe as the evolving situation permits.

- Support the development of guidance on HDP Nexus approaches and examples of good practice for and in Myanmar to ensure enhanced liaison and collaboration at political, operational and programmatic level with a broader range of stakeholders.
- Provide nexus implementation support to the UN's Transitional Cooperation Framework (TCF) including secretariat support as necessary.
- Promote 'cross-pillar' learning across humanitarian, development and peace workstreams.
- Collect and collate examples of good practice from the Myanmar context and develop communications material raise awareness amongst donors and other stakeholders.
- Participate in the Nexus Academy and Global DCO Community of Practice (COP) training sessions and extract learnings and good practices that can be applied in the Myanmar context.
- Identify opportunities to highlight Myanmar country experience and examples of good practice to highlight in international fora including, for instance – DAC meeting and the DAC network on conflict and fragility, INCAF; the DAC-UN Dialogue Group; World Bank Fragility Forum.
- Identify opportunities for the RCO and agencies to secure nexus related funding opportunities, to develop potential new partnerships and mechanisms to support implementation of the TCF and assist with the development of relevant funding proposals.
- Represent RCO Sittwe in the relevant coordinating platforms as required.
- Perform other related tasks as requested by the Head of Office/ Area Coordinator, RCO Sittwe

### **Resources and working arrangements**

The Triple Nexus Expert will work from the RCO office in Yangon and will be provided with a workstation and internet connectivity.

### **Education:**

Master's degree or higher in migration studies, displacement and international law, development studies, social sciences, public policy or other relevant fields.

- Knowledge of United Nations rules, policies, procedures and practices, as well as the programming mechanisms of the United Nations and its partners, particularly in crisis and post-conflict situations, as well as a functional understanding of the international development architecture.
- Knowledge of institutional mandates, policies and guidelines related to humanitarian affairs, development and peace, as well as knowledge of humanitarian, development and peace institutions and architecture.
- Knowledge and experience in internal displacement as well as knowledge of main protection and humanitarian standards.
- Understanding of the multidimensional nature of fragility.

### **Skills and experience**

Minimum 7 years of work experience in an international context, with preference for experience in Southeast Asia and in a protracted crisis country setting.

- Experience in conducting research and analysis in humanitarian, development or peace actions, including gender issues, to political, economic and social development programmes is an asset.
- Experience in UN program and project design, execution, financing and resource mobilization.
- Excellent communication and analytical skills (written, verbal, interpersonal and intercultural).
- A willingness to work in a fragile context.
- Experience in the area of conflict prevention, social cohesion, dialogue and protection of civilians.
- Sound political acumen and capacity to multi-task.
- An understanding of the humanitarian, development and peace contributions to addressing complex issues that require a coordinated response from UN agencies and partners.
- Ability to draft strategic notes, work well with others and to build consensus on complex issues.
- Good partnership skills with a wide range of actors and the ability to develop productive working relationships.