

**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)**  
**INTERNAL / EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Vacancy Notice No. 015/2020**

<b>Title of Post</b>	<b>Senior Protection Assistant</b>	<b>Category/grade</b>	<b>General Service, G5</b>
<b>Post Number</b>	<b>10018194</b>	<b>Type of contract</b>	<b>Fixed-term appointment</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Adjumani, Uganda</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>15 September 2020</b>
<b>Effective date of assignment</b>	<b>1 December 2020</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>21 September 2020</b>

**Operational Context:**

The Protection Associate (Community-Based) is a member of the Protection Unit in a Country Operation and may report to the Protection Officer, Protection Officer (Community-Based), or another more senior staff member in the Protection Unit. Under the overall direction of the Protection Unit, and in coordination with other UNHCR staff, government, NGO partners and other stakeholders, the Protection Associate (Community-Based) works directly with communities of concern to identify the risks they face and to leverage their capacities to protect themselves, their families and communities. The incumbent may have direct supervisory responsibility for part of the protection and/or support staff and supports the application of community-based protection standards, operational procedures and practices in community-based protection delivery at the field level. To fulfil this role the Protection Associate (Community-Based) is required to spend a substantial percentage of her/his time working outside the office, building and maintaining networks within communities of persons of concern. The development and maintenance of constructive relationships with persons of concern that measurably impact and enhance protection planning, programming and results forms the core of the work of the Protection Associate (Community-Based). The incumbent also supports the designing of a community-based protection strategy by ensuring that it is based on consultation with persons of concern.

**Duties:**

- Assist functional units, the Multi-Functional Team (MFT) and senior management to integrate participatory and community-based approaches in the overall protection delivery strategy and operational procedures.
- Through relationships with persons of concern and network of partners stay abreast of political, social, economic and cultural developments that have an impact on the protection environment and provide advice to the protection team. Understand the perspectives, capacities, needs and resources of the persons of concern and advise the protection team accordingly, highlighting the specific protection needs of women and men, children, youth and older persons, persons with disabilities, marginalized groups.
- Work with host communities to identify opportunities for national civil society involvement in improving the protection of persons of concern.
- Work with implementing and operational partners as well as with displaced and local communities to develop community-owned activities to address, where applicable, the social, educational, psycho-

social, cultural, health, organisational and livelihood concerns as well as child protection and prevention and response to SGBV.

- Assist in the analysis that identifies the capacities of communities of concern and risks they face.
- Support participatory assessments by multifunctional teams and ongoing consultation with persons of concern.
- Assist in planning and monitoring of programmes and budgets, with an AGD perspective.
- Build office capacity for community-based protection through training and establishing systems for community mobilization and participation of persons of concern.
- Support communities in establishing representation and coordination structures.
- Ensure community understanding of UNHCR's commitment to deliver on accountability and quality assurance in its response.
- Act as interpreter in exchange of routine information, contribute to related liaison activities and respond directly to routine queries.
- Perform other relevant duties as required

### **Essential Minimum Qualifications and Experience:**

- Completion of High school diploma is required.
- Minimum 5 years of previous job experience relevant to the function is required.
- Knowledge of English is required.

### **Desirable Qualifications & Competencies:**

- Completion of certificates or licence in international law or political science is desirable.

### **Required Competencies:**

#### **Core Competencies**

- Accountability
- Communication
- Organizational Awareness
- Teamwork & Collaboration
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Client & Result Orientation

#### **Cross-Functional Competencies**

- Analytical Thinking
- Political Awareness
- Stakeholder Management

### **Eligibility:**

**Group I candidates:** Interested staff members should consult the Recruitment and Assignment of Locally Recruited staff (RALS).

Group I comprise current GS staff members holding an indefinite or fixed-term appointment who, at the date of the deadline for application, are serving in the country of the vacancy at the grade of the position or one grade below or above.

**Group II candidates:** comprises candidates that have previously been vetted and notified after applying to the Group II general profile pool at the date of publishing this vacancy notice.

**External candidates:** are candidates who are not in Group 1 or Group 2.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions regarding your eligibility, you may also contact the HR Unit.

**Remuneration:**

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, please visit the portal of the International Civil Service Commission at: <http://icsc.un.org>

**Submission of Applications:**

Interested candidates who meet the above criteria should submit their applications online, using the following link: <http://unhcrjobs.imuganda.com>. Applicants should sign up or login to access details of the advertised position by **the closing date**.

The Personal History Form and its supplementary sheet is attached.

**No late applications will be accepted. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Shortlisted candidates may be required to sit for a written test and/or oral interview.** UNHCR does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview, processing or any other fees).

UNHCR strongly encourages qualified female applicants for this position. UNHCR seeks to ensure that male and female employees are given equal career opportunities. UNHCR is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

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<sup>1</sup> Completed and relevant university education can count as maximum 50% of the required years of work experience.