

INTERNSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE POST

Title:	Intern
Sector of assignment:	Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Organizational unit:	Rule of Law, Justice, Human Rights, Democratic governance
Country and Duty Station:	Armenia, Yerevan
Internship duration:	6 months
Supervisor's name:	Marina Malkhasyan
Supervisor's title:	Project Coordinator/HR, Justice, Rule of Law

II. CORPORATE BACKGROUND:

UNDP works in about 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

UNDP is working to strengthen new frameworks for development, disaster risk reduction and climate change. We support countries' efforts to achieve the new Sustainable Development Goals, which will guide global development priorities through 2030. The key 2030 Agenda principle of leaving no one behind and stamping out inequality is at the core of everything we do.

UNDP focuses on helping countries build and share solutions in three main areas:

- Sustainable development
- Democratic governance and peacebuilding
- Climate and disaster resilience

In all our activities, we encourage the protection of human rights and the empowerment of women, minorities and the poorest and most vulnerable.

III. INTERNSHIP OFFICE BACKGROUND:

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Armenia, in partnership with the Government of Armenia, works to support the Sustainable Development Goals' implementation, developing capacities of counterparts at national, regional and local levels, as well as promoting and integrating the concept of sustainable and resilient development in decision making processes.

UNDP Armenia CO support the Government of Armenia in implementation of a comprehensive transformation reform shifting the disability assessment paradigm from medical to biopsychosocial and rights-based model. As a next step, UNDP plans to support the Government in strengthening the Assistive technology sector in Armenia in health, education and social sectors.

The proposed project aims to strengthen basic service provision system in Armenia, *through life-cycle approach* and provision of continuous care and support to children and adults with disabilities and with long-term health issues. This includes rehabilitation and habilitation, health, social and developmental services, which are extremely weak or not available in most regions of Armenia.

Armenia is one of leading countries in the region that took up the new model of disability assessment and has generated significant expertise and knowledge in this regard that can be leveraged through the region and beyond. However, the next and much bigger effort for the Government now is the development of the service system and diversifying and extending the Assistive Technology supply market. The Government committed to develop a National Policy of AT, and join the Global Collaboration on Assistive Technology (GATE) Initiative led by WHO in collaboration with other UN agencies and global partners.

Given that China is one of the global leaders on Assistive Technology both production and research, and has GATE as one of the priority areas on BRI, the Armenian Government is preparing a road-map to commence on the GATE initiative and look for possibilities of collaboration with Chinese Government on AT.

UNDP Armenia CO jointly with WHO, UNICEF will support the Armenian Government to be global partner to GATE as one of the countries on the broader BRI map.

To this end, UNDP seeks for possibility to invite an Intern from China from one of the Universities or Research Centers that is working on engineering and research on AT to support the Country Office to set-up basis for start-up of GATE initiative and active collaboration lines with Chinese counterparts.

III. DUTIES:

The intern will assist in the following duties and responsibilities:

No	Duties and responsibilities	% of time
<i>In this section list the primary responsibilities and tasks of the position. (Include percentages for each duty.)</i>		
1	Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research on Armenia's market for Assistive Technologies (AT) and potential for AT software solutions in Armenia• Designing potential research patterns for Armenia/China joint research opportunities	40%
2	Tech solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore potential applications of AI-based technology• Bring in and serve as bridging point between China AT Research and Armenia on designing AI solutions in AT	40%
3	Other <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support research on potential data collection and utilization for AT sector• Support other/ad hoc activities as seen relevant and needed.	20%

IV. REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Candidates must meet one of the following educational requirements:

- currently in the final year of a Bachelor's degree; or
- currently enrolled in a Master's degree; or
- have graduated no longer than 1 year ago from a master's degree or equivalent studies.

Field of study: **engineering, public health, social science with strong focus on data collection and research**, or equivalent.

IT skills:

- Knowledge and a proficient user of Microsoft Office productivity tools;
- **Data collection and analysis tools**

Language skills:

- **English** required; **Russian** - desirable
- Knowledge of other UN languages is an advantage.

Other competencies and attitude:

- Interest and motivation in working in an international organization;
- Good analytical skills in gathering and consolidating data and research for practical implementation;
- Outgoing and initiative-taking person with a goal oriented mind-set;
- Communicates effectively when working in teams and independently;
- Good in organizing and structuring various tasks and responsibilities;
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
- Responds positively to feedback and differing points of view;
- Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude.

V. INTERNSHIP CONDITIONS

- UNDP internships are not remunerated. All expenses connected with the internship will be borne by the intern or her/his sponsoring entity;
- UNDP accepts no responsibility for costs arising from accidents and/or illness or death incurred during the internship;
- Interns are responsible for obtaining necessary visas and arranging travel to and from the duty station where the internship will be performed;
- Interns are not eligible to apply for, or be appointed to, any post in UNDP during the period of the internship;
- Interns must provide proof of enrolment in health insurance plan;
- Interns are not staff members and may not represent UNDP in any official capacity;
- Interns are expected to work full time but flexibility is allowed for education programmes;
- Interns need to obtain financing for subsistence and make own arrangements for internship, travel, VISA, accommodation, etc.