

Child Protection Consultant– Guardianship of Unaccompanied Children

Vacancy Notice: CPC_01_GR/23_12

JOB TITLE	Child Protection Consultant – Guardianship for Unaccompanied Children
LOCATION	Deployed to the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, General Secretariat for Vulnerable Citizens and Institutional Protection
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT	Programmes, UNICEF Greece Country Office
TYPE OF CONTRACT	ICMC (UNICEF Affiliate Staff)
STARTING DATE	20 October 2023
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS	8 October 2023
CONTRACT DURATION	6 months (Full time)

SCOPE OF WORK

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything the organization does – in programme, in advocacy and in operations. The equity strategy, emphasizing the most disadvantaged and excluded children and families, translates this commitment to children's rights into action. For UNICEF, equity means that all children have an opportunity to survive, develop and reach their full potential, without discrimination, bias or favouritism. To the degree that any child has an unequal chance in life – in its social, political, economic, civic and cultural dimensions – her or his rights are violated. There is growing evidence that investing in the health, education and protection of a society's most disadvantaged citizens – addressing inequity – not only will give all children the opportunity to fulfil their potential but also will lead to sustained growth and stability of countries. This is why the focus on equity is so vital. It accelerates progress towards realizing the human rights of all children, which is the universal mandate of UNICEF, as outlined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, while also supporting the equitable development of nations.

UNICEF became operational in Greece in early 2016 as an outposted team from the Regional Office of Europe and Central Asia (ECARO) to respond to the significant influx of refugee and migrant children and their families at that time. Following several years of engagement with national stakeholders, UNICEF and the Government of Greece made a decision in January 2020 to formalize the agency's presence in the country as a full-fledged Country Office. The office falls under the auspices of the UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia located in Geneva, which supports the work of 22 Country Offices within its geographical scope, reporting in turn to global headquarters in New York. Within the framework of a mandate for all children in Greece, UNICEF and Greece are now working to address the needs of all vulnerable, marginalized and left-behind

children in the country.

In the context of the Country Programme for Greece (2022-2026) approved by the UNICEF Executive Board in February 2022, UNICEF and the Government of Greece have agreed on national targets for children, concerning health, education, social protection, child protection, justice and youth employability.

UNICEF is closely collaborating with Ministry of Migration and Asylum, namely the General Secretariat for the Protection of Vulnerable Citizens and Institutional Protection for the implementation of the national guardianship scheme for unaccompanied children as provided in the L. 4960/2022. Under the guidance of the Institutional Protection Unit of the General Secretariat and the Child Protection Officer of the UNICEF Greece Country Office, the incumbent will provide support to the Institutional Protection Unit for the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework already develop for the national guardianship scheme, the effective implementation of the complaints mechanism for unaccompanied children under guardianship and the development of a national registry for the protection of unaccompanied children in Greece.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The incumbent will be assigned contributory accountabilities for all or part of the following duties:

- Support the Institutional Protection Unit with technical knowledge on the implementation of the national guardianship scheme in the context of the monitoring and evaluation framework.
- Support the Institutional Protection Unit for the effective implementation of the guardianship complaints mechanism for UASC.
- Support the development of a National Registry for the Protection of Unaccompanied Children
- Prepare reports, briefing notes and fact sheets regarding the guardianship scheme for unaccompanied children and other issues related to the protection of unaccompanied children

REQUIREMENTS

1. Education

A university degree in one of the following fields is required: Social Sciences, International Relations, Government, Public Administration, Public Policy, Social Policy, Social Development, Community Development, or another relevant technical field.

2. Experience

A minimum of four (4) years of relevant professional work experience in child protection programming (including protection of unaccompanied and separated minors), refugee and migrant protection etc.

3. Language Requirements

Fluency in English and Greek is required.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV of maximum four pages in English, a motivation letter and two professional references with full and up to date contact details via email, to:

Mr. Akis Papakonstantinou, ICMC HR Officer at hr.greece@icmc.net.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **08/10/2023**.

The Vacancy Notice number **CPC_01_GR/23_12** and the applicant's full name must be quoted in the email subject line.

Applications will be evaluated upon reception and interviews with shortlisted candidates may be conducted before the closing date. Referees may be contacted prior to the interviewing stage.

DATA PROTECTION

By submitting an application, you agree that ICMC collects and manages the information that you provide. You also agree that your data may be shared with UNICEF. Your personal information will be used for recruitment purposes only. Your application will be treated with strict confidentiality.

Owing to the volume of applications, ICMC regrets that only applicants short-listed for an interview will be notified.

ICMC is committed to equal employment opportunities for all applicants. ICMC does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, national origin, religion, physical or mental ability, marital status and age. Applications will be treated with strict confidentiality.

ICMC is committed to a Zero-Tolerance Policy toward sexual exploitation, abuses and all forms of unlawful harassment, including but not limited to sexual harassment. Screening of applications includes the vetting for records of prior misconduct and reference checking. By submitting your application, you declare your consent for your former employer to disclose any details concerning criminal convictions or misconduct. ICMC can take other necessary measures to ensure that people involved in substantiated cases of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment are not recruited.