



Senior Protection Assistant

UNHCR, National Office in Austria

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), National Office in Austria, is seeking a **Senior Protection Assistant with specific skills in the field of child protection**.

What we offer

UNOPS contract from 1 November 2017, initially for two months but renewable for the whole project period of 17 months, i.e. until 31 March 2019. Annual gross salary according to the UNOPS salary scale, starting at € 42,180.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Undertake a comprehensive stocktaking of how BID procedures are conducted in Austria (e.g. in the area of child and youth welfare, family law, trusteeship issues or juvenile law) by assessing both the legal situation and its implementation in practice.
- Research and summarize the situation with respect to BID procedures in the Austrian asylum process.
- Collect good practice examples for BID procedures in the asylum context in other European countries.
- Develop a high-quality and at the same time manageable and workable BID procedure for the asylum context in Austria.
- Coordinate and facilitate a test phase of the new BID procedure in close cooperation with responsible stakeholders.
- As appropriate, provide training for relevant stakeholders who have to undertake BID procedures in the asylum context.

Required skills and qualifications

- University degree in a related field
- At least 3 years job experience in the field of child protection
- Experience in the area of best interests determination (BID) procedures in Austria
- Knowledge of the Austrian child protection system and of BID procedures
- Knowledge of the Austrian asylum system is an asset
- Sound analytical skills
- Fluency in English and German
- Good drafting skills mainly in German but also in English are essential
- Familiarity with the work of UNHCR and its positions relevant for the implementation of the given project is an asset
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills
- Ability to work both in a team and independently and on own initiative
- Sound reporting skills
- Excellent computer skills (able to operate MS Office software)

How to apply

Please send your written applications including CV with photo, motivation letter and copies of certificates only **by 4 October 2017** to: ausvi@unhcr.org.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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