

UNICEF Asia Pacific Climate Change and Environmental Action Fellowships

Position Title:	Asia Pacific Climate Change and Environmental Action Fellow
Level:	Fellowship
Reports to:	UNICEF Climate, Energy, & Environment leads (and other defined focal points) in UNICEF country, regional and partnership offices in East Asia.
Programme Content Development & Oversight:	UNICEF East Asia Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) in partnership with UNICEF Public Partnerships Division.
Duration:	6 months
Dates:	1 July – 31 Dec, 2024 (flexible start date)
Location:	Participating UNICEF Offices in EAPRO, e.g. Philippines, Mongolia, Fiji, Malaysia, South Korea, and Regional Office in Bangkok.

1. Purpose and Objectives:

If you are committed, creative and passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you. For 70 years, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has worked on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection, and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, safe water and sanitation, quality basic education for all girls and boys, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and HIV/AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations, and governments.

Climate change, energy access and environmental degradation are equity issues, with children and young people often the most vulnerable and affected. Addressing climate change, energy access and environmental degradation is therefore vital for building a more sustainable future for children. Each of the five Outcome Areas of the UNICEF Strategic Plan 2022-2025 – health, education, child protection, WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), and social protection – is affected in some way by climate change and/or environmental degradation. Fortunately, each stream of UNICEF's work also presents opportunities to take action and strengthen UNICEF's response on climate, energy and/or the environment. In addition, it is imperative that UNICEF's climate response drives sustainable results in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as supports our humanitarian responses.

Through UNICEF's Asia Pacific Climate Change and Environmental Action Fellowship, UNICEF is offering opportunities for graduate students with relevant technical skills and competencies to make a concrete and significant contribution to UNICEF's engagement on climate and the environment in

our offices in East Asia and the Pacific. This opportunity is only available to fellows from UNICEF's partner universities in the Asia Pacific region. Selected Fellows will join UNICEF country offices across the region and support key enabling functions.

Participating offices will only include those designated as family duty stations by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).

2. Programme Summary

Each Climate Change and Environmental Action Fellow will work for six months in a selected UNICEF office, undertaking a tailored set of activities with guidance from the EAPRO Climate and Environment team.

Candidates will mostly join participating UNICEF Country Offices (COs) in the Asia Pacific Region. Given the intersectionality of climate issues, some candidates within the Regional Office in Bangkok will also be assigned to specific sectoral or cross-sectoral teams (such as Public Finance, Data and Evidence, Adolescent Development and Participation, etc.).

These fellows will report to a designated focal point within their assigned team, with dotted line oversight and support from the Regional Office climate team. In a supervisory capacity, the designated focal point will provide regular and supportive feedback. Where possible, fellows will be included in office learning and development opportunities.

Each fellow will have their own workplan, depending on the context, location and needs of the office/section within the office. Agreed work plans will include a mix of research tasks and support for programme engagement, advocacy, consultation and partnership building. Key activities and support roles are likely to include:

- Accelerating UNICEF's Climate programming in the East Asia and Pacific region
 - Supporting on Environmental and Social Safeguards for forthcoming UNICEF programmes.
 - Calculating resource needs for programmatic activities (economic analysis/ financial and cost benefit analysis).
 - Coordination of inputs from multiple COs into a single regional proposal.
 - Supporting in conducting Climate risk assessments and the development of Climate rationales for each country office.
 - Supporting in developing Climate Strategies for Country Offices.
 - Supporting in coordinating regional trainings on a variety of topics including renewable energy.
 - Supporting in periodic focal point meetings, stakeholder consultations, webinars, events and workshops.
- Leveraging Public Finance
 - Supporting in identifying key entry points for influencing national budgets for child and Climate-sensitive public financing.
 - Supporting in undertaking economic analysis of existing policies and programmes to determine cost-benefit of Climate-smart social services.

- Data and Evidence
 - Supporting in conducting a sub-national Children's Climate Risk Index for all COs in the region.
 - Support COs undertaking periodic strategic planning to undertake analyses relating to Climate.
 - Supporting country and regional trends analysis of risks, mitigation, loss & damage relating to Climate.
- Adolescent Development & Participation
 - Supporting in creating a platform for youth engagement and green skills.
 - Collating inputs for COP29, and relevant global and regional fora.
 - Supporting in building solar training content for young people.

3. Selection and assignment to participating office

Candidates will undergo a screening first by their universities, and then by UNICEF. Following interview and evaluation, candidates will rank their preferred offices and assignments. Based on evaluation results, the candidate's profile, and preferred ranking by successful candidates, UNICEF will assign successful candidates to participating offices. Candidates will be able to opt out if they are not assigned to their preferred offices, although UNICEF will retain final decision-making discretion regarding office assignment.

4. Climate, Energy, Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction Virtual Bootcamp (April 2024):

The selected Climate Change and Environmental Action Fellows will undertake a half-day virtual bootcamp to gain an overview of UNICEF's global CEED strategy, programme, partnership modalities, and research needs.

5. Country Office Orientation

On arrival in the participating UNICEF office, each Climate Action Fellow will undertake an orientation, including a security briefing, to learn about the full range of UNICEF's programmes and partnerships in the participating country.

6. Final Fellowship Report

Each Climate Action Fellow will submit a **final fellowship report**, to be completed prior to the end of the fellowship period. The Terms of Reference (ToRs) and thematic focus of the final report will be agreed with the respective fellowship supervisor(s) and CEED focal point(s).

Upon completion of the fellowship, fellows will complete a mandatory offboarding survey.

7. Recruitment Qualifications

Education	Must be enrolled, within the past year, in a graduate degree program with a UNICEF partner university. Field of study with direct relevance to the competencies related to the assignment are welcome, e.g., environmental science, public affairs, economics
Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong analytical skills to synthesize and communicate concepts clearly; • Ability to conduct research and draft reports and presentations; • Experience in qualitative and quantitative data analysis; • Capacity to work independently on multiple assignments simultaneously and adapt to changing demands and circumstances; • Strong oral and written communication skills; and • Must uphold and demonstrate the UNICEF core values of Commitment, Diversity, and Integrity.
Language Requirements	Fluency in English is required.

8. Remuneration

UNICEF will not make any remuneration to selected Fellows or be liable for any expenses for the selected Fellows during their assignment. The successful candidates must be supported with a monthly stipend for the duration of this internship under agreed arrangements by the partner universities. There is no expectancy of employment at the end of the internship. UNICEF is not responsible for obtaining any necessary visas but will provide visa support letters as needed. In case of emergency, UNICEF will not be liable for any expenses relating to repatriation of the Fellow to home country.

9. Insurance

UNICEF will not be responsible for costs arising from accidents and/or illness incurred during the volunteer's service. Therefore, the selected candidate must provide proof of enrolment in a health/accident plan prior to starting the internship.

Partner universities will make an initial selection of applicants and submit their selected candidate(s) to UNICEF no later than 23 Feb 2024 for assessment and interview. Final selection by UNICEF will be completed by 29 March 2024.