# **VACANCY NOTICE**

Statistics Internship, Statistics and Demographics Section, Global Data Service (GDS),

UNHCR Copenhagen

**Vacancy Notice No:** CPH/VN/2021/011

**Title**: Statistics Intern

**Duty Station**: Copenhagen, Denmark

**Duration of Internship**: 6 months

**Deadline: 17 March 2021**

**Start** **date**: April 2021

## Organizational Context

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people. Every year, millions of men, women and children are forced to flee their homes to escape conflict and persecution. UNHCR teams are in the field in over 130 countries, using their expertise to protect and care for over 85 million people.

The ***Statistics and Demographics Section*** which is located in UNHCR’s ***Global Data Service*** in Copenhagen, develops statistical definitions and standards, oversees the production of global statistics on refugees and other populations of concern to UNHCR. Access to reliable, timely and accurate data is essential to achieve the aims of the [Data Transformation Strategy 2020-2025](https://www.unhcr.org/5dc2e4734.pdf), that is, to position UNHCR as a trusted leader on data and information related to refugees and other populations of concern. The Section develops external products such as the annual [Global Trends](https://www.unhcr.org/globaltrends2019/) report, which analyzes the changes in forced displacement and statelessness and deepens public understanding of ongoing crises, and the [Refugee Population Statistics Database](https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/), which enables humanitarian workers, decision-makers, researchers and many more to quickly access data and information on affected populations. The Section ensures that quality and coherent data related to forced displacement is systematically, responsibly and efficiently collected, analyzed and presented by UNHCR and its internal and external partners.

In support of the follow-up and review of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) implementation, UNHCR will release the first GCR Indicator Report in December 2021. On 17 December 2018, the General Assembly of the United Nations affirmed the GCR, setting out new arrangements for ensuring more predictable and sustainable responsibility sharing for refugees. Key amongst them is a Global Refugee Forum (GRF), convened every four years, whereby States and other stakeholders share good practices and make pledges towards the objectives of the GCR. The first GCR Indicator Report, which builds on the [GCR indicator framework](https://www.unhcr.org/5cf907854.pdf), will help inform the stocktaking of the progress, in particular the High-Level Officials Meeting taking place 14-15 December 2021. As part of the work on the development of the GCR Indicator Report, the Statistics and Demographics Section is working closely with the GRF Coordination Team located in UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva.

The internship is located in Copenhagen with the Statistics and Demographics Section of the Global Data Service. The intern will work under the direct supervision of the Chief Statistician based in Copenhagen and will work in close collaboration with the Geneva-based Senior Statistician coordinating the development of the GCR Indicator Report.

## The Position

This internship provides an exciting opportunity to support the first roll-out of the GCR indicator framework and the production of the first GCR Indicator Report. This internship is Copenhagen-based and offers the opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of indicators, data, statistics, tools, policy agendas and other areas of work on refugees and forced displacement, and to work with multiple and diverse colleagues. The intern will work directly under the supervision of the Chief Statistician and in close collaboration with the Senior Statistician acting as the lead analyst and principal drafter of the inaugural GCR Indicator Report. The intern will support compilation, validation, analysis, visualization, innovation and publication of indicators and data, building on the GCR indicator framework and complementary information. The intern will work with other colleagues in the Statistics and Demographics Section and other sections of the Global Data Service and be involved in related areas of work: Demographics and Asylum Statistics; Data Science; Statistical Technical Support; Microdata Library; and the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics (EGRIS).

## Duties and Responsibilities

The intern will be expected to engage with and support the following activities:

* Compilation, assessment, visualization, analysis and publication of GCR indicators and complementary indicators.
* Support development of definitional, methodological and data collection frameworks and tools for GCR indicators as well complementary indicators.
* Develop data files, analytical and visualization material (e.g. maps, indices, charts, infographics) for GCR indicators and complementary indicators and applying UNHCR and other relevant country classification, definitions, coding and practices.
* Collaboration with relevant UNHCR colleagues in Copenhagen, Geneva and Regional Bureaus, as relevant.
* Cooperation with other UN and international organizations having a stake in the compilation, dissemination and analysis of GCR indicators and complementary indicators.
* Support the promotion of international statistical standards, tools and good practices, including the International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics.
* Support the organization of relevant meetings, consultations and related logistics, including a statistical conference on the occasion of the release of the GCR Indicator Report.
* Participate in meetings of the Statistics and Demographics Section and other relevant meetings, as needed.
* Any other tasks, as needed.

## Essential Minimum Qualifications and Professional Experience Required

The ideal candidate will:

* Have a university degree (BA) in Statistics, Demography, Public Policy, Social Science or any other related field
* Demonstrated interest and understanding of official statistics and operational data, including different data sources (surveys, administrative data and census)
* Previous exposure to data management tools, information sharing platforms and data visualization tools is an asset
* Advanced knowledge of MS Office suite, especially Excel. Knowledge of statistical and data programming languages such as R, MySQL or Python is desirable.
* Initiative, sound judgment and demonstrated ability to work harmoniously with staff members from different national and cultural backgrounds
* Fluency in English language, knowledge of another UN language is an asset.

## Eligibility

In order to be considered for an internship, candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria:

* Be a recent graduate (completed studies within one year at application date) **or** current student in a graduate/undergraduate school programme from a university or higher education facility accredited by UNESCO.
* Have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies in a field relevant or of interest to work of the organization.
* An individual whose father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister is a staff member of UNHCR, including a Temporary Appointment holder or a member of the Affiliate Workforce, is not eligible for an internship.

## Location and Conditions

The successful candidate will be based with the team in the UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark. The internship is expected to start in April 2021 and is a six-month full-time position with 40 working hours per week, from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Depending on the COVID-19 related circumstances, there is a possibility the successful candidate will perform certain duties remotely and/or from at home.

Obtaining and renewing current visas and residence permits including all associated costs, are the responsibility of the intern. Please note that the terms of internship, as defined by UNHCR practice, include the payment of a Food and Local Transportation Allowance (FLTA). In case the intern is sponsored by another source during the internship this will be deducted from the FLTA.

## To Apply

Interested candidates should apply online through the [MSRP Portal](https://public.msrp.unhcr.org/psc/RAHRPRDX/EMPLOYEE/HR/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SCHJOB.GBL?FOCUS=Applicant&SiteID=2&%23_ga=2.78000215.2118901939.1612719035-1671128879.1608035396%20%20) with a Letter of Interest

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Please note that UNHCR does not charge a fee at any stage of its recruitment process (application, interview, meeting, travelling, processing, training or any other fees).

For any technical problems encountered during the on-line application, please contact the

Global Service Desk at HQUSSD@unhcr.org by allowing sufficient time for the resolution of issue.

**The deadline for applications is midnight 17 March 2021 (CET, Central European Time).**