Post-assignment Report UNV-Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme

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As I reflect on my assignment as a UN Volunteer at UNICEF Tajikistan, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to cultivate new competencies and collaborate across diverse sections that have significantly enriched my life experience.

During my assignment at the UNICEF Tajikistan Country Office, I undertook responsibilities that included supporting both new and ongoing initiatives related to climate and environmental concerns, as well as disaster risk reduction activities. This encompassed the development of the Children's Climate Risk Index - Disaster Risk Model (CCRI-DRM), facilitating youth engagement in climate change and disaster risk reduction efforts, and providing task-based assistance to the CEED Unit.

This experience was undoubtedly eye-opening and invaluable in terms of my personal and professional development. By supporting the implementation of CCRI-DRM, I gain insights into the climate risk and child vulnerability within the country. My interactions with the youth group impressed me with their extensive understanding and their eagerness to enhance their knowledge through active participation in CEED-related initiatives. Moreover, it was a meaningful experience working under the UN system as I assisted the team in their daily operations. These experiences have strengthened my abilities in cross-functional collaboration within the UN system. Furthermore, these tasks provided me a unique opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in a practical context by engaging in multiple projects.

Looking back on my journey, I am appreciative of the many individuals who generously extended their support to me throughout my time in the office. Collaborating with experienced professionals who are always willing to share their knowledge and offer constructive feedback has allowed me to observe and learn from their expertise. This collaborative spirit has inspired me to pursue excellence and has instilled in me a deeper appreciation for the collective effort required to achieve the shared goals.

In conclusion, this volunteer internship has bestowed upon me with practical experience that complements my academic training at the university. My 6-month journey at UNICEF Tajikistan has been a fruitful one as I have had the opportunities for learning, growth, and meaningful connections with talented individuals in the field.