

Junior Professional Officer Program with the United Nations


USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) sponsors and supports the United Nations (UN) Junior Professional Officer (JPO) program. The initiative gives skilled, young American professionals the opportunity to gain hands-on experience at UN organizations with a focus on humanitarian assistance. Support for this highly competitive program contributes to:

- Advancing American representation in relevant UN organizations
- Encouraging U.S. citizens to become active members of the international community
- Contributing to the work of key UN partners in areas of strategic interest, both geographic and thematic
- Demonstrating BHA's commitment to serving those in need
- Providing opportunities for young skilled professionals to make a difference overseas

BHA's Office of Global Policy, Partnerships, Programs and Communications (G3PC) spearheads the JPO program and is actively engaged in the recruitment process with UN partner agencies, helping to select the highest caliber junior professionals with appropriate skillsets and supporting them during and post-assignment. Upon completion of their rotation, many USAID-sponsored JPOs are competitive for and successfully obtain positions with the UN or other international organizations.

Since 2009, USAID—through the legacy Offices of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and Food for Peace, and now through BHA—has sponsored a total of 55 American JPOs across five UN agencies: the UN World Food Program (WFP), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).

SNAPSHOT: BHA-sponsored JPOs

UN Agency	USAID Program Commenced	Number of JPOs
 WFP	2009	20
 OCHA	2016	16
 UNICEF	2018	10
 UNDRR	2018	5
 FAO	2020	4

BHA-sponsored JPOs: Where They Serve Now

