



Advocacy Officer

Job Title	Advocacy Officer
Report to	Advocacy Director
Start Date	April 2022
Contract Duration	Yearly contract (subject to three-month probation)
Salary and Benefits	Based on experience and compatible with local rate
Application Deadline	31 March 2022

Overview of Progressive Voice

Progressive Voice (PV) is a cooperative, collaborative, and participatory rights-based policy research and advocacy organization rooted in civil society, maintaining strong networks and relationships with grassroots organizations and community-based organizations throughout Myanmar. It acts as a bridge to the international community and international policymakers by amplifying voices from the ground, and advocates for a rights-based policy narrative.

Job Purpose

PV is seeking a principled and committed human rights professional for the position of an Advocacy Officer. The Advocacy Officer will report to and work under the supervision of the Advocacy Director in devising advocacy priorities and strategies, identifying advocacy opportunities and undertaking lobbying and advocacy directed at influencing key domestic, regional and international stakeholders. The Advocacy Officer will offer inputs on project implementation, work to maintain and develop new networks, liaise with media, carry out policy analysis and write position statements and other written materials for the organization. Together with the Executive Director and the Advocacy Director, the Advocacy Officer will play an active role in representing the organization at events, private briefings and media opportunities. The position requires working closely with the local Advocacy Officer. Ability to work with a small, diverse, committed, active and fast-paced team is a must. The candidate must have a strong commitment to, and understanding of, human rights issues and ability to demonstrate sensitivity in working with vulnerable, marginalized and disenfranchised communities. Experience with international advocacy related to the UN or knowledge of international legal frameworks will be beneficial in this role.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Devise advocacy priorities and strategies, identifying advocacy opportunities, and undertake lobbying and advocacy directed at influencing key domestic, regional and international stakeholders including local actors, governments, INGOs and UN human rights bodies and experts;
- Monitor and analyze key developments in relation to human rights in Myanmar and publish timely commentaries on such developments;
- Monitor and analyze key international developments in relation to Myanmar, in particular regarding ASEAN and UN, and identify advocacy opportunities and undertake advocacy efforts
- Support engagement with UN mechanisms;
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with key partners and interlocutors, including civil society organizations, governments, UN human rights bodies and experts and those working in media such as journalists;
- Actively participate and represent the organization in network meetings and other public events;
- Draft media advisories, statements, press releases, opinion pieces and other communication materials in coordination with the Media and Communications Officer;
- Work with the Media and Communications Officer to identify opportunities to digitally amplify advocacy materials and ensure consistent messaging of PV's output;
- Draft briefing notes, talking points, reports, documents and other written materials and contribute to the writing, editing and publishing of PV's weekly commentary ("Weekly Highlights");
- Assist the Research Department in undertaking desk and field research in addition to analyzing the data collected;
- Undertaking administrative and logistical tasks that are necessary for effective advocacy and the operation of PV;
- Support the evaluation of the results and impact of advocacy activities;
- Provide regular reporting to the Advocacy Director with updates regarding the implementation of activities and other information as requested; and
- Other tasks as assigned.

Person Specification

<i>Essential</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commitment to the approach and values of PV;• Minimum 3 years' experience working in the field of law, journalism, human rights, humanitarianism, or development – must include work with local organizations;• Excellent speaking, writing and analytical skills in English;• Understanding of UN mechanisms and/or international human rights and humanitarian laws;• Strong commitment to, and understanding of, human rights issues in Myanmar and ability to demonstrate sensitivity in working with vulnerable, marginalized and disenfranchised communities;• Ability to work independently and as part of a team with people from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, gender and political views;• Ability to work effectively under pressure and meet deadlines on activities that are time-sensitive;• Ability to demonstrate flexibility and cooperation in working with the team and local partners;• Excellent interpersonal skills; and• Excellent attention to detail.

Desirable

- Bachelor’s Degree in law, human rights, political science or other relevant fields;
- Proficiency in Burmese or one of the ethnic languages from Myanmar would be an advantage;
- Keen understanding of local and international dynamics and sensitivities; and
- Experience engaging with UN bodies and mechanisms.

Application Procedure

Overview

Interested candidates are requested to submit a cover letter, CV, and two contact details of references in English. Only complete applications will be reviewed. We will not be able to notify all applicants unless they are chosen for an interview. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit a writing sample. Please email your application to: info@progressive-voice.org with the subject heading “Application: Advocacy Officer.” Deadline for application is 31 March 2022. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.