

Job description

REACH ASSESSMENT OFFICER IN SOUTH SUDAN – HARD TO REACH AREAS

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BACKGROUND ON IMPACT AND REACH

REACH was born in 2010 as a joint initiative of two International NGOs ([IMPACT Initiatives](#) and [ACTED](#)) and the United Nations Operational Satellite Applications Programme ([UNOSAT](#)). REACH's **purpose** is to promote and facilitate the development of information products that enhance the humanitarian community's decision making and planning capacity for emergency, reconstruction and development contexts. REACH facilitates information management for aid actors through three complementary services: (a) need and situation assessments facilitated by REACH teams; (b) situation analysis using satellite imagery; (c) provision of related database and (web)-mapping facilities and expertise.

IMPACT Initiatives is a humanitarian NGO, based in Geneva, Switzerland. The organisation manages several initiatives, including the REACH Initiative. The IMPACT team comprises specialists in data collection, management and analysis and GIS. IMPACT was launched at the initiative of ACTED, an international NGO whose headquarter is based in Paris and is present in thirty countries. The two organizations have a strong complementarity formalized in a global partnership, enabling IMPACT to benefit from ACTED's operational support on its fields of intervention.

We are currently looking for a REACH Assessment Officer to support our REACH team in South Sudan.

Department: REACH
Position: REACH Assessment Officer
Contract duration: 6 months
Location: Multiple, South Sudan
Starting Date: January 2019

COUNTRY PROFILE

IMPACT, through its own activities, or through REACH, has been implementing programming in South Sudan since 2012. Responding to the Sudan Border Crisis, REACH initially engaged through coordinated information management support – in the form of refugee camp mapping and service provision analyses, thematic assessments, and multi-sectorial needs assessments – in Maban County, Upper Nile State and Pariang County, Unity State. IMPACT was engaged by DFID to provide a series of impact evaluations of their BRACE programming across Greater Bahr el Ghazal and Upper Nile States in 2013; a programme with run for two years, included 5 total assessments, and touched a total of more than 20,000 households. Immediately following the conflict of December 2013, REACH expanded its programming to include the IDP response, participating in Initial Rapid Needs Assessments of conflict affected areas, providing mapping and monthly

service provision analyses for major IDP sites around the country, and running large-scale IDP return intentions assessments.

In the coming year, IMPACT and REACH programming will focus on integrating ongoing assessments into a common data stream, expanding the geographic scale of activities, connecting information streams to surrounding countries that are impacted by events in South Sudan, and continuing to adopt a beneficiary-centric approach to data collection that puts that needs of affected populations, and the return of information to them, at the centre of our work.

POSITION PROFILE

REACH is seeking to fill numerous assessment positions in South Sudan related to its Assessment of Hard to REACH Areas. There are currently vacancies, or potential openings in bases across the country. These positions all bring with them the potential for extended periods of deployment to field and deep-field locations which require a considerable amount of independence. All positions also have the potential to be tasked with supporting mission expansion in neighbouring countries, or short to mid-term surge support for sudden onset disasters globally.

FUNCTIONS

Under the supervision of the REACH country coordinator and IMPACT HQ in Geneva, the REACH Assessment Officer is responsible for the management and implementation of all REACH assessments in country, including preparation, implementation and follow-up. He/she will also be responsible for related logistics, partner coordination, reporting and finance requirements and will be required to provide input to the strategic development of REACH in country and region, if relevant.

Summary

The REACH Assessment Officer shall be responsible for:

- In coordination with REACH country coordinator and senior assessment officer design and implement REACH assessment strategy and methodology;
- Management of REACH assessment field staff to ensure a smooth and timely implementation of activities;
- Ensuring that assessment strategies are implemented in a structured and coherent manner in line with project and strategic objectives;
- Coordinate and ensure timely data collection, analysis and, in partnership with GIS team, mapping of datasets, ensure that all collected data are geo-referenced;
- Works closely with GIS team in country.
- Ensure the writing of timely and accurate assessment reports and factsheets;
- Keep track of all projects and programmes assessment schedules and work with field staff to design and implement REACH assessment procedures;
- Supporting the development/revision of assessment / programme strategies, reports or new proposals;
- In coordination with REACH country coordinator and senior assessment officer external representation of REACH with Donors, Partners and the wider Aid Community through clusters and sectoral working groups;

1. REACH ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

- Objective 2.1: Management of assessments process

Under the supervision of the REACH senior assessment officer, the REACH Assessment Officer is responsible for designing the methodology and tools associated with each assessment, according to REACH requirements and principles. He/she will manage the planning, implementation, and follow-up of all REACH and projects specific assessment activities conducted in country. In operations in which REACH is a project component of a wider ACTED intervention, the REACH Assessment Officer is required to contribute to the preparation and follow up of the Project Management Framework and ensure that activities are properly coordinated and implemented as per the Project Cycle Management.

The REACH Assessment Officer shall manage logistics, financial, administration and HR processes directly related to REACH and liaise accordingly with the relevant ACTED counterpart. He/she is directly responsible for the implementation of proper ACTED FLAT procedures in all REACH interventions.

- Objective 2.2: Implementation

Under the supervision of the Senior assessment officer and Senior GIS officer, the REACH Assessment Officer is responsible for contributing to the implementation of assessment projects, providing support to the development of assessment, database and GIS tools with the REACH team. This will specifically include, with the GIS team, designing of data collection tools (household surveys, focus groups, and more); development or review of databases; contributing to GIS data collection procedures and mapping thereof through ARC GIS and other ESRI products in particular; and analysis of spatial and other information to contribute to reports and the like.

- Objective 2.3: Coordination

When requested by the REACH country coordinator and REACH senior assessment officer, the REACH Assessment Officer shall provide technical support to the relevant ACTED department in terms of the preparation of new project proposals, development of programme strategies, implementation of project activities, and any other required REACH input to ACTED projects for added-value.

When requested by the REACH country coordinator and REACH senior assessment officer, The REACH Assessment Officer is responsible for the timely and accurate preparation of narrative and financial reports related to REACH activities in country through close liaison with the Project Development and Finance departments.

The REACH Assessment Officer shall liaise with other REACH Officers in the region and throughout IMPACT Initiatives' and ACTED's networks to provide and receive support in the expansion of REACH globally.

2. REACH REPORTING

The REACH Assessment Officer is responsible for consolidating all analyses and conclusions from each assessment into REACH products such as factsheets, reports and briefs using standard formats. He/she will liaise with the Senior assessment officer and senior GIS officer in order to represent data in interactive web map or static map format, as relevant.

The REACH Assessment Officer is responsible for following the designated timeline of reports to be submitted to project partners and donors. He/she must ensure the writing of timely and accurate assessment reports and factsheets, ensuring the quality and accuracy of technical information provided as well as the confidentiality and protection of collected information. He/she will ensure that assessment reports contribute to aid coordination and planning and add to the general base of field knowledge in the country for all organisations working in the areas.

When requested by the Senior assessment officer, he/she will also manage the drafting of narrative reports and contribute to the development of financial reports through regular budgetary follow-up.

The REACH Assessment Officer will also store, organize and disseminate assessments, project documents and best practices among REACH. He/she will coordinate timely and accurate reporting to IMPACT Headquarter.

3. REACH HR MANAGEMENT

Staff Management

Under the direct line management of the REACH senior assessment officer, the REACH Assessment Officer is responsible for day-to-day management of project and field staff both directly and remotely. He/she is expected to guide and direct REACH staff and prepare and follow up workplans with each staff member that directly reports to him/her. The REACH Assessment Officer will be required to take the lead in the recruitment of REACH field assessment staff in coordination with the ACTED HR Officer. This will include the preparation of ToRs, observation of recruitment procedures by planning recruitment needs in advance, and undertake interviews.

The REACH Assessment Officer will ensure that all field teams are comprehensively briefed on the objective, expected outputs and that the overall implementation strategy of any given activity is clearly understood. He/she will ensure that project/field staff are given training and complete all the necessary documentation in line with program requirements set by REACH.

4. REPRESENTATION

In close coordination with the REACH country coordinator and REACH senior assessment officer, representation of REACH in cluster and multi-sector meetings/ technical working groups in country and follow up on technical issues identified in cluster meetings in other parts of the country. This specifically will include liaising with external partners to identify potential for data sets to be integrated into existing databases and mapped to support the coordination of the broader humanitarian community.

More generally, the REACH Assessment Officer is expected to contribute to the creation of a positive image and overall credibility of the organisation, notably through the application of REACH's vision, ethics, values and stand-point with regard to other actors.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO COMMUNITIES AND BENEFICIARIES

The staff member is responsible for ensuring that all relations with the communities we work are conducted in a respectful and consultative manner. Due attention must be paid to ensuring that communities are adequately consulted and informed about REACH programme objectives, activities, beneficiary selection criteria, and methodologies. This is the responsibility of every REACH staff member.

REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ A good sense of humour about bugs and bucket showers required;
- ❖ Excellent academic qualifications, including a Master degree in relevant discipline;
- ❖ Excellent analytical skills;
- ❖ At least 1.5 years of relevant working experience in humanitarian settings;
- ❖ Excellent communication and drafting skills for effective reporting;
- ❖ Excellent team management skills;
- ❖ Ability to operate in a cross-cultural environment requiring flexibility;
- ❖ Familiarity with the aid system, and understanding of donor and governmental requirements;
- ❖ Prior knowledge of the region an asset
- ❖ Fluency in English required; professional fluency in French and/or Arabic an asset
- ❖ Ability to operation Microsoft Word, Excel and Project Management Software
- ❖ Ability to operate SPSS, related statistical programming, or GIS an asset
- ❖ Ability to work independently

CONDITIONS

- Salary defined by the IMPACT salary grid; educational level, expertise, hardship, security, and performance are considered for pay bonus
- Additional monthly living allowance
- Free food and lodging provided at the organisation's guesthouse/or housing allowance (depending on contract length and country of assignment)
- Transportation costs covered, including additional return ticket + luggage allowance
- Provision of medical, life, and repatriation insurance + retirement package

HOW TO APPLY

Please send, in English, your cover letter, CV, and three references to jobs@impact-initiatives.org

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Deadline: Immediately

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