Job Description

REACH ASSESSMENT OFFICER FOR YEMEN (AMMAN BASED)
(Reference: 19/YEM/AOSEC03)

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 Yemen team.

Department: REACH

Position: Assessment Officer

Contract duration: 6 months

Location: Amman, Jordan

Starting Date: ASAP

COUNTRY PROFILE

The Yemeni political crisis deteriorated after the resignation of the previous president of Yemen, Ali Abdallah Saleh, in 2012 following growing opposition to his 3-decade long rule. The power vacuum that emerged under his successor, Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi, and growing disputes between tribal leadership eventually led to an insurgent capture of Sana'a and key areas of the Eastern/ Northern parts of Yemen in 2014/2015 by the Shia Ansar Allah (Houthi) movement. President Hadi and key government members resigned in early 2015 in response, the Houthi dissolved parliament and instated the revolutionary committee. The new Houthi government is not internationally recognized, while controlling large sections of the country. The government in exile remains based in Aden in the south, amid renewed calls for southern independence, and retains the recognition of most international governments. Since March 2015, a Saudi-led coalition has been supporting Yemeni government forces in their efforts to retake territory from Ansar Allah. The highly volatile security situation and political instability which has been affecting Yemen has caused over the two past years large

waves of internal displacement and migration toward other countries. Armed conflict has spread rapidly, with devastating consequences for civilians.

The humanitarian situation in Yemen is one of the most severe in the world, with 11.3 million people – or 40% of the population – in need of humanitarian assistance. The direct effects of the conflict – from airstrikes, to sieges of population centers, to the extensive use of mines – continue to have severe effects on the population. Other aspects of the conflict – especially blockades, the deterioration of basic service infrastructure, and the depreciation of the Yemeni riyal – also have enormous impact on Yemenis. Approximately 15.9 million people in Yemen are facing severe acute food insecurity, not necessarily because food is unavailable, but because they cannot afford to purchase it. Since 2016, Yemen has witnessed up to 1.2 million suspected cases of cholera, with outbreaks exacerbated by crumbling WASH infrastructure. The Yemeni currency has seen an extreme level of volatility, decreasing in value against the dollar by 238% between the beginning of the crisis in late 2015 and October 2018. The loss of livelihoods, when combined with the depreciation of the currency, has made the purchase of basic everyday necessities difficult for most Yemenis.

REACH supported the humanitarian response to the Yemen crisis since October 2016, working extensively with the Shelter/CCCM/NFI Cluster, the WASH Cluster, the Cash and Markets Working Group (CMWG), and the Assessment and Monitoring Working Group (AMWG). The REACH team – based remotely in Amman – provides systemic assessment and IM support to the response through indicator review, tool design, coordination of data collection exercises, data analysis, output production, and IM platform design. Given the challenging context in Yemen, REACH is constantly working to find new and innovative ways to effectively inform the humanitarian response.

POSITION PROFILE

REACH Yemen is seeking a Assessment Officer (AO) to provide support to the sectoral portfolios (to include WASH/Shelter/CCCM/Health). In this role, the AO will be directly tasked by the responsible Assessment Officer(s) (AO) with providing support to partner Clusters on matters related to assessments, monitoring, and general IM. Tasks will include secondary desk review, indicator review, tool development, design of trainings, data analysis, data cleaning, output production, and IM platform design (as relevant). This support will be provided for several assessments and monitoring exercises, based on the needs of the Clusters, as determined through close collaboration with REACH.

FUNCTIONS

Objective 1: Research Design

Under the supervision of the REACH AO(s), and in collaboration with the REACH Technical Unit (TU) (in-country), the Data and Research Units in IMPACT HQ (Geneva), and partner Clusters, the AO will be responsible for ensuring that the Research Design for each project is comprehensive, and follows the best practices as defined by the global standards of REACH and IMPACT.

Objective 2: Implementation

Under the supervision of the REACH AO(s), and in collaboration with the REACH TU, the IMPACT Data and Research Units, and partner Clusters, the AO will be responsible for supporting the implementation of all operational stages of the relevant data collection exercises, including tool and methodology design, data cleaning, and data analysis.

Objective 3: Output Production

Under the supervision of the REACH AO(s), and in collaboration with the IMPACT Data and Reporting Units and partner Clusters, the AO will be responsible for supporting the production of all relevant outputs related to the aforementioned data collection exercises. These outputs may include cleaned datasets, factsheets, situation overviews, reports, and online dashboards.

REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Excellent academic qualifications, including a master's degree in relevant discipline (international studies, development, humanitarian response, monitoring and evaluation, public health etc.);
- ❖ Written and spoken fluency in English;
- ❖ At least 1 year of relevant working experience in humanitarian settings;
- ❖ Excellent analytical skills – ability to situate findings within a wider context;
- ❖ Excellent communication and drafting skills for effective reporting;
- ❖ Proven knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite, to include Word, Excel, and PowerPoint;
- ❖ Ability to operate in a cross-cultural environment requiring flexibility;
- ❖ Ability to work independently.

DESIRABLE

- ❖ A professional/academic background in public health;
- ❖ Previous work in the WASH, CCCM, or Health sectors;
- ❖ Knowledge of the humanitarian coordination structure.

CONDITIONS

- ❖ Salary defined by the IMPACT salary grid; educational level, expertise, hardship, security, and performance are considered for pay bonus
- ❖ Additional monthly living allowance provided in country by IMPACT's partner ACTED
- ❖ 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

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