

REACH ASSESSMENT INTERN - CASH & MARKETS YEMEN

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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 Intern to support our REACH Yemen team.

Department: REACH

Position: REACH Assessment Intern

Contract duration: 6 months

Location: Amman, Jordan

Starting Date: ASAP

COUNTRY PROFILE

The humanitarian situation in Yemen is one of the most severe in the world, with 14.3 million people – or 40% of the population – in acute need of humanitarian assistance. The direct effects of the conflict – from airstrikes, besiegement of population centers, to the extensive use of mines – continue to have severe effects on the population. The impact of the conflict, including blockades, the deterioration of basic services and infrastructure, and the depreciation of the Yemeni riyal also have enormous impact on Yemenis. Approximately 9.9 million people in Yemen are now 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 1.3 million suspected cases of cholera, with outbreaks exacerbated by crumbling WASH infrastructure. The loss of livelihoods, when combined with the depreciation and general volatility of the Yemeni currency, has made the purchase of basic everyday necessities difficult for most Yemenis.

REACH has supported the humanitarian response to the Yemen crisis since October 2016, working extensively with the Shelter/NFI Cluster, the CCCM Cluster, the WASH Cluster, and the Cash and Markets





Working Group (CMWG). The REACH team – based remotely in Amman – provides systemic assessment and IM support to the response through regular humanitarian monitoring systems, 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 an Assessment Intern (AI) to provide support to the Cash & Markets Unit. In this role, the AI will be responsible for supporting ongoing monthly Market Monitoring, the REACH/CALP Cash Feasibility Study, and Joint Rapid Assessment of Markets (JRAM). The AI will work closely with the REACH Cash & Markets Assessment Officer (AO) and will help to coordinate with Cash and Market Working Group (CMWG), donor organisations, and other relevant sectoral actors on matters related to evolving information needs and REACH assessments. Tasks will include supporting with the maintenance and updating of the current market assessments, technical tool development, coordination of data collection, data analysis, output production, and drafting of key findings and messages.

FUNCTIONS

Objective 1: Research Design

Under the supervision of the Cash & Markets Assessment Officer and in consultation with CMWG coordinators, CMWG partners, and the Data and Research Units in IMPACT HQ, the AI will support in maintaining and updating the design of monthly Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI), ongoing Cash Feasibility Study, and JRAM research cycles, to ensure they follow best practice as defined by the global standards of REACH and IMPACT, and closely fit the most up-to-date information needs of relevant working groups and clusters.

Objective 2: Implementation

Under the supervision of the Cash & Markets Assessment Officer, and in collaboration with CMWG coordinators and the IMPACT Data Unit, the AI will support the implementation of all operational stages for the monthly JMMI, Cash Feasibility Study, and JRAM research cycles. This includes the relevant data collection exercises, methodology and indicator design, the maintenance and revision of KoBo other technical tools, assisting in the coordination of data collection through REACH partners, and contributing to data cleaning and data analysis.

Objective 3: Output Production

Under the supervision of the Cash & Markets Assessment Officer, and in collaboration with CMWG coordinators and the IMPACT Reporting Unit, the AI will be responsible for supporting the production all relevant outputs related to the JMMI, Cash Feasibility Study, JRAM, and other relevant Cash & Markets outputs. These outputs may include cleaned excel datasets, InDesign situation overviews, extensive written narrative and analytical reports, and online dashboards.

Objective 4: Coordination and External Engagement

Under the supervision of the Cash & Markets Assessment Officer, the Al will support in the coordination with CMWG coordinators, CMWG partners, and other appropriate stakeholders throughout all stages of research





cycles. The AI will also support in all related external engagement, including assisting in the development of key REACH strategic partnerships in the Cash & Markets response.

Objective 5: Ad-Hoc Analysis and Information Requests

Under the supervision of the Cash & Markets Assessment Officer and in collaboration with other members of the Cash & Markets Unit or other REACH Yemen units, the AI may be asked to carry out ad-hoc analysis of existing data at the request of cluster or working group partners. This may include more targeted analysis of JMMI or JRAM data, or supporting in targeted or trends analysis of data from other related projects.

Objective 6: Inter-sectoral Support

Under the supervision of the REACH Yemen Research Manager and in collaboration with the inter-sectoral assessment officer and sectoral assessment officers, the AI will be responsible for supporting inter-sectoral initiatives including data extraction, analysis and contextualisation. The AI may also be required to support sectoral assessment officers in elements of their ongoing research.

REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent academic qualifications, including a degree in relevant discipline;
- Excellent analytical skills; skills in Excel, SPSS, R or other statistical packages or scripting languages;
- Experience in data processing and/or analysis;
- Excellent communication and drafting skills for effective reporting;
- Demonstrably curious nature with proven problem solving skills;
- Good organizational, communication and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to operate in a cross-cultural environment requiring flexibility;
- Fluency in English required

DESIRABLE

- Experience with automating data processing and analysis (R or Python preferred)
- Experience in designing and programming in XLSFORM (KoBo, ODK, etc)
- Experience in conducting remote research in a humanitarian context
- Prior knowledge of Yemen context
- Working knowledge in Arabic

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

