

REACH RESEARCH INTERN

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW IN SYRIA (HSOS)

(Reference: 21/SYR/RI)

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 Research Intern to support our team in Syria.

Department: REACH
Position: Research Intern
Contract duration: 6 months
Location: Amman, Jordan
Starting Date: ASAP

COUNTRY PROFILE

Into its tenth year of conflict, conditions in Syria remain highly volatile and marked by intense violence and limited humanitarian access. The scale, complexity, and severity of humanitarian needs in Syria emphasizes the necessity for up to date, timely, and accurate information. Evidence-based planning and programming remains paramount to ensure that the response adequately meets the needs of the most vulnerable people and is tailored to different realities across communities and over time. However, informing operational and strategic planning remains highly challenging, as accessibility and security issues impede systematic data collection. A lack of predictable and consistent data undermines the ability of humanitarian actors to review their approach in light of the dynamic context. REACH has been conducting assessments on the humanitarian situation in Syria since 2013 and has over the years grown significantly both in size and in influence as an actor in the Syria response. REACH works in opposition-controlled parts of Syria and coordinates closely

with OCHA, nearly all clusters, key working groups (IM and technical) within the Syria coordination system, and various NGO fora in order to identify, address, and raise awareness of key information gaps, as well as to uphold the quality of data used to inform the response

POSITION PROFILE

REACH Syria is currently seeking a fresh graduate with a background in research and analysis to support the REACH Humanitarian Situation Overview in Syria (HSOS) team. HSOS is a monthly assessment that provides comprehensive, multi-sectoral information about the humanitarian conditions and priority needs inside Syria. Under the line management of the HSOS team lead, the research intern is responsible for the production of analytical briefing notes that aim to inform the humanitarian response about crisis developments. The analysis in the briefing notes will be sourced from both existing REACH data and secondary data. At minimum, an interest in the Syrian crisis as well as strong qualitative and quantitative analysis, and English writing skills are required for this position.

In his/her mission, the REACH Research Intern will be hosted by ACTED and will fall under the responsibility of ACTED's Country Director and his/her delegates. S/he and will fully abide to ACTED's Security, HR, Administration and Logistics rules and regulations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Research Intern is responsible for:

- **Research design:** Support team lead with identifying crises and information gaps, and designing research to inform the production of analytical briefing notes;
- **Data collection:** Gather quantitative and qualitative information on crisis developments, conduct desk research, revise information from REACH products, and coordinate with response actors and field staff to obtain relevant information to feed into the briefing notes;
- **Data analysis:** Analyse crisis information and trends, design analytical maps in close collaboration with the GIS officer, and draft briefing note outputs;
- **Output production:** Design and populate briefing note templates, follow up on output validation, and ensure timely production and dissemination of briefing note outputs;
- Other tasks falling within his/her functions as requested by supervisors.

The Research Intern will maintain the strictest confidentiality on all data collected and related processes, ensuring full compliance with IMPACT's data protection policy and SOPs. He/she will actively take measures to prevent the unauthorized sharing of any information and data belonging to IMPACT and its partners, or collected during his/her assignment with IMPACT.

REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent academic qualifications, including a bachelor's degree in relevant discipline (Sociology, Political science, International Relations, Anthropology etc.);
- No more than 1 year of working experience after graduation;
- Excellent analytical skills, including the ability to identify outliers and key trends, and to situate findings in a wider context;
- Excellent English drafting skills (native level);
- Interest in the Syrian context;
- Good coordination and communication skills;
- Ability to work independently and in an organised manner;
- Good attention to detail, and commitment to producing high quality work;
- Flexibility and adaptability to ever-changing needs and responsibilities;
- Ability to multitask with tight deadlines.

CONDITIONS

- 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