

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST

(REFERENCE: 21/HQ/AS01)

BACKGROUND ON IMPACT AND REACH

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, GIS and remote-sensing. 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, which allows particularly IMPACT to benefit from ACTED's operational support on its fields of intervention.

REACH was born in 2010 as a joint initiative of two International NGOs ([IMPACT Initiatives](#) and [ACTED](#)) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) 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, supporting and working within the framework of the humanitarian reform process. 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.

ACTED is a French humanitarian NGO, founded in 1993, which supports vulnerable populations, affected by humanitarian crises worldwide. ACTED provides continued support to vulnerable communities by ensuring the sustainability of post-crisis interventions and engaging long-term challenges facing our target populations, in order to break the poverty cycle, foster development and reduce vulnerability to disasters. Their interventions seek to cover the multiple aspects of humanitarian and development crises through a multidisciplinary approach which is both global and local, and adapted to each context. Their 3,300 staff is committed in to responding to emergencies worldwide, to supporting recovery and rehabilitation, towards sustainable development.

We are currently looking for a global Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) Assessment Specialist

Department: IMPACT
Position: Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment Specialist
Contract duration: Open-ended
Starting Date: ASAP
Location: Geneva, Switzerland, with up to 60% of missions

POSITION PROFILE

FUNCTIONS

Under the supervision of the REACH Senior Manager, the Food Security and Livelihoods Specialist is responsible for improving technical capacity of REACH country missions in food security and livelihoods assessments, analysis and engagement, in coordination with HQ Research Department units, the REACH Global Director, and country missions. Through in-country support missions and remote support, the Food Security and Livelihoods specialist will support in improving quality of programmes related to food security - across REACH country missions, work with REACH country focal points on work plans and solutions to identified issues, and design and implement guidelines and tools that address these same issues. The FSL Specialist will also be responsible for increasing REACH's technical capacity in food security analysis both in country and globally through internal capacity building, increased engagement with technical stakeholders at the country and global level, and in coordination with REACH Senior Manager, to seek opportunities for joint projects with key stakeholders.

OBJECTIVES

1. Improve quality of REACH in-country food security tools, assessments, analysis and engagement

- a. In close collaboration with research department, support the design/analysis of FSL survey modules to ensure they comply with standard global practices and feed into key analytical processes for food security analysis – IPC/CH/FSIN.
- b. Support country teams in analysis of areas at risk of severe levels of acute food insecurity – either remotely or in-country
- c. In close collaboration with research department, develop new modules for analysing data from hard to reach locations – both qualitatively and quantitatively to ensure regular monitoring of at-risk countries
- d. Create guidance documents on best practices of food security analysis to ensure standard analysis of household level data food security and livelihoods data
- e. As necessary, support country teams in designing and drafting concept notes/research cycles related to food security and livelihoods

2. Increase REACH engagement with IPC/CH – in-country and globally

- a. Increase number of REACH staff IPC certified
- b. Participation at IPCs in areas of concern – including capacity building of acute food security analysis of in-country staff
- c. In close collaboration with REACH Senior Manager, identify key countries to improve/increase REACH's engagement with the IPC/CH– including ensuring REACH staff and products are a key source of information for filling information gaps
- d. In close collaboration with REACH Senior Manager, increase global engagement with IPC GSU - including providing support to IPCs, requesting feedback from GSU on REACH data and engagement at in-country IPCs

3. Engagement with Global Food Security Cluster (gFSC)

In close collaboration with REACH Sectors Unit Manager, continue and build engagement with the global food security cluster – including:

- a. Co-Chairing of Programme Quality Working Group (PQWG), including supporting related PQWG workstreams
- b. Attending bi-annual gFSC Global Partners Meetings
- c. Attending relevant cluster and task force meetings
- d. Identify opportunities for REACH to support within the gFSC strategic plan

4. Increased global engagement with key technical stakeholders

- a. In close collaboration with REACH Senior Manager, identifying key working groups, agencies and institutions to proactively seek increased engagement with – through formal partnerships, joint research projects and/or data sharing.

5. Support to REACH FSL Community of Practice

- a. Chair monthly Community of Practice meetings – including setting topics, relevant preparation, and identifying presenters
- b. Develop and coordinate capacity building series – either through external or internal trainers. Establish key learning objectives and milestones
- c. Maintain and update FSL CoP toolkit – online information management system with relevant guidance, assessment tools, templates and examples.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Support REACH country teams on FSL analysis
 - # of times remote support is provided for tool design, assessment or analysis
 - # of times in-country support is provided for tool design, assessment or analysis
 - 100% assurance that core food security outcome indicators follow global standards for implementation and analysis
- Increased engagement with IPC
 - # of times support is provided to REACH country teams on IPC engagement
 - # IPC workshops participated in
 - # times FSL data from a REACH assessment is used in IPC workshops
 - # of feedback received from IPC GSU on REACH technical engagement at IPC workshops
- Increased engagement with technical stakeholders
 - # of FSL concept notes developed and submitted
 - # of times FSL data and/or assessments are shared with global technical agencies and partners
- Increasing REACH's technical capacity for food security analysis
 - # of REACH staff trained in food security analysis
 - # of internal guidance documents produced

- # of REACH staff IPC certified

REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent academic qualifications, including a Master degree in relevant discipline;
- Excellent analytical skills
- Minimum 3 years (5 preferred) of experience in assessment, information management, monitoring and evaluation, related to FSL
- Excellent communication and drafting skills for effective reporting;
- Excellent team management skills
- Ability to implement multi-sectoral assessments, both qualitative and quantitative.
- Ability to operate in a cross-cultural environment requiring flexibility
- Familiarity with the aid system, and understanding of donor and governmental requirements;
- Familiarity with early warning systems
- Familiarity with the IPC – level 1 certification an asset
- Prior knowledge of the region an asset
- Fluency in English required
- Ability to operation Microsoft Word, Excel and Project Management Software;
- Ability to operate SPSS, related statistical programming required
- Ability to operate R is an asset
- Ability to operate GIS is an asset
- High level of autonomy and willingness to spend time in deep field locations away from IMPACT/ ACTED support
- 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