

Senior Assessment Officer – Nigeria

Based in Abuja

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What is IMPACT Initiatives?

OUR AIM: IMPACT aims to shape practices and influence policies in humanitarian and development settings, in order to positively impact the lives of people and their communities.

Created in 2010, IMPACT is a Geneva-based NGO and the largest independent data provider in contexts of crisis. We aim to support a range of stakeholders in making better, more informed decisions in humanitarian, stabilisation, and development settings. We believe that a key pathway to better planning and decision-making is direct engagement

How do we work?

IMPACT takes an initiative-based approach to structuring our programming. Each initiative has a specific aim, operational model, and portfolio of solutions.

REACH strengthens evidence-based humanitarian decision-making through efficient data collection, management, and analysis - before, during, and after an emergency.

PANDA improves the impact of humanitarian and development interventions through programme design, assessments, and monitoring & evaluation.

AGORA promotes localised and multi-sectoral aid action in support of the recovery and stabilisation of crisis-affected communities, in partnership with local stakeholders

Through our global team of research specialists, on average IMPACT publishes more than 1,700 information products on a yearly basis.

In 2010, IMPACT was launched at the initiative of ACTED, an international NGO whose headquarters are based in Paris and is present in thirty countries. The two organizations have a strong complementarity formalized in a global partnership, which particularly allows IMPACT to benefit from ACTED's operational support in its fields of intervention.

We are currently looking for a Senior Assessment Officer to join our team in Nigeria.

Position	Senior Assessment Officer
Contract duration	12 months (pending funding confirmation)
Starting Date	1 May 2025
Location	Abuja, Nigeria (initial 2 to 3 months from Dakar, Senegal)
Deadline to apply	1 st April 2025

COUNTRY PROFILE

Nigeria is confronted by multiple security challenges. The Insurgency of The Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) and Jamā'at Ahl as-Sunnah lid-Da'wah wa'l-Jihād (JAS) – more popularly known as Boko Haram – has entered its twelfth year and has spawned a humanitarian crisis rendering sections of Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe state inaccessible, limiting affected population's access to basic infrastructure and services, and displacing millions. In the Northwest, banditry has emerged as a key challenge, becoming more sanguinary with every year. The high levels of crime and increased use of violence and kidnappings have led parents and authorities to pull millions of students out of school. The spotlight remains on the Northeast yet needs – both humanitarian and developmental – are rising in the Northwest, long-running discontent and militancy prevails in the Niger Delta, discontent is increasing between herders and farming communities spreading from the central belt southwards, and separatist Biafra agitations in the Igbo Southeast simmer on.

Against this backdrop, IMPACT Initiatives has developed a wide range of research cycles to provide an evidence-base for the humanitarian community. Historically, IMPACT Initiatives has been present in both the Northeast and Northwest of Nigeria. Thematically, across 2021 – 2023 IMPACT Initiatives fielded [Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessments](#) (MSNAs), [Hard to Reach](#) (H2R) assessments, [Area Based Assessments](#) (ABA), [Rapid Overviews of Areas of Return](#) (ROAR), [Thematic Assessments](#) (TA), [Rapid Assessments](#) (RA), and [WASH Infrastructure Mapping](#), while also playing a key role in Famine Monitoring, Nutrition and Food Security Surveillance, and the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI).

POSITION PROFILE

The position is recruited for the Third Party Monitoring (TPM) Project covering FCDOs Humanitarian and Resilience Programme (HARP) Facility. For this programme, IMPACT has entered into a consortium with FACT Foundation and while in Nigeria, staff shall be hosted by FACT.

Under the line management of the IMPACT Research Manager in Nigeria, the Senior Assessment Officer is directly responsible for the implementation of the research for the TPM Project. These includes but are not limited to the preparation, data collection, data analysis, drafting, and dissemination of the research that falls

under the purview of the TPM Project.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Assessment Officer's responsibilities will include:

Research Planning and Implementation

- **Prepare Terms of References** for research cycles related to the TPM Project and ensure its validation by HQ before the commencement of data collection.
- **Prepare and keep up-to-date Secondary Data Reviews** related to the TPM Project.
- For the research cycles, develop the research design, create data analysis plans, in conjunction with the data team, build tools (questionnaires), participate in data cleaning, and following validation of data by the data team, conduct data analyses and produce the relevant information products.
- Support the RM with **stakeholder engagement** both as part of the research design and as part of the dissemination.
- **Liase closely with the FACT Foundation team** and integrate the work of their assessment and data/GIS officers into the consortium's research workstreams.
- Ensure that the line manager and IMPACT HQ research department are alerted to any issues that prevents full implementation of the methodology agreed in the approved ToRs. Ensure that all changes to the methodology are documented throughout implementation, and that any change is formally validated by IMPACT HQ.
- **Ensure that data and its analysis are validated by IMPACT HQ** before product drafting stage.
- **Ensure that data and its analysis do not contain personal information and are validated** by IMPACT HQ before sharing to external parties.

Drafting of Research Products

- **Ensure the drafting of timely and accurate outputs** that consolidate the analyses from each research cycle into relevant products such as factsheets, reports, briefs, presentations, etc which comply with IMPACT's guidelines and quality standards.
- **Ensure that products accurately reflect the information collected** and that information is conveyed in a way that maximizes their impact in line with their intended use.
- Liaise with GIS colleagues to **ensure effective spatial representation of research findings** in maps or dashboards.
- **Follow the designated timeline of reports** to be submitted to project partners and donors. Ensure that delays or identified challenges for specific assessments are reported in writing and orally in a timely fashion.
- **Ensure that all written products are validated** by IMPACT HQ prior to release to donors and Implementing Partners.

External Engagement

- Where warranted, **support the RM and CC with stakeholder engagement, presentations, and**

workshops.

- Where warranted, and after validation by the RM or CC, **represent IMPACT in relevant meetings and working groups.**
- Where warranted, and after validation by the RM or CC, **present research findings to FCDO and Implementing Partners.**
- Ensure that all partner engagement and all external relations are **clearly documented and communicated** with the line manager and relevant colleagues.
- More generally, **contribute to the creation of a positive image and overall credibility of the organization**, notably through the application of IMPACT's mandate, ethics, values and standpoint with regard to other actors.

Team Management and Capacity Building

- Where necessary, **provide line management to international and national assessment staff.**
- For staff under his or her responsibility, and in close consultation with the RM and CC, **conduct appraisals, provide regular feedback, and participate in career management.**
- In coordination with the RM and CC, **contribute to conduct induction** for new staff members, including training in basic technical competences for research design, implementation, and analysis.

International Coordination

- Actively participate in regular team meetings.
- Ensure **regular coordination and exchange** with relevant colleagues.
- Engage in the development and implementation of IMPACT's strategy for Nigeria.

Data Confidentiality and Protection

The Senior Assessment Officer 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

Academic: Excellent academic qualifications, preferably including a master's degree in relevant discipline.

Work experience: At least 3 years of relevant working experience in humanitarian settings such as assessments, monitoring and evaluation, research design and analysis, etc. Familiarity with the aid system is required. Experience working with TPM an asset.

Research skills: Proven experience with complex research methods. Excellent analytical skills in both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies.

Software skills: Proven knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite, to include Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Advanced skills in R, SPSS and/or STATA or other statistical analysis software are an advantage, Experience with InDesign an asset.

Communication/reporting skills: Excellent communication and drafting skills for effective reporting.

Multi-tasking skills: Ability to multitask with tight deadlines, on numerous research cycles.

Level of independence: Proven ability to work independently.

Cross-cultural work environment: Ability to operate in a cross-cultural environment requiring flexibility.

Experience in geographical region: Past experience in the region is desirable.

Language skills: Fluency in English required.

CONDITIONS

- For this position, salary between 2'460 CHF and 2'640 CHF monthly (before income tax), etc as well as a monthly living allowance of 300 USD *NB - IMPACT salaries are strictly determined by our salary grid depending on the grade of the position and the level of education of staff. A location-dependent security and/or isolation adjustment is then applied as a recognition that some staff are required to work in difficult places where living and working conditions are much more difficult than elsewhere.*
- Accommodation and food provided in the guesthouse.
- Enrolment in Swiss private pension fund (Swisslife – approx. 9.975% of staff gross salary), health insurance, life insurance and repatriation assistance

- Flight tickets every 6 months & visa fees covered (in-country travel costs and professional expenses are fully covered)
- Contribution to the luggage transportation: between 20 and 100 kgs, depending on the length of the contract (+ luggage and personal property insurance)
- Annual leave of 36 days per year. Public holidays of the country of assignment. Family/compassionate leave when applicable.
- Predeparture induction - 3 days at IMPACT Initiatives's HQ in Geneva + one week pre-departure training in ACTED HQ in Paris, including a 4-days in situ security training;
- Enrolment in IMPACT Initiatives Research Foundational Learning Programme within the first 3 months from the start of contract.
- IMPACT prioritizes the psychological safety of its staff and the health insurance provided covers, among others, up to 1000 € per year of psychosocial counselling fees.