

Short-term Research Consultant (Data Analysis and Report Writing)

Location: Remote; two-week travel to Ethiopia
Application Deadline: Rolling
Category: Food security and emergency food aid programs
Type of Contract: Short-term consultancy
Languages Required: English
Start Date: ASAP
Duration of Initial Contract: 40 working days

Background:

JaRco Consulting is, an African-owned and operated, international development consulting firm based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. JaRco has been providing technical support for the past 14 years in areas of monitoring, evaluation, and data collection of development and humanitarian programming and interventions at regional, national, and local levels. We are dedicated to improving evidence-based interventions and programs for the well-being of individuals and communities and hold a particular focus on the most vulnerable in Ethiopia and throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

In total, we have successfully conducted over one hundred studies, evaluations, and trainings. Of these, more than 95 have been in Ethiopia. We have experience working in all of Ethiopia's regions and chartered city administrations. Additionally, we have conducted studies in other African countries, including Cameroon, Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Senegal, Somaliland, Tanzania, and Zambia. For more information, please visit www.jarco.info.

We are looking for a highly qualified consultant to join our team conducting an ongoing evaluation of a USAID-funded emergency food aid program in Ethiopia. The project is an endline evaluation of the Joint Emergency Operation (JEOP). JEOP is an emergency food aid program led by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and a consortium of partners in Ethiopia.

We are seeking an expert with experience conducting data analysis and report writing in food security- and emergency food aid-related studies. The consultancy is for approximately 40 business days and will begin immediately as the assignment is already underway. The Consultant will be provided with competitive compensation if selected.

Expected Job Functions:

- Lead a team of four additional researchers
- Lead on the analysis of quantitative survey data from over 12,500 households
- Lead on the analysis of qualitative data from over 200 respondents
- Assess and document data quality and data limitations
- Lead on the drafting of three technical reports - one evaluation and two baselines, summarizing results and evidence
- Provide input to regular reports documenting processes and outputs
- Attend weekly meetings between CRS, JaRco, and other stakeholders
- Develop and lead a presentation outlining preliminary assessment findings and program design recommendations
- Ensure timely submission of all deliverables
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

Essential

- Extensive experience leading teams to produce high quality technical research reports in the area of food security
- Extensive experience in the analysis of large and complex data sets
- Native English speaker
- Technical subject matter expertise in food security, emergency programs, and/or nutrition
- Proficiency in MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Extensive knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team

Preferred

- Ph.D. in relevant fields such as social science, development studies, disaster risk management, statistics, etc.
- Experience in evaluation design, analysis, and report-writing for USAID Title II emergency food security programs, cash programming, etc.
- Additional background in cross-cutting program priorities such as gender equality, women's empowerment, protection disability and inclusion, environment, etc.
- Prior experience managing teams in research planning and implementation
- Experience working with USAID and understanding of USAID programming

To apply:

Interested individuals, including both internationals and Ethiopian nationals, should submit their CVs via email to hresource@jarco.info (cc: connort@jarco.info) indicating "JEOP Research Consultant" in the subject line. Applicants are encouraged to submit their CVs as soon as possible, as candidates will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

We welcome applications from all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, and physical or mental abilities. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.