

Vacancy – Nutrition & Food Security (Nutrition/FS) Research Associate

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Job Title: Nutrition & Food Security (Nutrition/FS) Research Associate

Location: Yaoundé, Cameroon

EVIHDAF is an international research and development organization headquartered in Yaoundé, Cameroon, which serves the **West and Central Africa region**. We bring together a multidisciplinary team of English and French speaking researchers who combine innovative thinking and rigorous approaches with the ability to think globally, and the expertise to act local. Regional and global consultants, with some connected to universities, complement our team. We currently have a USAID-funded project office in Niamey, Niger, and a Data Unit satellite office in Parakou, Benin.

EVIHDAF offers comprehensive services in Research, monitoring, evaluation and learning (RMEL); Data analytics and survey research, Research capacity strengthening, and Social and behavior change (SBC) research. Our priority focus areas include Reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH); Maternal, infant and young child nutrition (MIYCN); Malaria and infectious diseases; Humanitarian/vulnerable context; and Support to service delivery.

We are looking for dynamic and motivated candidates to fill the position of **Nutrition & Food Security (Nutrition/FS) Research Associate**.

The selected candidate will work from our office in Cameroon, though remote work could be considered. The position requires flexibility, strong organizational skills, and willingness to work under pressure, and involve both local and international travel.

Major Responsibilities:

- Lead proposal development efforts to build a portfolio of nutrition activities, and lead publications (Research Briefs, Working Papers, peer-reviewed articles), leveraging EVIHDAF's recent projects with UNICEF, Concern Worldwide, and the World Food Program (WFP).
- Provide support to or oversee projects in the field of nutrition, especially EVIHDAF's activities under a five-year (2022-2027), USAID-funded social and behavior change (SBC) research program named Agency for All.

- Lead publication efforts in the form of Research Briefs, Working Papers, and peer-reviewed articles, and contribute to growing EVIHDAF's capabilities in research utilization.
- Contribute to work plans, monitor their execution, and refine as needed.
- Help the team meet regulatory requirements by coordinating documentation and filings.

Basic qualifications

- PhD in nutrition, public health, epidemiology, the social sciences or a related field.
- At least five (5) years of research and publications experience in the fields of nutrition and food security.
- Excellent scientific writing and presentation skills, with a good track record in peer-review publications and conference presentations.
- Experience in the design and implementation of a variety of quantitative and qualitative research activities, including data analysis, reporting and dissemination.
- Strong interpersonal communication, (writing and oral skills) in either English or French; the ability to speak English and French is an added advantage.
- Ability to succinctly communicate complex research rationales, designs, and learning both verbally and in writing.
- Proficiency in using computer systems and software such as the Microsoft Office Suite and data analysis software packages (qualitative or quantitative);
- Ability to work effectively both independently and in teams.

Preferred Qualifications

- Interest or experience in the field of stakeholder engagement and research utilization.
- Experience working in countries of the West and Central Africa region.
- Familiarity with USAID-funded projects, and prior experience working with UNICEF.
- Full professional proficiency in English, and at least elementary/basic proficiency in French.

How to Apply?

Interested candidates are invited to submit their application to the e-mail address: admin@evihdaf.com with the subject line **"Nutrition/FS Research Associate"** no later than August 16th, 2024.

The application will consist of:

- A three-page cover letter in English, showing the candidate's qualifications for the position.
- A CV in English of no more than ten (10) pages, ending with names, phone numbers and email addresses of three references.

Candidates from the West and Central Africa region are particularly encouraged to apply. The position will remain open until filled.

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