



USAID ADVANCING YOUTH PROJECT
Learning Agenda Senior Researcher/Writer

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The USAID funded Advancing Youth Project is a five-year project to provide basic education, social and leadership development, and improved livelihoods to out of school youth, ages 13 – 35 in six counties of Liberia. The Advancing Youth Project helps Liberian young people develop the basic literacy, numeracy, workforce readiness and life skills necessary to progress academically, obtain skills training, find jobs, or create their own employment, as well as maintain healthy lifestyles and participate in their communities.

Advancing Youth is implementing a series of studies based on questions that have arisen during project implementation, which makes up the project's Learning Agenda. To assist with completion of this Learning Agenda, the project seeks a short-term full-time consultant based in Liberia who is an experienced researcher and report writer. An individual living in Liberia is strongly preferred; candidates living outside of Liberia will be considered and would need to make at least one extended trip to Liberia for field-based collaboration and support.

Position Description

The Learning Agenda Researcher/Writer will assist the Learning Agenda Manager and Technical Advisor with the finalization of four to six research studies that are currently underway. Several of the studies concern the project's youth livelihoods activities and others are focused on organizational and institutional capacity building.

The person in this position will assist with analysis of qualitative data, if needed; prepare reports based on the study plans and resulting data; and draft short report summaries for publication. This position reports to the Learning Agenda Manager. The work is expected to start as soon as possible and to be completed by September 15, 2016.

Responsibilities and tasks:

- If required by the study design, assist Advancing Youth staff with analysis of qualitative and/or quantitative data
- Prepare research reports, in collaboration with Advancing Youth international technical advisors
- Produce short summary reports from full research reports

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a university degree required; Master's degree or higher preferred

- Background in education projects in developing countries; experience in either youth livelihoods or organizational strengthening preferred
- Experience in analyzing and interpreting qualitative data
- Excellent writing and editing skills
- Documented evidence of writing for a variety of publications including academic journals, donor reports, summary reports
- Strong interpersonal communication and collaboration skills
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Ability to work under tight deadlines

VACANCY CLOSING DATE: 3RD JUNE 2016

- Applications for this position should be sent via electronic mail to liberijobs@edc.org
- Applicants should include a CV of no more than 4 pages with the contact information of three references as well as contact information for all supervisors for the past five years.
- Applicants may be tested on their communication and writing skills and other skills as required for the position.
- Women are encouraged to apply.