

Evidence for Sustainable Human Development Systems in Africa Evidence pour les Systèmes de Développement Humain Durable en Afrique

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Role Title – Nutrition & Food Security Research Associate

Location: Cameroon, Niger, or Benin (Open to Remote Work)

EVIHDAF is an international research and evaluation organization **headquartered in Yaoundé**, **Cameroon**, which serves the West and Central African regions. It provides services in Research, Evaluation & Learning; Data, Analytics & Information Systems; and Social & Behavior Change (SBC) Strategies. Its practice areas include Health and Health Systems, Nutrition and Food Security, and Agriculture and Livelihoods. EVIHDAF has a USAID-funded project office in Niamey, Niger, and a Data Unit satellite office in Parakou, Benin.

EVIHDAF is looking for dynamic and motivated candidates to fill positions of **Nutrition & Food Security Research Associate**.

Job Location

The selected candidates will ideally work from one of **EVIHDAF's** offices in Cameroon, Niger, or Benin. However, remote work arrangements can be considered.

Responsibilities

They will have wide-ranging responsibilities, which include but are not limited to:

- Leading 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).
- Providing support to or overseeing projects in the field of nutrition and food security, especially EVIHDAF's activities under a five-year (2022-2027), USAID-funded social and behaviour change (SBC) research program named Agency for All
- Leading publication efforts in the form of Research Briefs, Working Papers and peerreviewed articles, and contributing to growing EVIHDAF's capabilities in research utilization.
- Contributing to work plans, monitoring their execution, and refining as needed.
- Helping the team meet regulatory requirements by coordinating documentation and filings.

The positions require flexibility, strong organizational skills, and willingness to work under pressure, and involves both local and international travels.

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 area 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 Microsoft Office Suites and data analysis software packages (qualitative or quantitative);
- Ability to work effectively both independently and in teams.

Preferred Qualifications

- Familiarity with SBC research, gender/social norms, individual and community agency and empowerment.
- Interest or experience in the field of stakeholder engagement and research utilization.
- Experience working in countries in the West and Central Africa region.
- Familiarity with USAID-funded projects.

How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit their application to the address <u>admin@evihdaf.com</u> with the subject line "Nutrition/FS Research Associate". 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.

Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply. The positions will remain open until filled.