



REACH

Improving water security for the poor



Recruitment: Postdoctoral researcher in social science (qualitative)

1. Background

REACH is an international, collaborative project led by Oxford University (OU), financially supported by FCDO, with Ethiopia, Kenya and Bangladesh as project implementing countries. In Ethiopia, the Water and Land Resource Centre at Addis Ababa University is the national focal research institution working in collaboration with UNICEF, the Ministry of Water and Energy (MoWE), Basin Development Authorities (BDAs) other departments at Addis Ababa University.

2. Job Roles and Responsibilities

The Postdoctoral Researcher (He/She) will work within the REACH Social Science team at the Water and Land Resource Centre (WLRC) and be required to:

- Individually lead and design social science research using qualitative methods, closely aligned with REACH research priorities to understand water security inequalities, especially in the Awash basin in pre-selected woreda(s):
 - Design data collection tools using qualitative methods;
 - Undertake qualitative analyses;
 - Frequent within-country travel to field site(s);
- Support with logistics of qualitative research led by senior researchers in WLRC and the University of Oxford, including hiring and training data collectors / enumerators;
- Advance research methodologies, ideas and materials independently and in collaboration with academic colleagues for high-quality research publications and presentations in public forums or academic conferences;
- Participate in workshops, meetings, and events for REACH;
- Engage with REACH's research impact agenda including participation in the development of stakeholder engagement activities;

3. Role Requirements

3.1. Essential

- PhD degree in social sciences/sociology/anthropology/development studies/international development or relevant field;
- Proven experience in leading qualitative data collection;
- Awareness of key issues and ideas within the social development agenda in Ethiopia;
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write for publication, present research results, and represent the research group.
- An established publication record.

3.2. Desirable

- Knowledge of Afaan Oromo and/or Afar languages, in addition to Amharic.

4. How to apply

4.1. Applicants are required to submit:

- Latest Curriculum Vitae including the names and contact details of at least two referees.
- A cover letter addressing how the applicant meets the requirements listed above.

Applications should be addressed to before 25 May 2022: -

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Suitably qualified women are particularly encouraged to apply.

5. Duty station

Addis Ababa, with frequent travel to selected sites in the Awash river basin.

6. Salary

As per the project scale.

7. Further information

Further information about the REACH Programme can be found at www.reachwater.org.uk