

Economic Analysis Support

Introduction

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a United States government-owned corporation responsible for the stewardship of the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA). MCC works with developing countries to promote sustainable economic growth to reduce poverty. As part of the due diligence of each country's proposal, MCC conducts cost-benefit analysis to assess the proposed projects' likely economic impact and cost-effectiveness and estimate the share of the population who may benefit from the program. After a Compact is signed, the Department of Compact Implementation focusing on results during implementation is responsible among other things to monitor the economic impact of Compact interventions on household income and poverty reduction.

Scope of Work

The Monitoring, Evaluation, and Economics Division of the MCC's Department of Compact Implementation is seeking a contractor or consultant to assist in a number of economic analysis tasks related in particular to reviewing and documenting the beneficiary analysis of Compact countries, assisting with cost-benefit analysis updating and responding to country or sector specific economic analysis needs. The contractor or consultant will work on a regular basis (up to 40 hours per week) for a period not to exceed 12 months. This position will be based in the MCC's Washington, D.C. offices.

Duties will include (but are not limited to):

- Review and update as needed beneficiary analysis and existing Economic Rate of Return (ERR) models for Compact countries
- Research current issues that can have an economic impact on MCC countries or sectors of intervention; prepare written documentation as needed.
- Conduct research and analysis in support of activities within the Department; prepare written documentation as needed.
- Provide technical assistance in data collection and analysis efforts, including survey methodology, sampling, dataset cleaning and analysis
- Develop other related materials, including fact sheets, guides for use of spreadsheets, and other public communication tools

Evaluation Criteria

- Minimum undergraduate degree with major in economics or other related fields that have a high component of quantitative analysis; graduate coursework in economics highly desired
- Demonstrated interest in international development issues
- Understanding of cost-benefit analysis
- Strong knowledge of Microsoft Excel, including macro capabilities
- Knowledge of Stata, particularly survey analysis tools
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including document editing and layout design

How to Apply

Interested parties should submit by email to recruitment@mcc.gov the following package: 1) Curriculum Vitae, 2) a brief cover letter that addresses the evaluation criteria and provides three professional or academic references, and 3) Salary history with proposed hourly rate. Please include "Economic Analysis Support" in the subject line of your email.

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