

Applied Research Director

Development Professionals, Inc. (DPI) is seeking an Applied Research Director for a long-term, part-time consultancy with periodic travel to Kosovo. The director will provide technical and managerial oversight of the learning component and the monitoring, evaluating, and learning (MEL) activities of the 5-year Social Contract Activity in Kosovo (the “Project”), including a Public Participation Assessment and mid-term evaluation. The Project, funded by USAID, aims to introduce sustainable practices for public participation in order to improve citizens' quality of life and strengthen their partnership with the municipal government. The position reports to the DPI home office, with technical direction from the Project’s Chief of Party.

Responsibilities include:

- Supervise activities of the Project’s learning team and provide guidance and capacity building (remotely) on MEL, CLA, and other learning activities.
- Provide direction and insight to guide the development, refinement, data analysis, and implementation of the Project’s MEL Plan and internal mid-term learning evaluation.
- Review pilot testing of instruments for the mid-term evaluation from five pilot municipalities.
- Help design Public Participation Assessment methodology for 10 scale up municipalities, and supervise analysis of and reporting on data collected through the assessment.
- Help design and track project indicators and interpret data on outputs and outcomes.
- Travel to Kosovo to provide in-person direction and guidance to the learning team at strategic points during program implementation.

Qualifications:

- A master’s degree in international development, social science research, public policy, political science, or another relevant field is required. A PhD is strongly preferred.
- 15+ years’ experience in project MEL or applied research on USAID and other donor-funded projects. MEL and research experience on USAID projects required.
- Demonstrated experience taking critical inputs, feedback, and assessments from within a project and from external partners to inform changes in project approaches.
- Familiarity with a variety of research methodologies, including survey research, multivariate regression analysis, qualitative research methods, data visualization, and working familiarity with statistical software such as R, SPSS, Stata, etc.
- In-depth knowledge of MEL techniques and USAID MEL procedures.
- Demonstrated skills in project coordination and deliverable production on tight timelines.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills in English.
- Experience in governance and/or citizen engagement preferred.
- The ability to travel to Kosovo as required.

How to apply:

Interested candidates should email a resume and a brief cover letter to contact@developmentpi.com (please put “Applied Research Director” in the subject line of your message). DPI will accept applications through June 15 or until the position is filled. Only finalists will be contacted. No phone calls, please. DPI is an equal opportunity employer.

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