

Gender and Development Consultants in Ethiopia and Senegal

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AFIDEP is looking for Senior Research and Policy Experts in the Gender and Development field based in Ethiopia and Senegal to serve as Consultants to undertake a 9-months research and co-creation project. The Consultants will design and conduct a landscape research study (using a political economy framework) to provide a solid contextual understanding of the gender data and decision-making ecosystem in Ethiopia and Senegal. The emerging research findings will be used to inform the design of a programme of work on gender data and policymaking. Applicants should have a PhD in social sciences, gender and development, development studies, development economics, economics, or another relevant development field, with a minimum of 8 years' postdoctoral experience in designing and conducting research on gender and development issues in Africa. Applicants should have a track record of relevant scientific publications in reputable journals.

We are looking for **nationals of Ethiopia and Senegal**, based in these countries and with indepth understanding of their countries' development contexts.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead the design of a landscape research study in Ethiopia/Senegal to understand the gender data and decision-making ecosystem. This includes the development of a research protocol and submission for ethics review and approval.
- Conduct an in-depth literature review to inform the design of the research protocol above.
- Lead data collection, analysis and report writing.
- Host a validation meeting with key stakeholders in Ethiopia/Senegal to review the emerging research results in order to enrich the study findings.
- Using the research results, design and conduct two programme co-creation workshops with key stakeholders in Ethiopia/Senegal. Through the workshops, you

- will lead the development of a research, capacity strengthening and advocacy programme of work on gender data and decision-making in Ethiopia/Senegal.
- Contribute to regional efforts including sharing lessons and insights from Ethiopia and Senegal, and integrating regional insights into the work in Ethiopia and Senegal.

Requirements

- PhD in social sciences, gender and development, development studies, development economics, economics, or another relevant field, with specialization in gender equity and development.
- At least eight (8) years' post-doctoral experience in research and advocacy on gender and development, including at least three (3) years at a senior management level in a demanding and results-oriented research or academic setting.
- Applicants should have a track record of relevant scientific publications in reputable journals.
- Demonstrated knowledge of key concepts/issues relating to gender and development, with an ability to conduct critical reviews and analyses of public policies, strategies, programmes, and plans, etc., to assess their genderresponsiveness.
- Excellent problem-solving, analytical, and qualitative or quantitative skills, including attention to detail and experience in using relevant research data analysis softwares.
- Strong communication skills, including preparation and delivery of compelling technical presentations, reports, and other documents.
- Effective interpersonal skills, demonstrated ability to build strong professional relationships with a range of stakeholders, and excellent organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently, including planning, setting priorities, and handling multiple tasks concurrently.

To apply, please submit the following to: recruitment@afidep.org (with a copy to: violet.murunga@afidep.org) not later than January 31, 2024. The email subject line should read "Gender and Development Consultant - [name of country]" (either Ethiopia or Senegal):

- 1. Brief research proposal, outlining how you will design and undertake the landscape study and the programme co-creation exercise (no more than 5 pages).
- 2. Comprehensive CV, indicating, among others, similar research and tasks undertaken in the past.
- 3. Examples of institutions you have provided research services to, including your contacts at these institutions as referees.