



## Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

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**Job title: Project Economist (CDF), Zambia**

**Department/Division: International Growth Centre**

**Accountable to: Professor Katherine Casey (PI) and Shahrukh Wani (IGC Country Manager)**

### Job Summary

The International Growth Centre (IGC) works with policymakers in developing countries to promote inclusive and sustainable growth through pathbreaking research. We are a global research centre with a network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams and initiatives working across Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East. Based at LSE and in partnership with the University of Oxford, we are majority funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). We work to improve the productivity of people and firms as the key driver of sustainable economic development.

The Project Economist (CDF) is responsible for supporting the Stanford-IGC team on the decentralisation agenda of the Government of Zambia in enhancing the provision of local public goods while limiting leakages. Specifically, the Project Economist will support the implementation of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) learning partnership that is focused on an ongoing large-scale Randomised Controlled Trial that estimates the decentralisation trade-offs at the core of the CDF including the impacts of decentralised approvals and procurement guidelines on the speed and quality of the execution of the CDF.

Working closely with the research team led by Professor Katherine Casey (Stanford University) and the IGC Zambia team led by Shahrukh Wani (IGC and the London School of Economics), the Project Economist (CDF) will work at the intersection of policy and research to collaborate with a range of stakeholders in the government and data collection partners to deliver the RCT including relationship management, supervising logistics for the research activities, cleaning and analysing survey data, and assisting in the writing of project reports and policy memos.

Based in Lusaka, the role includes some travel nationally. This is a 12-month consultancy contract position.

### List of services



- Working closely with the data collection firm and policymakers, engage in the management of this research project by ensuring, for example, that the treatment is delivered on time and the outputs received satisfy our quality expectations.
- Support the implementation of the RCTs by assisting, for example, on data collection, ensuring all research and data protocols are met, cleaning data, and supporting analysis undertaken by the research team.
- Deliver relevant dissemination activities including helping organise events, writing papers, policy briefs, and blogs under the supervision of the IGC and research teams.
- Support management of this research program and meet the reporting requirements set by IGC Hub and Stanford.
- Maintain regular communication with the Principal Investigators, ensuring they are updated on the research implementation and any changes to the policy environment.
- Support other workstreams in the IGC Zambia country program by providing peer support to other Economists, active participation in strategy and content meetings, and providing project management support.
- Where related to this project, support the implementation of Zambia's Country Strategy and Program Management under the direction of the IGC operational and country leadership team.

#### **Flexibility**

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility may be required in the duties performed in order to meet the exigencies of service. Job roles may also naturally develop over time and ongoing substantial changes to a role will be discussed between line managers and their staff, with job descriptions updated as and when appropriate.

#### **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)**

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#### **Ethics Code**

Posts (and post holders) are assumed to have a responsibility to act in accordance with the School's Ethics Code and to promote the principles and values that the Code enshrines. The Ethics Code clearly states that the whole LSE community, including all staff, students, and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the principles which are set out in the Code. As such you are required to read and familiarise yourself with it. The School's Effective Behaviours Framework is designed to support this Code. It sets out examples for the six behaviours that all staff are expected to demonstrate, these can be found on the following link: [click here](#)

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.