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## **Policy Engagement Manager: Economics of Ebola initiative**

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Competitive remuneration in line with experience.

We are looking for a dynamic, self-starting policy entrepreneur to lead the International Growth Centre's (IGC) efforts to respond to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, focusing particularly on the economic impact and policy responses.

Early indications suggest that the economic costs of the epidemic will be significant, and the economic aspects of the crisis—including panic, a loss in confidence, a reduction in market interactions, a breakdown in formal systems and institutions, reduced supply of essential goods, and potentially increased prices—will require economic logic and research.

The IGC aims to draw on its network of academic economists from around the world and policymakers in Liberia and Sierra Leone to fund, commission, and work directly on economic questions about the Ebola crisis. Working with IGC senior leadership and the Country Directors for Liberia and Sierra Leone, the position holder will drive these efforts by undertaking the following tasks:

- Review existing efforts by the World Bank, African Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, Governments of Liberia and Sierra Leone, and other institutions to prepare economic advice, research, and mechanisms to respond to the crisis;
- Examine the appropriateness of applying innovations in other complex humanitarian emergencies to the Ebola crisis;
- Reaching out to policymakers to determine holes and needs in their analysis for management of economic variables during the Ebola crisis and thinking about post-Ebola recovery;

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- Working with academic economists who are researching different facets of the outbreak and assisting them with data, coordination, connections, dissemination and the research itself;
- Undertaking policy-focused economic research that has been requested by stakeholders in government or international institutions;
- Helping to develop vehicles (such as a “smart” website to help coordinate relief efforts) that are designed to respond to economic variables during or after the crisis;
- Any other related tasks
- For all of the above activity, undertaking the appropriate internal and external administrative tasks including contracting, reporting, and expenses

The ideal candidate has experience in a creative role in international development policy. S/he has had extensive interactions with partners and stakeholders in academia, national governments, and international organizations or NGOs. S/he is solution oriented and a good project manager, with an ability to think outside the box but also the diligence to lead or assist in rigorous economic research. Ideally Master’s level training in economic, public policy, or a related field, plus several years of experience working on international development issues or in a developing country. Experience in Liberia or Sierra Leone, and in health policy, will be a strong asset.

The position is a minimum 6-month assignment, preferably based in London UK, or Boston, US, as appropriate.

To apply for this post please send a) your CV and b) a statement of no more than one A4 page, explaining your interest in and suitability for the role, to [mail@theigc.org](mailto:mail@theigc.org).

The deadline for applications is **23rd October 2014**.

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