

## Call for consultancies: Senior Expert Researcher

**Role:** Senior Expert Researcher for Socio Economic Needs Assessment

**Period of the assignment:** 7 Months

**Location:** Beirut Office (covering all Lebanon)

### Background

Statelessness is a rising burden all over the world and Lebanon is no exception. The stateless population in the country is estimated to be in the range of 60,000 to 80,000.

The stateless population is not homogeneous. Yet, they share common characteristics: they are invisible citizens as the majority lack official identity; live in **extreme poverty**; more than half of the stateless population is **young**; most of them are **illiterate, unskilled, unemployed**, are not **aware of the availability of legal solutions**; unaware of the importance **of keeping key records** of their personal documentation.

Lebanon does not have a comprehensive legal framework to register stateless persons. They lack official identity documents. This denies them **full legal enjoyment of basic and fundamental rights such as** registration of their personal civil status/live events, and access to basic rights such as access to primary healthcare services, education, work in formal sectors, other social services/benefits civic and politic rights.

Despite this inhuman legal and social condition, statelessness is not on the agenda of the officials nor is an issue/cause that concerns the general public and civil societies. The legal causes and solutions of statelessness in Lebanon have been studied and shared with decision-making officials and stakeholders. The socio-economic is rarely studies. It remains an area that needs to be adequately and scientifically studied. This is dictated by the absence of a comprehensive and up-to-date survey of the topic/target population, together with the urgency and the seriousness of their plight and need to address them to find adequate and reasonable solutions.

### **The Purpose and Aim of the Research Paper**

**Ruwad Al Houkoug Frontiers** is conducting a research paper to identify and assess the living conditions of the stateless population in Lebanon. It aims to look at the factors and circumstances that lead to their deprivation of rights and opportunities and how these factors and circumstances can be addressed through different interventions based on the study recommendations for law and procedures improvements and changes.

The ultimate goal of the research paper is fill a serious gap of the socio-economic research area of this population and to be able to present reliable data to decision-makers and stakeholders for action.

### **Scope of the Consultancy:**

The Senior Expert researcher will design the research methodology. In principle, it should entail desk review and field research.

The sample of the field research would be around 500 interviewees among them young stateless aged from 15 to 30 years old, both women and men; 30 representative of local authorities (municipality and civil servants); and 30 local stakeholders (local humanitarian agency representative, outreach workers, etc...). This will also include the determination of criteria of selection based on age, sex, regions, targeting different confessional groups, if possible (Shia, Sunni and Christian), and from a range of socio-economic backgrounds. It will cover the whole household even if some family members of the same family unit are not stateless.

Considering covid19 pandemic, the field research may be conducted remotely. The decision will be made once the research design and methodology are elaborated.

The socio-economic areas to be research and assessed include several types of primary needs in different sectors such as:

- Livelihoods,
- Education,
- Health,
- Shelter,
- Protection.

### **The Responsibilities of the Senior Researcher**

The Senior Expert researcher would be responsible for leading the research in close consultation with the association's Director.

These responsibilities include deciding on methodology and techniques of the research, developing the research instruments; assist in recruiting and training the surveyors (8 to 12 experienced surveyors); planning and supervising the conduct of the research; reviewing research fieldworks, validating collected data, data entry and retrieving of information; analyzing the findings and drafting a quantitative and qualitative report with recommendations.

## **Researcher's Qualification Requirements**

### **Educational Requirements:**

- PhD (or an experience equivalent to PHD) in economics (development and finance is preferred) or social sciences (sociology is preferred) or any other relevant discipline.

### **Work Experience**

- Minimum 7 years working experience in a research position involving both qualitative and quantitative policy oriented socio-economic research methods and familiarity with interdisciplinary research methodologies and conceptual frameworks.

### **Language Requirement**

High fluency in oral and written Arabic & English.

### **Other Skills Requirements**

- Experience in quantitative analysis through handling large datasets using various socio-economic research software programmes, such as SPSS, STATA, or MATLAB
- Advanced Microsoft Excel skills and track record of demonstrable analytical and data visualization skills
- Strong verbal and written communication skills and the ability to explain various economic and social concepts to non-expert audiences simply and succinctly
- Ability to work under pressing deadlines
- Adhere to produce high-quality work and demonstrate high-performance
- Work in enthusiastic manner with his/her colleagues and immediate supervisor
- Ability to lead the research team cooperatively and collaboratively

**Activity Output:**

The research paper shall present a serious, credible, and reliable assessment and analysis of key gaps needs of the stateless communities. The findings of the assessment will be disseminating on the social media platforms, website and to NGO/INGOs/authorities to target larger audience (public, policy and decision makers and Humanitarian response).

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How to apply:

Send you updated CV and cover letter to [recruitment@frontiersruwad.org](mailto:recruitment@frontiersruwad.org)

Submit your research portfolio and sample

Submissions deadline: 29 March 2021