

Q-Step Summer Project 2017: Open Data Watch

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Team/Department: Gender Data

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Provisional Title for Project: "Documenting Gender Data Impact Stories"

100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used:

Through desk research of secondary sources, this project will collect and prepare for publication examples of the use of gender data to formulate policies or guide programs having a direct impact on the lives of women and girls. Possible sources include research papers, project completion reports, and impact evaluations that demonstrate innovative uses of statistics. Interns will document and assess the reliability of the data and the measured results, select the strongest examples that showcase a well-documented link between evidence-based decision making and impact on women and girls. They will summarize each example as a brief but visually engaging stories.

Key Words (up to 12): Gender Data, Sex-Disaggregated Data, Data Impact, Secondary Data Analysis

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:

Essential: Previous research experience and strong analytical skills
Ability to work independently and professionally
Ability to write clearly and concisely
Detail-oriented and well-organized
Facility with Excel, Word, and Web browsers

Desirable: Demonstrated interest in international development and gender data

Ability to read technical reports in a second language (especially Spanish or French)

Knowledge of Stata, SAS, or other statistical analysis program

Preferred selection method: Skype interview

Support and training offered by the organisation:

The intern will be supervised and supported by Deirdre Appel, a Research Associate at Open Data Watch, who is also involved in this project. Other members of the Open Data Watch team will be available to offer regular support as well. Our offices are located in the OpenGovHub, a shared working space with other organizations working on issues of open government and international development. The intern is encouraged to take advantage of all Washington, D.C. has to offer during their time here by attending talks and presentations throughout the city as well as at the OpenGov Hub. We are happy to provide letters of recommendation or references upon a successful completion of the internship.

Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved: N/A

Supporting Information:

The desk research is part of a larger project of collecting gender data stories through an international crowd-sourced competition. The outputs of this research will inform, complement, and be published alongside the competition stories.

Financial assistance offered by the organisation: N/A