

## **RESEARCH INTERN**

### Position Description

#### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Fertility Awareness for Community Transformation (FACT) Project is a five-year project funded by USAID and implemented by IRH in partnership with Save the Children in several countries in East Africa, the Middle East and South Asia. As a research, intervention, and technical assistance project, FACT is testing interventions for increasing fertility awareness (FA) to improve family planning (FP) uptake and expanding access to fertility awareness-based methods (FAM), with the goal of reducing unintended pregnancies. As part of the FACT Project, IRH is implementing multiple interventions in Nepal, with the goal of increasing FA and FP, including Fertility Awareness Methods (FAM). The Pragati intervention in Nepal is a game-based intervention which focus on topics such as fertility awareness, myths, misconceptions, and side-effects of family planning methods, and social norms. It is designed to diffuse fertility awareness and family planning information easily through social networks.

IRH is currently working in close collaboration with Save the Children and in coordination with the Ministry of Health in Nepal to carry out an evaluation of the FACT Nepal activities. The purpose of the study is to assess the impact of multiple interventions to increase FA and education about FAM in five project districts, improve access to FP services through Roving Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (RANM), and increase FP uptake. The study will help further understand the current implementation of various Pragati games, community-based FP service delivery through RANMs, and SDM integration at health facilities. The study will also explore the perceptions of FA and FP and factors that influence the need for and use of family planning. The primary study objectives are to:

- Explore and describe community members' perceptions and exposure to Pragati games
- Describe community members' perceptions of information regarding FA, how it is shared, and how decisions are made on FP services
- Describe community members' perceptions of services provided by RANMs
- Describe the community members' perception of SDM services
- Identify and describe program strengths and challenges, including successful innovations and practices, to share with other sites

As part of this mixed-methods study, IRH is carrying out qualitative data collection to better understand the SRH experiences of young women, men, and couples in five districts serviced by the Pragati intervention. This study will utilize a qualitative approach through 31 focus group discussions (FGDs) and 50 in-depth interviews (IDIs) at endline.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY**

The research intern will join the FACT/Nepal team at an exciting time as we conduct analyses and write-ups of the aforementioned qualitative data. The research intern will be an integral member of the FACT Nepal qualitative analysis team and will report to the team's Research Officer. The research intern will be assigned a qualitative participant subgroup, and tasks will include drafting thematic analyses matrices based on respective coding trees, conducting thematic coding of transcripts, and drafting qualitative briefs. The position will be compensated part-time, working up to 20 hours per week.

**PERIOD OF INTERNSHIP:** March 1 to June 29, 2018

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

Under supervision and guidance of the IRH Research Officer, the Research Intern will be part of the FACT Nepal qualitative team conducting the following tasks:

- Review the Nepal study protocol and other relevant background documents
- Participate in qualitative analysis orientations, including qualitative data analysis 101 and Dedoose software orientation
- Review assigned transcripts and write brief content summaries for each
- Contribute to the coding book and analysis matrices, in consultation with other team members
- Code assigned transcripts, based on final coding tree/book, and draft memo notes during coding process
- Participate in bi-weekly qualitative team meetings to discuss questions and emerging themes
- Outline and draft qualitative analysis briefs for assigned group
- Conduct desk research and literature reviews as need is identified
- Contribute to formatting and writing of reports, results briefs, and/or other communication products
- Support further data analyses as needed

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

- Current master's degree student or recent graduate of a master's degree program in public health, international development, anthropology, or other related field
- Experience with report writing and production
- Experience with literature reviews
- Introductory experience with research

## **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Coursework, training, or experience in qualitative data collection and/or analysis
- Experience with coding software such as Nvivo, Atlas TI, or Dedoose
- Previous internship and/or international experience preferred
- Strong organizational and writing skills
- Able to collaborate and work in teams
- Able to meet deadlines
- Flexibility and sense of humor

## **COMMITMENT**

- Willingness to work on-site at IRH's headquarters in Dupont Circle, working up to 20 hours per week from March 1 to June 29, 2018

The Research Intern will receive an hourly rate of salary.

***Please email a resume, cover letter, and short writing sample (2-3 pages) to Sarah Thompson ([st968@georgetown.edu](mailto:st968@georgetown.edu)) with the subject line "FACT Nepal Research Intern" no later than February 16, 2018.***

*Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to early applicants. Please specify where you found the job advertisement. No phone calls please.*

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