



## Advertisement, Senior Researcher for Political Economy (Short Term)

USAID/South Sudan Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Support (MELS) Activity, South Sudan

### Company Profile:

Implemented by Integrity Global, Inc. and MSI, the Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Support activity (MELS) supports USAID/South Sudan through tailored monitoring and evaluation services to enhance Mission programs. In a dynamic operating environment, MELS provides the Mission with flexible, demand-driven technical, analytic, and advisory support that:

- Helps the Mission internalize and integrate concepts under Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA),
- Strengthens knowledge management and improves institutional memory,
- Advises on and produces fit-for-purpose MEL products,
- Enhances organizational effectiveness and operational efficiency, and
- Strengthens data-driven decision making through Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other innovative spatial analyses.

### Position Summary:

The Senior Researcher will receive training on PEA data collection instruments, which could include Key Informant Interviews (KIIs), surveys or Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), and will be tasked with using these various instruments to collect data in Kapoeta North (Equatoria), Akobo and Leer (Upper Nile), and Wau (Greater Bahr el Ghazal) counties per the data collection plan of the PEA which will be provided. This position will collect data in their specific county (approx. 10 KIIs with other possible data collection) and transcribe interviews, providing summary sheets, notes, and daily updates/out briefs as needed during collection. This position will report directly to the Team Leader.

### Responsibilities.

- Conduct KII's, surveys, and FGDs as needed with key political, community, religious, and other informants in Kapoeta North (Equatoria), Akobo and Leer (Upper Nile), and Wau (Greater Bahr el Ghazal) counties.
- Produce data collection transcriptions, summary sheets, notes on a timeline required by the Team Leader
- Perform necessary quality control checks on data collection and entry.
- Assist in scheduling data collection (setting appointments with key informants, etc.).
- Assist in logistics of data collection (travel, hotel, and food arrangements)
- Other tasks as requested/required by the Team Lead and Deputy Chief of Party.





**Qualifications:**

- Master's degree preferred in a field relevant to economics, statistics, international development, or related studies.
- Experience in conducting KIIs, FGDs, and surveys in similar contexts.
- Experience producing data collection notes, summary sheets, and other data entry and quality control practices.
- At least eight years of progressively responsible experience in the humanitarian or international development field.
- Written and oral fluency in English.
- Ability to work for extended hours when required.
- Language capability relevant to conducting interviews with the ethnic groups in the target counties of Akobo, Kapoeta North, Leer, and Wau.
- Good interpersonal skills, including working well with field-based local staff via telephone, e-mail, and governmental, regional, and civil society actors.

**Preferred Qualification:**

- Experience in fieldwork in Akobo, Kapoeta North, Leer, and Wau preferred.
- Demonstrated experience implementing South Sudan-specific conflict research, evaluation, or learning development projects.
- Knowledge of the social, political, and economic factors affecting populations in South Sudan.

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**NOTE:** Open to South Sudanese citizens only

The closing date for application is **October 10, 2023**. We will review resumes on a rolling basis and the vacancy may be filled before this deadline. We encourage early applications. Please be advised that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

**How to Apply:**

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete the application form at <https://tinyur.com/joinSSMELS> and attach a CV and cover letter explaining why you are suitable for and want the role. Applications submitted without a cover letter will not be considered. Or *Hand deliver and addressing your application to Integrity Global MELS Human Resources and Administrative Manager, Goshen House, Gate 1 or by email: [ssmels.recruitment@integrityglobal.com](mailto:ssmels.recruitment@integrityglobal.com)*



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