**AidData Field Coordinator**

**Job Description**

**Reports to:**

**Deadline to Apply:**

**Desired Start Date:**

**How to apply:**

**Commitment:** 2 years

We invite qualified applicants to apply for the position of Field Coordinator, a fulltime staff member based in Niamey, Niger. The Field Coordinator will be working on a project that will evaluate USAID’s Participatory and Responsive Governance (PRG) program in Niger. The overall goal of the PRG project is to strengthen the collective responsiveness of the Nigerian government and its citizens to prioritize public needs in order to help mitigate what Nigeriens call a ‘crise de confiance’ or ‘crisis of confidence’ between citizens an the state and ultimately bolster stability and governance in one of the world’s most fragile states. This position offers an opportunity to gain first-hand field management experience in an organization undertaking cutting-edge development research, particularly in the area of participatory governance.

The Principal Investigators for this project are Ariel BenYishay (William and Mary), Phillip Roessler (William and Mary), and Lisa Mueller (Macalester College)

**Responsibilities**

This position will be based in Niamey during the baseline data collection, initial program roll-out, and midline data collection. The Field Coordinator will work closely with academic researchers and other field staff to perform a variety tasks including, but not limited to:

* Coordinating training of data collection team
* Tracking program status and randomization compliance during initial roll-out
* Obtaining complete midline and endline data collection
* Managing and monitoring staff working on the project
* Designing survey questionnaires
* Conducting qualitative research
* Running pilot exercise
* Help in refining study design and surveying instruments
* Negotiating contracts with survey firms where necessary
* Overall finance oversight on the project including approvals
* Checking and analyzing data
* Assisting in the writing of project reports
* Coordinating with local partners running the programs being evaluated
* Supporting outreach to policymakers in country

**Qualifications**

* Master's degree or master’s studies in economics, social sciences, public policy, or related fields. Candidates with a bachelor’s degree and significant fieldwork experience will also be considered
* Training in development economics
* Prior work or volunteer experience in development in developing countries a plus
* Experience living and conducting field research in a developing country is a strong plus
* Several years of relevant work experience
* Excellent management and organizational skills along with strong quantitative skills
* The ability to present positions and to negotiate with senior officials
* Fluency and excellent communication skills in English
* French language skills are a big plus as is familiarity with working/living in Niger
* Flexibility, self-motivation, the ability to manage multiple tasks efficiently as a team player
* Demonstrated ability to manage high-level relationships with partner organizations
* Knowledge of Stata (strongly preferred), SAS, or other data analysis software
* Familiarity with randomized controlled trials

**Application Instructions**

Macalester is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic staff committed to working in a multicultural environment and strongly encourages applications from everyone who would add richness to our community, including people of color, individuals with disabilities, and women.

Please submit a cover letter, CV, and references to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

**About AidData**

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Created from the merger of two prior initiatives, [Project-Level Aid](http://plaid.byu.edu/) and Accessible Information on Development Activities, AidData filled a critical information gap for scholars and policymakers seeking to better assess development investments and results. In 2010, we released our searchable data portal of one million past and present development finance activities from over 90 funding agencies.

With one foot in academia and the other in practice, our background allows us to create and test innovative solutions that lead to practical, concrete improvements in the field of development. Learn more at: http://aiddata.org/our-story