



Consultancy with American Jewish World Service (AJWS) in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Duration: September 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017 with potential to extend

Time commitment: 10 days per month on average

Deadline for applications: On a rolling basis – position to be filled ASAP.

Location: Kinshasa

American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is the leading Jewish organization working to promote human rights and end poverty in the developing world. AJWS advances the health and rights of women, girls and LGBT people; promotes civil and political rights; defends access to food, land and livelihoods; and aids communities in the aftermath of disasters. We pursue lasting change by supporting grassroots and global human rights organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and by mobilizing our community in the U.S. to advocate for global justice. Working together, we strive to build a more just and equitable world. AJWS began its grantmaking in the Democratic Republic of Congo about a decade ago. We are now supporting civil society organizations that are working on natural resource rights and climate justice issues with a focus on energy, land and extractive industries issues as well as civil and political rights issues primarily in eastern DRC. Over the last two years, we expanded our work to the western region and at national level with a number of organizations headquartered in Kinshasa. This part time consultancy position will specifically support AJWS's work on land, energy and climate justice issues and engage with AJWS's partners based in Kinshasa and in the Bas Congo region of the DRC.

Based on program priorities, primary responsibilities include:

Strategic Planning and Analysis

- Organize convenings and experience sharing bringing together AJWS's partners and external expert or resource people.
- Lead the development of strategic and work planning processes and support advocacy campaigns by partner organizations.
- Support the development and implementation of AJWS's thematic priorities for the country.
- Keep AJWS informed of social, political and economic developments in country that might impact partners' or AJWS's program focus.

Communications and External Relations

- Represent AJWS in forums, meetings, and regional conferences.
- Facilitate and provide support in planning and implementing meetings and exchanges between AJWS partners.

Support for AJWS Partners

- In collaboration with partners, evaluate institutional needs and develop recommendations of capacity building priorities.
- Provide timely technical support for partners such as strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation, advocacy and movement/alliance building
- Maintain continuous coordination and communication with partners through email, telephone, and site visits.
- Support partners' initiatives to access resources and support from national and international agencies and like-minded donors.
- Provide timely support for partners in non-programmatic areas, such as report development, developing terms of reference, and strategic planning.
- Contribute to the development of proposals with partners, including coordinating logistics in each grant docket cycle and supporting the development of materials that are presented to the Board of Directors.

Position requirements

- Proven knowledge of and experience working on human rights, community-based organizing, movement building and organizational strengthening processes.
- Proven knowledge of human rights issues, specifically with regards to AJWS's priority areas: natural resource rights, energy and climate justice;
- Proven understanding and knowledge about dams and energy related projects
- Familiarity with climate justice approaches to sustainable development.
- Experience working with the international donor sector.
- Experience in developing and implementing strategies to support movement building and capacity building.
- Experience in developing project proposals, budgets, strategic plans, operational planning, and reports for donors.
- Proven experience in working with civil society and grassroots organizations and with diverse communities, including young people, women in rural areas.
- French fluency. English written and oral proficiency. Advanced English is desirable.

Process

Please submit your resume and cover letter before August 30, 2016 in an email titled "Consultant for Democratic Republic of Congo" to Rosalie Nezien (rnezien@ajws.org) and Eva Lerner (elerner@ajws.org). Early applications are highly encouraged as we are seeking to fill this position as soon as possible.

Only applicants that meet the previously outlined requirements will be contacted. AJWS is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate for any motive.