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Team/Department: Gender Data

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Provisional title for project: Mapping Gender Data Gaps for the SDGs

Abstract:

In March 2014, Data2X conducted a mapping exercise of gender data gaps. The analysis identified 28 gender data gaps across five domains - (1) health, (2) education, (3) economic opportunities, (4) political participation, and (5) human security. As the gaps analysis was completed prior to the agreement of the SDG indicator framework, an updated analysis is needed. Building on previous work, we will update the earlier version of the gender data gaps analysis to align with the Sustainable Development Goals, seek to uncover and document the main obstacles to producing these indicators, demonstrate potential sources and methods for constructing them, and use this knowledge to develop an advocacy campaign to encourage national and international agencies to close important gender data gaps – based on concrete information on the 'what' (gaps) and the 'how' (to fill them) – in coordination with the designated "custodian" agencies for the SDG indicators.

Data sources: TBC

Key words: gender data, sex-disaggregated data, data impact, secondary data analysis, data gaps/availability, sustainable development.

Essential and desirable skills:

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: 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.



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Where the work will be carried out: Open Data Watch office in Washington, D.C. Office hours are 9:30AM-5PM with flexibility. The role will last for eight weeks.

Preferred selection method: Interview via Skype

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.

Supporting information: The project will be completed alongside our gender data partner, Data2X.

Financial assistance offered by the organisation: None