University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2019

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Team/Department: Gender Data

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Provisional title for project: Bridging the Gender Data Gap

Building on previous work, Open Data Watch alongside their partners Data2X assessed the availability of 104 gender-relevant indicators in 15 sub-Saharan African countries at the international, national, and micro-data levels. Our aim is to highlight areas that systematically lack important data and point to actionable solutions that will close such data gaps. We 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. To read more about last year's work, visit our recent blog post here.

As a result of this study, Data2X and Open Data Watch uncovered a wealth of evidence, information, and analysis that can be used to inform the development data community and improve our understanding on how to minimize gaps in gender data. This year we are focusing on analysing the data we have from these assessments, including the availability of gender data at the international, national and microdata level through surveys such as Living Standard Measurement Surveys, Demographic Health Surveys, and Multi-indicator Cluster Surveys. Our job is to pull messages from the data, highlight solutions to filling the gender data gaps we have observed, and communicate this analysis to a wide policy audience.

Key words (up to 12): gender data, sex-disaggregated data, data impact, secondary data analysis, data gaps/availability, sustainable development goals

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:

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:

- Demonstrated 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

Where the work would be carried out:

Open Data Watch office in Washington, D.C. Office hours are 9:00AM-5PM with flexibility. We are a small team but our office is part of a much larger co-working space called the OpenGovHub. "The Hub" houses over 40 additional organizations working in the open data, development or governance space.

Preferred selection method (interview or other method):

Interview via Skype

Interview preference (on campus, remote, in your office):

Interview via Skype

Support and training offered by the organisation:

The intern will be supervised and supported by Deirdre Appel, a Program Manager 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 at the OpenGov Hub. We are happy to provide letters of recommendation or references upon a successful completion of the internship.

Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:

None

Supporting information: This project is completed alongside our gender data partner, Data2X.

Financial assistance offered by the organisation: None