

DRI is looking for an individual consultant specialised in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Title: *WASH Expert (m/f/d) – Lebanon Country Office)*

Starting date: *October 2021*

Duration: *4 months – End January 2021*

Location: *Different Lebanese regions depending on the thematic area (North-Lebanon, Akkar, Baalback-Hermel) and home-based*

Position: DRI is conducting a series of Local Governance Assessments specific to MASAR’s service sectors in several areas of intervention. The expert will conduct desk reviews and fieldwork research and assist DRI in developing a policy analysis of the challenges of local governance in strategic planning at the municipal level, substantiating concrete recommendations and strategic prospects for policy uptake in a context of crisis.

How to apply: Please share your *CV – Cover Letter - publication record or relevant writing samples* to (e.haddad@democracy-reporting.org and info.lebanon@democracy-reporting.org) by *October 15th, 2021*.

Background

Democracy Reporting International (DRI) is a non-partisan, independent, not-for-profit organisation registered in Berlin. DRI promotes political participation of citizens, accountability of state bodies, and the development of democratic institutions worldwide.

In the framework of the MASAR programme for Local Governments, which is funded by the EU MADAD trust fund and co-implemented by VNG International (VNGI), the Polish Centre for International Aid (PCPM), and the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD), DRI is conducting a series of Local Governance Assessments specific to MASAR’s service sectors in several areas of intervention. Following a fieldwork research, DRI will develop a policy analysis of the challenges of local governance in the relevant sectors and areas, substantiating concrete recommendations and strategic prospects for policy uptake in a context of crisis.

To this end, DRI is recruiting three experts to work on one of the project’s thematic areas: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). The assignments will be conducted in the following locations:

Thematic Area	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
Location	(Deir El Ahmar Union of Municipalities, Aarsal Municipality)
Number of days in the field	Up to 10 days

Your responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Research and Field Coordinator, the expert will, in their respective field and area:

- Conduct a comprehensive documentation review of data collected by DRI and the MASAR consortium, incl. pilot project documents and reports and compare these with similar Lebanese practices;
- Identify, map, and analyse the main stakeholders and key policy actors (donor agencies, central and local governments, businesses, civil society) and their role in fulfilling the recommendations) involved in the relevant sector;
- Draft a brief fieldwork plan outlining the steps to be undertaken, incl. key informant interviews, field/pilot project visits etc.;
- Draft the outline of a stock-taking policy brief, incl. a methodology section;
- Draft a high-readable 4,000-word policy brief assessing the capabilities and requirements of targeted local authorities to plan, deliver, operate, and maintain basic services, considering: (1) contextual factors; (2) structural factors (organisational and institutional setup of local governments); (3) sectoral implications (impact on municipal planning and service delivery); and (4) leverage points of intervention and policy recommendations for adaptive governance in times of crisis;
- Facilitate multi-stakeholder consultations and validation workshops (up to 5 based on data availability and validity in the Aol) organised by DRI and partners at the regional level.

Your Qualifications

- Advanced university degree civil engineering, mechanical engineering, geology, hydrology, sanitation engineering, public health or a field relevant to international WASH related development assistance;
- Advanced knowledge in urban water supply, rural water supply, sewage, Communication for behavior change, WASH in local rural communities, projects implementation, planning, evaluation, appropriate water supply and quality technology i.e.: community-based water supply
- At least 8 years of experience in the WASH sector involving fieldwork and effective coordination with a diverse spectrum of stakeholders, e.g., high-level officials, local community actors, and other project partners;
- Excellent writing skills, with an outstanding sense of methodology, thoroughness, and accuracy;
- Experience in community engagement and participatory processes;
- Experience working on local governance assessments;
- Ability to deliver under tight deadlines;
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills;

- Fluency in written and spoken English and Arabic.

If you are interested in this consultancy, please submit your application by sending in the subject line (“LB Consultancy – WASH”). The application should consist of:

- A cover letter;
- Your CV;
- Your publication record or relevant writing samples.

Closing date for applications is 15/10/2021 - local time etc. The position may be filled before the deadline, so early applications are encouraged. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Organisation responsible for this vacancy:

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