



**Job Description:** Evaluation Coordinator, Rural Water Project (Kenya)

**Application Deadline:** February 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

**Start Date (Flexible):** June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

IPA is currently seeking an Evaluation Coordinator (EC) to manage in-country activities of evaluations of water-related research questions. The EC will be responsible for managing ongoing pilots and initiating several large new evaluations covering a population of 100,000+ people.

The EC will work closely with the RWP team of economists, public health and water experts, engineers, education specialists, and business operations experts to coordinate and contribute to the design of multiple drinking water related impact evaluations. The evaluations will investigate (a) the impact of access to clean drinking water on child health and education outcomes, (b) the sustainability and success of various approaches for delivering the water treatment technology with the aim of demonstrating scalability, and (c) how social divisions affect the provision of local water resources.

The EC will serve as an in-country representative of the RWP to local partner NGOs, health facility administrators, Ministry of Health officials, Ministry of Education officials, and local business partners. This will entail drafting Memoranda of Cooperation, managing current partnerships, and identifying and negotiating new collaborations.

The EC will take part in supervising several teams of field officers (10-20 people each) and local data entry staff. This includes human resource responsibilities, yearly performance evaluations of all staff, design and utilization of performance metrics for field and office staff, and supervision of project finances.

The EC will take part in supporting relationships with donors, which includes participating in progress report preparation and grant management.

The EC will have extensive data-related duties. These include continuous monitoring of data quality and analysis and preparation of preliminary results.

The EC position will be based out of the IPA office in Busia, Kenya, and will require extensive travel within western Kenya, and possibly other areas. The EC will work closely with Professors Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel, and Vivian Hoffman.

The (flexible) start date is June 1, 2009. A minimum commitment of two years is required.

## Qualifications

While prior experience in any of these tasks is an asset, it is not required. Essential requirements include:

- Bachelor's degree in economics, social sciences, or other related fields (Master's Degree or equivalent a plus)
- Excellent organizational, communication, and writing skills
- Basic statistics and a working knowledge of STATA
- Fluency in English and willingness to learn Swahili
- Ability to perform at a high level in a rural developing country environment
- Strong leadership abilities

The following qualifications are preferred, but not required:

- Advanced statistics training
- Prior experience working in a developing country
- Familiarity with randomized evaluation methods

Previous RWP ECs have gone on to top economics Ph.D. programs, laws schools, and the World Bank.

If you are interested in this position, please go to: <http://www.povertyactionlab.org/getinvolved> for additional information. You can submit your application at:

<http://apply.povertyactionlab.org/apply/login>. Select "*Field Based Research Assistant*" as the position you are applying for. Note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.