

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE



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Economic Researcher

Position:	Economic Researcher
Organization:	Covenant Development Institute
Closing Date:	January 31 st 2021
Working Hours:	100% (40 hours per week)
Duration:	24 months (with possibility of extension)
Location:	Yangon, with travel to southeast Myanmar

Project Background

Covenant is part of 'Protracted Displacement Economies', an international Research Project: 2020-2023 funded by UK Research and Innovation, through the Global Challenges Research Fund, part of the UK's Official Development Assistance commitment. Research is coordinated by the University of Sussex and the Institute of Development Studies, in collaborative partnership with six organisations across five countries (see info sheet).

Major duties and Responsibilities:

- Closely work together with the Principal Investigator and other team members to carry-out research activities.
- Responsible for collecting, organizing, and analyzing opinions (qualitative) and data (quantitative).
- Liaise with government officials, civil society leaders and non-state actors.
- Assist in the development of various research outcomes such as academic articles, policy notes and media products.

Qualifications and Requirements

- A Master's Degree in Economics or other relevant Social Sciences field
- Proven research experience
- Sound understanding of research methodologies
- Strong statistical and mathematical aptitude
- Attention to detail and exceptional written and verbal communication skills both in English and Burmese or/and Sgaw Karen.
- Self-motivated, active team player, ability to work in the field

Covenant Development Institute

Covenant is a Myanmar registered local think tank, specializing in conducting research and implementing projects in conflict-affected areas with a focus on peace building, livelihoods, education and community development.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.covenant-institute.com

Submission of Applications Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a letter of interest and a detailed CV not later than **31st January 2021** email to

Mr. Axel Schroeder, info@covenant-institute.com

We are looking forward in receiving your application

Protracted Displacement Economies

An International Research Project: 2020-2023

What is the aim of the project?

The Research has four objectives:

1. To investigate economic activity amongst those affected by long-term displacement.
2. To highlight sustainable economic activities; both those that already exist, and future opportunities.
3. To analyse the barriers to inclusive and sustainable economic activities.
4. To help build the skills of displaced people to communicate their own perspectives on sustainable economic practices.

Where and when will research take place?

The project is working with partners in five countries (Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Myanmar and Pakistan) from 2021-23. In each country, three locations will be selected: an urban neighbourhood, a camp setting and a third context, which varies by country.

Who is involved?

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What research will take place?

A combination of methods will be used: focus group discussions; a large household survey; interviews with local residents and a series of expert interviews. Throughout the project, we will also work with young people from our research locations to produce participatory films, highlighting the sustainability of the protracted displacement economy.

What happens to the data collected?

All data will be stored securely and data that identifies individuals will be destroyed on project completion in August 2023. The exception to this is where we have people's written permission – usually where they are speaking in their official capacity or if they appear in photos or films. Numerical data will be completely anonymised and stored in a global data archive for future researchers to access. Films will be shared widely and archived on the project website.

How can we find out results?

All results will be communicated to those involved as soon as they are analysed. Our project website (*currently under development*) will also present reports and other outputs. Stakeholder groups will be held in each country on a regular basis to update, so if you are interested in joining one, please let us know.

How can we get in contact?

Ashley South is the principal investigator at Covenant Institute. If you would like to know more about the project, or get involved, please contact us at info@covenant-institute.com.

¹ **DRC:** Groupe de Recherche et d'Etudes Stratégiques sur le Congo (GREC), University of Kinshasa; **Ethiopia:** Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), University of Addis Ababa; **Lebanon:** Sawa for Development and Aid; Basmeah & Zeitooneh; **Myanmar:** Covenant Institute; **Pakistan:** University of Peshawar.