Title	Data collectors
Organization	Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC)
Duty Station	Bamyan, Parwan, Kapisa, Panjsheer, Kabul, Herat, Kandahar, Badakshan,Takhar, Logar, Khost, Paktia, Balkh, Samangan, Jawzjan, Nangarhar, Konur, Laghman
Duration	20 days with possibility of extension
No. of Jobs	25
Nationality	Afghan
Sex	Any
Salary Range	As per MEC salary scale
Announcing Date	October 1, 2018
Closing Date	October 7, 2018
Shift	
Experience	At least one-year experience in data collection

General Overview of MEC

In 2010, the Government of the Islamic Republic Afghanistan (GIRoA) invited the international community to form the Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC), to provide anti-corruption policy advice, and monitor and evaluate progress against specific anti-corruption benchmarks. MEC was established jointly by the GIRoA and the international community, following the London and Kabul Conferences in January and July 2010, respectively, and by Presidential Decree 61, 2010.

MEC is an independent agency, and is not subject to direction from either the Afghan government or from the international community. Following the London Conference, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan invited the international community to form a joint Afghan-International monitoring and evaluation committee. On September 18, 2016, the Afghan president issued Presidential Decree No. 115. This changed the legal status, duties, scope of activities and authorities of the Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee which abrogates all previous Presidential Decrees. MEC focuses on:

- Developing anti-corruption recommendations;
- Monitoring and evaluating the anti-corruption efforts of the Afghan government and the international community; and
- Reporting on a regular basis to the President, Parliament, and people of Afghanistan, as well as to the international community about the state of the fight against corruption.

Job Summary

MEC is undertaking a Vulnerability to Corruption Assessment or VCA of the Afghan Electoral System. The assessment relies on a comprehensive data collection conducted by way of a mixed-methods research design which includes desk-based research and document review, a perception survey, and in-depth key informant interviews (KIIs) as well focus group discussions (FGDs). KIIs and FGDs will be conducted both in Kabul as well as across provinces.

Towards that end, MEC is looking to recruit 25 field-level data collectors to assist in data collection in the provinces Bamyan, Parwan, Kapisa, Panjsheer, Kabul, Herat, Kandahar, Badakshan,Takhar, Logar, Khost, Paktia, Balkh, Samangan, Jawzjan, Nangarhar, Konur and Laghman. Data collectors are expected to go to remote areas where election takes place, so extensive local knowledge and networks is a key prerequisite.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Participate in data collection training administered by the VCA research team

- Adhere to data collection instructions as provided by the VCA research team

- Conduct in-depth interviews (KIIs) and focus group discussions (FGDs) with respondents

- Where possible, and with explicit permission given, audio record KIIs and FGDs

- Disseminate questionnaires to respondents and where necessary fill in data (when respondents are unable to)

Requirements

- Data collection research experience

- Extensive local insights in the applied for province of research

- Effective communication skills in both Dari and Pashto

- Experience with investigative journalism is a clear advantage

- Ability to conduct interviews with different respondent groups

- Report writing skills

- Willingness to travel to remote areas

How to Apply

Candidates can apply for the position by sending their cover letter and CV in one PDF or Microsoft Word document, named in the following way: "LAST_NAME_first_name.pdf" or "LAST_NAME_first_name.doc."

The province of application should be specified.

Supplementary documents - degrees, certificates, etc. - should not be sent at this time. The single PDF or Word file should be emailed to jobs@mec.af with the subject line "Data Collector", by 07 Oct 2018.