

International Monetary Fund—Vacancy Announcement
Local Economist, IMF Resident Office in Afghanistan

The IMF's Middle East and Central Asia Department is looking for a highly qualified **LOCAL ECONOMIST** for the IMF Office in Kabul, Afghanistan. This is a full-time position.

Job Description

The Local Economist supports the HQ-based IMF team working on Afghanistan and serves as a principal liaison with the authorities. The selected candidate is expected to demonstrate the ability to work independently under the supervision of the IMF Mission Chief for Afghanistan, have a flexible and collaborative attitude, proven ability to work under tight deadlines and heavy workload, as well as high motivation, integrity, and drive for results.

The main responsibilities of the Local Economist are:

- Support of the HQ-based Afghanistan team:
 - Assist with monitoring of the IMF-supported program, including updating and monitoring key performance criteria and benchmarks of the program
 - Attend meetings organized by UNCT, WB, and other donors as required and timely submit minutes of meetings to HQ
 - Liaise on key structural reform areas supported by IMF Technical Assistance with Da Afghanistan Bank, Ministry of Finance, National Statistics and Information Authority, Ministry of Commerce and Trade, and other government institutions
 - Develop and maintain effective relationships with Afghan government counterparts at the technical level and local employees at donor representative offices.
 - Respond to internal requests for information and data
 - Drafts correspondence to external organizations and country authorities
- Analytical work:
 - Systematically monitor and report on developments in the fiscal, external, monetary, and real sectors
 - Identify problems and issues for discussion in those sectors
 - Report any material economic and political developments as they occur
 - Prepare background notes for IMF missions (as needed)
 - Contribute to analytical work originating at HQ (as needed)

- Data collection and processing:
 - Research, collect, and compile country information; as needed, maintain and update quantitative and qualitative economic, financial or statistical databases. Hold discussions with relevant authorities as required, in order to attain specific data.
 - Actively seek new sources of economic data to identify country economic trends, relevant information, or developments.
 - Produce charts, graphs, and tables (as needed)
 - Work with the HQ team on data updates as needed and when requested

Qualifications and experience:

- Master's in economics, public policy (with economics), or relevant field
- Five or more years of relevant work experience
- Proficiency in Microsoft software suite (Outlook, Excel, Word)
- Oral proficiency in Dari/Pashto and English
- Ability to clearly communicate in written English

Interested candidates who meet the above criteria are requested to send their CV along with a cover letter in English to RR-AFG@imf.org no later than June 15, 2020. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.