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Independent Researcher – Peace Mapping Study

Description

About AFIA

The Afar Intellectuals Association (AFIA) is a nationally registered professional association founded in 2020 in Samara, Afar Regional State, Ethiopia. We are a dedicated group of young scholars united by a shared passion for empowering underprivileged communities and driving inclusive, sustainable development across the region.

AFIA serves as a vital bridge, connecting donor communities with marginalized groups to address critical developmental challenges, including illiteracy, malnutrition, environmental degradation, lack of peace, and unemployment. Through research, dialogue, and community-led initiatives, we strive to promote knowledge, resilience, and lasting peace in the Afar region.

The Assignment

AFIA is seeking a highly qualified and independent researcher to lead a peace mapping study in the Afar–Tigray borderland areas. The research will focus on uncovering the root causes, actors, and dynamics of cross-border conflicts and propose practical entry points for sustainable peacebuilding.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Responsibilities

Key Responsibilities

- Design and implement a context-sensitive research methodology.
- Conduct fieldwork, interviews, and focus group discussions.
- Analyze conflict drivers, community dynamics, and key actors.
- Produce a comprehensive research report with actionable recommendations.
- Present findings to AFIA, partners, and community stakeholders.

Qualifications

Required Qualifications

- **Master's or PhD** in Peace and Security Studies, Conflict Resolution, Political Science, Sociology, Development Studies, or related fields.
- Minimum **5 years' experience** in peace/conflict research and analysis.
- Strong knowledge of cross-border conflict dynamics, especially in Afar and Tigray.
- Excellent research, analytical, and writing skills in English (knowledge of Afar and Tigrigna is an asset).
- Ability to work independently and deliver high-quality outputs on time.

Deliverables

- Inception report with research design and methodology.
- Draft and final **peace mapping report**.
- Policy brief with practical recommendations.

Job Benefits

Hiring organization

Afar Intellectual Association

Employment Type

Temporary, Short-term Consultancy
(with possibility of extension)

Job Location

Afar–Tigray Borderland Areas,
Ethiopia, 251, Samara, Afar,
Ethiopia

Date posted

August 25, 2025

Valid through

05.09.2025

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Contacts

How to Apply

Interested applicants may **apply directly through AFIA's Jobs page** or send their applications to **info@afarintellectuals.org** application deadline : **September 5, 2025**.

Your application should include:

1. Updated CV
2. Technical proposal (max 3 pages)
3. Financial proposal
4. Two references or a sample of previous research work

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