

IRSS is looking for a researcher (senior scientist)

Context: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) has been active for over 40 years in the fields of international disaster and conflict health studies, with activities linking relief, rehabilitation and development. The Centre promotes research and technical expertise on humanitarian emergencies, particularly in public health and epidemiology. The centre is part of the Institute for Health and Society (IRSS) within UCLouvain.

The International Disaster Database EM-DAT was created by CRED in 1988, and consists of a systematic compilation of disaster impact data at a global level. The data goes back to 1900, and is updated on a daily basis. It contains data on the human impact (e.g. number of deaths, number injured, number of affected), economic impact, and characteristics of the disaster. The database is part of the EM-DAT project, funded by USAID.

Job description: We are looking for a senior staff member to undertake setting up disaster impact data collection activities at regional and subnational level. We aim to conduct a pilot for this in four countries in Asia and/or Africa. Specifically, it includes the following tasks:

- Identify and engage with relevant stakeholders in Asian and African countries, affected by disasters;
- Train these stakeholders on methods and tools they can use to collect and enter disaster impact data at a subnational level;
- Support stakeholders in implementing a pilot of collection and entry of subnational disaster impact data;
- Undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot.

In addition, we expect the candidate to contribute to other activities related to the EM-DAT project in consultation with the management committee of CRED

Duration: Initially 1 year, renewable. The position is foreseen for 1.0 fte (100%).

Profile:

- A relevant master's degree, e.g. public health, geography and proven skills in data management
- Work experience in Asia (and/or Africa) is considered as an asset
- Knowledge of and experience with EM-DAT or other global or local data collection activities
- Good communication and organisational skills and experience in managing projects
- The candidate has a pro-active attitude and is expected to work on the aforementioned tasks autonomously, while providing updates to the team on a weekly basis
- Good knowledge in written and spoken English is required. French is desirable but not mandatory

Application: Please send the CV and letter of motivation to Niko.speybroeck@uclouvain.be

Salary: Salary according to official University regulations.

Deadline: Open until **15 June 2022**

For any further information, please contact Niko Speybroeck at the following e-mail address:
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