

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Regional Research Survey Catalyst

Reports to: Director of People Group Data

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Position Summary:

The Regional Research Survey Catalyst drives field research efforts to enhance Joshua Project's data on unreached people groups. This role involves networking with national partners, training and equipping national researchers, and overseeing data collection. The Catalyst collaborates with national and regional representatives to design and implement research projects that provide critical insights into people group identity, gospel engagement, and the progress of Christian witness.

Essential Roles and Responsibilities:

Catalyze Field Research

- Work with Directors of People Group Data to identify research needs and opportunities.
- Develop and implement strategies for collecting reliable and actionable data.
- Facilitate partnerships with national researchers and mission networks to enhance survey capabilities.

Train and Equip National Research Teams

- Provide training on field survey methodologies, cultural sensitivity, and data collection best practices.
- Ensure researchers recognize biases and contextualize survey questions appropriately.

Conduct and Oversee Data Collection

- Supervise field surveys focused on:
 - Identifying new people groups.
 - Assessing gospel engagement and Christian and Evangelical percentages.
 - Investigating people group identity and basic ethnographic data.
- Collect, verify, and organize research findings in collaboration with local partners.
- Maintain records and provide regular research updates.
- Support Joshua Project's Research and Advocacy
- Contribute to region-specific people group profiles.
- Ensure research aligns with Joshua Project's global mission strategies.
- Present findings to mission organizations and church networks.



Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Strong commitment to Joshua Project's mission and an unreached people group worldview.
- Experience leading field research in cross-cultural settings.
- Understanding of ethnographic research, survey biases, and data collection methodologies.
- Ability to train and equip national partners in survey design and research methods.
- Strong analytical skills and competency in data processing and interpretation.
- Excellent relational and networking abilities for engaging national partners and mission networks.
- Proficiency in technology for data collection and communication.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrates a mature walk with God as a follower of Christ, as verified by lifestyle and references.
- Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the Bible.
- Evidences God's calling to play a role in his mission to spread the gospel among all peoples of the world.
- Willingness to travel as needed for field research and training.
- Has the ability to work closely with a team and can set aside personal interests for what is best for the team.
- Can graciously submit to those in authority.
- Is age twenty-one or older.
- Aligns with [Joshua Project's statement on marriage, gender, and sexuality](#).
- Shows evidence of good emotional, physical, financial, and mental health.
- Demonstrates a healthy relationship with a local evangelical church.
- Agrees with the [Lausanne Covenant](#), [World Evangelical Alliance statement of faith](#), and [Joshua Project's core values](#).
- Ability to raise support (if needed) through networking.
- Preference for candidates from their area of research focus.
- Experience in leadership, team-building, and working with missions communities.

Minimum Physical Requirements:

- Ability to conduct field research in potentially remote and challenging environments.
- Strong interpersonal and cross-cultural communication skills for engaging with national partners.
- Capacity to type written reports and participate in virtual and in-person meetings.

