

Development Ratings (www.developmentratings.com) is a new organisation which identifies and recommends small and innovative charities that work in some of the least developed countries.

Head of Research

We are looking for an outstanding individual who is excited by the idea of being an integral part of an initiative that is fundamentally changing the way we think about philanthropy and international development. The right person will be the backbone of the organisation and will have to work independently in an entrepreneurial spirit. The candidate will need excellent research and analysis skills, strong understanding of international development projects and have existing contacts in the field. We would also expect outstanding writing and editing skills. Regional or country specific expertise as well as prior work in recommending international development charities to donors is helpful.

Scope of work:

- Mapping, identifying and selecting charities in specific sectors and countries or regions for further research through thorough strategic issue analysis and by liaising with field contacts.
- Developing a sound understanding of the context and operations of each of the individual charities selected based on meetings with management, review of accounts and other public materials as well as peer group comparisons.
- Using Development Ratings' in-depth methodology for assessing the development impact of the charities and writing final research recommendations.
- Maintaining relationship with management of recommended charities, providing ongoing coverage and updates.
- Assisting Development Ratings' directors with business development and funding presentations.

We are looking for a highly productive individual in order to rapidly grow the service so that we can meet the expected demand for our reports. The candidate will together with Development Ratings develop an agreed business plan with targeted number of recommendations to be produced.

The position will be based in London from the candidate's home or we can arrange office space. Remuneration will be commensurate with experience but we expect it to be in the range of £35,000 - £40,000 per year.

To apply, please send a brief cover letter explaining how you think you would fit the profile as well as a recent CV to info@developmentratings.com.