



Development workers (m/f/d) as Digital Ambassadors

We are looking for enthusiastic nerds and geeks who support to overcome the digital divide as development workers in Asia and Latin America.

As a federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development.

With the dispatch of qualified specialists as development workers, GIZ contributes to the sustainable improvement of living conditions of people in developing and transition countries.

Job-ID:
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Location:
Mehrere Standorte

Assignment period:
07/01/2020 -
12/31/2022

Field:
Information and Com-
munication Tech-

Type of employment:

full-time

Application deadline:

06/30/2020

Job description

Do you want to help to reduce the digital divide in Asia and Latin America and thus actively shape the digital transformation at local level? Do you want to support local people, as in Brazil, on the use of digital platforms for the documentation and visualisation of their traditional territories, support the introduction and implementation of digital accounting systems in Laos or develop social media campaigns to raise awareness of labour rights for workers in the textile sector in Cambodia? Then you are right with us! The Digital Ambassadors Initiative aims to contribute to an inclusive digital transformation and to safeguard democratic processes as well as civil rights through digitalization. Through their digital expertise, Digital Ambassadors contribute to fostering the skills of local organisations and marginalised population groups on the ground. Digital Ambassadors are therefore the intermediaries between the digital world, digital ecosystems and local realities. They are drivers for innovation and the implementation of scalable digital technologies, e.g. to connect rural and urban areas, to give people access to information, to create transparency, and to develop new opportunities for marginalized population groups.

Your tasks

- The tasks of the Digital Ambassadors are derived from the concrete needs on site
- The tasks can be in the areas of teaching basic digital skills, the development of easily accessible digital information channels, data protection / cybersecurity, digital identity management, vocational training with a digital focus, Industry 4.0 and/or cooperation with the local digital economy
- Deployments may also relate to the challenge of finding innovative solutions for Internet access where broadband is not available or for those who do not have a smartphone with a data flat rate
- Digital Ambassadors often work in a team with complementary skills and always with local partners with whom they collaborate to design and develop solutions

Your profile

- University degree or professional qualification related to digital transformation (social sciences, political science, economics, social work, education, media, ICT, engineering or equivalent)
- Affinity to the field of digital transformation, combined with initial practical work experience (if necessary, also in the context of qualified internships during studies).
- Proven IT/ICT knowledge and experience and understanding regarding IT developments and IT/ICT projects
- knowledge to promote digital literacy and guidance approaches to information and communication technologies

- Interest in cooperation/interface management and process design
- experience abroad and work in cross cultural contexts (Asia or Latin America would be advantageous)
- Sensitivity to or experience with equality between men and women
- Ability to work in a team and networking skills combined with the talent to think conceptually and analytically
- Structured work style with a high degree of self-organisation, flexibility and creativity
- Strong communication, presentation and moderation skills
- Very good English (for the assignments in Asia) and Spanish (for the assignments in Latin America), knowledge of German is an advantage
- This position is also suitable as a gap-year

Location information

In general, the security situation is stable. The guidelines for GIZ security measures must be followed at all times. Please also read the country-specific information from the Federal Foreign Office.

Notes

Location: Capital and provincial cities Asia and Latin America

Deployment duration : 12-24 months (plus 1 month preparation)

Earliest start: 01.07.2020

Application deadline: ongoing; for first selection round: 1st February/March 2020

GIZ is pleased to welcome applicants who have completed their vocational training and/or studies, and who also have German citizenship or nationality of another EU member state.

Development workers contribute their professional expertise to non-governmental and state organisations in partner countries. They train, advise and design projects jointly with the partner organisations. Development workers do not receive a customary salary, but can instead claim a living allowance, as well as family, health and insurance benefits. Your assignment will begin with several intensive weeks of preparation (including for your family) in Germany and in your partner country. When you finish your assignment in your partner country, you will receive support in reintegrating into working life and society in your country of origin.

Please note that we can only accept and process applications received via our online e-recruiting system. If you are unable to submit your application in this way, contact the person named in the job advertisement.

Our benefits

We are a provider of international cooperation services for sustainable development and work to

build a future worth living around the world. We support projects in over 130 countries to achieve goals sustainably together with our partners., Your work will begin with an onboarding and preparation phase that will give you initial insights into GIZ and lay the groundwork for your upcoming assignment, establishing new contacts and building up your network., Extensive check-ups and preventive measures (e.g. on appointment, before the outward journey, during the stay in a country of assignment, in an emergency) are provided to our staff and the family members accompanying them as a matter of course., As well as your basic living allowance, as a development worker you will also receive extensive additional benefits during your assignment (including a foreign service premium, family allowances, private group health insurance)., To enable you to get ready for your assignment as a development worker and your outward journey, you will be given outward journey leave following your preparation time in Germany., We will cover a large portion of the childcare costs for dependent children under 14 who are accompanying you if your partner is not doing so and is not a development worker or integrated expert themselves. Most nursery and school fees are paid., We will reimburse you for your rental costs based on the rent index for your country as well as paying you an equipment and furnishing allowance on top., As a development worker, you can use the project vehicle for trips to school or to visit a doctor or can receive a monthly lump-sum mobility allowance instead. The project vehicle can also be used for personal trips with your manager's approval., You and the members of your family accompanying you will be covered by our health and liability insurance, while your family members will also benefit from accident insurance. In countries in crisis, we operate a comprehensive risk management system for your protection, which minimises personal dangers and risks.

About us

We offer the opportunity to work in an innovative and worldwide operating institution related to development policy. Your competencies and qualifications are demanded on the spot in an interdisciplinary team. You advise governmental and civil society organizations at local or municipal level. The Development Service of GIZ offers a comprehensive service package. It includes a specific technical and personal preparation. The basis for the deployment of specialists in the development service is the German Development Workers Act (*EhfG*).

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