

## Terms of Reference

### Student Research Assistant position in “Energy communities for social development”

#### **About Hudara**

Hudara is an independent and impartial organisation working where people's lives are impacted by poverty, conflict and climate change.

#### Our Vision

We strive for a world in which people experience good mental wellbeing, live in peaceful communities and in balance with the natural environment.

#### Our Mission

We support communities in reaching a sustainable and peaceful way of functioning through mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), social cohesion (SC) and community-based adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change (AMCC).

#### **About Hudara's work**

We are involved in development work, research and activism; we decentralize debate and action, strengthen horizontal lines of communication and promote genuine cooperation in all our projects. We are currently implementing a project in Iraq, supporting youth in a refugee camp which suffer psychological problems through creative and psychosocial activities as well as mental health counselling. Another project in Bangladesh focuses on strengthening the community's knowledge and commitment in preserving the natural mangrove forests and to strengthen their economic base of life. We work on building a platform of exchange in Berlin, Germany, to connect people interested in topics like community development, peaceful coexistence, wellbeing and mental health, mitigation of and community-based adaptation to climate change, as well as social and ecological justice issues. We just started a project in Mayotte to decarbonise the energy system by fostering large deployments of renewable energy based on the local community's needs. Other projects in the fields of mental health and psychosocial support, adaptation to climate change and energy poverty are in preparation.

#### **About energy communities for social development**

We are looking for a Student Research Assistant supporting us in our work in a project taking place in Mayotte (FR) which is located in the northern Mozambique Channel in the Indian Ocean. The project's main objective is to decarbonize the energy system by fostering deployments of renewable energy systems based on the local community's goals and needs. Hudara's role in this project is to ensure a community-based approach and the consideration of end-users in new emerging business models. Local communities are to be activated and involved for ownership and acceptance of the energy transition. Centralized energy systems are to be reorganized and where no energy supply is available yet, integrated community energy systems are to be developed to allow simultaneous integration of distributed energy resources and engagement of local communities.

## Your tasks and responsibilities

The tasks related to the open position are: preparation of a literature review in close cooperation with other colleagues engaged in this project, attendance of project meetings and presentation of the research results in Hudara's general meeting on a regular basis, preparation of a database, data entry and basic statistical analysis.

## What we are looking for

- A student enrolled in a master degree program in social, political or environmental sciences.
- Fluency in written and spoken English is obligatory, another language, especially French, is an asset.
- Knowledge of and proficiency in using statistical programs, especially SPSS, is an asset.

## What we offer

- 15 hours/week are remunerated with 12 Euro/hour gross salary, at first for three months with possibility for a long-time involvement.
- Possibility to travel to the project location in Mayotte together with other Hudara staff.
- There is also the possibility to write the master thesis in this thematic field at Hudara.
- In addition: You will be part of a young and dynamic team and you will have the possibility to set your own emphasis within the thematic focus of our initiative depending on your personal strengths and interests.
- The position is based in Berlin, Germany. The work can be arranged flexible with at least one fixed day during the week in our shared office space in Alt-Treptow.

## How to apply

Please send a CV and a motivational letter to [lena@hudara.org](mailto:lena@hudara.org) with "Student Research Assistant\_Community involvement in decarbonizing energy systems" in the subject line until 10th of November 2020 and tell us about you and why you want to join our team. You may find more information about us and our work at <https://hudara.org>.

We are looking forward hearing from you!