

Call for Fellowship Applications!

The Opportunity

The ILO's Social Finance Programme and Impact Insurance Facility invite applications from qualified professionals with expertise in insurance, microfinance and development for inclusion in its Fellowship Programme roster and for potential placements in three countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and one in Asia. The projects are expected to start in the second half of 2020, although are contingent on the COVID-19 situation and may be delayed.

The Fellowship Programme

The objective of the programme is to match qualified professionals with organizations working on the frontiers of impact insurance and financial inclusion, bridge skill gaps and create a new generation of professionals with experience serving low-income populations.

The fellows will support the Facility's [Research and Innovation](#) initiative by providing technical and program management to innovation partners. In addition to this, fellows may have an opportunity to perform one to two activities each year to support the Facility's [Capacity Building](#) and [Market Development](#) initiatives.

Each fellow will be placed with a host organization for at least a year to support an innovation project. The project could range from the implementation of a financial product, digital solution, public-private partnership or distribution partnership. The project will focus on one or more of the following themes:

- Developing property insurance products that benefit current and potential owners of affordable housing for low-income populations. This will include investigation into the use of technology to develop affordable and scalable solutions.
- Designing integrated risk-management solutions that bundle insurance with financial services and/or value-added services that improve consumers' ability to manage risk and also increase their productivity capabilities.
- Enhancing public-private partnerships that help achieve public policy objectives aligned to the UN's SDGs.

Who should apply?

The ideal candidates for a fellowship should:

- have relevant expertise to contribute to insurance activities;
- be proactive and ready to document learning experiences during the fellowship;
- be interested in working in developing countries on development issues;
- be seriously committed to providing inclusive insurance services or practising as an insurance professional on an ongoing basis after the assignment;
- be resourceful and capable of arranging practical necessities related to travel, life and work in a new environment; and
- be ready to work in a developing country for the duration of the fellowship.

Insurance or financial inclusion professionals, including health and general insurance actuaries, who are keen to apply their skills to benefit the low-income market and who have worked in a technical capacity for at least five years may participate. Candidates with the requisite skills and experience will be included in the roster and considered for the aforementioned fellowship opportunity.

Interested candidates should apply online by May 24, 2020 23:59 CEST.

Only applications submitted online will be accepted. [Click here to apply now.](#)

“The fellowship helped immensely in giving me a taste of what it’s like to be a professional working in microinsurance in a developing country. It enabled me to specialise as a microinsurance actuary, focused on agricultural microinsurance. Taking up the fellowship was perhaps the best decision of my career.”- Agrotosh Mokerjee

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The ILO’s [Social Finance Programme](#) works with the financial sector to enable it to contribute to the ILO’s Decent Work Agenda. In this context, we engage with banks, microfinance institutions, credit unions, insurers, investors and others to test new financial products, approaches and processes.

The [Impact Insurance Facility](#) contributes to the Social Finance agenda by collaborating with the insurance industry, governments and partners to realize the potential of insurance for social and economic development.