



LAND SETTLEMENT AGENCY

Unit : Corporate Services Unit

Position : Research Officer

Job Summary

The Research Officer of the Land Settlement Agency will assist the Research Specialist. The task entails material and research support in the field of social, technical, economic and policy particularly as it relates to squatting, informal housing and related shelter issues.

Organizational Relationships

- Reports directly to the Research Specialist.

Duties and Responsibilities

Support the Research Specialist in research and related activities as follows:

- Collection of basic statistical data related to squatting, informal housing and related shelter issues.
- Assist in the preparation of technical papers on squatting and related housing issues for publication at international conferences, journals etc.
- Conducts surveys and in-depth investigations into particular areas of squatting to establish trends, changes in trends or as a means of problem solving and develops reports which provide sound conclusions based on analysis of data.
- Collate information relating to squatting, informal housing and shelter issues.
- Collate information on living and urban condition on squatter sites, informal and low income housing areas.
- Collate information on climate change issues that affect housing, especially, low income housing.

- Collate information on social issues that affect housing, especially, low income housing.
- In collaboration with the Business development Specialist and Micro-Enterprise Specialist, collate information related to business development and micro-enterprises.
- Collate information related to site standards, infrastructure, utilities and services relating to squatter sites, informal housing and shelter issues.
- Collaborates with Communication personnel to assist in feedback and obtain information.
- Liaises with Physical Planning professionals to collate information on site layout and design for regularization of Squatter sites and land settlement areas.
- Liaises with other professional in the collation of information for the preparation of Cumulative Environmental and Social Impacts Assessments/ Statements and similar reports.
- Liaises with other professionals in collating information for the preparation of mitigation plans, including Resettlement Action Plans, in squatter regularization, resettlement, informal and low income housing.
- Visits land settlement/squatting areas and designated sites in the course of research.
- Collate research on renewable and alternative energy suitable for low income housing
- Collate research on green technologies for housing.
- Collate research data on waste treatment and disposal suitable for low income housing.
- Collate research data for the support the outreach programmes of the LSA in affordable and sustainable housing.
- Collate data on projects on an ex-post basis to determine attainment of development and social, economic and environmental objectives.

- Assist in ex-ante evaluations of implementation methodologies and makes recommendations.
- Executes other related duties that may arise from time to time.

Qualifications, Training and Experience

- A first degree in Economics, Statistics, Sociology, Urban Planning, Management, or the Social Sciences.
- Postgraduate qualifications in Social Sciences will be an asset.
- Two (2) years' experience in conducting research.