Vacancy: Research Assistant
£22,000- 25,000 depending on experience per annum (pro rata)
UK-based with the right to work in the UK
6 months, with possible extension
Publish What You Fund has a history of successful, targeted evidence-based advocacy. We’re looking for a detail-oriented, numerate Research Assistant to support with data collection and research for our Women’s Economic Empowerment Project. This is a full-time staff position for six months, with the possibility of extension.

Job summary
Publish What You Fund is the global campaign for aid and development transparency. We are an independent NGO combining robust research and technical expertise with targeted advocacy in order to make aid and development efforts more transparent and effective.

We are recruiting a Research Assistant to work on an exciting new project aimed at increasing the transparency of funding for women’s economic empowerment (WEE). We will examine funding towards WEE as a key aspect of gender equality, including women’s financial inclusion, gender integration and women’s empowerment collectives. This research will focus on Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Pakistan. We will utilize an evidence-based approach to advocate for greater tracking and transparency of funding towards WEE.

The role involves supporting with data collection and conducting research on international funding the six focus countries. The successful candidate will support and carry out quantitative research and check data.

Roles and responsibilities

- Carrying out desk research to map a range of funding to focus countries using online data tools including the Creditor Reporting System (CRS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s Development Assistance Committee (OECD- DAC) and International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)
- Analysis of funding trends
- Collating data and performing consistency checks
- Collecting examples, stories and case studies for inclusion in advocacy and report products

Essential experience

- Detail-oriented with understanding of quantitative research and quality control
- Experience collecting, manipulating and performing quality control on large data sets in Excel
- The ability to take initiative and manage, prioritise and deliver multiple tasks to tight deadlines
- Basic understanding of aid projects, donor agencies and how they operate

Desirable experience

- An interest in gender/women’s economic empowerment.

How to apply
We’re looking for someone to start in February 2022. Applications will be considered until a suitable candidate has been appointed so please apply early. Please send your CV and a covering letter of max. 1 page outlining:

- Why you want to work at Publish What You Fund.
• Why you are suitable for the role, addressing the responsibilities and experience required as listed above

to: recruitment@publishwhatyoufund.org with the subject line ‘WEE Research Assistant’

Any questions about this vacancy can be sent to alex.farley-kiwanuka@publishwhatyoufund.org

Publish What You Fund is committed to enhancing the diversity of its staff team, and to promoting racial and gender equity in the workplace. We particularly welcome applications from people of colour and other underrepresented groups.