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## Urgently Required

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### Financial Research Consultant

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TBC is the main provider of food, shelter and other forms of support to approximately 120,000 refugees from Burma/Myanmar living in nine camps in western Thailand. TBC also provides support to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and others affected by conflict in South East Burma/Myanmar. Now we are urgently seeking a **Financial Research Consultant** to work on 2 month assignment.

**Type of Employment /Location:** 2 months contract (starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017)

#### Job Responsibilities:

The Financial Research Consultant is expected to develop a research plan to gather data that will meet the following objectives of the research.

- Identify banks operating along the border and indicate potentials and constraints of these banks in delivering services to the refugees and Thai suppliers.
- Identify and describe informal money transfer systems and other financial services currently being tapped by refugees for personal finances and market purposes in the camps
- Recommend appropriate mechanisms that TBC can use for safe financial payments to vendors and suppliers in the Food Card system for each camp and an implementation plan for NuPo and Tham Hin camps.

#### Expected outputs

- A research plan agreed with the TBC Food Card Working Group
- List of banks and financial service providers operating in border provinces with Myanmar and analysis on potentials and constraints in utilizing their services
- A report describing existing informal mechanisms for financial services in refugee camps
- A final report with recommendations on potential mechanisms for safe payments for the TBC Food Card system and an implementation plan for NuPo and Tham Hin camps

#### Job Requirements:

- 5 years relevant experience in working with refugee/marginalised communities along the Thailand-Burma border
- Experience in social and financial research in Thailand
- Ability to communicate with community groups and with institutions
- Advanced university degree preferably in economics, development studies or a related field.

- Fluency in English and Thai and knowledge of Burmese/Karen languages an asset
- Strong written and oral communication skills with an enthusiasm for writing
- High fluency in English is imperative– additional language skill is a plus

**TBC is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity at all levels**

**Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Please submit your current CV/resume including 2 references and a cover letter explaining why you are suitable for this post to ***hr@theborderconsortium.org***. Please click the link below to learn more about TOR <http://www.theborderconsortium.org/media/80450/2017-03-06-CTP-Research-Consultant-tor.pdf>

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.