Alessandra Bavestrelli



Research Analyst

Professional profile

Ally Bavestrelli joined Itad in the autumn of 2019 as part of Itad's first cohort of cross-topic research analysts.

Prior to joining Itad, Ally worked with KPMG Italy to lead the design of a capacity-building strategy that would enable Enactus Italy to support its university teams in a more participatory, sustainable, and effective way. Ally has also consulted for the Jamaica National Foundation as part of a team responsible for the re-conceptualisation of an existing photography for rural-youth advocacy project into a participation-based social enterprise. For this assignment Ally spent time in Jamaica where she conducted qualitative research with a variety of stakeholders.

Ally holds an MA in Anthropology of Development and Social Transformation from Sussex University, during which she conducted ethnographic fieldwork with two local intercultural art organisations that support musicians with migrant and refugee backgrounds. Ally also holds a BA from University College Utrecht, a liberal arts and sciences university, where she majored in International Development and Psychology, with a minor in Community Arts.

Nationality Italian

Languages Italian, English, German (Basic), French (Basic)

Country Italy, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Jamaica

experience

Education

2014 - 2017 B.A. Social Science

University College Utrecht

2018 - 2019 M.A. Anthropology of Development and Social Transformation

University of Sussex

Employment

2019 - Present Research Analyst

Itad, United Kingdom

2018 Research and Development Intern for Enactus Italy

KPMG, Italy

2017 - 2018 Junior Consultant for Jamaica National Foundation

Academics for Development, The Netherlands

Project experience

2020 Developing the Knowledge Base on Champion Building

Role: Researcher | Client: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation | Location: xxx

Itad has been contracted to provide an overview of what works in champion building and when it is the most suitable tactic to employ. This work aims at supporting the ongoing work of BMGF's Global Policy and Advocacy team on the work on how to use champion building in the most effective way. Within this project Ally was part of the core team. Her tasks included collecting, and analysing data from both literature on the topic, as well as Key Informant Interviews.

2019 - 2021 Women's Integrated Sexual Health

Role: Research Analyst | Client: DFID | Location: United Kingdom

The UK government has committed to providing family planning (FP) services to an additional 24 million girls and women by 2020. To help realise the UK government's newest commitment to provide Family planning services, DFID is investing £260 million in the Women's Integrated Sexual Health Programme (WISH). The WISH programme, will operate in 27 countries in Asia and Africa to deliver at least 2.95 million additional FP users by December 2020. Itad and Oxford Policy Management (OPM) have been contracted to act as Third Party Monitoring actor. Within this project Ally worked as a research analyst, performing desk research on a variety of themes and activities that underly WISH's work.

2019 - 2020 Philanthropic Partnerships and Monitoring & Evaluation Framework

Role: Research Analyst | Client: Estée Lauder Companies | Location: United States

Itad was contracted to develop a measurement and evaluation framework of Estée Lauder Companies' Philanthropic Program which evolves around work in Health, Girls' Leadership and Education, and Environment. Ally was part of the core team delivering this project with a role of researcher.

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2016 - 2017 Resolution Project

Role: Junior Consultant | Client: Jamaica National Foundation | Location: Jamaica

Together with a team of university students and the support of LiseConsultancy, Ally conducted desk and field research to reconceptualize the Jamaica National Foundation's photography for youth advocacy project into a participation-based social enterprise.