

Research Analyst

Professional profile

Betsie Lewis has been a consultant at Itad since 2019, working both in the Fragile and Conflict Affected States team and Human Development (focusing exclusively on health programs). Betsie holds an MSc in International Development: Poverty, Conflict and Reconstruction from the University of Manchester, having previously gained a BA in French and Arabic. During her under-graduate studies Betsie lived in Jordan where she studied and volunteered on numerous projects with refugees. She has experience working in Zaatari refugee camp, on the Syrian/ Jordanian border as well outreach projects working with refugees in cities across Jordan. Her post-graduate research focussed on the impact of French immigration law on island communities and migration in the Indian Ocean, and the growing insecurity and social conflict in the region. She also has field experience in Uganda researching refugee laws, travelling to refugee camps and interviewing a range of stakeholders on the ground.

Whilst at university, Betsie volunteered as a researcher for grassroots community groups working to support refugee groups and asylum seekers across Manchester and volunteered as a caseworker for asylum seekers in Merseyside.

During her time at Itad she has gained field experience in the DRC as part of a humanitarian evaluation, and has worked across a number of health programs researching health systems strengthening, international health regulations, the eradication of neglected tropical diseases and evaluation of the Unitaaid strategy.

Nationality British

Languages English (native), French (fluent), German (good), Arabic (intermediate)

Country experience Jordan, Palestine, Morocco, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Education

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| 2018 – 2019 | Msc International Development: Poverty, Conflict and Reconstruction
The University of Manchester, UK |
| 2014 - 2018 | First class BA honours in French and Arabic with a distinction in spoken Arabic
The University of Manchester, UK |

Employment

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| 2019 - Present | Consultant
Itad Ltd, UK |
| 2014 - 2019 | Various Roles
The University of Manchester |
| 2019 | Volunteer Researcher
Manchester Refugee Rights Collective, UK |
| 2018 | Volunteer
Help Refugees, Calais France |
| 2017 - 2018 | Volunteer Case worker
Refugee Women Connect, UK |
| 2017 | Media and Communications Intern
Jordan Education for Employment, Jordan |
| 2017 | Volunteer
Questscope, Zaatair Refugee Camp, Jordan |
| 2016 | Environmental Intern
Amuddu, Morocco |

Project experience

- 2021** **Joint Evaluation of the Protection of the Rights of Refugees During the Covid 19 Pandemic**
Role: Consultant | Client: UNHCR | Location: UK
The purpose of this evaluation is to examine the effectiveness of international cooperation, and the combined response of host states, agencies and non-government and civil society organizations, in ensuring the protection of the rights of refugees during the pandemic. It will seek to identify emerging good practice, innovation and adaptation that can be shared for preparedness and application in future emergencies.
- 2020-2021** **Fleming Fund Independent Evaluation Supplier**
Role: Consultant | Client: FCDO | Location: UK
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global crisis that has the potential to reverse a century of progress in Public Health. Drug-resistant infections could kill 10 million people across the world every year by 2050 unless urgent action is taken. By this date, they could also cost the world around \$100 trillion in lost output: more than the size of the current world economy. Our five-year multi-country evaluation works in two distinct phases. Initially, our work will generate real-time learning to inform course correction and adaptation of the programme and increase efficiency, effectiveness, and overall impact. In late 2020, our focus will shift to provide an independent assessment of the Fund's results and achievements.
- 2020-2021** **International Health Regulations (IHR) Strengthening Project, Global Public Health Division, Public Health England**
Role: Consultant | Client: FCDO | Location: UK
Public Health England's International Health Regulations (IHR) Strengthening Programme aims to build health system capacity in a number of countries and regions in Africa and Asia, with a view to improving global health security. Betsie works on document coding and analysis as well as key informant interviews.
- 2020** **External Review of Unitaid 2017-2021 Strategy**
Role: Consultant | Client: WHO | Location: UK
Itad worked on providing Unitaid with an assessment of the relevance, coherence, efficiency and effectiveness of its 2017-2021 strategy and operating model. Betsie supported through document review in French and coordination of a small team of analysts.
- 2019- 2020** **Accelerating the Sustainable Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ASCEND)**
Role: Consultant | Client: FCDO | Location: UK/DRC (remote)
ASCEND is a £200 million UK Government programme which works in 25 countries in Africa and Asia and focuses on six NTDs. Itad is leading the evaluation workstream. The main purpose of our evaluation is to ensure that ASCEND is facilitating learning and adaptive management in order to improve the overall programme performance, and ultimately is having the intended impact. Betsie has led remote key informant interviews, data collection and analysis (in French), report writing and presentation of findings to implementing partners. She has significantly contributed to both the DRC and Liberia case studies. This has also focused on including analysis on the impact of Covid on programming.

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2020-2021 **Support for the development of Theories of Change for Gavi investments**

Role: Research Analyst | Client: GAVI | Location: UK

Itad was selected to work with Gavi to develop ToCs for various workstreams, policies and country-specific investments, in order to articulate its programmatic strategy. Betsie supported on workshops to develop thinking around the Theories of Change, working specifically within the contexts of Syria and North Korea. She has also supported in drafted Gavis theory of change specifically for conflict affected states.

2020 **Evaluation of the UK Caribbean Infrastructure Fund**

Role: Research Analyst | Client: DFID | Location: UK

The UKCIF is a £300 million fund which provides infrastructure grants in eight Caribbean countries. This programme aims to encourage economic growth in these countries, support improved livelihoods and reduce poverty. Betsie supports the team through data collection, synthesis, and contributes to report writing.

2020 **Evaluation of the YUNUS Social Business Model to Promote Social Entrepreneurship in India and Kenya**

Role: Research Analyst | Client: YSB Foundation | Location: UK

YUNUS Social Business Funds local and social businesses' that provide employment, education, healthcare, clean water and energy. Betsie has supported the team throughout the evaluation's inception phase, collecting, analysing and synthesising data, as well as contributing to report writing and reviews.

2019-2020 **Evaluation of Sida's Strategic Partnership for Humanitarian Assistance**

Role: Research Analyst | Client: Sida | Location: UK/ Democratic Republic of the Congo

Itad was commissioned by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency to evaluate Sida's strategic humanitarian partner organisations. As a research analyst for this project Betsie helped analyse data during the desk review, but also the collection of data in the field. In addition to her role as analyst Betsie also played a key role in the coordination and organisation of the teams visit to DRC.