Student intern sought for survey research in Senegal

The research division "Environment and Resources" at RWI is looking for a student intern to support the evaluation of poverty impacts and the sustainability of an electrification intervention through micro-grids in rural Senegal. At the same time, a randomized controlled trial to assess impacts of a complementary microcredit program will take place. The central task will be the supervision of a household and micro-enterprise survey in Senegal.

In the last years, RWI has conducted several impact evaluations for the German International Cooperation GIZ, World Bank, UN or the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is one of the leading institutions for evidence-based evaluation of development interventions. The present study is commissioned by the Dutch Development Finance Company FMO.

The internship will probably take place between mid-February and June 2014. During this time, the intern will have the opportunity to do field research in Senegal for two to three months. It is the task of the student to accompany the data collection that is jointly implemented with a Senegalese partner, ensure data quality, assist households interviews and collect additional qualitative information. After the stay in the field it would be desirable to continue the internship in Essen to support the data analysis and the reporting for another two to three months. The work in Germany can be arranged in a flexible way concerning time and place.

For this assignment, we are looking for a student interested in quantitative and empirical research. The findings from the field research as well as the collected data can be used for a Master or Bachelor thesis in cooperation with RWI researchers. Beyond the interest in energy and development issues, applicants should have at least basic knowledge of empirical research (statistics, etc.). They should additionally be willing to acquire good empirical skills before and during the data collection. A good command of French and English is indispensable. Air tickets to Senegal and an additional monthly compensation of 1150 EUR for the time in Senegal will be paid.

If you are interested, please send your CV and a short cover letter or any further question to Ms. Maximiliane Sievert: <u>sievert@rwi-essen.de</u>. Closing date for the submission of applications is January 2nd 2014.