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Why I chose to do the programme:

- ⊙ Consultancy work really appealed to me – lots of variety of places, people and projects – and this was a great way to find out if I was suited to it.
- ⊙ Great opportunity to work alongside and learn from development professionals with a wide range of experience and interests.
- ⊙ A real insight into the aid industry: how donors and recipient countries are working together, and what the latest strategies and policies are in international development.

What I have gained from working with *theIDLgroup*:

- ⊙ Opportunities to meet and work with senior consultants and understand how they got to where they are today.
- ⊙ The chance to develop my own ideas and knowledge about international development. *theIDLgroup* works on a wide range of projects in different countries and sectors, so there is the opportunity to share experiences from a range of assignments. As well as developing my existing interests in the governance portfolio, I have learned more about areas such as political economy analysis, aid effectiveness, environmental protection and institutional development through working with the company.
- ⊙ An understanding of how consultancy works: how proposals are put together and contracts are negotiated, and improved understanding of the commercial elements of the business.

The opportunity I am going on to do:

- ⊙ I am staying with *theIDLgroup* as a Research Consultant in the Governance portfolio.