

Call for Applications for Consultants for Data Collection

Empanelment of individual Consultants for data collection for research study under Programmatic Evaluation of Saksham Pramaan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Project Details:

Over the years, through its research in social work, social sciences, human resources management, health systems and allied fields, the TISS has made consistent contributions to the public sector, civil society, and the development sector and helped shape planning, policy and programme formulation, foster critical rethinking and development of people-centred interventions. Many of the research projects are done with an interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary approach.

TISS has been associated with NACP for many years. Saksham (which means “making capable”) is a project of the TISS funded by the Global Fund since 2008 to support the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in its fight against HIV and TB in partnership with the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP). The NACO has awarded Saksham Pramaan a project for undertaking Programmatic and Targeted Intervention (TI) and Link Workers Schemes (LWS) evaluation under NACP across India.

We are seeking a motivated and empathetic Postgraduates in Social Sciences (Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Public Health, or related fields) to join our research team. The candidate will be primarily responsible for conducting field-based qualitative and quantitative data collection, including in-depth interviews, key informant interviews, and surveys with vulnerable and marginalized populations such as people living with HIV, transgender individuals, sex workers, injecting drug users, and other key populations.

Applications are invited of eligible candidates to undertake consultancy work for;

Qualitative and quantitative data collection work in various parts of the country

Qualification

- Master’s degree in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Public Health, Health systems and other related disciplines.

Competencies

- Prior field research experience is highly desirable, especially involving vulnerable groups
- Demonstrated experience in conducting qualitative interviews and administering surveysprobing, and note-taking, Conducting Focused Group Discussions (FGDs), Key Informants Interviews (KII), In-Depth Interviews, and survey questionnaires.
- Fluency in local language(s) and ability to communicate clearly and compassionately

- Strong interpersonal and documentation skills
- Willingness to travel extensively and work in diverse, sometimes challenging field environments
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines

Key Responsibilities:

- Conduct in-depth interviews (IDIs), key informant interviews (KIIs), and structured surveys in field settings
- Build rapport and communicate sensitively with vulnerable populations in a non-judgmental, ethical, and respectful manner
- Maintain detailed and accurate field notes and recordings, and transcribe interviews where required
- Ensure informed consent is obtained and that confidentiality is upheld at all times
- Coordinate with local NGOs, CBOs, or health facilities to facilitate participant recruitment
- Manage field logistics, travel, and coordination with other team members
- Enter and verify collected data using digital tools or paper forms, as applicable
- Participate in team debriefings and assist in preliminary data analysis where relevant
- Adhere strictly to ethical protocols and research guidelines
- There will be little relaxation to the TISS PhD candidates on certain competencies

Reports To: Field Supervisor/Manager

Duration: – Contractual (7-40 days)

Honorarium:- A reasonable honorarium on a daily basis will be provided, which includes a daily pay, TA/ DA and accommodation.

Location: we are seeking investigators preferably from the states as mentioned: [Meghalaya, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh]. Candidates will be placed according to their fluency in the local language of the state.

TISS reserves the right to appoint a suitable candidate for the position.

Application link: <https://forms.gle/AX6t1HNC0qENUJZSA>

Last Date for application: 16th August 2025