

Name of the project: Saksham Pramaan - Programme Evaluation for National AIDS Control Programme (NACP)

Project details:

National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has initiated several interventions (such as the link ART centres, Community based screening, etc.) in order to meet its goals and the 95-95-95 objectives. Concurrent, mid-term programmatic evaluations are critical to identifying programme implementation gaps of these interventions and appraisal of options to address those gaps so that mid-path course corrections can be implemented. Saksham, in consultation with NACO, will identify areas for programme evaluation on an annual basis. From among the areas identified, the project shall design and conduct one major and two minor programmatic evaluations. TISS will design the study proposal, develop study protocols and invite agencies to undertake the study by inviting proposals. The programmatic evaluations will cover the whole of the country. The project's main objective is to design and conduct a concurrent and mid-term evaluation of select programmatic interventions under NACP.

We are inviting applications of eligible candidates to undertake a survey amongst PLHIVs in various parts of the country for a study titled "Understanding HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination, Coping Mechanisms and, Access to Services among PLHIV in India"

Name of the post: Field Investigators

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/1fQevsysSH5EH4j59>

Last Date: 10th March 2026

1. Description of roles & responsibilities:

A. Competencies required for Data collection

- a. Minimum 1-2 years of experience in the field of HIV/AIDS or public health/Social Sciences
- b. Experience in data collection, probing, and note-taking.
- c. Conducting survey questionnaires. Focused Group Discussions (FGDs), Key Informants Interviews (KII).

B. States and Languages:

We are looking for consultants from the below-mentioned states, preferably from respective states, for a research study on Stigma and Discrimination amongst the PLHIVs. They should be able to speak, understand, and read the local languages of the respective states.

States: Mizoram, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, J& K, Goa.

C. Modalities:

- a. Engagement for data collection varies between 5 days (minimum) to 12 days (maximum) at a stretch.
- b. Selected individuals will be empanelled on a contract letter in the first instance which will be signed between the institution and the consultant. Further extensions will be considered based on fulfilling

the eligibility criteria and satisfactory completion of assignments.

- c. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) will be provided for individual assignments on a case-by-case basis.