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Targeted Interventions (TI) & Link Worker Schemes (LWS) Evaluation

National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) | Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

CALL FOR TRAINING OF EVALUATORS

Note: Only for new evaluators or those who not been trained in FY 25-26.

About the Programme

India is committed to ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The National Strategic Plan (NSP) aims to achieve Three Zeros — zero new infections, zero AIDS-related deaths, and zero discrimination.

Under the Saksham Pramaan initiative, TISS leads the annual evaluation of Targeted Interventions (TIs) and Link Worker Schemes (LWS) across India, in partnership with six Regional Institutes for Capacity Building and Evaluation (RICE) and in coordination with NACO and State AIDS Control Societies (SACS).

TIs reach key High-Risk Groups (HRGs) including Female Sex Workers, MSM, Transgender/Hijra communities, Injecting Drug Users, Migrants, and Long-Distance Truckers — covering over one million core group members and six million bridge population individuals across approximately 1,600 TI and LWS sites nationally.

Why This Training?

With recently revised evaluation formats for TI and LWS, there is an need to build the capacity of fresh evaluators to conduct rigorous, standardised evaluations. This training is specifically designed for new evaluators who will be deployed under the NACP evaluation framework.

After completing the training, evaluators will be equipped to:

- Conduct structured field evaluations of TI and LWS projects over 3-day site visits
- Assess programme performance, staff quality, community engagement, and financial systems
- Facilitate FGDs and IDIs with HRG communities and bridge populations
- Prepare and submit evaluation reports as per NACO/SACS formats and timelines
- Apply the revised TI and LWS evaluation tools accurately in field settings

Who Should Apply?

This training is open to candidates who meet the following criteria:

Programme Evaluators	Finance Evaluators
- PG in Social Work, Public Health, or allied Social Sciences - Minimum 2 years in development sector; 1 year in HIV/AIDS preferred - Community members with graduation + 2 years HIV/AIDS experience eligible	- Degree in Commerce or intern from CA firm with Commerce degree - SACS internal auditors not eligible due to conflict of interest

Additional requirements for all applicants:

- Sensitive towards issues relating to HRG communities and PLHIVs
- Willing to undertake extensive field visits to intervention sites
- Well versed in reporting and documentation
- Conversant in local language in addition to English
- Not currently associated with any TI projects or development partners supporting NACP

What the Training Covers

The training will orient evaluators on:

- Overview of NACP, NSP 2017–24, and the TI/LWS evaluation framework
- Revised evaluation tools, formats, and documentation standards
- Field visit methodology: conducting 3-day evaluations at TI/LWS sites
- Community interaction methods: FGDs, IDIs, and hotspot visits
- Assessment of programme components: performance, finance, HR, and systems
- Report writing, data quality, and submission processes to SACS and TISS/RICE

What to expect Post-Training: Deployment & Honorarium

Upon successful completion of training, evaluators may be deployed by RICE for TI/LWS evaluations in their respective zones.

Honorarium	Paid directly by TISS / respective RICE institute upon completion of evaluations
Travel & Stay	Reimbursed by RICE as per NACO norms for the evaluation period
Team Structure	3-member team: 2 programme evaluators (1 lead + 1 co-evaluator) + 1 finance evaluator
Workload	Maximum 5 TI evaluations per evaluator/team per state

Important Note: *This training is open only to fresh evaluators who have not been trained in FY 25-26. Completion of training does not guarantee empanelment or deployment. Empanelment decisions rest solely with the respective RICE institute.*

Apply Now

Submit your application through the link below. Applications through the TISS website will be directed to your respective regional institute.

Application Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfURrx6zC1aTtd5OmRyYLgSJOzJ5TZNW5uWi4Wni42wycBqHg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>