

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

Name of the Post: Research Associate

No. of Post: 01

Location: TISS, Mumbai

Duration: 6 months Salary: Upto 50,000-60000 p.m.

Last date of applications:31st December 2022

- **Application link:** <https://forms.gle/SMTbM1fbT6chQtAj9>

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 90-90-90 objectives. Concurrent, mid-term programmatic evaluations are critical to identify 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 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 main objective of the project is to design and conduct concurrent and mid-term evaluation of select programmatic interventions under NACP.

Currently we are inviting applications for Programme Evaluation research studies. These posts are based on the short-term research project. The time frame of this project is 6 months. This position is purely on contractual basis.

Scope of work

This research assistant position will work under the technical supervision of the Research Manager, Saksham Pramaan at Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Specifically, the research associate will:

- Carry out a search and review of academic literature in the areas of HIV/AIDS program, specifically to the proposed evaluation studies.
- Carry out secondary data analysis using NACO data
- The research associate will be required to travel in across different states for data collection.
- Coordinate for the recruitment of field supervisors and field investigators (advertise, finalize the list, call for interview etc)
- Organize the training for the field investigators at the state level (logistical and content for the training)

- Develop the planning for field investigation along with the research assistant and field supervisors
- Monitor overall fieldwork and data collection process
- Overlook the data management including transcription, translation processes
- Assist in Qualitative data analysis
- Assist in writing the research reports
- Keep a record of all documents
- Support other Saksham Pramaan work as needed/requested by the Programme Team
- S/he will work under the supervision of Research Manager.

Required qualification:

Postgraduate degree in Social Sciences/Social Work/Population Studies/Public Health and allied fields

Experience:

Minimum 5 – 8 years of experience in research projects, in the field of HIV/AIDS is desirable. The candidate should have the necessary research skills of quantitative and qualitative data collection, data management, and analysis. Conversant in local language in addition to English. Well-versed in reporting and documentation. She/he shall have experience in conducting FGDs/IDIs with HRGs and Bridge population. The candidate should be sensitive towards issues relating to HRG communities and PLHIVs.

Essential:

- High level of commitment and integrity and ability to work independently
- Excellent co-ordination and organisational skills
- Ability to strategize and implement the programme to get the expected outcome
- Willing to travel

Desirable:

- Knowledge of National AIDS Control Programme and programmatic evaluations

