
Position: Research Associate, Scaling City Institutions for India: Sanitation (SCI-FI)

About the Project

Sanitation programme at the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) is a multi-disciplinary research, outreach and policy support initiative. The programme seeks to improve the understanding of the reasons for poor sanitation, and to examine how these might be related to technology and service delivery models, institutions, governance and financial issues, and socio-economic dimensions. Based on research findings, it seeks to support national, state and city authorities develop policies and programmes for intervention with the goal of increasing access to inclusive, safe and sustainable sanitation. Initiated in 2013, the programme is primarily funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).

Description of responsibilities

We are looking to engage a person for a year on contract basis with possibility of extension. This position will involve research and programmatic support in project locations on issues related to WASH in urban and rural contexts in India. This will entail reviewing policies, preparing detailed reports, technical analysis and planning exercises in the WASH sector.

Essential Qualification

- University Degree in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science, quantitative economics, or other relevant field of specialization having minimum 3-5 years of experience in WASH sector.
- Excellent liaising, writing and communication skill. Candidate should be able to maintain and develop relationships with internal and external (potential) partners.
- Demonstrated experience of working in multidisciplinary teams and result-oriented projects is desirable.
- Demonstrated experience of working on sanitation planning and service delivery assessment is preferred but not essential. Willingness and strong motivation to engage with the nuances of water and sanitation is the most desirable.
- Good knowledge and prior experience in physical surveying and data analysis. Proficiency in using data analysis and visualization tools will be considered an added benefit.

Required Skills

- Supporting senior researchers from CPR in effectively coordinating and communicating with partners, and for overall delivery of the project's output and outcome results.
- Engaging in qualitative and quantitative data collation and analysis activities, especially those pertaining to household level assessment, interacting with service operators, water quality and health risk assessment, etc.
- Technical assistance for preparing project reports and plans, covering the entire gamut of water and sanitation, viz. policy and legislation, technical options for treatment and reuse, service delivery revamping through integration with IoT & GPS/GIS enabled tools, financial sustainability of systems, etc.
- Assisting partners in conducting stakeholder assessment and ensuring their engagement. This will entail coordinating and organizing stakeholder consultation meetings, IECs activities and seminars/workshops.

Selection Criteria/Application process:

This is full time, contractual job for a year. This position is for Delhi but will require frequent travel to project locations and research locations.

We are committed to diversity and promote equal opportunities for qualified women and men candidates from all ethnic and religious background to become part of this project. If you are a committed and creative professional who is looking for a stimulating and excellent working milieu to facilitate partners' efforts in making cities in India totally sanitized and healthy, then **we look forward to receiving your application.**

How to apply: Kindly send an email with your updated CV, a one page cover letter explaining how you meet the abovementioned qualifications and your motivations to apply for this job. Kindly also mention your current and expected remuneration and send a sample of your work to: ambarish@cprindia.org by **20 Feb 2020** explicitly mentioning "**RA_WASH_[Your Name]**" in the subject line. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further consideration.