

Name of the project: Saksham Pramaan – Programmatic Evaluation of National AIDS Control

Programme (NACP)

Project Details

National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has initiated several interventions (such as Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) amongst PWID (People who inject drugs), 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.

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 a contractual basis.

Name of the Post: Research Associate

No. of Post: 03

Location: TISS, Mumbai

Duration: 6 months initially. It can be extended up to March 2024.

Salary: 55,000-60000 p.m. depending upon the experience and qualifications

Last date of Application: 16 April 2023

Application link: <https://forms.gle/zUDCz7TL8Gy3ViaU8>

Scope of work

The research associate position will work under the technical supervision of Manager/s leading the research study/studies at Saksham Pramaan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

The research associate will:

- Carry out a search and review of academic literature on HIV/AIDS programs
- Coordinate the recruitment of field supervisors and field investigators (advertise, finalise the list, call for interviews etc.)
- Organize the training for the field supervisors and investigators at the state level (logistical and content for the training)
- Develop the planning for field investigation along with the research/data officer and field supervisors
- Travel across different states for data collection & monitoring
- Conduct qualitative interviews with different stakeholders, and programme beneficiaries
- Primary (quantitative) data collection, collation and cleaning.
- Carry out secondary data analysis using NACO data
- Monitor overall fieldwork and data collection process

- Overlook the data management, including transcription, translation processes
- Keep a record of all documents
- Undertake 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
- Work under the supervision of the Manager/s leading the research study/studies

Required qualification:

Postgraduate degree in Social Sciences/Social Work/Population Studies/Public Health and allied fields. Graduation in any medical field MBBS/AYUSH/Allied will be considered as added advantage.

Experience:

At least 3-5 years of experience in research projects in the field of HIV/AIDS is desirable. Preference will be given to the candidates having experience of working with High-Risk Groups (HRG) population especially Injectable Drug Users (IDUs), Targeted Interventions projects and Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST), ICTC and ART Centres. The candidate should have research skills in quantitative and/or qualitative data collection, management, and analysis. Conversant in the local language in addition to English. Well-versed in reporting and documentation. She/he shall have experience conducting FGDs/IDIs with HRGs and Bridge populations. The candidate should be sensitive towards issues relating to HRG communities and PLHIVs.

Essential:

- High level of commitment and integrity. Ability to work independently
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent co-ordination and organisational skills
- Ability to strategize and implement the field planning
- Quantitative data collection skills and knowledge
- Qualitative data collection skills and knowledge
- Well-versed with qualitative and quantitative data analysis software
- Willingness to travel
- Knowledge of National AIDS Control Programme and programmatic evaluations.

Name of the Post: Research -Data Officer

No. of Post: 01

Location: TISS, Mumbai

Duration: 6 months initially. Can be extended upto March 2024.

Salary: 50,000 per month, depending upon the work experience and previous salary.

Last date of Application: 16 April 2023

Application link: <https://forms.gle/zUDCz7TL8Gy3ViaU8>

Scope of work

The Research/Data officer position will work under the technical supervision of a research associate and Manager/s leading the research studies at Saksham Pramaan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

The Research/Data Officer will:

- Study the quantitative and qualitative tools, suggest changes, refine the tools to make them user-friendly, and prepare APP-based forms for collecting data
- Coordinate and follow up with all the stakeholders and participants for data collection across all the data collection sites
- Develop a plan for data collection with the guidance of research associate and the study manager
- Organize the training for the consultants at the state/district level
- Monitor overall fieldwork and data collection process
- Travel across different states for data collection.
- Assist in primary (quantitative) data collection, collation and cleaning
- Follow up for secondary data across all the data collection sites
- Overlook the data management including transcription, translation processes
- Carry out secondary data analysis using NACO data
- Undertake qualitative as well as quantitative data analysis
- Assist in report writing
- Support other Saksham Pramaan work as needed/requested by the Programme Team

Required qualification:

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

Experience:

Minimum 2-3 years of experience in research projects, in the field of HIV/AIDS is desirable. Preference will be given to the candidates having experience of working with High Risk Groups (HRG) population especially Injectable Drug Users (IDUs), Targeted Interventions projects and Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST), ICTC and ART Centres. Conversant in local language in addition to English. Well-versed in reporting and documentation. The candidate should have the necessary research skills of quantitative and qualitative data collection, data management, and analysis. 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 interpersonal skills
- Excellent co-ordination and organisational skills
- Ability to strategize and implement the field planning
- Quantitative and Qualitative data collection skills and knowledge
- Willingness to travel
- Knowledge of National AIDS Control Programme and programmatic evaluations (Desirable)