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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

# Consultant/Senior Consultant - Urban Health

## About Us

The Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) is a national education institution committed to the equitable, sustainable and efficient transformation of Indian settlements.

IIHS aims to establish an independently funded and managed national university of eminence for research and innovation focused on the challenges and opportunities of India's urban transition. The proposed IIHS University will be an institution of eminence that will host an integrated programme of quality campus-based education and research, training and lifelong learning for working professionals, distance and blended learning, as well as a whole array of practice and advisory services. The university will have a strong interdisciplinary orientation bringing together theory and praxis that is grounded in the South Asian context and also engages with and draws from knowledge across the globe.

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## Job Description

IIHS seeks a person to join and help consolidate and extend our urban health research and practice portfolio. We are looking for scholars and practitioners whose work, as part of the proposed School of Human Development, aligns with different approaches to urban health systems from epidemiological to governance aspects; spatial and planning-based approaches; intersections with housing, infrastructure and planning; health finance as well as health policy, specifically the delivery of social protections within the health system as well as community health. We take and extend the social determinants of health approach within the School, and are interested in a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach to urban health.

Current projects reflect this approach and range from the connections between informal work, social protection and health; multi-institutional attempts to tackle banner diseases such as dengue in urban areas; the relationships between health, migration and vulnerability in Indian cities; among other research and practice themes.

The core task of the person in the first two years will be to set up neighbourhood and city-region health observatories in Bangalore to assess urban health outcomes as well as the functioning of urban health systems. This shall be in addition to teaching and training in IIHS' full-time and short-term teaching and urban practitioner (capacity building) programmes.

The position seeks a person committed to being part of building a research and practice cluster at IIHS, actively mentoring a young team, and defining strategic priorities for the institution.

## Activities and Tasks

Responsibilities would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Leading the setting up of neighbourhood and city-region scaled health observatories in Bangalore;
- Being a part of the project teams in Delhi and Bangalore, undertaking field-based research on intersections between informal work, social protection and maternal and child health;
- Building IIHS' urban health portfolio through new projects, mentoring and internal capacity building;

- Participation in incorporating urban health perspectives into on-going IIHS projects;
- Curriculum development and teaching on urban health in both short and long-term academic programmes; training and/or assisting in training on relevant modules in IIHS' executive education (capacity building) programmes;
- Participating in all activities of Institution-Building at IIHS; carrying out tasks as assigned by IIHS; and travelling on IIHS work within or outside the country as and when needed.

### **Structure and Reporting**

The Consultant/Senior Consultant - Urban Health will report to the Lead - Academics & Research at IIHS, and collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external individuals/organizations, and students.

### **Person Specification**

The position requires a PhD or MD, preferably in public health, medicine, urban planning, sociology, economics, development studies, among others, though all candidates with proven research and practice track records in urban health will be considered. Teaching experience is a plus though not required. Applicants must have a strong publication record. Ideal applicants will have experience of leading medium and large-scale research projects in Indian cities.

Spoken and written proficiency in English and at least one other modern Indian language is required and, among these, Kannada, Tamil, and Hindi are preferred.

This offer is on an exclusive basis, which implies that other professional assignments (whether compensated or not) that bear a potential conflict of interest with IIHS cannot be undertaken.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

### **Location**

This position is based in Bengaluru and may entail travel to other locations in India.

### **Review and Assessment**

The role and performance of the incumbent shall be subject to normal review and assessment systems at IIHS.

### **Diversity Policy**

IIHS is an equal opportunity employer that encourages women, people with disabilities and those from economically and socially excluded communities with the requisite skills and qualifications to apply for positions.

### **To apply**

If you are interested to explore this opportunity with us, please fill the online application form by clicking [here](#). (You can also click on the "Apply Now" button at the end of the Job Description displayed on the website).

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