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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

# Qualitative Researcher – Care Work in Urban Homes

## 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 qualitative researchers for a joint project with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to study paid and unpaid care work in urban homes in the cities of Bangalore and Chennai. Phase 1 of the project has been completed. In phase 2, a qualitative study of 500 households will be undertaken across the two sites. The purpose of the study is to understand how care work happens in Indian urban homes so that social protection policies can be shaped in India. The study is cognisant of the economic differences in urban centres in India and is therefore spread equally across high, medium and low-income households.

These are contractual positions for a duration of 1 to 3 months, that could lead to future longer-term engagements depending on project opportunities.

## Activities and Tasks

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

- Developing a qualitative interview guide in collaboration with other team members;
- Conducting interviews in Bengaluru/ Chennai as needed;
- Carrying out tasks as assigned by IIHS; and travelling on IIHS work within the country as and when needed.

## Structure and Reporting

The qualitative researchers will be External Consultants coordinating with the Senior Lead – Academics & Research at IIHS and will be required to collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external individuals/organisations.

## Person Specification

The positions ideally require a Master's degree or MPhil or PhD preferably in sociology, social work, economics or development studies with 1 to 3 years of experience in conducting qualitative research. Applicants from other disciplines with the required level of qualitative research experience will also be considered.

Proficiency in spoken English and Kannada/Tamil is required.

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The search will remain open until the position is filled.

**Location**

These positions could be based in Bengaluru or Chennai 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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Please write to us at [hr@iihs.co.in](mailto:hr@iihs.co.in) if you need any clarifications while filling the online application form.



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