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INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

JOB DESCRIPTION

Research Associate – Development /
Environmental Economics, Water
Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH)

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.

For more information, please see <http://www.iihs.co.in>

About the Global Commission on the Economics of Water (GCEW)

The Global Commission on the Economics of Water aims to redefine the way in which we value and govern water as a Global Common Good. The third in a series of sustainability-focused reports, following from the Stern Review on Economics of Climate Change (2006) & the Dasgupta Review on the Economics of Biodiversity (2021), it will present evidence and pathways for changes in policy, business approaches and global collaboration to support climate and water justice, sustainability and food-energy-water security. At IIHS, the GCEW Distributed Secretariat and Support team is housed within the School of Environment and Sustainability and the School of Systems and Infrastructure. The IIHS GCEW team has supported the production of two GCEW Reports for the UN Water Conference in 2023. The team will develop a main report in 2024 and a series of underlying working papers in collaboration with other Commissioners.

Job Description

We are looking for an emerging research scholar in development / environmental economics to join the IIHS [GCEW](#) team and support IIHS' research on the economic dimensions of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) and its ecological, socio-economic and sustainability linkages.

The ideal candidate's research interests should broadly align with issues of urban WaSH and s/he is expected to be familiar with the contemporary national (India) and global debates, issues and challenges in the progress and implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, including linkages between WaSH and climate change. The best fit candidate would be one who can demonstrate qualitative and quantitative research and analytical skills. The candidate will contribute to salient and policy-relevant scientific peer-reviewed publications.

This will be a contractual position, extendable on mutual consent.

Activities and Tasks

Responsibilities would include, but not be limited to, working closely with the Water and Sanitation team at IIHS on the following primary activities:

- Co-production of the GCEW – WaSH paper (s), which would include secondary research and analysis, and writing support;

- Providing support to stakeholder engagement, particularly interfacing with key stakeholders identified in the Indian and International context related to the GCEW project;
- Assisting in the conceptualisation and delivery of research workshop(s) related to the GCEW;
- Participating in/ anchoring outreach activities and contributing to dissemination of GCEW research through multiple forms and channels;

Additionally, the candidate may be required to work on the following activities:

- Co-production of other water and sanitation related background papers, working papers and other academic publications as part of practice-based projects;
- Providing support to other IIHS activities including academics, research, training, practice, operations and others;
- Participating in all activities of Institutional-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 research associate will be an External Consultant coordinating with the Senior Consultant – Practice at IIHS and will be required to collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external individuals/organisations.

Person Specification

The ideal candidate should have:

- A Master's degree or its equivalent in development / environmental economics, public policy, or environment planning;
- Demonstrable experience in undertaking economic impact analysis and WaSH related research or practice along with data analysis and visualisation skills; a research and publication record would be an added advantage;
- Spoken and written proficiency in English; ideal applicants will be proficient in one other modern Indian language.

This will be a contractual position, extendable on mutual consent. 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.

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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