

**Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies**  
**Advertisement for Counsellor and Social Worker**  
**(Immediate requirement)**

The Jamsetji Tata School for Disaster Studies, Mumbai, invites candidates for the position of Counsellor and Social Worker to manage the Balasore Train Disaster Recovery Support Project.

**Project name: APTI – Bihar Chapter**

**Project Duration:** 06 months

**About TISS and APTI**

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences established in 1936 is a Deemed to be University, fully funded by the University Grants Commission, Government of India. TISS is a Grade I University with NAAC score of 3.89/4 and is ranked 60 under NIRF University Rank Category for 2022. As a part of the outreach work done under Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies, TISS has initiated several field action projects while working on some disasters in the recent past. An absence of support beyond emergency health care and one-time ex-gratia, in the context of mass emergency events led to the APTI Project. The project emerged from the TISS - TPSWT response to 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attack 2008 and later extended to centrifugal disasters such as the 13/7 Mumbai Triple Bomb Blast, 2011 and 9/12 Kolkata AMRI Hospital Fire, 2011

**Background:**

After the Balasore Train Disaster on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023, several initiatives were undertaken by different groups in TISS to support the state government and people affected by the disaster. The work of three field action projects - APTI, ICALL and SIMHA was consolidated under the guidance of a core expert committee leading to the Balasore Train Disaster Recovery Support Project to anchor the response initiative and the recovery support. The Project Team has been working with the Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Patna and Yuva Vikas to support the people affected by the disaster on their immediate and long-term recovery needs. The project is looking for a Counsellor/Social Worker with counselling expertise and a Social Worker for 6 months to work in Bihar with the survivors facilitating early recovery of survivors.

**Number of vacancies:** 1 Counsellor and 1 Social Worker

**Term of Reference:**

- Support survivors with information and other forms of support to navigate the process of claiming ex-gratia and compensation

- Network with concerned departments and offices across states handling the survivors to facilitate the access to essential services for all involved and avoid disparity across states.
- Reach out to each survivor across Bihar state to ascertain immediate and long-term recovery support needs, including psychosocial and mental health needs.
- Support the access to essential support services by extending existing welfare and social protection schemes offered by state and non-state actors to the affected people.
- Interface with service providers to bridge the gap between survivors and service providers.
- Providing psychosocial and mental health support to the survivors.
- Any task assigned by the Project Director

### **Desired Qualification, Experience and Skills:**

#### **Counsellor**

- Minimum Requirement: Graduate in psychology, counselling or relevant social sciences discipline. Post-graduate will be preferred.
- Work Experience: Counselling experience for at least 1 year
- Knowledge of vernacular languages (speak, read and write) is essential

#### **Social Worker**

- Minimum Requirement: Graduate in Social Work or relevant social sciences discipline. Post-graduate will be preferred.
- Work Experience: At least 1-year experience of working with communities as a Social Worker
- Knowledge of vernacular languages (speak, read and write) is essential

**Project Location:** Bihar with extensive travelling in Bihar, West Bengal and Odisha required as per the project's demands.

**Remuneration:** Rs. 25000/- per month + travel expenses

Interested candidates are requested to fill in the Google form by 5.00 pm on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023, available at the link: <https://forms.gle/GGjJF9QwRyPcvozLA>

Project Directors: Prof. Jacquleen Joseph, Ms. Niti Mishra and Ms. Saumya Kumar