

Advertisement for Research Project: Identifying Changing trends in the sex work dynamics among Female sex workers in India

Project Brief:

Sex work is widespread in India. Female sex workers (FSWs) are an important at-risk group recognized in the National AIDS Control Program – Phase Four (NACP IV). There are different typologies of FSW defined by India's National AIDS Control Organization (NACO – the national structure, facilitating implementing HIV program) and include brothel-based, street-based, home-based, lodge-based, dhaba (roadside eatery)-based and highway-based FSWs. These typologies of FSWs are intervened by Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) through a structured HIV prevention program, “Targeted Interventions (TIs)”, supported by NACO, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India at the national level, and State AIDS Control Society at the State level. However, these TIs do not capture sex work at massage parlors, bars, holiday homes, rental homes, solicitation through mobiles, social networking sites and other modes.

New technologies, changing social relations, and shifting social and sexual boundaries have shaped the sex industry in many ways. Wide spread availability and accessibility of Internet has provided opportunities to sell sex all over the globe (Bernstein, 2007). With the advance of technology through social media and mobile phones, the platform of the sex industry is changing rapidly and there is an increasing number of sex workers using these mediums for solicitation.

To address this gap, a study has been requested by NACO to identify new and hidden forms of FSWs and to understand the changing trends in sex work dynamics among FSWs in India. The study will be led by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), in design, implementation and dissemination, while FHI-360 will provide both financial and technical support in all the stages of the study. FHI-360 along with NACO, will supervise and monitor the study on progress and ensure strict implementation of the approved protocol. The findings will provide guidance for NACO to formulate strategies to reach the new and hidden FSWs and to align the current national HIV prevention efforts to the changing network and solicitation dynamics of sex workers in India. NACO has endorsed the study which will be conducted in two districts within each of eight states in India. The selected states are: Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. The study has been approved by the Government of India Health Ministry Screening Committee (HMSC). TATA Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai will implement activities with technical support from FHI-360 under USAID/LINKAGES project.

Post: Data Entry Operator

No. of Vacancy: 07

Location: Maharashtra

Duration: 03 months

Qualification	Any computer graduate preferably graduate in computer science
Experience	Minimum 1 year of experience of data entry in SPSS software
Desirable	Data entry experience in CS- PRO, SPSS and Excel
Roles and Responsibilities	Data entry operator would be responsible for data entry in SPSS software under supervision of research officer and principle investigator of the project.
Duration 03 months	January 2019 to March 2019
Remuneration	Rs 17000 per month

Post: Statistician/ data analyst

No. of Vacancy: 01

Location: Maharashtra

Duration: 04 months

Qualification	Master's degree in Statistics from the reputed institute
Experience	Minimum 2 year of experience in the social science research after post-graduation
Desirable	Minimum 2 year of experience in the social science research after post-graduation, should be able to handle larger date sets
Roles and Responsibilities	Data cleaning, Data analysis plan in coordination with PI/CO-PI/RO, Data analysis applying various statistical tests, finding data discrepancies, finding trends, applying appropriate tests to arrive at logical analysis of the data as suggested and demanded by PI and RO, Generation of tables/graphs, developing a brief note of analysis conducted
Duration 04 months	January 2019 to April 2019
Remuneration	Rs. 28755 per month

Walk-in interview on 24 Dec 2018.

**Venue: SHSS meeting Room
School of Health System
TISS, Mumbai**

PROJECT LEADER