

## **Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies**

### **Advertisement for Programme Manager, Social Worker and Counsellor (Part Time)**

The Jamsetji Tata School for Disaster Studies, Mumbai, invites candidates for the position of Programme Manager (full time) , Social Worker (full time) and Counsellor (on part time basis) to manage the Balasore Train Disaster Recovery Support Project.

**Project name: APTI – Balasore Disaster Recovery**

**Project Duration:** 12 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 TISS's disaster engagement, the Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies, has initiated several field action projects taking forward some of its disaster response. 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. Once again in response to the Balasore Train Disaster, JTSDS intends to engage with the disaster and its survivors, through the APTI field action project.

#### **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 governments 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 programme. 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 with their immediate and long-term recovery needs. The project has a Social Worker with counselling expertise working in Bihar with the survivors, facilitating early recovery of survivors. The project is being extended to other states where people affected by the Balasore accident reside - Orissa, Jharkhand and West Bengal. To expand the work in other regions, the project requires a Programme Manager (full time), Social Worker (full time) and Counsellor (part Time) for 1 year to work with the survivors in facilitating early recovery.

**Number of vacancies:** 1 Programme Manager, 1 Social Worker and 1 Counsellor (on part time basis)

### **Term of Reference for Programme Manager (full time)**

- Overall project management under AAPTII in state of – Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal with different stakeholders involved in the recovery process of people affected by the train disaster.
- Planning activities, timelines and implementation for activities for AAPTII- Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal
- Liaising with government, CSOs and CSR and other stakeholders for the project across states
- Working with survivors to facilitate the access to essential services, existing welfare and social protection schemes for all involved and avoid disparity across states.
- Interface with service providers to bridge the gap between survivors and service providers.
- Identification and outreach to identified survivors across states to ascertain immediate and long-term recovery support needs, including psychosocial and mental health needs.
- Managing human resource for the project
- Project Monitoring, documentation and reporting
- Financial reporting
- Any other task assigned by the Project Director

### **Term of Reference for Social worker (full time ) and Counsellor (part time)**

- 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 working with the survivors to facilitate the access to essential services for all involved and avoid disparity across states.
- Reach out to each survivor across states 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 and Programme Manager

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

**Programme Manager (Full time)**

- Minimum Requirement: Post Graduate in Social Work, Social Sciences or any other related discipline.
- Work Experience: Minimum 5 years in project management
- Knowledge of vernacular languages Odia, Hindi, Bengali (Can read and speak) is essential
- Experience in train accident related relief and rehabilitation effort is preferred

**Social Worker (full time)**

- Minimum Requirement: Graduate in Social Work or relevant Social Sciences discipline. Candidates with a post graduate degree, experience in counselling and working with centrifugal disasters in the past would be preferred.
- Work Experience: At least 1-year experience of working with communities as a Social Worker
- Knowledge of vernacular languages Odia, Hindi, Bengali (Can read and speak) is essential
- Experience in train accident related relief and rehabilitation effort is preferred

**Counsellor (Part time)**

- Minimum Requirement: Graduate in Psychology, counselling or relevant Social Sciences discipline. A candidate with post-graduate degree and or experience of working with centrifugal disasters will be preferred.
- Work Experience: Counselling experience for at least 1 year
- Knowledge of vernacular languages Odia, Hindi, Bengali (Can read and speak) is essential

**Project Location:** Balasore, Orrisa with extensive travelling in Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand including rural areas as required as per the project's demands.

**Remuneration:** Rs. 50,000/- per month for Programme Manager

Rs. 25000/- per month for Social Worker

Rs. 500 per session for Counsellor -part time

Interested candidates are requested to fill in the Google form by 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023, available at the link:  
<https://forms.gle/jHq4q2xMJSZ2Cvqt8>

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