

URBANSHIFT COUNTRY PROJECT: VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PROJECT: UrbanShift (Livable Cities in India: Demonstrating Sustainable Urban Planning and Development through Integrated Approaches)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is implementing a UNEP-supported, GEF7-funded project titled UrbanShift (Livable Cities in India: Demonstrating Sustainable Urban Planning and Development through Integrated Approaches). The project aims to transform Indian cities through integrated urban planning, which would lead to reducing GHG emissions, air pollution and congestion, protecting and conserving ecologically sensitive areas by building capacity of state and city authorities. The objective of the project is to demonstrate low emissions, resilient, nature-based inclusive, sustainable urban development in selected cities and support scale-up nationally. The project would provide technical assistance and investment for undertaking the following activities in the partner cities of Pune, Surat, Agra & Puducherry:

- Evidence-based sustainable and integrated planning;
- Investments in low emissions, resilient, Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and mobility;
- Innovative financing solutions for cities; and
- Knowledge management and capacity development: Knowledge products, good practices and tools would be made available to national, state and city authorities as well as other stakeholders through the National Urban Learning Platform (NULP).

To maximise impact, the NULP will draw on the materials of the UrbanShift Global Project, providing the stakeholders with opportunities to learn from experiences both nationally and internationally. The Project will also focus on enabling gender mainstreaming practices and processes through the inclusion of gender expertise, stakeholder consultations with women, adoption of gender-responsive planning and budgeting processes and mandatory gender assessment of all urban development projects.

PROJECT STAFFING:

The project will be implemented through a Project Management Unit (PMU) at NIUA. Applications for the following PMU position are being invited:

1. Project Associate (Transport)

The project tenure is 4 years (till September 2026). For the above-mentioned position, a one-year contract (renewable on a yearly basis, subject to performance evaluation) will be awarded at the time of employment.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

All applications should be submitted on the NIUA website and **MUST** contain a detailed resume, cover letter, writing sample and three professional references. The last date for applying is **April 16, 2024**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted to appear for an interview. Candidates are encouraged to participate in the interview process in person. However, if a candidate is unable to travel for the interview, this should be mentioned in the cover letter so that necessary arrangements for a virtual interaction can be made.

1. Project Associate (Transport)

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EXPERIENCE	Min. 03 years
REMUNERATION	As per NIUA standards
LOCATION	NIUA, New Delhi, India; with willingness to travel
LAST DATE OF APPLICATION	April 16, 2024
NO. OF VACANCIES	01

A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Team Lead/ Project Implementation Lead - PMU (at NIUA), the incumbent shall undertake the following tasks:

- i. Support development of knowledge, tools, and systems for data collection to undertake integrated spatial planning for compact development and low-emission resilient green transit corridors.
- ii. Support the production of guidelines for compact and low emission resilient green transit corridor planning, inclusive station TOD area development, making cities EV Ready, etc.
- iii. Support cities to plan Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS), NMT movement, EV charging infrastructure, etc. in the Station TOD Area.
- iv. Draft, finalise and synthesise results, summary, conclusions and provide recommendations, as necessary;
- v. Support the Knowledge and Communication Specialist in identifying transport-related capacity development needs of ULBs and arrange for necessary trainings;
- vi. Participate in the periodic review meetings and discussions related to project implementation, monitoring and follow-up; and
- vii. Any other duty and responsibility assigned by the National Project Director (NPD) and Team Lead/ Project Implementation Lead – PMU.

B. EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES:

- i. On-time and high-quality delivery of GEF7 project outputs, deliverables and reports;
- ii. Guidelines for compact and low emission resilient green transit corridor planning, inclusive station TOD area development, making cities EV Ready, etc.;
- iii. Prepare up-to-date presentations for internal and external audiences; and
- iv. Organise coordination meetings with all stakeholders for output delivery.

C. QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- i. Master's degree in Urban Planning/ Transport Planning/ Urban Design or other related fields, with an understanding of the sustainable transport, innovation in NbS and NMT with focus on climate resilient civic infrastructure.
- ii. Proficiency in use of office software packages (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), AutoCAD, traffic simulation and modelling software, etc.
- iii. Good communication, interpersonal and presentation skills, with an ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- iv. Ability to work independently and under pressure.

D. DESIRABLE:

- i. Experience of working with Central Govt./ State Govt./ National Urban Missions (SMART City, AMRUT, etc.)/ Multilateral and bilateral organizations/ Local Bodies/ Resource centres/ NGOs/ Communities.
- ii. Working knowledge of GIS softwares (ArcMap, AutoCAD Map, QGIS, etc.) will be an added advantage.
- iii. Proficiency in spoken and written English. A good command over regional language (of Project cities) and Hindi is desirable.

E. AGE LIMIT: Upper age limit for the post shall be less than 30 years.

F. REPORTING STRUCTURE: The Project Associate (Transport) will report to the Team Lead/ Project Implementation lead PMU at NIUA.