

URBANSHIFT COUNTRY PROJECT: VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

NIUA and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are jointly implementing a GEF 7-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 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 target cities (Pune and Surat) and the replication cities (Agra and 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).

The project will also focus on enabling gender mainstreaming practices and processes through 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 Implementation Unit (PIU) at Pune which will include a City Project Coordinator (CPC) and other subject matter experts.

With this background, applications for the following PIU position are being invited:

- 1. City Project Coordinator (CPC), PIU – Pune, UrbanShift Country Project**
- 2. Urban Designer, PIU - Pune, UrbanShift Country Project**
- 3. Urban Planner (with GIS expertise), PIU - Pune, UrbanShift Country Project**
- 4. Transport Planner, PIU - Pune, UrbanShift Country Project**

The project tenure is 4 years (till September 2026). For each of the above positions, 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 14th, 2023.

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.

2. URBAN DESIGNER, PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (PIU), PUNE

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NO. OF VACANCIES	01
EXPERIENCE	Min. 05 years
REMUNERATION	As per NIUA standards
DUTY STATION	Pune; with willingness to travel
LAST DATE OF APPLICATION	April 14th, 2023

A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Team Lead/Project Implementation Lead – PMU (at NIUA) and the City Project Coordinator (CPC) - PIU, Pune; the incumbent shall work closely with the Transport Planner, PIU to undertake the following tasks:

- i. Support delineation of the TOD Station Area (TSA) as per provisions for transit-oriented development (TOD) in the revised Development Control and Promotion Regulations (DCPR) of Pune.
- ii. Support a comprehensive analysis of the built and natural environment in the TSA to understand the existing conditions, and identify potential and constraints to enable transit-oriented development. This would include surveys of land use, pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular movement, etc., assessment of existing transportation network/ infrastructure and ease of accessing the metro station, surrounding landmarks and other contextual factors (riverfront development).
- iii. Provide inputs to the preliminary designs developed to improve the accessibility of the metro stations, facilitate walking and cycling, and inter-modal integration in the TSA. This would include retrofitting the road sections as per the existing Street Design Guidelines, creation/ planning of public plazas, walkways, landscaping, rehabilitation of basic services and utilities, and other pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
- iv. Evaluate the design proposal to ensure it is inclusive and considers gender sensitivity.
- v. Support finalization of the TOD Station Area (TSA) Plan.
- vi. Provide support during the implementation phase of the project, which may include site visits, reviewing construction plans and specifications, monitoring progress, and coordinating any necessary design modifications with approval of the Team Lead - PMU, City Project Director (Executive and Administrative) and City Project Director (Planning).
- vii. Support the organization of frequent coordination meetings with all stakeholders at the city level for output delivery and maintain regular communication with them.
- viii. Undertake research and support the production of toolkits, guidelines, modules, knowledge products, capacity-building tools, organize training programs/workshops for information dissemination etc.
- ix. Participate and actively engage in the periodic review meetings and discussions related to project implementation, monitoring and follow-up and document their proceedings.
- x. Any other duty and responsibility assigned by the Team Lead/Project Implementation Lead

(PMU) and the City Project Coordinator (CPC).

B. QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- i. Master's degree in Urban Design/ Architecture/ Landscape Architecture or other related fields, with an understanding of Urban Design, urban planning and design principles, integrated sustainable and inclusive planning.
- ii. Proficiency in use of office software packages (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), Adobe Photoshop, InDesign etc.
- iii. Good communication, interpersonal and presentation skills, with an ability to work in a diverse environment.
- iv. Previous work experience in research, design and implementation of urban design projects.
- v. Ability to work independently and under pressure.

C. DESIRABLE:

- i. Experience of working with Central Govt./ State Govt./ National Urban Missions (SMART City, AMRUT, etc.)/ Multilateral and bilateral organizations/ Local Bodies/ Resource centers/ NGOs or Communities.
- ii. Experience in developing TOD policy/ guidelines, TOD planning, street improvement and place-making projects, etc. will be an added advantage.
- iii. Working knowledge of GIS software (ArcMap, AutoCAD Map, QGIS, etc.) will be an added advantage.
- iv. Proficiency in spoken and written English. A good command over regional language (of Project cities) and Hindi is desirable.

D. AGE LIMIT: Upper age limit for the post shall be less than 40 years.

E. REPORTING STRUCTURE: The **Urban Designer** will report to the Team Lead, PMU and the City Project Co-coordinator (CPC).