SUDSC-II: Mainstreaming Risk-informed, Integrated, Resilient and Sustainable Urban Development in Cities (in partnership with GIZ)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The Programme "Sustainable Urban Development – Smart Cities II" (SUDSC II) aims at anchoring resilient, sustainable approaches and solutions for urban development including infrastructure that consider disaster risk management and the leave-no-one-behind concept, within the context of various programmes and missions of the Government of India.

As a Strategic Partner with GIZ, NIUA will play a variety of roles as part of an end-to-end 'Ecosystem Support' for mainstreaming risk- informed, integrated, resilient and sustainable urban development in cities. This will involve four components:

- Policy Advocacy: This component will focus on supporting the effective development of various
 policy frameworks and guidelines for shaping city planning practices, infrastructure design and
 technology adoption as well as governance mechanisms to effectively achieve risk-informed,
 integrated, resilient, sustainable and inclusive urban development.
- Capacity Building: This component will focus on developing capacities of government functionaries as well as other professionals from industry, academia and civil society who can champion the strategies foregrounded under the partnership and ensure implementation. NIUA will support the roll out of cross-sectoral modules through selected training institutions.
- Mainstreaming Innovations: This component includes support for implementation of innovative frameworks/ solutions in partner cities that can act as lighthouse initiatives for scaling up across the cities/states. Focus will be on fostering data-based digital tools that can lead to improved planning, governance and service delivery.
- Instituting Communities of Practice: This component will focus on constituting peer-to-peer knowledge exchange platforms comprising representatives from public, private, scientific communities and CSOs. Deliberations of such groups will result in the development of knowledge products on risk-informed, integrated, resilient and sustainable urban development with focus on gender and inclusion.

Summarily, under the partnership, NIUA will help to improve timely adoption/adaption of the strategies espoused under the SUDSC-II into the planning and governance frameworks of partner States (namely Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana) and Cities and effectively nudge on-ground implementation.

GIZ-SUDSC-II SUPPORT PROGRAMME: VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

| PROJECT ID. | NIUA/114 |
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| PROJECT | SUDSC-II: Mainstreaming Risk-informed, Integrated, Resilient and Sustainable Urban Development in Cities (GIZ) |
| POSITION | Project Associate- Urban Expert |
| EXPERIENCE | Min. 5 years |
| SALARY BAND | As per NIUA standards |
| DURATION: | Until 30 th April, 2024 (one year renewable contract with a probation period of 3 months) |
| LOCATION | New Delhi with willingness to travel to partner States/Cities |
| LAST DATE OF APPLICATION | 15 th March 2023 |

- A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Project Associate will provide support to Team Lead (SUDSC) at NIUA, for executing all the components with focus on supporting policy advocacy, creating capacity building modules and undertaking the dissemination of capacity building modules. The candidate should be comfortable working in an interdisciplinary environment and should be able to manage multiple tasks and meeting deadlines. Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Team Lead, the Project Associate shall undertake the following tasks:
 - i. Provide required support in development, implementation and monitoring of the programme components, plans and activities in close consultation with State and City-level counterparts;
 - ii. Coordinate with the representatives at the partner States and Cities, and provide support w.r.t the technical inputs towards policy documents;
 - iii. Identify the capacity building requirements from the respective stakeholders and provide support in preparing and reviewing the capacity building modules/ programmes/ training modules to address the requirements;
 - iv. Take lead in supporting preparation of relevant knowledge products/ toolkits on the various project components for capacity building training programmes;
 - v. Provide required support in undertaking Training of Trainers for various capacity building areas;
 - vi. Take lead in instituting the community of practise through knowledge exchange platforms comprising representatives from public, private, scientific communities and CSOs;
 - vii. Support the Team Lead in steering the project as per the project action plan and synchronise the plan with required background work system and counterparts;
 - viii. Participate in the periodic review meetings and discussions related to project implementation and ensure monitoring & follow-up;
 - ix. Ensuring on-time and high-quality delivery of project outputs, deliverables, and required reports;
 - x. Support in preparation of project progress reports as per the GIZ guidelines;
 - xi. Interact with a variety of stakeholders including government officials, private sector, civil society institutions and research institutions;
 - xii. Any other duty and responsibility assigned by the Director, NIUA; Lead, Urban Strategy Unit; and Team Lead.

B. QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- Master's degree (in Urban Planning/ Environment/ Public Policy, or related fields) with an understanding of sustainable development, public policy, capacity building, creation of knowledge sharing modules and products etc.;
- ii. Minimum 5 years full time work experience after post-graduation, in urban development sector with experience in policy writing/ capacity building/ program implementation/ project management;
- iii. Software proficiency: MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Knowledge of professional software like ARC GIS, AutoCad, etc. will be an added advantage;
- iv. Excellent written and verbal communication & presentation skills, including the ability to speak persuasively and to present ideas clearly and concisely to authorities;

DESIRABLE:

- i. Experience with State Govt/ Central Govt/Local Bodies/ Resource Centres/ NGOs/ Communities/ National Urban Missions (SMART City, AMRUT, PMAY, etc.)/ multilateral/ biletteral organisation like ADB, KFW, UNDP, GIZ etc;
- ii. Proficiency in spoken and written English. A good command over regional language of partner Cities is an advantage.