

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
<b>FUNCTIONAL TITLE</b>	Project Associate
<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	"Institutionalizing an Impact Assessment Framework for Drink from Tap Mission in Odisha"
<b>DUTY STATION</b>	Bhubaneswar, Odisha (WATCO Office)
<b>NO. OF POSTS</b>	2 (Two)
<b>DURATION</b>	Nine Months (can be extended based on performance)
<b>TYPE OF CONTRACT</b>	Individual Consultant Contract

### **About the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**

Established in 1976, the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), is a premier Institute of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India for research and capacity building for urban sector in India. NIUA's broad objective is to bridge the gap between research and practice on issues related to urbanization. For more than 40 years now, NIUA has been the vanguard for contributing to and building the urban narrative for a fast-evolving Urban India. The Institution has been actively working on bringing forth key areas of concern for urban India in order to build the urban discourse at various urban scales. It has utilized its competencies in research, knowledge management, policy advocacy and capacity building to address urban challenges and continuously striving to develop sustainable, inclusive, and productive urban ecosystems in the country. It has emerged as a thought leader and knowledge hub for urban development in India and is sought out by both Indian and International organizations for collaborations and partnerships in India's urban transforming journey. NIUA is committed towards aligning its efforts towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through all its initiatives and programs.

### **About the Project**

Since the early 2010s, the Government of Odisha has been proactively taking initiatives to enhance the water supply and sanitation situation in the State, especially in the Urban Sector. In addition to leveraging national missions such as AMRUT (both 1.0 and 2.0), the State has established schemes such as BASUDHA to operationalize the aspirations related to water supply and sanitation management. The State has made rapid strides in the last few years in achieving universal coverage for water supply and sanitation (sewered and non-sewered). In early 2021, Puri City in Odisha became the first city in the country to provide continuous assured quality of water to its residents, including those living in slum settlements. WATCO has undertaken (undertaking) DFT scheme in 24 ULBS.

From Feb 2023, a project "Institutionalizing an Impact Assessment Framework for Drink from Tap Mission *in Odisha*" is commencing. The overall objective of the project is to develop a tool for evaluating the impact of the Drink From Tap Mission from multiple

perspectives (water resources, system efficiency, service delivery, financial viability, etc), and apply this tool in 24 ULBs across Odisha. The project will provide insights on the impact created by the mission, as well as highlight key issues and challenges that may have a bearing on the long-term sustainability of the Mission.

### **Project Associate Responsibilities**

The Project Associate shall carry out the responsibilities listed below:

- Conduct research on impact assessment frameworks and methodologies relevant to water resource management and service delivery.
- Support the coordination of data collection from 24 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) involved in the mission
- Organize and manage databases containing collected data from ULBs
- Serve as a liaison with the Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) for day-to-day operational support.
- Support in the publication of reports and documentation summarizing impact assessment results.
- Travel to the project cities for data collection/ground truthing of data collected.
- Support in preparing content for capacity building and training programs organized for different stakeholders.
- Provide support to the team for conducting key events (e.g. workshops, review meetings etc.).
- Carry out any other additional tasks assigned.

### **Required Qualification, Work experience and Competencies**

- Post graduate (Masters) qualification in Civil engineering, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Planning/Management, Water Resources Management, Urban Planning/Management, or related disciplines from a reputed university/institute.
- 1-3 years of relevant professional experience in urban environmental planning and implementation projects.
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English. Proficiency in Odia language will be given preference.
- Strong inclination for documentation and developing knowledge products.
- Strong inter personnel and co-ordination skills, working independently, and flexibly.
- Willingness to travel to the project locations across Odisha as required.

**Duration:** This is a contract-based position for a nine-months (can be extended based on the performance)

**Remuneration:** As par with the industry standards, depending on experience and skills and fitment with NIUA remuneration structures. Proof of past remuneration (last received salary/monthly contract payment) would be required.

### **Application Process:**

**Step 1:** Interested applicants submit their CV and cover letter through the NIUA portal. The last date of application is **29 February 2024, 23:59 IST**. Applications received after this cut-off time will, unfortunately, not be entertained.

**Step 2:** Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email by **7 March 2024**. Regrettably, it will not be possible to provide individual feedback on applications that are not shortlisted.

**Step 3:** The online interview will be conducted with the shortlisted candidates