

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.

4. TRANSPORT PLANNER - 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 Urban Designer, PIU to undertake the following tasks:

- i. Conduct baseline of transport systems operating in Pune and review the various transport-related policy frameworks, plans, studies, etc.
- ii. Support a comprehensive analysis of the urban fabric in the TOD Station Areas (TSAs) to understand the existing conditions, and identify potentials and constraints to enable transit-oriented development. This would include surveys of land use, pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular movement, opportunities for Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS), NMT movement, EV charging infrastructure, etc., assessment of existing transportation network/ infrastructure and ease of accessing the metro station, surrounding landmarks and other contextual factors (riverfront development).
- iii. Develop RfP for on-boarding consultants/firms for undertaking the following tools/ plans:
 - a. Guideline for designing compact and low-emission resilient green transit corridor plan (including gender considerations);
 - b. Guidelines for planning low-emission resilient gender-responsive and inclusive TOD Station Areas; and
 - c. Low-emission, resilient, green, gender-inclusive TOD Station Area (TSA) Plan for selected Station including planning for green NMT paths, integrated green spaces, and establishing EV charging infrastructure.
- iv. Provide comprehensive support (coordination, technical, administrative, planning, etc.) to the consultants/firms selected for preparation of the above-mentioned tools/ plans.
- v. Review the Pune City Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan for its comprehensiveness in consultation with the Pune City EV Cell, PMC.
- vi. Provide support during the implementation phase of the project, which may include site visits and monitoring progress, and coordinating with relevant stakeholders with the approval of the Team Lead - PMU, the City Project Director (Executive and Administrative) and the City Project Director (Planning).
- vii. Support the production of toolkits, modules, organize training programs/workshops for capacity building, information dissemination etc.
- viii. Support the organization of frequent coordination meetings with all stakeholders at the city

level for output delivery and maintain regular communication with them.

- ix. Prepare up-to-date presentations for internal and external audiences.
- x. Participate and actively engage in the periodic review meetings and discussions related to project implementation, monitoring and follow-up and document their proceedings.
- xi. 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 Planning/ Transport Planning/ Urban Design/ Transport Engineering or other related fields, with an understanding of sustainable transport, innovation in NbS and NMT with focus on climate resilient 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 multicultural environment; and
- iv. 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/ 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 softwares (ArcMap, AutoCAD Map, QGIS, etc.) will be an added Advantage; and
- 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 30 years.

E. REPORTING STRUCTURE:

The **Transport planner** will report to the Team Lead, PMU and the City Project Co-coordinator(CPC).