

Dear All,

Saksham (which means “capable”) is a project of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences since 2008 to support the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in its fight against HIV and TB. Saksham has shaped the Psychosocial support program for HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) in the country. Currently Saksham has three major grants in the area of HIV & TB counselling, capacity building and community engagement.

In 2015, Saksham, TISS in collaboration with the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), introduced psycho-social counselling for TB in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan and has demonstrated the need for moving beyond the “bio-medical”, “disease control” approach and addressing social determinants of TB. The project is named “Saksham Pravaah” and 214 Professional Counsellors (Masters in Social Work/Sociology/Psychology) are integrated within the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) and are placed in each of the District TB Centres in the four implementation states.

In the current implementation cycle (April 2021-March 2024), Saksham will create a pool of Master Trainers across India for Building Capacities of Front Line TB staff (STS and HV) on counselling soft skills.

Saksham has developed a three-day module on counselling aspects for NTEP staff and will develop a state wise pool of Master Trainers. The trained Master Trainers will be linked to the State TB Training Demonstration Centre (STDC) for conducting the training of the front line NTEP staff.

Saksham will partner with 5 Regional Institutes (SSRs) to develop the pool of Master Trainers. The institutes are as follows:

1. North India –Aditi Mahavidyala, Delhi
2. East India – Xavier’s Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar
3. Western India – Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai
4. South India - RCUS, Osmania University, Hyderabad
5. Central India – Maharaja Sayaji University, Baroda

Please let us know if you are interested in collaborating with Saksham Pravaah as a Master Trainer (MT) on an honorary basis. Saksham Pravaah will undertake Training of Trainers for the MTs at the state/regional level The Trained Master Trainers will be required to provide their commitment to be available to the STDC for conducting the training sessions when invited.

Who can be Master Trainers:

- Previous Saksham MTs.
- Faculty of Sociology, Psychology or Social Work.
- Person with previous experience of conducting HIV/ TB training for SACS/NTEP
- TB Survivors

Application Process:

Interested individuals need to register for Master Trainer using following link :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpYnO0Gr70LCgRF9_RuJzMhBnQAoBodfibGCLHou6-DjwUMQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Last Date for Application: 25 th April, 2022

If you have already applied, kindly ignore it.

Thanks and regards,

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