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## Opportunity with Dakshin Foundation

**Number of vacancies:** One

**Position:** Project Assistant – Health and Environment Programme (Odisha)

**Duration:** Feb 2020 –July 2020 (6 months)

**Project details:** Human health plays a key role in the viability of livelihoods dependent on natural resources like those of the fishing communities. Multiple pressures like the decline of fisheries, climate change and large-scale industrial fishing have created an environment in which life has become physically and mentally unhealthy in marine fishing villages. According to a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, fishing communities of Odisha suffer from high poverty, food insecurity during the lean season, malnutrition, and many diseases due to unhealthy living conditions and poor healthcare facilities. The scoping study conducted by Dakshin Foundation in June 2019 in Odisha has highlighted the issues with healthcare access and quality, occupational hazards and common diseases prevalent in these communities. The goal of this project is to improve community health of fishing communities and to build their capacity to manage coastal & marine resources towards the long-term wellbeing of both the communities and their ecosystems.

**Position details:** The position involves assisting a Senior Research Assistant in working with two fishing communities residing near Rushikulya estuary. The programme has both research and action components. For the research component interviews and group discussions will be conducted. For the interventions on health and environment, meetings and workshops will be conducted with different stakeholders.

### Chief responsibilities:

1. Conducting interviews, group discussions and meetings with fishing communities.
2. Meeting community health workers, local governance bodies and officials for health and environmental interventions.
3. Assist in conducting workshops for health outreach and fisheries management.
4. Data entry, analysis and report writing.

**Last date to apply:** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

The position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified; therefore, interested individuals are requested to apply immediately.

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**Candidates must possess the following basic qualifications/skills:**

- Bachelor's degree in social sciences or environmental studies
- Fluency in spoken and written Odiya.
- Exposure to rural communities and social survey methods
- Ability to work in a team and contribute ideas to bring positive change.

**Candidates with the following additional qualifications/skills will be preferred:**

- Good communication skills in English.
- Two wheeler driving experience.
- Experience of working with coastal communities.

**Remuneration:** Salary will be commensurate with internal policies and applicant's experience. Travel and accommodation in the field will be covered by the project.

**How to apply:** Submit a complete CV along with a cover letter (not exceeding one page) clearly conveying why you consider yourself a suitable candidate for this position. Provide the names of two referees along with their contact details in the CV. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please email your application to [madhuri.mondal@dakshin.org](mailto:madhuri.mondal@dakshin.org) with the subject line "Application for Project Assistant – Odisha"

**About us:** Dakshin Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation based at Bangalore, India, with field offices and intervention across the coastline of India and in its oceanic islands. Our mission is to inform and advocate conservation and natural resource management, while promoting and supporting sustainable livelihoods, social development and environmental justice. To learn more about our interventions and research projects please take a look at our website ([www.dakshin.org](http://www.dakshin.org)).

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