

FORMATION OF GENDERED ASSUMPTIONS IN ADOLESCENT BOYS: A STUDY IN SELECT REGIONAL CONTEXTS OF TELANGANA

HIRING: RESEARCH ASSOCIATE/RESEARCH ASSISTANT (1)

The Department of School Education, Telangana is collaborating with UNICEF and the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad to undertake a research study to gain an understanding of how views on masculinity are formed among adolescent boys, which means the construction of masculinity norms, values, beliefs and perceptions that these individuals have internalised. This will also be explored against the occurrence of the pandemic which would have significantly altered perceptions and experiences pertaining to gender.

A purposive sampling methodology will be applied to select the respondents from select districts of the state of Telangana. The research study will largely be qualitative, with a strong Focus Group Discussion (FGD) component. Quantitative analysis would also be applied. A report along with policy recommendations will be submitted to the department at the end of the study. In this regard, the study is seeking to hire a Research Associate/Assistant for a period of three months, with immediate joining.

Main tasks

- Conduct research and draft literature reviews and concise notes on relevant topics of interest.
- Contribute to the day-to-day tasks in the development and conduct of the study (e.g., preparation of background documents, development of research tools and questionnaires, and design workshops).
- Monitor the conduct of the data collection by undertaking field visits and visiting the schools as and when needed, and ensure standardisation of the process.
- Conduct or co-conduct FGDs with around 15-20 students and teachers as participants.
- Participate in other team activities needed for the research study as required.

Profile

- Postgraduate qualification in gender studies, education, health, public policy or other relevant areas.
- Strong qualitative research background, with experience in conducting one-on-one interviews and FGDs. In addition, quantitative skills to codify and analyse the collected data is a plus.
- Interpersonal and organisational skills, and an ability to navigate an ambiguous environment.
- Fluency in Telugu (reading, writing and speaking) is highly preferred.
- Interest in the education sector, particularly the intersection between identity, gender and education.

We are looking to hire the RA (full-time) for a period of three months, with immediate joining. The RA will be paid a consultation fee of Rs 25,000 per month. All expenses incurred during field travel and stay will be covered by the research study fund. The RA should be based out of Hyderabad, with frequent travel to the schools of the select districts where the study will be undertaken.

Interested candidates should send a short motivation letter, writing sample, and CV to Prof. K. Suneetha Rani (suneetharanik66@gmail.com) and Shravya (shravya.mallavarapu@gmail.com) by **November 16, 2024**. Please indicate your availability in the motivation letter.

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