

## Small Scale Sustainable Infrastructure Development Fund

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## Intern / Part time research assistant for documenting case studies on water enterprises

Position: Intern / researche assistant

Location: Bangalore with travel to Kolar district and Chittoor District

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Start Date: As soon as possible, preferably not later than 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015

## **Job Description**

S3IDF is part of a national team (commissioned by the IWMI Tata water mission) conducting a landscape study on "water Enterprises" in Rural India addressing the issue of potable water. S3IDF's focus geographies in this study are Kolar District and Chittoor District. The purpose of this research is to identify and document various case studies of various water enterprises delivering potable water services in rural and peri-urban areas of the above two districts. Through this case study documentation approach the research will attempt to understand the diversity of institutional, financing models and technology used in water enterprises. Further it intends to raise questions on sustainability, environmental externalities if any and equity of such water enterprise approaches. The research assistant will be expected to:

- a) Travel (alone or with others in the team) to different case study locations, conduct interviews and document case studies (both written and visual photos / videos etc)
- b) Conduct interviews with vendors of technology/services that help establish water enterprises
- c) Accompany team lead to key interviews with relevant govt officials, program managers of CSR etc in relation to water enterprises.
- d) Conduct desk research on policies of govt / CSR programs etc
- e) Help in relevant data gathering of from different government and non-government sources
- f) Conduct analysis on the case studies / data gathered in consultation and conversation with team lead / national research team.
- g) Engage with team lead and document case studies in prescribed format of the national team.
- h) Participate in conversations and skype calls with the national research team.

Basic knowledge in office tools (such as word, power point, xl sheets) a must. Interest in social enterprise and/or water domain is an important criteria. Ability to speak in Kannada or Telugu an added advantage. Atleast (if Kannada or Telugu not known) ability to speak in Hindi a must. It is presumed applicant is proficient in Spoken and written English.

The work is expected to last until March 2016. It is expected that the intern / junior researcher will need to put in atleast around 10-15 days of work each month until March 2016. All travel costs will be reimbursed. Stipend details will be discussed upon receipt of applications during the interview process. Interested candidates please write to avinash@s3idf.org