

Request for Proposal - Research Study (FY 2022-23)

Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, AIILSG, Mumbai

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A. Background:

Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES) of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG), Mumbai is established by the *now* Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India (GoI), in 1968, to undertake urban policy research, technical advisory services, and building capacities of municipal officials and elected representatives from the States of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and UT's of Lakshadweep, Diu, Daman, Dadra & Nagar Haveli in the Western Region and States of Assam and Tripura in North East Region. It is supported by the MoHUA, GoI. The Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department of Government of Maharashtra is the ex-officio Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the RCUES, Mumbai, which is constituted by MoHUA, GoI. RCUES, Mumbai has been empanelled with the Government of India to provide capacity building and technical support to the Local Governments in implementation of schemes and programmes.

B. Context and Purpose of Research Studies:

RCUES of AIILSG, Mumbai undertakes research studies on the topics related to urban governance and service delivery. Government of India has launched several urban development missions with an aim to provide improved services to the citizens of India. It's the need of an hour to provide required support to the local governments for their effective implementation in urban areas by addressing various challenges, especially in the post pandemic times. With this intention, RCUES of AIILSG, Mumbai has shortlisted following research areas in support to the respective State and local governments. In view of involving experts from various sectors in the process of undertaking these studies, RCUES Mumbai calls for proposals on the topics listed below –

Research Areas (FY 2022- 23)

1	Achieving garbage free cities as per SBM 2.0- potential city level approach
2	District level approach for service delivery in urban WASH (Water-Sanitation-Hygiene)/ FSSM
3	Bottleneck analysis under SBM U 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 for selected cities in Maharashtra
4	Wastewater reuse and recycling- opportunities and challenges
5	Gender responsive sanitation services – recommendations for cities and towns
6	Strategies for improved community sanitation in municipal corporations
7	Addressing O & M challenges in faecal sludge and septage management
8	Impact of onsite sanitation systems on quality of ground water in urban areas
9	WASH in schools- recommendations for meeting the gaps
10	Business models for effective plastic waste / dry waste management
11	Sustaining WASH/ SWM infrastructure - identifying and addressing O & M challenges of ULBs
12	Environmental sanitation in small and medium towns
13	Effective e-waste management - potential road map for cities
14	Exploring utilization of health schemes in Maharashtra
15	Assessment of capacity building gaps under urban social protection schemes in Maharashtra
16	Strategic development of IEC and capacity building framework for implementation of social protection schemes in urban Maharashtra
17	Multidimensional Poverty Index
18	Addressing water scarcity challenges in drought prone regions of Maharashtra

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19	Climate resilient cities – Local Governance perspective
20	Role of smart mobility in sustainable and inclusive transportation
21	Status of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) under National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM)
22	Facilitating vending zone & social security linkages under NULM
23	Strategies for implementation of various verticals of NULM
24	MIS and financial disbursement under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
25	(Any other subject as suggested by States/ ULBs/ Researchers)

C. About the study:

1. Broader scope of any study

- **Geographical coverage:** coverage/ focus area of the study should essentially be the State Governments and urban local bodies in the respective States and UTs (as listed in the *background* above, and may be based on detail assessment in selected cities of these States and UTs)
- **Output:** the study should deliver an output relevant and useful to the local governments (municipal elected representatives, officials and other staff) in functioning efficiently by tackling the current challenge and implementing various programmes, missions and schemes, with a focus on subject of study, as per the list above
- Study should consider and review the policies, guidelines and protocols issued by the Government authorities time to time.
- Study report needs to be developed with inputs from relevant sector experts and stakeholders

2. Who can submit a proposal?

Any faculty members/ experts/ researchers/ students/ fellows from the renowned universities/ educational institutes, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) or Research Organisations from the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Assam and Tripura and UTs of Lakshadweep, Diu, Daman, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, with relevant background and experience can submit the proposals. (Any other proposals received may or may not be considered for selection as per the institutional norms)

3. Total budget for the study:

Total budget for one study = Rs.5 lakh (including all taxes, as applicable)

4. Duration of the study: four to six months (during August 2022- January 2023)

About the Study Proposal:

A. Broader basic outline of any proposal shall include at least-

- **Background-** national/ state level context, need of study etc.,
- **About the University/ Organisation/ Entity-** introduction to the entity, strength of entity, earlier experience of working on the similar studies
- **Introduction to the study-** concept, coverage and scope of study, focus areas, limitations etc.
- **Approach and methodology** - elaborated approach and methodology, plans for involvement of resources and expert, details of field work if any, work plan with timeline and details of quantifiable deliverables etc.

- **Deliverables**- form and number of deliverables, with potential forward linkages
- **Budget break-up** - break up of total budget, proposed to be utilised for completion of the study
- **CVs of key experts/ researchers working on the study**- with relevant experience highlighted

B. Submission of Proposal:

- Any eligible entity can submit maximum two proposals on any two different topics from the list above
- One proposal should not be more than 10 pages
- Proposals as per the above mentioned outlines and the required attachments, should be emailed to dir.rcues@aailsg.org on or before 8th July 2022.
- Proposals with insufficient information may be disqualified

C. Shortlisting and selection of proposals:

- RCUES of AILSG, Mumbai reserves all the rights of shortlisting and selection of proposals, based on its completeness, relevance, potential and application
- Only those applicants whose proposals are selected will be contacted.
- Selected entity will be engaged to undertake the respective study, as per the institutional norms and terms & conditions of AILSG, Mumbai.

In case of any queries, please write to- dir.rcues@aailsg.org or call Mrs. Neha Hardikar, Sr. Research Officer on 9820267703