

Advertisement for the post of a Counselor:

Name of the post	Counselor
Location of post	Mumbai
Number of vacancies	01
Qualification required	M.A in Psychology (Full time course)
Remuneration	Rs. 39,700 per month

About Koshish:

Koshish- the field action project at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai was initiated with the vision of reaching out to the Homeless & Destitute Population, especially the institutional population processed under the Beggary Preventive Legislation and work towards their rehabilitation. We are committed towards promoting citizenship rights and entitlements for the homeless and the destitute, who continue to face discrimination and are often treated in an undignified manner. At present, we run direct services in Delhi and Maharashtra and provide technical inputs to Union Ministry in 10 cities across the country.

Seeking decriminalization of poverty, Koshish addresses the interrelated issues of beggary, destitution and homelessness through interventions pitched at different levels. The interventions comprise providing support for basic and immediate needs, facilitating sustainable rehabilitation and advocacy for structural reforms.

The Beggary Law:

An act of beggary is a punishable offense under the beggar prevention legislation. People with mental illness, elderly, abandoned, those affected with disabilities, seasonal migrants, persons from de-notified communities, women faced with violence, transgenders are all categories of people which fall within the ambit of beggary laws. At present more than 20 states and union territories have Beggary Prevention Laws with identical provisions.

Project's Requirements:

The organization functions on the ideals of trust, justice and commitment. The work involves working directly with the custodial population of the Beggar's Home in Chembur, Mumbai. Clients being tried under the Bombay Prevention of Beggary Act (1960) are admitted to the custodial setup. Koshish is committed to working on these clients' end to end rehabilitation. You will be working directly with extremely vulnerable sections of the society. Their Psycho-social needs will be centered around trauma and severe mental illnesses.

Job Profile:

The candidate will report directly to the Program Coordinator-Maharashtra and will be responsible for the following:

- One on One counseling sessions with the residents of both the male and female sections of Beggar's Home and maintaining records for the same.
- Providing one on one counseling for the caretaking staff working in Beggar's Home.
- Drafting and conducting workshops for the clients and institutional staff as mental health support program.
- You will be working in tandem with social workers in the team to offer complete rehabilitation to the clients. This means that you have to understand all programs and not just Counseling.

Eligibility criteria:

- M.A in Psychology, an M.Phil. is desired but not mandatory.
- 2+ years' experience of working with clients, in one-on-one psychotherapy.
- Being willing to commit for a duration of 1 year.
- Willingness & commitment to learn the legal aspects of Beggary and homelessness in India.
- Any trauma specific courses or certifications will be desirable.
- Well versed with English and Hindi. Knowledge of Marathi would be preferred.
- Be skilled in the use of technology and computers to efficiently carry out documentation.
- Sound knowledge of ethics in Psychotherapy.
- Ability to be flexible and resourceful during high stress periods.
- Confidence and leadership abilities to work independently.
- A strong sense of self awareness and existent self-care routines to balance the trauma work you will be doing every day.
- Women, transgenders and candidates from SC/ST/Dalit communities are encouraged to apply.

The position is on a contractual basis and will be renewed every year after satisfactory performance in the evaluation procedure. Please note that this is a full-time position (5 days a week and weekends, in case of field emergency) based out of Mumbai. Interested candidates may email their CV, and recent passport size photograph along with a cover letter describing how they think this role suits them best, to sarika.patil@tiss.edu with a copy to tarique.tiss@gmail.com

[Note: Last date of sending application is August 13, 2021. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed.](#)