



**Field:** Education

**Name:** Institute of Philanthropy and Humanitarian Development , <http://ihdindia.com/>

**Location:** Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India

**Name of Position:** Community Development Internship

### **Brief Description of Organization**

IPHD provides internship and research programs that are embedded in a framework of training and education. We have identified key competencies such as problem solving, critical thinking, and culture skills that are necessary for productive community and humanitarian development work in a developing country. These competencies guide our training programs, fieldwork, and research. Our interns and researchers complete projects in many different fields, including microenterprise and microfinance, health, education, human rights, gender equity, environment, and art and design. IPHD was established and registered as a non-profit organization in 2013 with the Government of Rajasthan, India. The organization is based in Jodhpur and works in rural and urban environments.

#### **The Mission of IPHD**

The purpose of IPHD is to provide community development and experiential education opportunities to member of the international community. Through all our programs we aim to deliver beneficial and sustainable outcomes to both the local community and the initiators of these practical, field work bases projects.

Because of our desire to emphasize the importance of rural development in India, IPHD has adopted the small village of Bhikamkor, located 65 km outside of Jodhpur. There are very few facilities available in Bhikamkor, and as a result, the people who live there are struggling to fulfil the basic needs of day-to-day life, such as access to clean water, reliable health services, education, and job opportunities. India is a rapidly developing country, but most of the development is concentrated in cities while rural areas are often neglected. The goal is to work together with both local and international communities to improve the village's access to social, economic, educational and health facilities. IPHD wishes to operate across all these areas of community development to ensure Bhikamkor not only survives, but thrives.

### **Information Specific to the Internship:**

#### **Qualifications:**

Ideally the intern should have an interest and have completed some study in the area of their Field / Education Project.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

With IPHD each intern has their own project. It means students will have ownership on their projects.

- Conduct Need and Strength Assessment
- Make an implementation plan
- Evaluate project/plan by mid-term
- Write final report

#### **Additional Information**

IPHD has a number of ongoing projects in Bhikamkor that are available for interns to work on. As part of the application process, interns will indicate which project they are most interested in and describe



the ways they can contribute. IPHD is also open to starting new projects proposed by interns.

Our current projects include:

- **Saheli Designs:** This project is aimed at providing women with a way to become more empowered in a number of ways. Women who have some knowledge in sewing and embroidery are trained in standards of Western fashion and stitching. Their products are then sold in Western markets, allowing the women of Saheli to make a decent salary for their families and become more financially independent. Saheli also holds educational seminars for the women on topics such as menstrual health, hygiene, and English classes.
- **Bhikamkor Entrepreneurial Development:** Bhikamkor, as a very traditional village, does not have very many economic opportunities for women. For the most part, women are entirely dependent on their husbands. Our aim in the Bhikamkor Entrepreneurial Development project is to create opportunities for women in the village to become more financially independent.
- **Bhikamkor Health Initiative:** The goal of this project is to promote the general health, wellbeing, and quality of life of all of the people in Bhikamkor. Basic health education in the village is limited at best, and there is desperate need for more widespread information about the basics of health and hygiene.
- **Library Project:** Recently, IPHD has started a small library in Bhikamkor. The library is related to the education project in that it aims to further the education of the women and children of the village. The library currently has around 100 books, 1 computer, and an art center, and is only for women and children since the sexes in the village are strictly segregated.
- **Girls Education:** For the girl's education program, our goal is to make education more widely available to girls from families who are below the poverty line (BPL). Poor families have lower access to the schools in the village, and girls in particular tend to not bother completing school. Interns do needs assessments to figure out the reasons children drop of school (for instance, we learned recently that some students from the outskirts of the village do not attend school because there is no available transportation). After needs assessments, interns brainstorm sustainable solutions to these problems.

### **To Apply:**

Please send the following materials to [info@ihdindia.com](mailto:info@ihdindia.com)

- Resume / CV
- Skype Interview

### **Stipend/Assistance:**

- Finding Housing
- Transportation stipend or assistant
- Cultural Excursion
- Language Training
- Meals

### **Internship Supervisor**

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