

**Government Partnership Lead Odisha** 

**Department:** State Project Management Unit **Location:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha **Work Type:** Full-time Consultant

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#### **About Educate Girls:**

- Established in 2007, Educate Girls' is a non-profit that focusses on mobilizing communities for girls' education in India's rural and educationally backward areas. Educate Girls' scalable, replicable and sustainable program model resides on top of India's 'Right to Education Act'.
- From a 500-schools pilot in 2007, Educate Girls has metamorphosed into a 24,000+ schools, over 18,000 villages across more than 33 districts in the states Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh & Bihar.
- Since inception, Educate Girls has enrolled 1.4+ million Out-of-school girls (OOSG); 1.9+ million children have benefitted from the remedial learning curriculum. Over 18.6 million total beneficiaries have been impacted from Educate Girls' program model. For more information log on to www.educategirls.ngo
- In the next 10 years, Educate Girls aims to build one of the largest second-chance program Project Pragati for adolescent girls and young women. The objective of Pragati is to create an ecosystem to enable 10th grade credentialing and access to better life chances for adolescent girls and women who have dropped out of the formal school-system. The goal is to transform 10 million lives in the next 10 years. For more information about the project, visit <a href="https://www.educategirls.ngo/project-pragati/">https://www.educategirls.ngo/project-pragati/</a>

**Role Overview:** The Government Engagement Lead will play a key role within the Project Management Unit (PMU) in the State. This position will be responsible for fostering strong relationships with government stakeholders, maintaining a comprehensive understanding of the Education Department's policies, schemes, and initiatives and ensuring alignment between the organization's program and the State's Open School Program objectives.

### In this role, you will be responsible for:

- **Government Stakeholder Engagement**: Develop and maintain positive relationships with key stakeholders within the State Education Department, including officials, policymakers, and program managers.
- **Program Alignment:** Ensure alignment between the organization's program and the State's Open School Program objectives, collaborating with government counterparts to identify areas of synergy and opportunities for collaboration.
- **Strategic Planning:** Contribute to the development of strategic plans and initiatives within the PMU, incorporating government priorities and objectives into program design and implementation. Plan for Government Schemes convergence for open schools fee waiver.
- **Government Reporting:** Prepare regular reports and updates on program activities, achievements, and challenges for government stakeholders, ensuring transparency and accountability in program implementation.

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- Capacity Building: Provide training and capacity-building support to government staff and
  partners involved in program implementation, fostering a shared understanding of program
  goals and strategies.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Collaborate with government counterparts to establish monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track program progress and outcomes, facilitating data-driven decision-making.
- **Collaboration and Networking:** Represent the organization in government meetings, workshops, and other forums, fostering collaboration and networking opportunities with relevant stakeholders.

### Apply if you have:

- Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science or a related field. Master's degree preferred.
- Minimum of 5-6 years of experience in roles related to government relations policy comprehension, operations in underserved areas of Odisha, and providing support in the implementation of educational strategies.
- Fluency in Hindi and proficiency in English, Odia preferred.

#### Attributes to be successful in this role at Educate Girls:

- Are passionate about the cause & align with our Core Values
- Strong understanding of department of Education, National Education Policy (NEP), NIPUN Bharat and challenges in the education landscape of Odisha.
- Demonstrated capability in offering crucial support in the implementation of departmental policies and schemes, and ensuring the successful execution of educational initiatives.
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills, with the ability to articulate ideas, influence decision-makers, and advocate for policy changes.
- Ability to work effectively in a fast-paced, dynamic environment and manage multiple priorities simultaneously.
- Proficiency in computer applications, including Windows and Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel).

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