



[Reality Gives](#) is working on a project with a researcher from **Harvard University** on conducting a study in the Dharavi community. It is a unique project that plans to question the often unidirectional and uninformed programs that many organisations run in slum communities. The idea is to find **WHAT** exactly does the underserved community needs and then base everything on that scientific evidence. This research result will be a path-breaking tool for organisations in this sector to plan their goals and programs. You could be part of this important and necessary project!

We are currently looking to fill the short-term position of a “Surveyor”. Please find the details of the role below:

Researcher, Reality Gives, Community Needs Assessment Research Project

Reports to:

1. Director of Programs at Reality Gives, Mumbai (India)
2. Lead Researcher at Harvard University, Cambridge(USA)

Tasks:

1. Conduct surveys in Dharavi using a randomised, GPS tracked system
2. Record results live into an iPad survey tool, provided by Harvard University
3. Participate in weekly meeting to update status, through local lead or Skype with the lead in Cambridge, US.

You are:

1. A student of social sciences, or other fields that **demonstrates your motivation for field research**
2. Have high level communication skills in **Hindi** for conducting the surveys. Bonus, Tamil and Marathi
3. Are fluent in **English** for reporting meetings
4. Warm and **friendly personality** as the survey contains some sensitive questions
5. Comfortable and willing to spend 5-7 hours in a slum, daily
6. Have done coursework in qualitative research (preferred but not necessary)
7. Have previous experience participating in a research study (preferred but not necessary)

Time:

To start: mid-august.

To complete: 400 surveys or 3 months, whichever is earlier

Flexible with timing to accommodate other commitments like education, work etc.

What you get:

1. Opportunity to be part of an innovative new project to study the community, and directly be responsible for the future growth of many organisations.
2. Chance to work with a researcher and alum from Harvard University
3. Recommendation letter from the researchers
4. Credited for the work in any future publication and presentation of the research study
5. Build multiple skills including recording surveys on a digital platform, randomised survey technique, people skills etc.
6. Relationship with the Reality Group which will include our flagship Dharavi tour, complimentary
7. Reimbursement of travel and food costs

Please send your CV and cover letter to suman@realitygives.org by **August 12th** with subject line “**Surveyor: Needs Research Project**”

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