

Title of the Position	Telecommunications Specialist
Organisation	Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
Location	New Delhi, India
Grade	Lead Specialist – Telecommunications
Occupational groups	Infrastructure, Telecommunications, Development, Disaster Risk Reduction, Knowledge Management

Overview:

Currently seeking a **Telecommunications Specialist** for the anticipated **USAID Support to the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** program in India. This is a five year program. We are seeking someone who is motivated and eager to learn. This position would include the opportunity to receive mentoring and training from distinguished national and international experts in the field.

The position involves working **within** the **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure** (<https://cdri.world/>), a partnership of national governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions. CDRI aims to promote the resilience of new and existing infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks in support of sustainable development.

We strongly prefer applicants living in India. The position will be embedded within the CDRI Secretariat in **New Delhi, India** and would be **under contract to GeoHazards Society (GHS)**. More information on GHS is provided below. The position will require international travel when COVID-19 conditions permit. CDRI is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, and culture. Differently-abled people are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with strict confidence.

Objective of this Position:

To lead the development, implementation and monitoring of projects and studies in the Telecommunications sector taken up within CDRI to create resilient telecommunication infrastructure. The personnel will ensure optimal utilisation of resources and timely achievement of project targets aligned to the goals of CDRI.

Role and Responsibilities:

- Anchor and support the development and implementation of studies and project activities for resilience in the Telecommunications sector aligned to CDRI's vision, goals and work plans.
- Lead efforts related to the Telecommunications Sector Resilience, including promoting the need for telecommunications resilience with member countries and sectoral departments/agencies, knowledge institutions and technical institutions involved in infrastructure design, screening of investment portfolio to determine entry points and address gaps, advising and assisting member countries on technical design of investments/DPR preparation/Operation process.
- Support the CDRI in preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of ongoing and proposed new projects in the sector.

- Provide technical and strategic assistance to CDRI in project implementation including reviewing and producing analytical documents, conducting sector and project-related desk review, providing technical advice in terms of implementation support.
- Develop strategy with the relevant stakeholders to engage with them for effective implementation of the projects relevant to CDRI's goals and work plan.
- Coordinate research and analytical work, dissemination related to CDRI's knowledge initiative.
- Promote knowledge management, document best practices and lessons learned from project implementation, and facilitate effective dissemination in appropriate format to relevant stakeholders.
- Provide cross-support to other Principal/Lead Specialists to streamline the delivery of outputs and maximize coherence of outcomes of all projects within CDRI.
- Participate in professional development and knowledge sharing activities in the telecommunication sector and take a role in contributing specific knowledge both within the member countries and within CDRI.
- Work across the responsibilities described above, and in particular assuring that best practices and latest approaches on infrastructure resilience are incorporated in each study/project, and that lessons learned from the outcomes are captured, and widely disseminated to the global community.
- Support the CDRI administration towards operation and financial reporting of sectoral projects and research programme, donor relations and member country relations.

Engagements:

- Build and maintain relationships with CDRI members and donor organizations to ensure their support to CDRI's activities in the telecommunication sector in different countries.
- Keep abreast of key developments in telecommunication and related sectors, relevant to the area of specialization as well as in cross-cutting issues affecting the performance of the telecommunication sector, such as disasters, environment, resilience to extreme events, climate change, etc.
- Develop linkages with national and international organizations, research and consulting agencies, and institutions likely to collaborate with or implement CDRI projects and work on telecommunication and related sectors.
- Develop a system for onboarding and engaging of sectoral experts to ensure their support through the project life cycle.
- Coordinate closely with government agencies, development partners, private sector, insurance companies and other relevant stakeholders concerning disaster resilient telecommunication infrastructure and maintain up-to-date information on their activities and programmes.
- Attend and document meetings or consultations with external stakeholders as required.

Qualifications:

Post Graduate qualification in telecommunication/electrical/electronic and communication engineering, network infrastructure planning, information and telecommunication science or a related field. Qualifications under disaster risk management will have an added advantage.

Experience:

Minimum 10 years of overall experience with at least 4 years of leadership experience at the national or international level in management and operation of telecommunications industry, including physical network infrastructure planning and programming. And practical experience in project implementation arrangements, tendering and contract management; institutional reforms, sectoral issues (including policy reforms, management, financing, etc.). Telecommunication specific experience in projects for disaster risk reduction will be an asset.

Compensation:

Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The position is contingent upon GHI-GHS being selected for an award. This position and level of compensation is subject to and contingent upon USAID approval of candidates put forth for consideration by GHS.

Background of GeoHazards Society:

GeoHazards Society (GHS – www.geohaz.in) is a non-profit organisation based in Delhi, India. Our focus is on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the South Asian region. We engage closely with the communities that we serve and emphasize working with those most at risk. GHS will be partnering with its sister organisation, GeoHazards International (GHI – www.geohaz.org) for this work. GHI is a global non-profit with a similar mission.

Contact:

We are looking to select a candidate as soon as possible. Please let us know your interest at geohazsociety@gmail.com by 8th July, 2021.