

JD for the position of Data Collection Enumerators

Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation

Nature of Engagement: Data Collection Enumerators (Temporary)

Duration: 2 months

Location: Madhya Pradesh

No of Positions: 06

Last date for application: February 18, 2026

About BRLF

Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (www.brlf.in) is an autonomous body established in 2013 through a Union Cabinet decision by the Government of India. With a vision to transform the lives and livelihoods of the most vulnerable populations across India, BRLF plays a crucial role in nurturing and facilitating civil society action in partnership with the government and people's institutions. Its mandate encompasses a range of objectives, including bridging the gap between program outlays and outcomes, improving implementation of government flagship programs, providing grant support to civil society Organisations (CSOs), and promoting partnerships for inclusive, sustainable development.

BRLF has a pan-India mandate and focuses on tribal geographies, particularly those in the Central Indian tribal belt and Northeast India. BRLF has supported and directly contributed to numerous projects on sustainable livelihoods, natural resource management, and governance in the states of Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Assam, Mizoram and Telangana.

About the Project

The Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), in partnership with the National Coalition for Natural Farming (NCNF) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), is implementing the Agroecology-based Regional Model Landscape Transformation (AgRMLT) initiative in Madhya Pradesh's Bundelkhand region. The project pilots are in Bijawar and Rajnagar blocks of Chhatarpur district, aiming to mainstream agroecology to address environmental degradation, livelihood distress, and nutritional insecurities.

The Bundelkhand region faces persistent agrarian distress, characterized by rainfed monocropping systems, soil degradation, groundwater depletion, and erratic rainfall, impacting over 70% of rural households in Chhatarpur. Nutritional vulnerabilities are severe, with 60% anemia among women and 87% among children under five (NITI Aayog & IFPRI). Despite efforts by CSOs (DMKS, SRIJAN, PRADAN, VSS, GSS), interventions remain fragmented, covering about 19,666 NF farmers across 22,152.7 acres, without a unified landscape approach.

The project seeks to enable block-level landscape transformation by integrating 14 agroecological principles to enhance soil-water resilience, biodiversity, and livelihoods, while empowering women farmers and improving nutrition security. The initiative will strengthen CSO-government convergence, build local capacity (CRPs, champion farmers), and leverage existing programs such as NMNF, MGNREGA, NRLM, ICDS, and MDM for scalable impact.

Through the project, BRLF, NCNF and GIZ seeks to enable holistic change across ecological, economic, social, and nutritional domains through baseline assessments, institutional mapping, capacity building for FPOs/SHGs, and policy convergence, creating replicable models for mainstreaming agroecology in Madhya Pradesh.

About the Research Study

The Agroecology-based Regional Model Landscape Transformation (AgRMLT) initiative in Chhatarpur district addresses critical gaps in sustainable agriculture amid climate vulnerabilities and biodiversity loss. While CSOs have engaged over 19,000 natural farming practitioners across 22,000 acres, challenges persist in institutional coordination, resource baselines, and market linkages. This study will synthesize secondary data and conduct primary assessments to establish evidence on agroecological status, farming systems, and community institutions. Outcomes will inform phased action plans, enhance convergence with state schemes, and support scalable interventions for resilient landscapes. The key objectives of the study are:

1. To assess the status of agroecological conditions, including soil health, water resources, biodiversity, and crop diversity in Bijawar and Rajnagar blocks.
2. To map community institutions such as SHGs, FPOs, PRIs, and CSOs, evaluating their capacities for governance, seed systems, and market engagement.
3. To analyse farming systems, land use patterns, input practices, and nutritional indicators like dietary diversity and kitchen garden adoption.
4. To identify market systems, value chain opportunities, and vulnerabilities such as climate risks and resource depletion.
5. To recommend prioritized interventions, NF cluster selections, and convergence strategies with schemes like NMNF, NRLM, and ICDS for effective implementation.

Job Purpose

This position offers a meaningful opportunity for very early-career professionals committed to agroecology, rural development, natural resource management, and field-based evidence generation. Six Data Collection enumerators (3 per block) will be engaged to conduct rigorous primary data collection (quantitative and qualitative), facilitate PRA-based participatory diagnostics and support stakeholder engagement across the Bijawar and Rajnagar blocks of Chhatarpur district.

The study will cover three Natural Farming landscape clusters across 12 villages, sampling 386 households and 10 institutions per block, with a focus on women-led, marginal, and tenant farmers. Field staff will support stratified sampling based on CSO presence, elevation zones, farmer interest, and agroecological suitability, ensuring data quality and ethical research practices in the field.

The role demands strong field orientation, community facilitation skills, attention to data quality, and ethical research conduct. The data and insights generated will contribute to BRLF-NCNF-GIZ collaborative knowledge products, block-level agroecological planning, and the final baseline and scoping study reports.

Scope of Work

1. Field Data Collection

- Conduct and collect household survey data using **Kobo Toolbox**. (400 surveys).

- Assist the researcher in FGDs, **KIIs, and PRA tools** in each selected NF cluster.

2. Indicator-based Data Collection

The field staff will assist with and supervise data collection on the following indicators and collect the sample (as needed) for laboratory testing.

A. Chemical Parameters of Soil

- SOC% (composite soil sampling)
- pH levels
- NPK (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium)

B. Water Saturation & Retention

- Groundwater level observations
- Functionality of water structures (ponds, trenches, check dams)
- Area under bunding/contouring/mulching
- Duration of water availability

C. Crop Diversity Index

- Crop species per season
- Intercrop/mixed-crop areas
- Indigenous/traditional crop area
- Shannon Diversity Index

D. Nutrition Score

- Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS)
- Kitchen garden presence and diversity
- Household food consumption patterns
- Proxy nutrition/health indicators from secondary sources

E. Biodiversity Index

- Crop, tree, and wild plant diversity
- Pollinator presence
- Bird/small fauna observations
- Community seed bank diversity

F. Soil Moisture & Fertility Health

- Soil moisture observations (visual + instrument)
- Use of mulching/cover crops
- Crop residue management
- Bio-fertilizer/microbial input use

G. Agro-Input Efficiency & Carbon Sequestration

- Reduction in chemical fertilizers/pesticides
- SOC-linked carbon sequestration potential
- Area under low-input farming

- Adoption of NF/bio-inputs

H. Market & Livelihood Linkages

- Produce volumes & value through FPOs/haats/mandis
- Market channels used
- Organic/NF branding
- Annual changes in farm income sources

3. Institutional Mapping

- Help the researcher with the Map SHGs, FPOs, PRIs, and Biodiversity Management Committees.

4. Ethical & Quality Protocols

- Ensure informed consent, data privacy, gender sensitivity, and cultural respect.
- Conduct **10% back-checks** for data verification.
- Follow BRLF protocols on reporting, data governance, and field safety.

5. Coordination & Engagement

- Maintain continuous coordination with BRLF, NCNF, GIZ, and CSO partners and researchers.
- Participate in weekly review calls and fortnightly synchronisation meetings with the researcher and the MP team.
- Support Gram Sabha validation and block-level stakeholder dialogues.

Qualifications and Experience

- Graduate and master's in agriculture, Rural Development, Environment, Geography, Economics, NRM, or related disciplines.
- Minimum 1 year of field experience, preferably in Tribal parts of India.
- Knowledge in FGDs, CAPI-based surveys and data analysis.
- Basic technical skills preferred.
- Ability to travel extensively across natural farming clusters in MP.
- Proficiency in Hindi is essential.
- Strong interpersonal skills, data discipline, and ethical research orientation.

Deliverables (Team-Level)

- Conduct and complete household surveys using Kobo Toolbox
- Facilitate PRA exercises and support community-level consultations
- Assist in institutional profiling and stakeholder interactions
- Ensure data quality, accuracy, and ethical research practices
- Submit timely field reports and datasets to the research team

Compensation

Remuneration will be consolidated and commensurate with experience and organisational norms.

Application Process

Eligible candidates interested in this position may apply through [Link](#). For any queries regarding the position, write to [**anukriti@brlf.in**](mailto:anukriti@brlf.in) with the subject line: **“Application for Data Collection Enumerator – AgRMLT (Madhya Pradesh)”**. Interested candidates must apply by February 18th, 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Recruitment will be on a rolling basis.

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