

## **BRAC Internship Description**

**Programme/Enterprise:** Climate Change

**Project/Unit:** Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) Secretariat (Technical)

**Duration:** 6 months

**Application Deadline:** 22 May 2021

**Starting Date:** 1 June 2021

**Location:** 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Gulshan Bhaban, Dhaka (Opposite of BRAC Center)

**Working Hours:** 8.30am – 5.00pm (Sunday – Thursday)

**Monthly Stipend:** BDT 5,000

### **Programme/Enterprise Description**

BRAC calls for greater attention to tackle both the persistent (poverty, underemployment, under nutrition etc.) and emerging problems (increasing number of natural disasters and other hazards due to climate change impacts, unplanned urbanisation etc.) in its Organisational Strategy. The Strategy focuses on 'building resilience to climate change and develop capacity for emergency response during natural and human-made disasters' as one of its eight programmatic priorities to achieve its overall goal. With its huge knowledge base and specialised problem-solving skills, widespread social and institutional network developed while working for the diverse communities with different socioeconomic development needs in Bangladesh and 10 other countries with great potential to influence the climate sensitive development in Bangladesh and elsewhere. BRAC is committed to contribute significantly to combat climate change challenges.

One of the main objectives of Climate Change programme is to enhance BRAC's capacity to address climate change. This involves developing the institutional capacity of BRAC and also developing the adaptive capacity at community level towards combating climate change impacts and building resilience. The activities at community level to develop adaptive capacity could consist of promoting low-cost solutions, resilient livelihoods, technology transfer and their scale up, raising awareness and educating communities, and other such interventions that are 'climate – proofing'. Another important thrust is to conduct research and action research as well which may be found relevant on various climate change issues.

### **Project/Unit Description**

The Climate Bridge Fund is a trust fund established by BRAC, with support from the government of Germany through KfW in November 2019. It is an innovative, direct climate finance mechanism, which supports registered NGOs located in Bangladesh. The funding mechanism will operate in a way where only the income generated from capital investments is primarily used for funding urban adaptation measures and resilience activities in the context of climate-induced migration. Climate-induced migration in Bangladesh is directed particularly towards urban slums that are already overcrowded and suffer from poor living conditions. Despite efforts to improve livelihoods of those living in slums, financial challenges in upgrading infrastructure and services exist.

The Climate Bridge Fund has been set up to 'bridge' the financial gap - from short-term project funding to sustainable provision of services and infrastructure for climate-induced migrants. It will also enhance the sustainable livelihoods of climate migrants and their resilience to climate-related risks that may trigger further climate-induced migration.

**Purpose of Internship** (including learning outcomes)

CBF is looking for someone to support the team in programmatic activities. This internship will provide an intern with an excellent opportunity to interact closely with a unique trust fund and to gain first-hand exposure to climate change adaptation focused developmental issues.

**Intern's Responsibilities**

- Compile geographic and demographic data from multiple sources;
- Assist, update, and maintain GIS data on the CBF supported projects
- Create simple to complex static and online maps
- Support in developing different CBF database
- Assist in preparing papers, documents and other assignments
- Provide GIS support to CBF Secretariat
- Perform other related duties and responsibilities as assigned

**Requirements**

**a) Educational Background**

Level: Bachelor's / Master's degree. CGPA of at least 3.30

Subject: Geography / Environmental Science / Urban planning or any other relevant subject from any reputed University.

**b) Language Proficiency**

Bangla

- Spoken: Fluent
- Written: Advanced

English

- Spoken: Fluent
- Written: Advanced

**c) Knowledge/Skills/Competencies:**

- Advance GIS skills: Develop GIS data, including principles of data collection, including GPS, digital cartography, GIS relational databases; Use aerial photography in GIS applications and create interactive web-based maps
- Advanced IT skills (Microsoft office)
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Analytical skills
- Understanding of climate change, adaptation and development issues in the context of urban Bangladesh
- Excellent team player with necessary analytical and organisational skills

- Ability to work under tight deadlines
- Willingness to travel outside Dhaka

**d) Work/Volunteering Experience: NA**