

Milaap Lend Fellowship Program

Looking for an opportunity to **explore rural India**, while being able to **contribute to a great cause**? Then Milaap is the right address for you. Our Fellowship Program provides young professionals with an opportunity to serve as eyes and ears of the community on the ground, working directly with our Field Partners and our Borrowers.

Job description

As a Fellow, your primary role will be to meet borrowers who have been funded by Milaap, and tell their stories. You will spend **six months** in a small town in rural India, and write short updates on each of the borrowers that you meet.

Your role would involve.....

- Review the loan profiles posted by Milaap's partner on the Loan Portal on a weekly basis, verify the information against the loan form, and write loan stories based on the available information
- Meet borrowers funded by Milaap on a weekly basis and write short loan updates which will allow us and the Milaap lenders to gauge the impact of the loan on the lives of the borrowers. Each update would need to be accompanied with a photograph of the borrower
- Interview borrowers to assess the impact of the loan, verify data, and gather information for Loan Updates through a randomly picked sample of borrowers, in order to ensure the credibility of the answers
- You will be our eyes and ears on the field. We encourage you to contribute to the Milaap Blog, at least once a month by writing posts on your observations, experience on the field, people you interact with, or general updates relating to micro-finance
- Train Field Partner staff on Milaap processes, policies and best practices, and on using the Loan portal where required. Observe, learn and document the Field Partner's operations and their use of our Loan Portal, and make recommendations to make the processes and the entire exercise, if needed
- Train Field Partners to efficiently upload client profiles that are interesting, diverse and genuine
- Write an engaging feature about the area and its unique culture, ethos, history, people and traditions once a week

Key Requirements

- Impeccable written and oral communication skills in English
- High degree of flexibility and adaptability to new environments
- Have an interest in micro-finance and a basic understanding of what we do at Milaap
- Sense of responsibility and ability to work independently
- Minimum six-month commitment
- Minimum 21 years of age ; Candidate must preferably be a graduate or a post graduate
- Proficiency in MS Office Suite and web tools (Gmail, Skype, WordPress, etc.)
- Comfortable with any one of the following languages: Hindi, Odia, Gujarati, Bengali, Kannada, Tamil, Mizo, or Assamese