# Mohit Tamta

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**PROFILE**

Mohit is a social sector professional dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable communities in urban India. Through more than four years of professional experience in non-profit organizations, government agencies and academic institutions, he has developed a strong skill set in social research and community outreach. Mohit's experience has also afforded him an in-depth understanding of complex development issues – including housing and homelessness, skill development, and education – across diverse geographies of India.

**EDUCATION**

**Boston University (2021- present), Expected graduation- 2026**
**Doctoral Candidate in Social Work**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2019-2021), North Carolina, U.S.A**
**Master of Social Work- Macro concentration**

**The Delhi School of Economics (2013-2015), New Delhi, India**
**Master of Arts in Sociology**
Master's Thesis: Hijras in Contemporary Delhi: Identity, sexuality and empowerment

**Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University, New Delhi, India**
**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**

Field Research: Impact of sanitation and livelihood interventions by Sulabh International

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Global Social Development Innovations (GSDI), UNC-Chapel Hill**
**Research Assistant** (09/2019-07/2021)

- Conducted qualitative research, literature review, and data analysis for projects on HIV-stigma reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Assisted Principal Investigator with co-authoring research proposals and reports
- Participated in activities related to data collection including collecting interviews with key stakeholders (assessment and engagement)
- Assisted with preparing materials for submission to agencies and foundations that fund research-related activities

**Intern (**03/2020-07/2021))
- Assisted with proposal development for project titled Kenya Empowered Youth (KEY)
- Learned and develop skills related to project management including project planning, monitoring, and evaluation (intervention and evaluation)
- Explored software programs that assist in the completion of literature reviews like Covidence and DocTER
- Assisted with editing and preparation of different research project documents including project proposals, logic models, and manuscripts

**Urban Ministries of Durham, North Carolina**
**Social Work intern** (09/2019 to 03/2020)

- Provided case management services to homeless clients
- Assessed clients to develop short-term and long-term goals for the shelter clients
- Assisted clients in accessing affordable housing, jobs, and medical treatment

### Tata Centre for Development at The University of Chicago, New Delhi, India
**Research Consultant** (09/2018 to 07/2019)

- Led ethnographic fieldwork in Delhi and Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Identified case study slum communities and built relationships with local civil society institutions
- Conducted long-form qualitative interviews with residents and other key stakeholders

### Peepul (formerly known as Absolute Return for Kids), New Delhi, India
**Programme Analyst** (4/2018- 8/2018)

- Developed position papers, briefing notes, and fact sheets on pertinent topics
- Engaged directly with parents of students in Peepul-run schools to understand their perspective and feedback
- Analyzed data from the school information system to create high-quality impact reports for board level reviews, grant applications and external communications

### Vihara Innovation Network, New Delhi, India
**Research Designer** (4/2017- 01/2018)

- Conducted 300 focus group discussions and 20 interviews with digital economy workers in New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Pune.
- Designed research tools for projects on Information and Communication Technology, education and maternity health
- Analyzed data for projects on education and Information and Communication Technology

### Human Settlements Management Institute, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, New Delhi, India
**Research Associate** (4/2016 to 3/2017)

- Conducted in-depth interviews with homeless residents of government-run shelters and created a detailed report of the findings for the ministry
- Conducted field work in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab to assess the status and the impact of a country-wide livelihood-generation program called National Urban Livelihood Mission, and compiled reports for the ministry

### mHS City Lab, New Delhi, India
**Consultant** (1/2016 to 2/2016)

- Interviewed homeless families using temporary shelter
- Documented field findings and analyzed data towards improving shelter design
- Supported dissemination activities around urban livelihood and housing microfinance projects

### ASER Center, Pratham, New Delhi, India
**Research Associate** (8/2015 to 1/2016)

- Facilitated assessment, survey, research and evaluation for projects in varying field sites in India including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana
- Designed ASER research tools and guides and trained the field staff in conducting surveys

| HONORS & AWARDS | **UNC- Chapel Hill** |
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**UNC- Chapel Hill**
- 50 percent Tuition Remission Award
- Dean's Scholarship

**Boston University**
- Early-Stage Urban Research Award, BU Initiative on Cities

PAPERS

Masa, R., **Tamta, M.,** Zimba, M., & Chowa, G. (2021, January). The association of internalized and enacted HIV stigma with medication adherence, mental health, and adherence skills in young people living with HIV in Zambia.

MANUSCRIPTS
UNDER REVIEW

**Tamta, M**., & Byrne, T. Basti Clearances: Examining the Characteristics of Informal Settlements Experiencing Evictions in India. *Available at SSRN 4755888.*

Byrne, T., Chassler, D., **Tamta, M.,** Muroff, J., BenYishay, M. (revise). Assessing Anxiety and Depression Trajectories Among Single Homeless Adults Receiving Rapid Rehousing Following Placement in Housing. *Housing Studies.*

Byrne, T., Hahm, C., **Tamta, M.,** Montgomery, A. Life Shocks and Perceived Risk of Housing Loss Among Low-Income Individuals. *Housing, Care and Support.*

ADDITIONAL
TRAININGS

**Teaching Practicum at Boston University SSW (Teaching Seminar SW 908)**

- Teaching Assistant for SR 743 during Spring 2023
- Delivered lectures for SR 743 course

**LinkedIn Learning Courses**

- Managing Projects with Microsoft Teams
- Project Management Foundations: Communications
- Excel Statistics Essential Training: 1
- Project Management Simplified
- Introduction to Stata 15

SKILLS

**Research**

Survey research
Ethnography
Participant observation
Focus group discussion
Structured and unstructured interviews

**Languages**

English (native)
Hindi (native)
Kumaoni (native)