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CAREER SUMMARY

International Development Specialist with over 18 years' work experience in multilateral development banks, international financial institutions and academia *in various roles in strategy development, policy design, partnership and capacity building, communications and outreach, teaching.*

Major strengths include *in depth knowledge of the workings of multilateral institutions, program development and project implementation support, stakeholder engagement, capacity development, and qualitative surveys.* In addition, extensive experience in: (i) establishing strategic and collaborative partnerships; (ii) writing, synthesizing, and preparing informed reports and policy recommendations; (iii) presenting findings to high level thought leaders; (iv) and track record of policy dialogue and operational engagements in developing countries with the government and private sector. Also, a proven communicator with several years' teaching experience in Development Economics and Macroeconomics.

EDUCATION

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York

Ph.D. (Economics), 1996

MA (Economics), 1993

WORK EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC), THE WORLD BANK, Washington DC 2001- present
(International Consultant)

Focus areas: Project Implementation Support, Partnership and Capacity Building, Operational Support and Technical Assistance, Capacity Building, Training, and Donor Coordination

- Provide thought leadership and apply management consulting know-how to the international development context.
- Develop partnership with national and international organizations and training institutes for capacity building of policy makers and other professionals on development economics and governance issues.
- Coordinate with multiple donors for resource mobilization, monitor, and compile quarterly reports on donor funded development programs.
- Design and deliver technical assistance and learning programs on development policy and governance issues (face to face and distance learning) for diverse clients.
- Review and assess bottlenecks to private sector development in Africa and Asia for IFC operations.
- Contribute to IFC Board Papers identifying the implications of COVID-19 for private sector growth and sustainability.
- Design, manage, and coordinate a multi-country needs assessment and qualitative focus group survey of skills and training requirements for informal sector workers in South Asia with a view to job creation.
- Conduct a risk analysis of different scenarios affecting economic performance of World Bank projects.
- Conduct fiscal analysis of skills programs in South Asia to inform viability of social protection and skills development projects. Prepare a working paper on "Fiscal Space Analysis of Skills programs in South Asia."
- Manage a technical assistance component of a local government strengthening project in Bangladesh.
- Organize an online knowledge base on best practice poverty impact evaluations for use by practitioners.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME and GOVERNMENT OF DELHI, INDIA 2009- 2010**Project Manager**, Poverty Unit (India field office-based position)*Focus Area: Project Management*

- Managed a pilot Conditional Cash Transfer Technical Assistance project for the Government of Delhi, India. Tasks included day to day collaboration with Delhi government, UNDP officials, and other multilateral donors; overseeing consultants, managing logistics of starting a pilot project on the ground.
- Provided technical inputs to capacity building, program development, and implementation of the project with the objective of economic empowerment of women.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Washington DC**2011- 2019****Adjunct Professor and Full time Teaching Professor (2 years), Department of Economics***Focus Area: Higher Education, and Team Lead*

- Designed and taught graduate and undergraduate courses in Development Economics and Macroeconomics with superior teaching evaluation.
- Conceptualized a new course on Principles of Mathematics for Economics, designed course materials, introduced new classroom technology for enhanced learning, conducted pre- and post- learning assessment using appropriate benchmarks and assessment tools.
- Managed and led a team of 6 doctoral and undergraduate students as Teaching Assistants with work program focused on course material development, classroom management, and capacity building for effective delivery of learning materials to the students.

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, Washington, D.C.**1998-2000****Staff Economist**, Finance Department*Focus Area: Country program review, Country Diagnostics, Macroeconomic and other economic policy analysis, Country Briefs and Reports*

- As a member of IMF missions to Africa, conducted macroeconomic and fiscal analysis of country programs; engaged with policy makers including the Central Bank, Ministry of Finance, and, other stakeholders; concluded Article IV mission statement with the government on behalf of the IMF.
- Contributed to IMF Article IV reports for presentation and discussion at the IMF Executive Board.