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Summary of Experience

- **Key thematic areas of expertise and interest:** gender equality; women's empowerment; humanitarian action; protection and gender based violence; disaster risk reduction; reconstruction/rehabilitation; governance; women, peace and security and women's economic empowerment.
- **Key skill-based areas of expertise:** technical advice, coordination, strategic partnerships, programme management, resource mobilization, proposal formulation, capacity building and training, knowledge and information management, assessment/analysis, M&E, communications and advocacy.
- **Countries worked in:** Nepal, Bangladesh, Fiji, Thailand, the region of Asia-Pacific, UK, France, Denmark.

Work experience

Humanitarian/Disaster Risk Reduction and Coordination Analyst

UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Oct 2016 – Present (contract finishing Oct 2017)

Bangkok, Thailand

Under the guidance and supervision of the Regional Strategic Planning and Coordination Specialist and the Regional Humanitarian/DRR Adviser, I am responsible for supporting UN Women's regional technical advice, programming, coordination, resource mobilisation, advocacy, knowledge production, communication, capacity development, analysis, strategic planning and knowledge management in the region of Asia and the Pacific in humanitarian action and disaster risk reduction, and through leveraging on our coordination mandate across the humanitarian-development nexus. Through remote support and missions I provide technical support on the above also to UN Women offices at country level including in particular to Bangladesh, but also Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Fiji, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea.

Coordination Analyst

UN Women Nepal Country Office

Oct 2014 – Oct 2016

Kathmandu, Nepal

My role was to strengthen accountability, joint action, strategic partnerships and coordination for work on gender equality and women's empowerment within the UN System and with external partners, including government, development partners and CSOs. This included coordinating joint work between Gender Focal Points from the various gender equality coordination mechanisms and bodies in Nepal, including those led by UN Women – these include the UN (UNCT Gender Theme Group- UNCT GTG), Development Partners (International Development Partner's Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Working Group – IDPG GESI WG), the Government of Nepal (Network of Government Ministerial GESI focal points), the women's leaders and women's groups from CSOs (the Women Friendly Disaster Management (WFDM) Core Group of CSOs) and humanitarian stakeholders (the Inter-Cluster Humanitarian Gender Working Group - GWG). Beyond, coordination I provided overall programme support to the Nepal Country Office (NCO) programme units especially the Women, Peace, Security, Governance and Humanitarian Action/Disaster Risk Reduction Unit.

Humanitarian Coordination Officer

UN Women Fiji Multi Country Office

Mar 2016 – May 2016

Suva, Fiji

On short term surge deployment supporting UN Women's humanitarian coordination and information management role to the Tropical Cyclone Winston through the Protection Cluster and GBV Sub-Cluster at the national and regional level, as well as overall gender and protection mainstreaming of the humanitarian response. Coordinating the planning, conducting, analysis and finalising of an inter-organisational rapid protection assessments.

Gender Adviser and Programme Analyst**Economic Empowerment of the Poorest (EEP)/ Shiree – a DFID/UKAID MDG 1 programme in Bangladesh.****November 2012-October 2014****Dhaka, Bangladesh**

- As Gender Adviser: Leading role in preparing, planning and implementing the gender mainstreaming action plan across the entire Shiree/DFID organisation both within M&E methodologies, NGO operations/interventions, the nutrition component, research analysis and advocacy communications.
- As Programme Analyst in the Management Support Unit. Producing research reports and data analysis from Change Monitoring System (CMS) to report to DFID on impact and achievements against programme logframe, meet the need for ad hoc research, investigations, reviews, operational and advocacy functions, liaising with external partners, including Bath and Cambridge Universities and MPower (technical partner for mobile monitoring). Monitoring and Evaluation of operations by 36 partner NGOs.

Project Associate and Team Coordinator**Innovations for Poverty Action****Sep 2011 – Nov 2012****Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Project Associate at IPA (Innovations for Poverty Action) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, managing and coordinating a research impact evaluation of a GIZ-designed supervisor training program for female garments workers. My key role was to coordinate a DFID/GIZ funded impact-evaluation research project (randomized control trial) training 600 garments workers from 100 different factories aiming promote female sewing operators to become line supervisors. This involved factory recruitment, private sector engagement via outreach communication with factory owners and buyers (Sainsbury, Tesco, H&M), donor communication (World Bank Group/International Finance Corporation, GIZ and DFID), Training and monitoring of local consultants in training centres, baseline and follow-up survey design, survey implementation, staff hiring/firing, team communication, data management, data collection, survey implementation as well as ensuring proper randomization with clean control and treatment groups. The Research project was led by development economists Christopher Woodruff and Rocco Macchiavello who I was responsible to in all my work.

Policy and Advocacy Researcher**Womankind Worldwide****Jun 2011 – Sep 2011****London, United Kingdom**

Supported finalisation of Womankind's country-specific reports on women's rights in Zimbabwe and Peru, as well as their newest research project to establish a toolkit on Millennium Development Goal 3. My policy and advocacy responsibilities with Womankind consist of developing their website, blogging, using twitter/facebook, as well as preparing leaflets and booklets.

Fundraising Researcher for the Philanthropy and Programme Funding Team**Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) UK****Sep 2010 – Mar 2011****London, United Kingdom**

Responsible of conducting a detailed report on Scandinavian foundations and the third sector for VSO to expand their funding opportunities.

Research Assistant for Professor Shirin Rai, Programme Director of MA in Globalisation & Development**Department for Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick****October 2009 – June 2010****Coventry, UK****Intern****Danish Delegation for the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)****Feb 2009 – Sep 2009****Paris, France****Advocacy/Fundraising Telemarketer****Amnesty International****July 2008 – September 2008****Copenhagen, DK**

Student Helper at the International Secretariat
Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, Government of Denmark
July 2007 – September 2007

Copenhagen, DK

Volunteer Work

Volunteer Support Staff
Coventry Peace House -Refugee Shelter
Jan 2010 – Jun 2010

Coventry, UK

Volunteer English Teacher at Girls Orphanage
Social Economic Enhancement Programme (SEEP)
Nov 2011 – Oct 2014

Mirpur, Bangladesh

Volunteer Campaigner
Code Pink Women and Peace Organisation
December 2009

Gaza, Palestine

Entrepreneurship

Co-Founder and Executive Director
Tripty – non-profit social business for ethical and sustainable textile design
www.tripty.org.

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Education

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK: (2010-2011) Msc in Development, Gender and Globalisation. **University of Warwick**, UK: (2006-2010) BA (Hons) Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) with intercalated year abroad at **Sciences Po Université de Bordeaux**, France. **Ecole Européene Bruxelles 1**, Belgium: (2002-2006) European Baccalaureat.

Languages and Skills

Skills: Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, InDesign, Prezi, STATA.

Languages: Danish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Swedish/Norwegian (fluent), Bengali (Confidently written and spoken), German (confidently written and spoken), Nepali (basic written and spoken), Spanish/Portuguese (Basic written and spoken), Thai (basic understanding)

References

Smriti Aryal, UN Women Regional Humanitarian Adviser for Asia and the Pacific, smriti.aryal@unwomen.org
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Ziad Sheikh, UN Women Jordan Country Representative (former UN Women Nepal Country Representative), ziad.sheikh@unwomen.org
Aleta Miller, UN Women Fiji Multi Country Representative, aleta.miller@unwomen.org
Colin Risner, Former CEO of Economic Empowerment of the Poorest (EEP)/ Shiree in Bangladesh, colinrisner@gmail.com