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Academic qualifications

BSc –Agriculture (1987-1991) *Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, South India*

M.A - International Relations - *University of Colombo, Sri Lanka*

M.Sc. – Human Security (2001-2004) *University of Sri Jayawardanepura, Gangoduvila, Sri Lanka*

Key Professional high lights

- Over 18 years experience in Programme/Project planning, project implementation management, monitoring and evaluation in development and rehabilitation and related fields.
 - Expertise in Planning, Logical Framework Analysis (LFA), Results Based Management (RBM).
 - Good analytical, negotiation, communication and advocacy skills.
 - Administration of Development Fund
 - Sound understanding of International and regional politics
 - An understanding of working of multilateral and bi lateral agencies
 - Ability to work in an international and multicultural environment.
 - Ability to work in all the three local languages fluently
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Work experience and achievements

Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi

Senior Advisor (Aug 2008 – till date)

Appraisal of projects/ programmes on Climate, Energy and Environment

Liaison with International and national agencies working on climate and energy

Development fund administration

Management of following projects from the Donor perspective

1. Framework Programme agreement on 'The Energy Research Institute (TERI)' USD 9.00 million
2. CLIMARICE – Climate change adaptation project – USD 950,000
3. Prevention and Mitigation of Geo-hazards – A joint research project between NGI and Department of Science and Technology
4. Earth Quake Risk reduction project in the Himalayan region

Besides 9 other smaller projects

Royal Norwegian Embassy, Colombo 7

Senior Advisor

May 2000 to August 2008

- Assessment and appraisal of large scale govt and international agencies' project proposals.
- Networking with other Embassies, International agencies, Multilateral organisations working on development assistance to the govt of Sri Lanka
- Working with different Ministries, higher govt officials (considerable networking).
- Development of strategies and preparation of guidelines for financial support and funding administration
- Liaison with partner organisations from issues emanating from the above as per the guidelines of the donor.
- Liaise with high level government officials and other international agencies on project monitoring and evaluation.
- Guide to develop operational plans of projects with government and non-government institutions.
- Review the projects/ programmes at the implementation level (project level) and at the beneficiary level.
- Work on Tsunami rehabilitation projects supported by the Embassy

Involved in Managing and follow up of the following major projects

1. Rehabilitation of Buddhist Temples affected by Tsunami – USD 800,000
2. Rehabilitation of Water structures in the North – LKR 50 million
3. Rehabilitation of Schools affected by the conflict – LKR 40.00 million
4. Reconstruction of Railway line in the east - LKR 100 million
5. Development and Rehabilitation of the Batticaloa district - LKR 600 million
6. Rehabilitation of religious sites in the east – LKR
7. Micro credit for small and medium business - LKR 90 million

8. Reconstruction of houses for the tsunami affected – LKR 80 million

Besides more than 20 other smaller projects

Ministry of Industries (May 1999 – April 2000)

Private Secretary to the Hon Minister -Central Provincial Council - Kandy

- Co-ordinating affairs of the Hon Minister.
- Appraising Projects/Programmes submitted by the Members of the Provincial Council, on behalf of the Hon Minister.
- Administrative and Supervisory functions of the Minister's Office.
- Liaison with other Ministries of the Provincial Council and state agencies on the affairs directly connected to the Hon Minister.

Consultant – Social Mobilisation - Integrated Rural Development Project, Nuwara Eliya (Netherlands funded project- The Team Leader is from Netherlands) June 1996 – Dec 1998

- Developing estate settlement plans in the upcountry tea plantations
- Identification of need based projects with community participation.
- Appraise the projects, which include rural farm and farm products, water and sanitation, organic agriculture and environment, with the beneficiary participation.
- Introducing gender and development concept in to the settlement development programmes in the plantation sector.
- Institutional strengthening of community based organisations in the tea plantations.
- Working in close co-ordination with the health and housing projects in the plantations, working with the team that is involved in the upliftment of the tea plantation worker community.
- Identification and implementation of small enterprise programmes for plantation sector youth, which includes farm based products.

Programme Co-ordinator -Integrated Development, Association (NGO)

Kandy, Sri Lanka - 1993 Feb – June 1996

- Commercialisation of improved cook stoves in the upcountry tea plantations
- Co-ordinating the improved bio-mass resource conservation project in the plantation sector and in the Eastern province
- Development of project proposals on energy and environment conservation and negotiate with donor organisations for funding
- Introduction and commercialisation of fuel efficient woodstoves in the tea plantation sector and in the eastern province in Sri Lanka.
- Liaison with international and local organisations involved in the relevant field and networking with NGO for effective implementation of the bio mass resource project.
- Preparation of appropriate educational material for awareness campaigns.
- Supervisory role of field staff associated with the project.

Special Training Courses

- Short course in Project Management: 1998 – Institute of Project Managers, Sri Lanka
- Gender Sensitisation Workshop: 1997 – Ahemadabad, India
- Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Building – Kathmandu, Nepal 2006
- Communication for Environment Management: 1995 – NAREPP, USAID
- Intensive training on Dairy processing organised by SLFPA 1998
- E- Course on “Politics and Poverty”
- E- Course on “Human Rights”
- Computer Course- MS office package (MS Word, Excel, Power Point and Access)

Other expertise and assignments

- Trainer on Project Development using LFA model
- Operational analysis of the Sri Lanka Red Society (district wise) – ETC Lanka Ltd (team member). 2000
- Project Review & Planning Workshop – UNDP: GEF (Tamil translator) 1997
- Food Processing Enterprise Development training programme for the Plantation Sector – ITDG (Team Leader) 1996
- Market potential for seed production of field crops in Sri Lanka – CARE International (team member)- 1996
- Market Study of Ice Cream: Colombo & Kandy – ADRC (team member) 1995
- Evaluation of activities of Child Rehabilitation Centre, Nuwara Eliya – CRC - 1997
- Formulation and Development of Tamil Tele documentary on Stoves – IDEA (Team Leader) 1994
- International Workshop on Palm Sugar – Indonesia 1994

References

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