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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY: Ten years of experience in humanitarian response and policy related to emergency nutrition programming, data management and analysis. Possesses strong skills related to: coordination, policy development, research design, data analysis, advocacy, program management, coordination, and emergency preparedness and response. Served as Nutrition Cluster Coordinator in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake and worked with immediate response team to scale-up the emergency nutrition response in Pakistan. Provided technical guidance and staff management for nutrition surveillance projects and emergency nutrition interventions in Darfur, Ethiopia, and Nepal. Initiated and supported disaster preparedness planning to humanitarian response departments in Sudan, Ethiopia, Senegal, the Gambia and Kosovo. Knowledge of USAID rules and regulations and compliance with government policies. Holds a Master of Science degree in Nutrition and is fluent in Nepali and proficient in French.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNICEF Headquarters - August 2010 - present

New York

Emergency Nutrition Specialist

- Deployed to Pakistan in August 2010 to support the rapid scale up of CMAM programming and Flood Affected Nutrition Surveys;
- Provides direct technical support emergency countries nutrition response including CMAM, Infant Feeding in Emergencies (IFE), nutrition assessment and surveillance; and assisting country programmes by identifying and coordinating with other NGO and UN partners;
- Coordinates within UNICEF and other UN agencies and academia the development of global training materials for health and nutrition in emergencies, as well as capacity building for staff; stimulates donor interest in nutrition through the Consolidated Appeal process

UNICEF Haiti - February-August 2010

Haiti

Nutrition Cluster Coordinator

- Coordinated 30 Nutrition humanitarian partners; Secured commitments from cluster participants in responding to needs and filling gaps, ensuring an appropriate distribution of responsibilities within the cluster, with clearly defined focal points for specific issues where necessary;
- Identified key humanitarian partners, mapped their capacity and provided them with technical support in CMAM, IFE, nutrition assessment and surveillance
- Liaised with key partners including to ensure that the Nutrition Cluster's objectives were met
- Ensured effective inter cluster-links with Health WASH, Agriculture and Livelihoods and Education clusters; Represented the Nutrition Cluster in discussions with the Humanitarian Coordinator as well as donors to ensure prioritization, resource mobilization and advocacy;
- Organized the nutrition surveys in earthquake affected areas, consolidated sampling frame, drafted questionnaires, trained enumerators and supervised teams
- Developed cluster policies and monitored the 'Baby Tents' in IDP areas around the cities

UNICEF Sudan - November 2007-February 2010

Darfur

Nutrition Specialist

Was responsible for Nutrition Section of South Darfur; managed three UNICEF staff and three sub-projects including: management of severe acute malnutrition and surveillance, micronutrient deficiency prevention and control, maternal and child nutrition for IDP and host population of over 1.7 million people. Planned and implemented clinical research on malnutrition prevention in children under five through collection of infant and young child feeding composite indicator. Acted as cluster lead for nutrition; provided technical assistance to implementing partners, including the State Ministry of Health, international and national NGOs, to implement Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), therapeutic and supplementary feeding programs; liaised and coordinated with UN agencies including WFP, FAO, WHO, IOM, OCHA; planned Darfur-wide Nutrition Survey and ensured data collection and analysis adhered to international nutrition survey guidelines. Developed CMAM roll-out strategy for the state and advocated for policy adoption at Federal level.

USAID Washington DC - February-November 2007

Washington DC

Global Health Fellow, Infant and Young Child Nutrition and Child Survival and Health Grants Program

Provided technical assistance related to community health programming for 38 child survival grants being implemented by PVOs in Africa, Asia and Latin/South America; managed grant database and advised on the IYCF composite indicator inclusion in DHS; ensured that IMCI, maternal and child health, community nutrition and HIV/AIDs programs adhered to all USAID policies and procedures; worked as technical advisor for Cooperative Agreement on Infant and Young Child Nutrition, implemented by PATH. Liaised between PATH, CARE, Manoff Group and the USAID Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO) to ensure effective planning, programming and policy roll-out in relation to optimal infant and young child feeding.

UNICEF Sudan - August-November 2006

Darfur

Nutrition Specialist

Acted as UNICEF coordinator for South Darfur State in the 2006 Darfur-Wide Nutrition Survey. Trained 60 enumerators, coordinated fieldwork for each cluster, supervised survey teams, ensured quality control of data collection and supported the data entry and analysis of food security and anthropometric data. Supported the development of tools, sampling methods and training materials for the nutrition and health component of the Darfur-Wide Nutrition Survey. Produced the nutrition and health components for the Darfur Wide Survey Report.

UNICEF Kosovo - June-August 2006

Kosovo

Nutrition Specialist

Developed an action plan for UNICEF's role as cluster lead in nutrition according to UN reform; assessed potential emergency needs in Kosovo; advised on technical specifications for emergency responses in the nutrition sector. Conducted a mapping exercise with PISG institutions, UN agencies and national and international NGOs of available nutrition resources, infrastructure and personnel in Kosovo. Identified modalities of response within the UN and the Kosovo system; outlined the role of UNICEF for enhancing/supporting nutrition interventions for IDPs.

GOAL Ethiopia- August 2005-June 2006

Ethiopia

Nutrition Coordinator- Surveys & Assessments

Managed a 30 person survey team for implementation of USAID/OFDA funded rapid response program; coordinated standard nutritional surveys and rapid nutritional assessments throughout Ethiopia in emergency-prone areas. Provided anthropometric, interviewer and malnutrition basics training for enumerators. Referred all cases of severe acute malnutrition to appropriate interventions including therapeutic feeding centers and community-based therapeutic care programs. Worked at OTP sites and stabilization centers to ensure best practice in the management of severe and moderate malnutrition. Recommended interventions to the international nutrition community and worked on establishing CTC interventions following surveys. Completed all data analysis and wrote survey reports for circulation.

Oxfam International- December 2004-August 2005

Ethiopia and Senegal

Information Officer/ Humanitarian Support Personnel

- Collected information on the 2005 humanitarian situation in Ethiopia; organized Oxfam International affiliates for coordinated response; compiled two humanitarian proposals for emergency livestock health interventions and seed distributions in Afar and Gambella; monitored and evaluated humanitarian programs.
- Provided humanitarian principles orientation to the Humanitarian Program Office in West Africa Regional Office; developed contingency plans for humanitarian response in Guinea Bissau and the Gambia; focused humanitarian programs on conflict resolution and livelihood strengthening in refugee and host communities.

Tufts University- August-December 2004

Boston

Teaching Assistant

Humanitarian Assistance in Complex Emergencies- Prepared course syllabus; readings for class; organized guest speakers; created and graded assignments.

Positive Deviance- Prepared course syllabus; readings; guest speakers; arranged and participated in three community partnership projects to allow students an opportunity to conduct a positive deviance inquiry related to childhood obesity, conflict resolution and refugee resettlement.

Positive Deviance Inquiry- July-December 2004

Boston

Media Outreach Coordinator

Managed www.positivedeviance.org website- updated content and monitored server. Planned, facilitated and participated in positive deviance projects throughout Boston and internationally on behavior change communication topics ranging from nutrition and female genital cutting to girl trafficking. Liaised with partner NGOs; applied positive deviance to a population of low-income/homeless women. Promoted the Massachusetts Department of Public Health 5-A-Day Program to improve dietary diversity.

American Red Cross - May-July 2004

Cambodia

Mellon Foundation Scholar

Reviewed impact evaluations of child survival projects in Cambodia using village level volunteers implemented by national and international NGOs. Conducted key informant interviews with NGO workers and Red Cross staff. Advised on the effectiveness of using village-based health volunteers as an appropriate strategy for the Red Cross. Wrote monitoring plans for village-based health volunteers.

Feinstein International Famine Center - August 2003-December 2004

Boston

Research Assistant

Conducted research on the effectiveness and feasibility of cash-based relief programs in complex emergencies; analyzed food security data from Zimbabwe and organized a presentation for OFDA

Nepal Technical Assistance Group (NTAG) - May-August 2003

Nepal

MUFFS Fellow

Worked as an intern with the National Vitamin A Program; aided in the implementation of vitamin A supplementation to post-partum women through a school to family health program and conducted key informant interviews to monitor the program.

U.S. Peace Corps - January 2000-December 2002

Nepal

Youth Development Trainer/NGO Coordinator

Published two technical training manuals for youth development technical skills and working with NGOs in Nepal. Taught sessions on participatory rural appraisal (PRA). Developed community-based activities to promote experiential learning. Served as the liaison between American trainees and Nepali staff; promoted cultural understanding. Served as an administrator in the local government office for the Youth Development Program of Dharan Municipality. Coordinated and implemented needs assessments, grant writing and budgeting. Collaborated with USAID and other INGOs; counseled youth in employment, aids awareness, drug abuse and prevention. Organized a school-based drug prevention program for 500 local youth. Wrote proposals for two projects awarded by USAID: a women's skill development and leadership training and a public health awareness program, focusing on HIV/AIDS and drug awareness. Taught conversational English to grades six and seven; managed youth leadership volunteers in Nepali to implement community service projects.

EDUCATION

Master of Science (MS) Food Policy and Applied Nutrition - 2004

Nutrition Interventions and Humanitarian Assistance

Friedman School of Nutrition and Science Policy, Tufts University, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Psychology/Anthropology- 1999

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

LANGUAGES

English (native), **Nepali** (advanced), **French** (proficient)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

CMAM, TFCs, SFP and micronutrient supplementation program management, standard nutrition survey planning and analysis, Research design, Database management, Proposal Writing, Project Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation, SPSS, SAS, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, ANTHRO, EPIINFO, EPIDATA.