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# • WORK EXPERIENCE

10/03/2021 – CURRENT – Prishtina, Kosovo **PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY –** AAB COLLEGE

- Teach Psychology courses for undergraduate and graduate students & thesis mentoring for MA students
- Develop curriculum and program planning
- Evaluate students and their academic progress
- Design and revise courses and materials based on new developments in current events and research findings

01/10/2021 – 31/12/2021 – Prishtina, Kosovo CONSULTANT – PEER EDUCATORS NETWORK

• Conduct an assessment with front liners and developing an inter-institutional action plan to approach children's learning deficiencies and development delays.

01/04/2020 – 31/12/2021 – Prishtina, Kosovo NATIONAL GENDER SPECIALIST – UN FAO

- Conduct Country Gender of agriculture and rural livelihoods
- Conduct gender analysis for establishing a baseline to monitor the gender progress in forestry;
- Provide support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD) and representatives of other forestry institutions in the development and implementation of gender mainstreaming action plans in forestry.

01/07/2021 – 31/10/2021 – Prishtina, Kosovo CONSULTANT – TRADE UNION HEALTH FEDERATION OF KOSOVO

• Conducted research on perceptions, attitudes, and knowledge of health care providers in primary, secondary, and tertiary health care levels on the Social Security Fund.

01/03/2021 – 04/2021 – Prishtina, Kosovo IMMUNIZATION EXPERT – UNICEF

- Conduct a monitoring assessment of benefits of the catch-up vaccination programme in target municipalities in relation to targeted Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian children.
- Provide an analysis of factors leading to disruption of regular immunization due to COVID-19 pandemic and the reach the children, particularly form Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities.

01/10/2020 - 31/12/2020 - Prishtina, Kosovo

• Analyzing and mapping of community-level stakeholders in eight municipalities working on healthrelated issues.

#### 01/12/2018 - 04/2020

# **PROJECT MANAGER & RESEARCHER –** DEMOCRACY FOR DEVELOPMENT (D4D)

- Responsible for the management of the project and liaison with the key stakeholders of the project;
- Responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing the project, reporting the progress of
- Responsible to ensure smooth implementation of activities considering the interaction, regional outreach and the number of stakeholders and beneficiaries to be engaged in the project;

Prishtina, Kosovo

#### 01/04/2019 – 31/07/2019 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONAL TRAINER – TECHNICAL TRAINER – PEACE CORPS

Designs and delivers training about Community Organizational Development topics in the Kosovo context for 12-15 American adult learners;

Designs and supervises a 20 hour-long practicum experience that simulates the real-world organizational environment of municipalities and NGOs in Kosovo;

Prishtina, Kosovo

#### 15/09/2018 - 31/10/2018 NATIONAL EXPERT - EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION AGENCY IN KOSOVO

- Market research in the field of collection and processing of Non-Wood Forest products
- · Identification of enterprises and employers on non-wood forest products;
- Identification of the needs of employers in the field of collecting and processing these products;
- Identification of development potential in this field for the municipalities close to the border of Albania;

Prishtina, Kosovo

# 01/07/2018 - 31/10/2018 CONSULTANT - CONTENT DEVELOPER ON SEXUAL EDUCATION OF ADOLESCENTS - UNICEF

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- Analyze the current legislation, school curriculum and existing and/or alternative available tools for sexual education for adolescents in Kosovo;
- Develop the content of the application in a youth-friendly and non-judgmental manner based on the needs of adolescents and young people in Kosovo;
- Support the content of the application with visuals and other alternative materials to be in line with the needs of the target group;

Prishtina, Kosovo

# 01/11/2017 - 30/06/2018 NATIONAL CONSULTANT - TRACTEBEL ENGINEERING

- Analyze existing consumer awareness material package material and propose adjustments of the material to the Kosovar context.
- Provide recommendations on how the awareness campaign could support actors in the supply chain.

Prishtina, Kosovo

- Research the country's current status on addressing the violence against women and gender discrimination;
- $\,\circ\,$  Draft the report from the results of qualitative research, assessments and analysis of the situation.

Prishtina, Kosovo

# 15/11/2017 – 31/12/2017 LOCAL CONSULTANT/PROGRAM EVALUATOR – UNICEF

- Conduct a mid-term evaluation of the project on Innovation for Generating Employment and Achieving Resilience;
- Assess the project's impact in terms of concrete changes in learning, knowledge, capacities, behaviors, empowerment, participation in decision-making processes, employability, and workforce participation of project beneficiaries;

Prishtina, Kosovo

#### 01/06/2017 PROJECT CONSULTANT – OPEN DOOR

- Provide technical and operational advice to Executive Director and relevant counterparts;
- Prepare analysis, reports, and recommendations on technical and operational aspects of work.
  Oversees the implementation of the project activities and responsible for monitoring and reporting
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Prishtina, Kosovo

#### 01/06/2016 – 30/04/2017 GENDER AND FORESTRY RESEARCHER – UN FAO

- Conducted in-depth research in the field of gender roles and mainstreaming in forestry sector;
- Assessed the role of women in forest supply chain;
- Conducted a gender analysis of the legal, institutional and technical frameworks of forestry tenure and governance;
- Provided training for officials at central and local level on gender mainstreaming of activities and projects in forestry;

Prishtina, Kosovo

#### 01/06/2016 - 30/06/2016

# CONSULTANT ON NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE UNIT FOR THE SECURITY OF BUILDINGS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE – UNDP

- Conducted research on need assessment for capacity building of the Police Unit for the Security of Buildings and Cultural Heritage.
- Developed a training plan that addresses the capacity building needs of the unit.

Prishtina, Kosovo

01/04/2016 - 10/06/2016

RESEARCHER ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO ADDRESS RADICALIZATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM – UNDP Determined the referral mechanisms, methodology, modus operandi and best practices in three selected municipalities as well indicators for success; Designed and facilitated a workshop with MoIA working group on CVE based on the assessment report and recommendations;

Prishtina, Kosovo

#### 01/06/2015 - 31/03/2016 **PROJECT MANAGER -** KOSOVALIVE

 Managed the development of the KosovaLive- GlobaGirl Media, girl's news bureau, overseeing the work of 20 young girl journalists; Supervised 20 young girl journalists who will undergo training from the GGM and KosovaLive staff during the "Girl be heard" workshop and throughout the length of the project;

Prishtina, Kosovo

# 01/11/2015 - 10/12/2015 CONSULTANT AND TRAINER ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION - UNDP

Conducted training needs assessment for the representatives of Kosovo Police and Community Safety Mechanism on GBV; Designed and facilitated a workshop with Kosovo police officers and LPSC members on GBV.

Prishtina, Kosovo

# 10/10/2015 – 10/11/2015 CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS AND MAPPING OF COMMUNITY LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS – SAVE THE CHILDREN

 Analyzed and mapped the community level stakeholders (NGO/CSO representatives) working on health issues in 12 municipalities;

Prishtina

# 01/07/2015 – 31/08/2015 RESEARCHER – INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS (IFES)

Researched and analyzed information related to reports of violations of laws and regulations during the electoral processes in Kosovo;

Prishtina, Kosovo

15/04/2015 - 10/06/2015 **RESEARCHER -** UNDP

> Part of the assessment team to conduct a comprehensive assessment to inform strategic planning and actions on radicalization and violent extremism;

Prishtina, Kosovo

01/09/2009 - 31/03/2015 **PROJECT COORDINATOR -** UNFPA Ensured project implementation and coordination of all UNFPA activities on GBV. Developed and provides guidance to the implementing partners in designing the programme targeting youth and community to address GBV;

Prishtina, Kosovo

#### 15/12/2008 - 31/08/2009

**MANAGER OF STUDENT RESOURCE HUB –** KOSOVO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (WORLD BANK PROJECT)

- Coordinated all activities and training related to the continuous outreach of potential beneficiaries;
- Advised students in areas such as Organizational Management, Project Management and Funding Opportunities

Prishtina, Kosovo

01/06/2005 – 30/11/2008 SENIOR LOGISTICS COORDINATOR – KELLOGG BROWN & ROOT

• Liaised between Task Force Falcon and KBR Transportation department;

Ferizaj, Kosovo

01/09/2004 – 31/05/2005 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST – GYMNASIUM

- Provided psychological support to students;
- Identified and assessed the learning, development, and adjustment characteristics and needs of individuals and groups;

Ferizaj, Kosovo

# **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

01/03/2017 – 30/11/2020 – Clemson University, United States **PHD IN INTERNATIONAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY STUDIES –** Clemson University

01/03/2008 – 15/01/2015 – Prishtina, Kosovo MA IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING – University of Prishtina

MA

01/10/2001 – 02/02/2005 – Prishtina, Kosovo BACHELOR IN PSYCHOLOGY – University of Prishtina

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01/03/2012 – 30/03/2015 – Prishtina, Kosovo **POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMME –** Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (Israel)

# 2012 – Istanbul, Turkey CERTIFICATE IN STRENGTHENING HEALTH-SECTOR RESPONSES TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE – UNFPA

07/2010 – Lausanne, Switzerland CERTIFICATE IN EFFECTIVE ADOLESCENT CARE AND HEALTH PROGRAMME – University of Lausanne

11/2009 – 02/2010 – Prishtina, Kosovo **PROJECT MANAGEMENT –** American University in Kosovo

# LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): ALBANIAN

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
SERBIAN	B1	B1	A2	A2	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user