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Profile

- More than 9 years experience in rural water and sanitation sector possessing excellent technical skills complimented by an in-depth understanding of socio-political systems, and strong advocacy skills in building partnerships and alliances with government, NGOs, CBO networks at the grass roots.
- Possess professional competency in rural and social development, gender issues, participatory processes, social communication programmes, micro-planning, inclusive programming, and behaviour change communication.
- Well organised with clear analytical and conceptual thinking, able to plan and prioritize and a drive for results to achieve organisational objectives through effective planning, setting standards and systematic monitoring.
- Team player, self-motivated with good communication skills, strong coordinating, communication and excellent interpersonal – personal skills.
- Possess capacity to influence, negotiate and network with wide range of partners through professionalism and building trust. Committed to making a difference in the life of people in need.
- Ability to develop and express concepts and ideas across a range of audience with clarity and brevity.
- Particularly enjoys working in multidisciplinary teams and international environments.

Professional Experience

Presently working as a Consultant to the Technical and Management Support Team, Orissa Health Sector Plan, Government of Orissa.

Specific Responsibility

1. Study access and utilisation of nutrition services by vulnerable people in the state of Orissa to develop an Evidence-based Operational Plan for the Department of Women and Child Development for the next three years
2. Examine existing evidence on utilization of nutritional, health and other related services by SC, ST, disabled, migrant and girl children and conduct qualitative investigation to identify barriers faced by SC, ST, disabled, migrant and girl children in utilizing nutrition and health services.
3. Examine available evidence on communicable diseases which affect nutritional status such as malaria infection, measles and infections (parasitic and bacterial) resulting from poor water and sanitation.

UNICEF, Bhubaneswar, Field Office for Orissa, India

Project Officer (Water and Sanitation): 2001 – March 2008

Focused Responsibilities

- **Influencing policy** through supporting and contributing to analysis of public policy processes.
- **Partnership and Alliance building** with government, international donors, CSOs, and other development agencies. Includes stakeholders' coordination and management especially in the context of programme development, planning, implementation, monitoring and review.

- **Programme implementation** through programme planning, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, etc.
- **Capacity building providing technical assistance to Government in developing effective management systems for strengthened delivery mechanisms**, partnering for training of supporting institutions on programme development, planning, monitoring and evaluation.
- **Inter-sectoral collaboration** through collaborating and linking different Government programmes for improved implementation and knowledge sharing in terms of developing database and facilitating consultations and interfaces.

Specific functions:

- Planning, implementation, management, monitoring, documentation and evaluation of Child's Environment Programme in Orissa.
- Liaise with government and civil society partners towards strengthening of community processes through **Participatory Learning Approaches (PLA)** for implementation of government led **Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)**, **School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE)** and **water supply programmes**.
- Guided and provided technical support to **State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM)**, and the Communication and Capacity Development Unit, Government of Orissa
- Coordinated and managed partnerships and networks with NGOs, CBOs and Panchayat Raj institutions (weretguirdecentralized institutions) for coordinated implementation of development programmes
- Facilitated the development of children's network and youth groups for implementation of programmes
- Direct management of communication related activities to sanitation and hygiene and technical guidance, coordination and management of all communication and capacity building activities for SSHE leveraging resources from Department of Education and Rural Development, GoO.
- Guided designing and monitored the implementation of State Communication Plan for TSC.
- Conceptualized and developed the strategy "**Strengthening Linkages with Mission Shakti**" for the involvement of SHGs in the operation and management of water and sanitation programmes.
- Facilitated the development of NGO Networks to support the implementation of programmes
- Conceptualized and developed the training module on Participatory Learning Approaches (PLA) and trained WES sector for NGOs and Government functionaries for implementation in all project districts.
- Developed the State level **Social Mobilisation Strategy** with support from the State Government for supporting demand generation and community participation in TSC and Swajaldhara projects.
- Supported the planning and implementation of the '**WES integrated model village strategy**' that was scaled up by the Government of Orissa in implementing the TSC and Swajaldhara projects.
- Contributed to developing and planning the U-3 strategy for the young child on a pilot basis to address all critical interventions through an integrated approach.
- Technical support to State Government in developing and designing of training manuals and IEC materials in the local language on TSC and Swajaldhara.
- Initiated the process of integrated intervention of SSHE into Department of Education training calendar for teachers, supported development of teachers training module and the .
- Contributed to development of the State Appraisal document of the Child's Environment Project, Donor reviews and donor reports and Evaluation of the Child's Environment Project (1999-2003).
- Management of the CEP programme through active contribution to technical, programmatic and financial management to all project districts.
- Developed and supported the Emergency communication and capacity development activities related to WES relief and rehabilitation efforts.

District Rural Development Agency, Puri District, Orissa

Project Coordinator, Water and Environmental Sanitation

1999-2001

- Established inter sectoral co-ordination among Health, Nutrition, CRC, Education and RWSS to improve service delivery to the achievement of the project goals.
- Supported and facilitated partnerships with private sector, institutions, NGOs and other grass roots functionaries, contributing to effective project implementation and service delivery.
- Actively facilitated coordination between District WATSAN Mission, NGOs and VWSCs.
- Guided development and implementation of village Action plans And School SSHE plans.
- Conceptualized and facilitated the group building activities for women self-help groups with the active support of NGOs.
- Facilitate monitoring and periodic review of progress of the Sector Reforms Project in the district especially the DRDA, local self governing bodies and the NGOs
- Facilitate in monitoring and periodic review of progress relevant to UNICEF supported projects and Donor visits.
- Intensive and periodic monitoring visits to accelerate pace of planned project activities in relation to WATSAN Mission project goal.
- Referee to World Bank's Small Grants Facility project on Water and Sanitation, 1999.
- Coordinated and supervised relief activities of UNICEF during super cyclone 1999 in Puri district.

Qualifications

- Doctorate in Philosophy in Political Science from Department of Political Studies, School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), University of London. 1999.
- Master in Philosophy in Political Science from Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1993.
- Masters in Political Science from Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1991.
- Bachelor's Degree in Political Science (Hons) and Psychology with a first class , Utkal University, Bhubaneswar , 1989

Skills and Abilities

- Stakeholders' networking and capacity building.
- Development planning, monitoring and evaluation.
- Participatory Learning Action (PLA).
- Logical Framework Approach (LFA)
- Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA).

Trained on:

- Participatory Learning Action (PLA), UNICEF, August 1999.
- Participatory methods and Community Managed Processes by PRAXIS – September 2002
- Gender issues in development by PRAXIS, March 2003.
- Participatory Planning and Monitoring through use of Logical Framework Approach (LFA), PRAXIS, March 2003.
- P2D professional Times X Personal Development, UNICEF, May 2004.
- Influencing Skills, UNICEF , May 2005

- Planning and Management of Rain Water Harvesting –ESCI, Hyderabad, May -2006
- Health Communication – IHMR, Jaipur – Rajasthan

Languages

	Written (level of fluency)	Spoken (level of fluency)
1. English	Excellent	Excellent
2. Hindi	Excellent	Excellent
3. Oriya	Excellent	Excellent
4. Bengali		Good

Additional Competencies

- Professional social science researcher, with experience as a development professional and keen interest in policy analysis and developing advocacy strategy.
- Knowledge of different project planning tools like Logical Framework Approach, Participatory Rural Appraisal and Participatory Learning Action.
- Proven competence in coordinating related research, developing advocacy actions, programme monitoring and evaluation.
- State /National level trainer and resource person on water, sanitation and hygiene.
- Strong in Participatory learning approaches and communication skills for community mobilisation.
- Designing of manuals, brochures & IEC Materials and writing Ideas, concepts and messages for sanitation promotion.
- Documentation of Project Experiences (Process & Content) Special interest in to prepare script and conceptualize AV documentations.

Personal details

Date of Birth: 01.01.1969

Civil Status: Married, one child

Citizenship: Indian