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Professional Experience

Cardno, Australia

July 2013 onwards

Project Director, Cambodia Agriculture Value Chain (CAVAC)
Country Manager (a/c), Myanmar
Senior Consultant
Consultant

October 2015 onwards
January 2015 – December 2015
July 2015 onwards
July 2013 – June 2015

Aarohi is a Senior Consultant at Cardno Emerging Markets. He is the Project Director for Cambodia Agriculture Value Chain (CAVAC) project and is responsible for the overall delivery of the program. As a part of the Private Sector Development (PSD) Community of Practice (COP) he is involved in different research initiatives within the COP. He has done extensive research on PSD, making markets work for poor (M4P), Challenge Funds and Financial Inclusion.

Aarohi is trained to implement the DCED Standard for results measurement. He has completed the foundation and advanced levels of training with Aly Miehlsbradt. The training focused on basics of different PSD approaches as well as DCED Standard. Aarohi worked on Cambodia Agriculture Value Chain (CAVAC) program on the practicalities of implementing DCED Standard in the monitoring and results measurement framework of a PSD program. He worked on a few interventions including designing the results chain, measurement plan, indicators etc. He conducted field trips to inform the research methodology and tested questionnaires.

He conducted the DCED pre-audit review with Phitcha Wanitphon on implementing DCED Standard in a non-PSD program in Australia Indonesia Partnership for Decentralisation in Indonesia.

Conferences attended: DCED Global Seminar on results measurement (2016); Australia Evaluation Society Conference (2015); DCED Global Seminar on results measurement (2014)

IPE Global Private Limited

February 2012 – May 2013

Senior Program Manager – Knowledge Partnership Program (KPP)
Associate Director – Europe

Aarohi was responsible for developing and implementing the program work plan for all four work streams under KPP and monitoring the overall budget (GBP 8.2mn). He was responsible for the development and implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation framework along with DFID Logical Framework for the program. He managed the policy advocacy and dissemination of the project outputs.

Aarohi was also responsible for working closely with teams based out of New Delhi (Head Office) and Kenya Branch Office in developing strategy for expansion and execution. He oversaw the quality of all research and consulting bids going out of the UK office and developed relationships and networks with other consultancy firms, institutions and individuals working in the sector.

International Growth Centre (IGC), London School of Economics

July 2010 – February 2012

Hub Economist (Research and Programme Development)

Aarohi supported the Country Directors in developing, monitoring, reviewing and fine-tuning the Country Strategy for Fragile States, Uganda and South Sudan programmes by providing strategic advice on research

and development options available for the country. He monitored the country context and leading-edge developments in relevant thematic areas in close coordination with each Country Director, and advising country teams, including researchers, on the evolving country situation and its possible implications for IGC's work program and agenda. He also supported the Country Directors and worked with the In-Country Economists in ensuring the integration of the policy and research agendas in IGC's work program in their respective countries. He identified and communicated interesting cross-country research and policy findings and insights. This also included determining and implementing research strategies along with the Research Network Director and Research Programme Directors. He played a key role in facilitating research projects in the countries of engagement to meet country demands/priorities.

Financial Information Network & Operations Ltd

November 2007 – April 2008

Senior Manager, Business Development

Aarohi worked on Financial Inclusion using Biometric Smart Cards in India through Banks, MFIs, Government agencies and Insurance companies. He was involved in research and development activities about the financial inclusion and biometric smart card technology. He managed the Financial Inclusion project for public sector banks like Union Bank of India, and Corporation Bank.

Standard Chartered Bank

December 2006 – November 2007

Sales Manager, Credit Cards – North India

GE Money

June 2005 to December 2006

Area Sales Manager, Personal Loans (Affluent) - Mumbai

Qualifications

London School of Economics & Political Science, London

September 2008 – July 2010

Masters in Public Administration - Public & Economic Policy (Graduated with Merit)

Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, India

May 2003 - April 2005

Masters in Business Administration (3.16/4.0)

University of Delhi, New Delhi, India

June 1999 - May 2002

B.A. (Honors) Economics (70.33%; First Class Honors; University Rank 3)

Language skills

English (proficient); Hindi (mother tongue); Urdu (spoken)