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SUMMARY

- Over 7 years of experience in project designing and project planning in international development organizations in South Asia and East Africa
- Skilled in managing DCED compliant monitoring and results measurement (RM) systems and using learnings in order to enable development projects make educated steering decisions
- Practical knowledge about theory of changes and ability to develop logical frameworks
- Experience in thematic areas such as green growth and women's economic empowerment
- Demonstrated analytical skills in designing data consolidation tools, processes for MRM; developing indicators, targets, results chains, monitoring plans; developing study designs, sampling plans, research instruments; analyzing data across industrial, agricultural and service sectors
- Experience in comparing value for money spent across different development activities

WORK HISTORY

Manager, Evaluation

Canadian Executive Service Organization, Canada

2017-present

- Leading evaluation of economic development projects in 18 countries of Asia, Africa and the Americas.
- Providing organizational leadership in using learning from evaluation to improve effectiveness and efficiency of projects
- Responsible for building capacity of staff in the head office and country offices on research methodology, analytical frameworks and results based management
- Providing technical inputs to annual plan and performance reports for Global Affairs Canada

Consultant, Planning and Evaluation

SC Associates, Canada

2016-present

Conducted DCED audit of a market development program in Nigeria funded by DFID.

- Analyzed the quality of research used for learning and project management
- Graded the quality of the M&E system and its role in managing the program

Conducted Mid-Term-Evaluation of a DFID program 'FoodTrade East and Southern Africa'.

- Led evaluation of effectiveness and efficiency of the program in achieving equitable results
- Advised on approaches to use the monitoring system to improve in decision making

Participated in proposal development for a £25 million enterprise development facility in Myanmar.

- Led development of a 'results based management framework' for DAI in the bid to DFID
- Led M&E discussions with DFID in Myanmar, contributing to DAI winning the bid

Manager, Monitoring and Results Measurement (MRM)

Itad Ltd., Ethiopia

2014-2015

- Designed and managed the delivery of overall the MRM system of the GBP 43 mil project working to develop markets and catalyze investment in the cotton, apparel, horticulture and food processing sectors
- Led MRM in construction of the logical framework, and in setting milestone targets
- Developed team and individual job goals on a quarterly basis to implement the DCED standards of results measurement, and followed up with the progress
- Liaised with multiple functions to ensure they can learn from critical findings of MRM and can use such learnings in a constructive manner to improve development activities in future
- Provided strategic guidance in designing activities focused on women's economic empowerment and green growth, ensuring the activities are aimed to generate meaningful and measurable results
- Designed framework to measure 'value for money', in order to identify areas producing the most effective, efficient and economical results

Manager, Monitoring and Results Measurement (MRM)

Katalyst, Bangladesh

2013-2014

- As a member of the leadership team of the CHF 32 mil project, ensuring continuity in all components of the project consciously follow good M&E practices (particularly by following the DCED standards)
- Actively engaged in the taskforce in charge of developing the systemic change measurement framework
- Coordinator of MRM working group of Swisscontact South Asia, enabling cooperation among six projects to overcome challenges of implementing the DCED standards
- Conducted MRM trainings from M&E staff, program staff, from both head office and field offices. These trainings were designed to ensure everyone understands- how to follow tools, templates and the MRM manual and how to connect the dots for proving and improving results
- Ensured quality of assessments, research, documents and feedback loops through managing the MRM team at field and head office

Consultant, Monitoring and Results Measurement (MRM)

Katalyst, Bangladesh

2011-2013

- Led routine MRM activities for more than 50 interventions in 7 sectors
- Constructed and regularly updated results chains, monitoring/results measurement plans
- Developed routine MRM tools, templates and processes in alignment with the DCED standards
- Managed evidence collection, reporting and knowledge management at a strategic level
- Designed and carried out regular monitoring, feasibility/baseline/evaluation studies
- Detailed, pretested, validated and finalized sampling plans, research instruments
- Identified the opportunities of improving practices, linkages and services from studies
- Collaborated with different program teams working in different locations to incorporate inputs from their perspectives in designing of studies and other MRM work under tight deadlines

Consultant, Industrial and Rural Sectors

Katalyst, Bangladesh

2010-2011

- Led national study assessing ‘feasibility of integrating craft value chains with the tourism industry’
- Developed ten tourism products to promote services aimed to generate income for poor communities
- Managed partnerships with the public stakeholders, private companies and associations in the furniture industry to implement M4P interventions

EDUCATION AND TRAINING**Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law**

York University, Canada

2017

Master of Resource & Environmental Management

North South University, Bangladesh

2014

Certificate of Livelihoods and Markets

Coady International Institute, Canada

2010

PRESENTATIONS

2014 Presented a focused case study on ‘Evaluation of market development work in the vegetable sector in Bangladesh’ at the **DCED global conference** Thailand

2013 Presented a case on ‘Mixed Methods Research Design for Evaluating Impact’ at the conference ‘Impact Evaluation’ at the **Wageningen University** Netherlands

PUBLICATION

Chakraborty, S (2014) Impact Assessment of an Intervention on ‘Distribution of Quality Vegetable Seeds in Mini-packets to Remote Farmers’. Donors Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED) website