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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-oriented researcher with 7+ years of experience in designing, managing, and executing complex research studies. Expertise in impact evaluations, mixed-methods research, and actionable reporting across women's economic empowerment, public health, gender, digital finance, and sustainable livelihoods. Proven ability to translate insights into strategic recommendations for donors, foundations, and policymakers, including organisations such as the Gates Foundation, Walmart Foundation, and DFID. Skilled in using advanced data analytics and research methodologies to inform evidence-based policymaking, with a passion for leveraging data science to drive social impact and meaningful change in underserved communities.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

INJURIES RESOLUTION BOARD

Jun 2024 - Dec 2024

Student placement- Research and Data Insights

- Conducted mixed-method research on vulnerable road users (cyclists, e-scooter users, & pedestrians)
- Produced a comprehensive report on the impact of road traffic accidents on these groups, with actionable policy implications, garnering widespread media attention in Ireland
- Contributed to other reports & data-governance initiatives to facilitate organisational decision-making

GRAMEEN FOUNDATION

Apr 2021 - Jul 2023

Senior Programme Manager - Research

- Led and managed 8 research projects across South Asia, designing and implementing mixed-method research frameworks that ensured high-quality, rigorous data collection and analysis
- Delivered actionable insights through high-quality reports and presentations for global donors like BMGF, Walmart Foundation, GiZ, and Citi Foundation
- Spearheaded business development, securing research projects worth €800k annually
- Trained and mentored a team of 5 researchers in advanced research methodologies and data analysis

SAMBODHI RESEARCH

Apr 2017 - Mar 2021

Research Manager

- Led 6 impact evaluations and supported 9 additional studies in South Asia
- Designed and implemented research tools, conducted focus group discussions, and applied advanced econometric analysis to evaluate programme outcomes
- Produced policy briefs and client-ready reports for senior policymakers and international stakeholders
- Managed field operations, training enumerators and overseeing large-scale data collection

EDUCATION

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Sep 2023 - Aug 2024

Master of Science in Applied Social Data Science

Grade: First Class (1.1)

- **Dissertation:** Analysing public sentiment and hate speech on Reddit to understand the impact of immigration in Ireland using text & sentiment analysis and supervised machine learning

XAVIER INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Sep 2015 - Jun 2017

Master of Business Administration (Major in Rural Management)

Grade: First Class (1.1)

- Awarded gold medal for academic excellence and received the "Best Outgoing Senior" award

INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH

Sep 2009 - Jun 2013

Bachelor of Technology (Electrical Engineering)

Grade: First Class (1.1)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Key skills:** Project Management, Business Development, Impact Evaluation, Mixed-Methods Research, Training & Capacity Building, Theory of Change, Econometric Analysis, Text Analysis, Machine Learning
- **Technical Tools:** R, STATA, Python, Power BI, ATLAS.ti, Git, LaTeX, HTML, MS Office
- **Language skills:** English (Fluent), Hindi & Odia (Native), Spanish (Beginner)
- **Work authorisation:** Valid permission to stay and work in Ireland