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Trained in medicine and public health, Marianna Nosa has more than 20 years of professional experience as project manager, international health specialist, health administrator, clinician, and researcher. She has expertise in maternal, neonatal and child health, primary health care, HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria). Her technical skills include program development, design, management, and evaluation. She has experience of serving as project director and chief of party for a USAID-funded project, and more than 10 years of supervisory experience. She holds an MPH from Oregon State University, USA (2002) and an MD from Uzhgorod State University, Ukraine (1981). Marianna is a citizen of Ukraine and a permanent resident of Canada.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2009 – April 2010

Canadian Red Cross, Ottawa

Health Programming Consultant

Conducted a comprehensive review of CRC-funded maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH) programs in 9 countries (Asia, Africa and Central America); developed recommendations on strengthening of MNCH programming; guided internal “change process” in response to the recommendations; authored an MNCH guidance note for CRC program managers.

September – December 2008

Agriteam Canada, Calgary, Alberta

Public Health Specialist/Consultant - Nigeria-Canada CHT/SHT & PHC Development Project

Designed and delivered workshops on Supportive Supervision and COPE[®] to healthcare managers in Cross River and Bauchi states; developed a comprehensive plan for implementation of integrated supportive supervision in both states; developed capacity building plans for management and preceptors in targeted health facilities in both states; reviewed curricula and developed recommendations for the Calabar College and Bauchi School of Health Technology; reviewed the baseline survey results to support revision of the project monitoring and evaluation plan.

2007- 2008

Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver, BC

Workflow Improvement Coordinator

Led assessment of selected clinical processes in 4 surgical units to identify opportunities for their improved efficiency and effectiveness; worked with clinical teams to determine feasibility of alternate processes and protocols and to estimate their potential patient safety and quality of care impacts; oversaw design, implementation, and evaluation of process and system improvements.

2005-2007

EngenderHealth, New York, NY (based in Baku, Azerbaijan)

Chief of Party and Project Director, ACQUIRE Azerbaijan Reproductive Health Project Managed a multidisciplinary team of 4 US-based organizations in implementation of an 8 million USAID-funded project; provided overall direction and vision to the project; coordinated 3 offices with over 50 staff ; recruited, supervised and evaluated 4 key staff; led design, implementation, reporting, and dissemination of the project baseline survey; negotiated with the donor and partners modification of the project’s cooperative agreement; developed annual work-plans, performance management plans and annual budgets; prepared project reports; directed and oversaw project’s budgeting process; developed project’s sub-grants/contracts and project’s policies and protocols; provided technical and management support to operational research by the project; guided dissemination of the project’s findings and lessons learned; represented the partnership to the donor and national MOH; oversaw review of existing and development of new RH curricula and improved models for in-service RH trainings; built partnerships with local women’s groups and organizations to advance gender equality in Azerbaijan.

2004-2005

Merlin, London, UK (Based in Dushanbe, Tajikistan)

National Medical Coordinator

Senior management team member; monitored health and humanitarian situation in the country and developed/maintained coherent programming by 4 projects; provided oversight and supervision of 7 technical staff in 3 country offices; led proposal development (3 successful bids); negotiated programs with the national government and donor agencies; liaised with MOH, ECHO, DFID, USAID and UNDP; provide technical support to 3 projects in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

2002-2004

Washington County, Hillsboro, OR

Senior Program Coordinator

Managed 5 community-based programs (maternal and women's health, school health, and early childhood): contracted for, monitored and evaluated delivery of community-based services; provided technical support and coached program in achieving program objectives; built partnerships with services and providers to facilitate their integration into the country healthcare system; conducted community needs assessment; developed proposals (1 successful bid for federal funding); provided technical support and facilitation of collaborative efforts for strategic planning at the county level.

August 2001- January 2002

Mercy Corps International, Portland, OR
Based in Baku, Azerbaijan

Intern, Azerbaijani Humanitarian Assistance Program (AHAP) and Child Survival Project

Technical assistance to mid-project evaluation of community health programs within AHAP; review of health provider training curricula; assisted in development of women and health facility questionnaire, and implementation of a KAP survey for the Child Survival project.

1998-2000

Uzhgorod City Government, Ukraine

Director, Health and Social Issues

Planned, coordinated and oversaw municipal health services; developed annual municipal healthcare budgets; assisted City Council in strategic planning and funds allocation for municipal healthcare services; provided technical oversight and coordination to municipal health facility management.

1997-1998

Abt Associates, Bethesda, Maryland
Based in Uzhgorod, Ukraine

Consultant, ZdravReform Project

Assisted in needs assessment of primary health services in western Ukraine regions; coordinated and monitored implementation of project activities in Transcarpathia region; liaised with regional and district health authorities and other stakeholder groups; assisted in planning, design and execution of the PHC Technical Cooperation Program for key MOH staff.

1992-1996

Uzhgorod City Hospital, Ukraine

Department Head, Diagnostic Services

Coordinated service delivery to inpatient and outpatient units; recruited and supervised staff of 25; procured diagnostic equipment and supplies, introduced echocardiography in the hospital.

1982-2000

Chernihiv and Uzhgorod Hospitals, Ukraine

Medical Doctor - internal medicine in hospital setting.

COUNTRIES OF PROFESSIONAL WORK

Ukraine, Russia, Canada, USA, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Ghana and Nigeria

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ukrainian and Russian: First language

English: Fluent

French: intermediate (can read and understand professional material)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

“Supply and demand challenges to modern contraceptive use in Azerbaijan”, co-authored with Janet Bradley, Nabat Mursagulova and Hannah Shering, European Journal of Contraception & Reproductive Health Care, Volume 12, Issue 2, 2007, pages 175-183. <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~content=a779309684~db=all>

“Fertility Management Options for Women in Azerbaijan”, poster submitted to the 134th Annual Meeting & Exposition of the American Public Health Association (APHA), November 7, 2006.
http://apha.confex.com/apha/134am/techprogram/paper_130442.htm