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SUMMARY

Dr. Syed Asif Abbas is an experienced Reproductive and Public health professional (MBBS, MPH, DPM). During his professional career which spreads to almost twenty years, he has worked on programs/projects related to Maternal Neonatal & Child (MNCH), Family Planning/Birth Spacing, Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH), Health Management Information System (HMIS), Immunization, Nutrition, Primary Healthcare, ACSM (Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization), Public Private Mix (PPM) and Tuberculosis (TB) funded by International Donors (The Global Fund, USAID, WHO, ADB and UNICEF) and implemented by Public Sector and International Development Sector Organizations (Ministry of Health and Population Welfare, Catalyst Consortium (Pathfinder), The Asia Foundation, National TB Control Program, and Mercy Corps). Currently, he is working as an Independent Consultant.

Dr. Asif has extensive experience of working with both public and development sectors in different capacities and has lead project/program teams and seeing projects through from conception to delivery to close out. Areas of his expertise include designing, planning, executing, monitoring and evaluation and closing of projects. Technical Assistance, Research, Behavior Change Communication, Advocacy and Social Mobilization, and Capacity Building activities including Training Need Assessment, designing training and training curriculum and translation, organizing and conducting trainings as master trainer for different healthcare providers are his additional strong areas.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE	TECHNICAL SKILLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Public Health▪ Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health▪ Reproductive Health▪ Family Planning/ Birth Spacing▪ Tuberculosis▪ Immunization▪ Nutrition▪ Capacity Building▪ Sustainable Development▪ Evidence-based Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Strategic Planning▪ Project Management (Programmatic & Financial)▪ Monitoring & Evaluation▪ Health Management Information System▪ Research and Operational Research▪ Quality Assurance▪ Coordination and Networking▪ Advocacy, Lobbying, Leveraging▪ Social Mobilization▪ Communication and Behavior Change Communication▪ Policy/ Strategy Development (Public and Private Sectors)

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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| ▪ 1988 | M.B.B.S. | [Dow Medical College, Karachi] |
| ▪ 2000 | M.P.H. | [Health Services Academy, Islamabad] |
| ▪ 2012 | D.P.M. (Project Management) | [IRM / Iqra University, Islamabad] |

TECHNICAL TRAININGS/ CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Training of Trainers on Teaching Methodologies (Save the Children)
- Supervision and Monitoring (Ministry of Health/UNICEF)
- Training of District Health Management Teams (National Institute of Public Administration)
- As Master Trainer organized and conducted a large number of training workshops for doctors, paramedics, vaccinators, female supervisors and lady health workers.
- Financial Management (UNICEF)
- District Health System Planning (World Bank)
- Inter Provincial District problem solving evaluation and re-planning to sustain PHC based District planning cycle (MOH/WHO)
- Logistic Management (Ministry of Health/UNICEF)
- Quality Assurance & Home Health Care (MOH/WHO)
- Program Management (Mercy Corps)
- Harassment at Workplaces (Asha)

PROFESSIONAL / TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Significant Technical Assignments

- **Co-Author: ACT International (NEKTERINA):** National Contextual Analysis on Education for Sustainable Development
- **Co-Author: Government of Pakistan:** Draft of National Policy for Pre-Qualification Trainings on Reproductive Health
- **Co-Author: Saibaan Development Organization (USAID):** Media advocacy strategy
- **Team Leader: Independent Bureau of Humanitarian Issues (IBHI) (UN):** National Situation Assessment study on MNCH rights based approaches in Pakistan
- **Co-Author: Mercy Corps (The Global Fund):** Activity Guidelines for Public Private Mix and Parastatal Components of Consolidated TB Control Program
- **Co-Author: Mercy Corps (The Global Fund):** Operational / Implementation Guidelines and tools for Mapping of private healthcare providers/ facilities and private laboratories in consultation with NTP, PR and DME units
- **Co-Author: Mercy Corps (The Global Fund):** Training needs identification and assessment of different field staff. Adapted and developed training modules in consultation with NTP, PTPs, partners and PR Unit. Designed, organized and conducted trainings for different cadres of field staff on PPM-TB-DOTS, M & E and report writing.
- **Focal Person: Mercy Corps (The Global Fund):** ACSM Mid Term Evaluation (MTE); Collection and consolidation of information pertaining to sampled urban and rural localities; being focal person coordinated and supervise the mapping, clustering and household listing survey; coordination with consultant to finalized the qualitative tool and its translation into Urdu. Also, acted as focal person for coordination, monitoring and supervision of data collection and entry by contracted firm; reviewed draft ACSM MTE report and prepared power point presentation.
- **Focal Person: Mercy Corps (The Global Fund):** PPM Baseline KAP Survey; As focal person closely coordinated with consultant and NTP, and provide technical support in designing of

survey methodology and tools, field testing and finalization of survey tools; being focal person coordinated, monitor and supervised training of field teams, data collection, entry, analysis and report writing by firm.

- **Co-Author: Mercy Corps (The Global Fund):** M&E mechanism and tools for PPM and Parastatal components of program
- **Provincial Master Trainer-National Program for Family Planning & PHC:** Capacity building workshops for district trainers, doctors, paramedics, lady health supervisors and lady health workers (LHWs)
- **Master Trainer-Birth Spacing/Family Planning: FALAH Project (USAID):** Capacity building workshops for doctors, paramedics, and lady health workers (LHWs)
- **Master Trainer- Optimal Birth Spacing Initiative: OBSI Project (USAID):** Capacity building workshops for district managers, doctors, paramedics, and lady health workers (LHWs)
- **Focal Person: Catalyst Consortium (Pathfinder):** Training need assessment of different healthcare providers; As focal person closely coordinated with headquarters and developed training modules for trainers and participants; Translation of modules in Urdu; designed training strategy, plan and tools; being focal person coordinated, monitor and supervised training of healthcare providers, data collection, database, entry, analysis and report writing.
- **Team Leader – Baseline Survey for District Jhelum:** Government of Punjab (DFID): Baseline survey for District Health Governance System
- **Team Leader:** Cross-sectional study to assess the knowledge, attitude and practices of mothers regarding colostrums feeding in district Jhelum
- **Team Member:** Assessment survey on health care demand and expenditure (WHO) in district Jhelum.
- **Team Member:** Assessment survey on Quality Assurance Standards for different types of healthcare facilities (WHO) at Jhelum.

Other Assignments

- District Focal Person, Maternal & neonatal tetanus supplementary immunization activities (MNTSIAs). More than 93,000 CBAs were vaccinated during campaign through 386 mobile teams.
- Member, District Health Management Team.
- Member, District Team Problem Solving Approach (DTPS)-WHO initiative.
- Focal person, Home Health Care.
- Focal person, Quality Assurance Project.
- Focal person, Integration of PHC Elements.
- Secretary, District MCH Team.
- Zonal Supervisor, Polio Eradication Campaign.
- Sector In-charge, Flood control centre, Jhelum.
- Organized trainings on Safe Delivery Practices for TBAs.
- Organized trainings for male activist on BCC.
- Trainer / facilitator for trainings on EPI, MCH, BCC etc.

Work History (Organizational Level)

Senior Program Manager

MNCH/ Reproductive Health
Saibaan Development Organization

Islamabad, Pakistan
February 2013-Present

Program Manager-PR UNIT

Global Fund Consolidated TB Component
Mercy Corps

Islamabad, Pakistan
June 2012 -November 2012

Senior Project Officer-PR UNIT

Global Fund Consolidated TB Component
Mercy Corps

Islamabad, Pakistan
November 2010-June 2012
November 2012-February 2013

National Project Coordinator

FALAH (USAID)
Mercy Corps

Islamabad, Pakistan
March 2008-October 2010

Program Officer-PR UNIT

Global Fund Round 6 TB Component
National TB Control Program

Islamabad, Pakistan
January 2008-March 2008

Project Coordinator-JFPR

Primary Health Care & Nutrition
Asian Development Bank Project
The Asia Foundation

Islamabad, Pakistan
March 2006- October 2006

Training Coordinator (OBSI)

Optimum Birth Spacing Interval
Catalyst Consortium (USAID)

Islamabad, Pakistan
April 2004-December 2005

District Coordinator-Jhelum

National Program for Family Planning and
Primary Health Care

Jhelum, Pakistan
October 1998-January 2000
October 2001-April 2004

Maternal Child Health Coordinator

(Additional Charge)
Women Health Project

Jhelum, Pakistan
January 2002-April 2004

Deputy District Health Officer- Jhelum

Jhelum, Pakistan
March 2001-October 2001

District Coordinator-Jhelum

Health Management Information System (HMIS)

Jhelum, Pakistan
January 1998-January 2000

**Monitoring, Research & Evaluation Officer
(MREO)**

District Health Development Centre-Jhelum

Jhelum, Pakistan
August 1997-July 1998

Medical Officer-In Charge

Basic Health Units
District Health Department

Jhelum, Pakistan
March 1992-July 1997

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Can be provided as per requirement