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**Profile**

**MANAGER PROGRAMS, Action for Peace and Sustainable Development (APSD), Oct 1st, 2011 to date**

**Achievements:** Managing programs on MNCH, GBV and Poverty and Rehabilitation

* Wrote a proposal and won the project on MNCH, funded by NPPI and jointly managed by WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA
* Wrote a proposal on “Saving Newborn Lives” for USAID and won the grant.
* Managing project on “Ending Child Marriages” funded by UNWOMEN
* Coordinating with donors, local NGOs and local governments

**Visiting Faculty, Deptt of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Sindh, Feb 1st, 2010 to date**

Teaching two subjects: 1) Anthropology of Gender and 2) Research Methodology

**Provincial Advocacy Coordinator, Sindh, Oxfam GB, April 2011 to August 2011**

**Achievements**: Influenced provincial policy makers to address women’s land rights/issues

* Conducted qualitative research on and advocated for repair work on flood protection structures
* Influenced Disaster Management Authority and irrigation Department to initiate early work on dykes
* Advocated for fair distribution of watan cards among the marginalized and extremely poor women
* Influenced district governments to prepare adequate contingency plans from the gender perspective
* Advocated for Oxfam’s disaster resilient shelters
* Coordinated with donors, INGOs and provincial government
* Lobbied for influencing policies and enforcement of laws regarding protection of women and children
* Organized advocacy seminars and workshops

**Program Manager Sindh, Basic Human Rights, UK, Nov 2010 to March 2011**

**Achievements:** Designed a program related to human rights

* Designed a project to end violation of women’s rights
* Designed a project to reduce early/child marriages in rural Sindh.
* Supervised distribution of tents among 1000 flood affected families in Sindh
* Wrote proposal for and got a Shelter Project from IOM
* Coordinated with provincial and federal departments

**Research Consultant, Management and Development Center, May 2010 to Oct 2010**

**Achievements:** Conducted qualitative research on community management of water and women empowerment through providing access to water resources.

* Conducted third party validation of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program (BBSYDP)

**Research Manager, BRAC Development Institute, Bangladesh,** **March 2009 to April 2010**

**Achievements**: Conducted a qualitative research study for the Targeting Ultra Poor (TUP) project in the coastal areas of Sindh that aimed at empowering women through small grants

**Assistant Manager, Social Policy, Access Consulting,** **June 2008 to Feb 2009**

**Achievements:** Supervised Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) and Health Management and Information System (HMIS) surveys for the USAID funded TACMIL project

* Monitored star campaign and constituent events for the TACMIL project
* Conducted evaluation study to measure efficacy of public-private partnership model for Karachi Water Partnership (KWP)
* Analyzed data on women and child abuse/violation of human rights and prepared a report for UNICEF
* Conducted pre-award assessment of local NGOs for the Abt Associates
* Conducted mid-term evaluation of PAVHNA’s Pakistan’s Initiative for Mothers and Newborn (PAIMAN) project

**Social Scientist, Aga Khan University,** **Feb 2004 to May 2008**

**Achievements**: Led baseline survey for Perinatal and Newborn Care Project

* Supervised qualitative research on maternal and newborn care practices in Sindh
* Conducted community perception survey about health care
* Co-produced a video documentary on mobilization on health care
* Designed Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material
* Developed Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) strategy
* Conducted trainings of midwives on mother and newborn care
* Conducted trainings of health workers on mother and newborn care
* Designed manuals for social mobilizers, health educators and supervisors

**Education:** MSc (Anthropology), Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, 2001-2003

**Languages:** Sindhi, English, Urdu, Siraiki, Punjabi, and Laasi

**Poster Presentation**

* Presented a scientific poster based on research on “Early Age Marriage in Sindh” in a National Conference on organized by HANDS and Deptt of Sociology, University of Karachi – March 8-10, 2010

**Projects/consultancies**

**Baseline Survey: Livelihood and Enterprise Development, Research Consultant**

Conducted baseline survey for Trocaire’s Livelihood and Enterprise Development program in four districts of Sindh: Dadu, Mirpur Khas, Sanghar and Umerkot

June 23-July 5, 2013

**Capacity Assessment of Trocaire’s Partners in Sindh, Research Consultant**

Conducted capacity assessment of eight implementing partners of Trocaire for livelihood and enterprise development program in Sindh

June 23-July 5, 2013

**Training of DFID’s implementing partners on Qualitative Research Methods, Team Leader**

Organized and conducted training for the two implementing partners of DFID in Sindh on qualitative research methods

April 01-May 10, 2013

**Assessment of Grievance Redressal Mechanism of Watan Cards, Team Leader, IOM**

Conducted assessment of the above program which was launched with support from IOM in the 12 district of Pakistan

March 02-March 28, 2013

**Training of Returning Officers, Election Commission of Pakistan**

Trained District Returning Officer and Returning Officers of Punjab Province on how to conduct free and fair elections

Feb 18, Feb 25, 2013

**Research Consultant, UKaid, Dec 01 to Dec 20, 2012**

**Achievements:** Conducted Qualitative Research on impact of shelter program on the lives of beneficiaries in the four district of Sindh.

**Child and Social Exclusion, Research Consultant, SDPI**

This was a UNICEF funded project that aimed at collecting data on social exclusion and how it affects physical and psychological well being of children. The survey was conducted in two districts of Sindh and two districts of Balochistan.

Sep, 2011 — Oct, 2011

**Survey of Irrigation structures after 2010 floods, Team Leader, Oxfam GB**

The super floods of 2012 affected more than eight million people in Sindh and caused huge life and property losses. Though various causes were attributed to the disaster, inadequate maintenance of irrigation structures was one of the main factors. The survey targeted the weak infrastructure in Sindh and its findings were used as an advocacy tool to influence policy makers to take immediate action and ensure completion of work before next monsoon rains/floods.

May, 2011 — Jun, 2011

**Third Party Validation, Project Manager, MDC**

Benzir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program (BBSYDP) is the government program to broaden the knowledge and skills of youth so that they could seek adequate employment in the professional world. One of its components is to provide trainings in education sectors so that youth could be engaged in education sector as teachers. The third party validation was carried out to assess the effectiveness of teaching methodology in BBSYDP training centers.

Aug, 2010 — Sep, 2010

**Baseline Survey, Consultant, MDC**

Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project is a World Bank funded project that aims at bringing sustainable change in water management practices by adopting participatory approaches. The baseline survey was conducted to collect data regarding irrigation system and agricultural output after institutional reforms were introduced in irrigation department in 1997

May, 2010 — Aug, 2010

**Safety Nets Program - Targeting Ultra Poor, Consultant, BRAC Development Institute, Bangladesh**

This Project aims at studying life histories of the beneficieries of TUP project as to how the ultra poor are graduated enough to receive micro-credit and climb a step further on the ladder of development

Apr, 2009 — Apr, 2010

**KAP Survey, Team Leader, Access Consulting**

This study focused on Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of women of reproductive age regarding mother and newborn care.

Feb, 2009 — Feb, 2009

**Constituent Events, Team Leader, Access Consulting**

Constituent Events were the part of USAID funded TACMIL Project. The events were aimed at disseminating health information among communities through interactive theater, radio and TV.

Jan, 2009 — Mar, 2009

**Karachi Water Partnership (KWP), PI, Access Consulting**

KWP is a unique public private partnership model that provides civil society organizations and public institutions with a forum to address and solve water issues of Karachi, in particular and Pakistan, in general. My study aimed at how this model could be replicated in other sectors so that the other issues could also be addressed and solved effectively.

Jan, 2009 — Mar, 2009

**Star Campaign, Leader, Access Consulting**

Star Campaign was about initiating healthy competition among District Health Management Teams (DHMTs)in order to strengthen Public Health Systems

Jan, 2009 — Mar, 2009

**TUP, Researcher, Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (World Bank)**

This study collected qualitative data from the coastal areas of Sindh for Targeting Ultra Poor (TUP)project of World Bank's Consultative group to Assist the Poor (CGAP. It was a baseline study to document the life histories of women beneficiaries before they joined the project.

Dec, 2008 — Feb, 2009

**Star Campaign (TACMIL- USAID), Incharge, Access Consulting**

Nov, 2008 — Jun, 2009

**Analysis of Data on Women and Child Abuse (Client: UNICEF), Analyst, Access Consulting**

The data spanning four years (from 2005 to 2008) was analyzed using SPSS. The data was collected by Madadgar, an NGO, through print and electronic media, and the findings were shared with the national and international audience in a conference in Karachi.

Oct, 2008 — Nov, 2008

**Pre-award assessment of NGOs, Supervisor, Access Consulting**

Conducted, in collaboration with Abt Associates, pre-award assesment of NGOs for a USAID funded project. The NGOs were identified from all the provinces of Pakistan, and were screened through a pre-set criteria

Aug, 2008 — Aug, 2008

**Mid-term Assesment of PAVHNA's PAIMAN Project, Team Leader, Access Consulting**

The study aimed at assessing the impact of PAVHNA's community based project PAIMAN.

Jun, 2008 — Jul, 2008

**Community Perception Survey, Team Leader, Aga Khan University Hospital**

Collected and analyzed qualitative data through FGDs, In-depth interviews and free listing regarding community perceptions of health and illness in the two districts of Sindh

Jan, 2008 — Feb, 2008

**PAIMAN, Project Officer, Society for Social Development and Conservation of Nature**

The Project was funded by USAID and aimed at reducing neo-natal and maternal mortality through community mobilization and health education.

Jul, 2006 — Dec, 2007

**Video Documentary on Community Mobilization, Co-producer, Aga Khan University Hospital**

This documentary focused on mobilizing communities on the issues of mother and newborn care.

Apr, 2006 — Jun, 2006

**Baseline Survey, Survey Coordinator, Aga Khan University hospital**

This baseline survey was conducted in 32 clusters of 19 Union Councils of District Matiari for the first grand project on ‘perinatal and newborn care in rural Pakistan.’

Aug, 2005 — Oct, 2005

**KAP Study, Team Leader, Aga Khan University Hospital**

This study focused on Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of women of reproductive age regarding mother and newborn care.

May, 2004 — Aug, 2004

**Perinatal and Newborn Care Project, Social Scientist, Aga Khan University Hospital**

This is a scientific project and is a cluster randomized controlled trial. It aims at reducing neo-natal and maternal mortality through community mobilization and health education; and determining cause specific mortality in Pakistan.

Feb, 2004 — May, 2008