



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Vision-driven change agent with career-long record of programs and project management success for leading organizations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IDEAS BEYOND BORDERS (IBB), IRAQ, JULY 2021 TO PRESENT

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA) REGION DIRECTOR (CONSULTANT)

- Develop and manage IBB's program and projects
- Develop and Build programmatic partnerships with universities and youth-led organizations
- Maintain excellent relationships with regional stakeholders and partners
- Provide strategic advice to senior management to guide policy, planning, and delivery
- Planning strategies, program designs, and program implementation for the organization's programs and initiatives in MENA region
- Assist with logical framework , theory of change and monitoring and evaluation
- Manage and report the Bayt Al Hikma 2.0 program's finance

CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, NEW JERSEY MAY 2020 TO 30 JULY 2021

MENA REGION PROJECT OFFICER

- Manage MENA projects in Yemen, and Lebanon and support Libya program
- Coordinate MENA programs and researches
- Contribute to analysis and reports on conflict dynamics and conflict sensitivity initiatives in MENA
- Write integrated Peace and Conflict Assessment (iPCA)
- Provide a point of liaison with project partners in the MENA region
- Design and implement Monitoring and Evaluation

IDEAS BEYOND BORDERS, NEW YORK, NY, NOVEMBER 2019 TO 01 MAY 2020

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA) PARTNERSHIP CONSULTANT

- Provide consultancy and advice on organization's programs and initiatives in MENA region
- Build partnerships with universities and youth-led organizations
- Maintain excellent relationships with regional stakeholders and partners
- Assist with logical framework, program design and monitoring and evaluation

INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS AND PEACE, NEW YORK, NY, February 2018 to October 2018

GRADUATE CONSULTANT

- Managed and updated the website and newsletter as well as set up and the supply of the organization's booth at international conferences.
- Managed and tracked the Ambassador's Program.
- Supported the organization's annual report launch and conferences in Washington DC, New York City and California.

EXXONMOBIL, ERBIL, IRAQ, April 2014 to July 21 2016

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ADVISER

- Directed and oversaw all operations regarding government entities, sub-contractors, communities and the company.
- Engaged and communicated with stakeholders to ascertain emerging issues and local population concerns, promptly implementing effective resolutions.
- Devised a grievance management system which advanced consistency among elevated stakeholder issues.
- Compiled vast sets of data, composed comprehensive reports, and prepared presentations for issue resolution.
- Conveyed and explained ExxonMobil policies regarding contractor interactions to stakeholders.
- Designed and implemented programs for local communities including how to raise bee hives, and first aid kit training.

UNITED SUMMIT, IRAQ, MOSUL, February 2009 to June 2010

PROJECT MANAGER

- Designed and developed projects
- Created and launched an effective communication system between the company, locals, and JCCS within the U.S. Government.
- Administered all requirements for land acquisition processing and fair compensation.
- Identified pressing emergent issues and prepared recommendations, amending stakeholder engagement.
- Presided over all facets of change control, progress assessment, budget reporting, and adaptive management.

USA ARMED FORCES, MOSUL, IRAQ, August 2005 to January 2008

INTERPRETER / TRANSLATOR & COORDINATOR

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, NEW JERSEY MAY 2020 TO PRESENT
IRAQ - NON-RESIDENTIAL RESEARCH FELLOW
- PEACE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY, February 2017 to Present
MENA- RESEARCHER (call-of basis)
- BOARD OF SUPREME AUDIT, ERBIL, IRAQ, January 2011 to April 2012
RESEARCHER, POLITICAL ADVISER
- Search for Common Ground, Yemen May 2020 to May 2021
Research Fellow - Yemen Conflict Sensitivity Platform

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.A.) IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS, 2019; New York University, New York, NY

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, 2010; University of Duhok, Duhok, Iraq;
Dissertation; "Ezra Pound's Imagism in the Twentieth Century"

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Bronze and Silver medals from Qatar Debate Foundation 2009,

- NYU's Trophy for the Most Valued Person (MVP) at the Student Association for Global Affairs at NYU in 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Alliance for Peacebuilding member

VOLUNTEERISM

- STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY, February 2018 to May 2019, **PRESIDENT**
- Zeelamo for Science, Technology and Arts Academy, March 2020 - present
Co-founder and Member of Board of Directors
- YOUTH POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION, May 2011 to Jan 2014
CO-FOUNDER AND DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS MANAGER

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English, Kurdish (most Kurdish dialects), and Arabic

Technical Proficiencies: Microsoft Office Suite (Advanced), Stata, and Python (Beginner level), Designing SMS and online surveys such as Qualtrics, and Advanced skills in Google Products and G-Suite, focus groups and interviews.