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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Analytical Problem Solver: Practical experience **designing and managing large-scale research projects**; experience managing **monitoring and evaluation (M&E)** for programs funded by US, EU, and UN donors; extensive experience at **policy centers of the U.S. government and international NGOs**.
- Effective Communicator: Proven abilities in **articulating a focused message through written, spoken, and online media**; published articles about human rights and development issues in *Amnesty International*, *Humanitarian Exchange*, and Interaction's *Monthly Developments* magazines and in humanitarian journals.
- Collaborative Relationship Manager: Extensive experience **facilitating relationships with diverse stakeholders to produce high quality outputs** for a wide variety of projects. Collaboration focused on **enhancing learning, coordination, and planning** by the wider aid community at the global, regional, and country levels.
- Practical Skills: Skilled at working effectively with people of diverse cultural, socioeconomic and national backgrounds; experience **designing and conducting large-scale evaluation and applied research**; facility with multiple computer-based programs and platforms including: **STATA, R, SPSS, NVivo, HTML, ODK, KoBo, Microsoft Office**.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy & Management

Waltham, MA

August, 2009 – May, 2011

- M.A. in Sustainable International Development – May, 2011
- Thesis: The Impact of Food Preservation & Greenhouse Trainings as Food Security Interventions in Rural Tajikistan

Boston College

Chestnut Hill, MA

September, 2001 – May, 2005

- B.A. in Psychology – May, 2005
- Study Abroad: Universita di Parma: Summer 2002; Universiteit van Amsterdam: Fall 2003 and Spring 2004

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Groundswell Global Research

Cambridge, MA

President & Founder, Technical Unit: Humanitarian/Development Research & Learning

March, 2015 – Present

REACH Initiative, Agency for Technical Cooperation & Development (ACTED)

Washington, D.C.

REACH Global Assessment Specialist, U.S. Country Representative

June, 2012 – March, 2015

Agency for Technical Cooperation & Development (ACTED)

Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Appraisal, Monitoring & Evaluation (AME) Manager, Head of AME Unit

August, 2011 – June, 2012

Mercy Corps

Shaartuz, Tajikistan

Food Security & Livelihoods Impact Advisor, Tajikistan Stability Enhancement Program (TSEP)

September, 2010 – April, 2011

United States Senate, Office of Senator E. Benjamin Nelson

Washington, D.C.

Press Secretary

August, 2007 – June, 2009

Amnesty International

Washington, D.C.

New Media/Media Assistant, Editorial Associate for *Amnesty International* magazine

November, 2006 – August 2007

Clay has undertaken assessments, baselines, monitoring and evaluation to support **international development** projects and learning and decision-making processes across a range of sectors and organizations. This has included but is not limited to:

- Impact Evaluation of Smallholder Women Advocacy Campaign (GROW) | Oxfam GB | Tajikistan | 2016
- Baseline Studies (Child Protection, Waste Management, Food Security) | HORIZONT3000 | Uganda | 2016
- Impact Evaluation of Building Resilience Through Asset Creation and Enhancement Program | DFID/WFP | South Sudan | 2013
- Needs Assessment & Evaluation of Building Resilience of Rural Communities to Disasters Project | EC/ACTED | Tajikistan & Kyrgyzstan | 2012
- Baseline & Midterm of Tajik/Afghan Border Reforestation Project | ADB/ACTED | Tajikistan | 2012
- Needs Assessment & Baseline of Agricultural Extension Services Project | ADB/ACTED | Tajikistan | 2012
- Feasibility Study of Household Energy Efficiency Project | GIZ/ACTED | Tajikistan | 2012
- Midterm Assessment of Agricultural Microfinance Project | EC/ACTED | Tajikistan | 2012
- Impact Assessment of Tajikistan Stability Enhancement Program | Mercy Corps | Tajikistan | 2011

Clay has been involved with **humanitarian response** assessments, planning, monitoring, reviews and evaluations relating to emergencies and sudden onset crises. This has included but is not limited to:

- Study on Client Perspectives of Feedback and Response Mechanisms | IRC | Syria, Jordan, Iraq | 2016
- Assessment of Syrian Refugee Utilization of Debt and Cash Programming | Lebanon Cash Consortium | Lebanon | 2015
- System for Scaling Beneficiary Numbers to Estimate Utilization Rates | IRC | Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Turkey, Lebanon | 2015
- Standard Operating Framework Development | Somalia Shelter Cluster/UNHCR/DRC | Somalia | 2015
- Monitoring & Evaluation Framework of Shelter Cluster | UNHCR/Somalia Shelter Cluster | Somalia | 2015
- Evaluation of Somalia Shelter Cluster Response | UNHCR/Somalia Shelter Cluster | Somalia | 2015
- Review of NGO Perceptions of Level 3 Designations | ICVA/IMPACT | Multiple Countries | 2015
- Needs Assessments Across Multiple Displacement Locations | Somalia Shelter Cluster/REACH | Somalia | 2012-2015
- Detailed Needs Assessment, Tropical Storm Mahasen | Global Shelter Cluster/REACH | Bangladesh | 2013
- Multi Sector Response Monitoring Assessment, Haiyan | Global Shelter Cluster/REACH | Philippines | 2014
- Study on Groundtruthing OpenStreetMap Damage | REACH/American Red Cross | Philippines | 2014
- Needs Assessments (multiple) in Maban County | REACH/ACTED | South Sudan | 2012-2014
- Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment, Typhoon Haiyan | Global Shelter Cluster/REACH | Philippines | 2013
- Assessment of Village Flood Vulnerability & Cluster Contingency Planning | South Sudan Shelter Cluster/CHF/REACH | South Sudan | 2013
- Shelter Response Monitoring Assessment, Bopha | Global Shelter Cluster/REACH | Philippines | 2013
- Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment, Typhoon Bopha | Global Shelter Cluster/REACH | Philippines | 2012
- Assessment to Develop Social Profile of Yida Refugee Camp | REACH/ACTED | South Sudan | 2012

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Courses:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)/Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

- Development Policy: Advanced Development Economics (*September-December 2016*): Using economic theory and data analysis explore methods to design and implement effective development policy.
- Data Analysis for Social Scientists (*September-December 2016*): Methods for harnessing and analyzing data to answer questions of cultural, social, economic, and policy interest.
- Evaluating Social Programs (*October-December 2016*): Using randomized evaluations to evaluate social and development programs.

Trainings:

- MIRA NATF Training – Cairo (*October 2012*)
- Mercy Corps Humanitarian Emergency Response Training (*February 2011*)
- Right to Food & Food Policy Symposium – Yale University Law School (*April 2010*)