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PROFILE

- Master of Public Policy graduate from the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (Class of 2017).
- Multilingual project manager with over three years' experience in leading and implementing projects, managing communications and organising events.
- Highly motivated development professional with strong analytical skills and interest in sustainable development, global health, climate change and gender.
- International experience in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR); and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) – including WASH in schools and menstrual hygiene and management (MHM).

EDUCATION

09. 2014 – **Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany**
06. 2017 **Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.)**
- Academic concentration: Policy Analysis, Health Policy and Sustainable Development
 - Thesis - *Can social innovation solve women's health issues in South Asia? A case study of improving menstrual hygiene in Semjong, Nepal*, written in partnership with GIZ Nepal Support to the Health Sector Programme
07. 2009 – **Stella Maris College, University of Madras, Chennai, India**
04. 2011 **Master of Arts in International Studies (M.A.)**
- Academic concentration: International Law, International Relations, Gender and Ethnicity
07. 2005 – **M.O.P.Vaishnav College for Women, University of Madras, Chennai, India**
01. 2009 **Bachelor of Commerce (B.Comm.)**
- Academic concentration: Finance, Accounting and Corporate Law

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

04. 2016 – **Research Intern, Sector Programme Sustainable Sanitation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**
09. 2016 **Eschborn, Germany**
- Managed the social media outlets of the Secretariat of the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance
 - Prepared a comprehensive bibliography on Menstrual Hygiene Management that was presented at the World Water Week 2016 in Stockholm
 - Presented programme concepts for Menstrual Hygiene Management through socially inclusive businesses in the context of refugees and migration
 - Reported on the impact of water, sanitation and hygiene on girls in schools to the GIZ programmes: Sustainable Sanitation and Fit for School
 - Researched the "Clean India Movement" to analyse potential programmatic entry points for GIZ's Green Wicket programme
07. 2015 – **Young Professional, GIZ Support to the Health Sector Programme**
03. 2016 **Kathmandu, Nepal**
- Assisted the Senior Technical Officer on projects in maternal, reproductive and child health
 - Co-organized and planned Nepal's first national conference on Adolescent Health and Development with the Ministry of Health and Population

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- Organised research for the conference on violence and violation of rights faced by girls and women in Nepal on topics such as child marriage, chhaupadi ritual and human trafficking
- Developed and presented factsheets and brochures on the conference for internal use.
- Prepared the gender analysis of the programme in requirement for programme extension by the (German) Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Initiated the development and implementation of a pilot project in three earthquake affected districts in Nepal - a socially inclusive business helping women to produce menstrual hygiene products and educating on dealing with menstrual waste

07. 2012 – **Head of Library and Information, Goethe-Institut**
08. 2014 **Chennai, India**

- Designed policies and strategies for the management and use of library resources
- Implemented and monitored the annual library budget
- Accelerated development of literary projects and expanded collaborations with partners
- Planned, conceptualized and presented publicly open literary programmes and events
- Led external communication with the press, institutional partners and literary figures and designed communication material
- Monitored the activities of the department and presented periodic reports to the regional headquarters

07. 2011 – **Assistant, Cultural Programmes Department, Goethe-Institut**
06. 2012 **Chennai, India**

- Assisted in the implementation of all projects in Chennai city during the diplomatic year of Germany in India
- Coordinated the planning and implementation of over 50 prominent events with participation of industry, policy and cultural leaders from India and Germany
- Co-organized the “Indo-German Urban Mela”, the closing event of the diplomatic year of Germany in India and oversaw the implementation of literary programmes
- Supported in the implementation of communication strategy in print and social media

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages	Telugu (native), English (fluent), Tamil (fluent), Hindi (advanced), German (advanced) and Spanish (beginner)
IT Skills	Adobe InDesign (beginner), STATA (intermediate), Microsoft Publisher (advanced) and MS Office Package (advanced)
CMS, Social Media Skills	Django (beginner), Joomla (intermediate), WordPress (intermediate), Social Media for organisations (advanced) and HTML (advanced)

OTHERS

- Participant at the summer school on *Climate change, violence and health* organised by Charité University and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Berlin in August 2017
- Student Member of the *National Service Scheme of India (NSS)* and provided bi-weekly administrative support at the Royapettah Government Hospital, Chennai between 2003 and 2005.
- Member of *Association for Women's Rights in Development*, an international, feminist organisation committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights.