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| **Profile** | I have 35 years professional experience in international development. I have a specific focus on governance issues including empowerment and accountability, transparency and anti-corruption, defence and security, public sector reform, government decision making and democratic processes. I have also increasingly worked on assessing and advising on organisational effectiveness of multinational institutions and programmes including those of the UN, OECD and FCDO. I have extensive field and headquarter expertise in political analysis, and particularly in designing, monitoring and evaluating complex, large-scale multi-country governance programme. I work closely with clients to deliver high quality, utilisation-focused evaluations which aim to reflect, learn and support future policy and programming. During the last two decades I have built a strong reputation as a Project Director, Team Leader and Technical Expert working with a wide range of clients including the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and Ministry of Defence (MOD), United Nations departments (UNDSS) and agencies (e.g. UNDP, UNICEF, UNOPS), European donors, Foundations (e.g. Vodafone) and civil society organisations (e.g. Comic Relief, Christian Aid, Transparency International). |
| **Nationality & Languages** | British  English (mother tongue), French (Basic), Spanish (Basic) |
| **Qualifications** | 1991, MPhil Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge thesis on indigenous responses to the conflict over land and resources, in Ecuador's Amazon Region  1989, BA Geography and Politics, Queen Mary College, University of London |
| **Country work experience** | Afghanistan, Burundi, DR Congo, Ecuador, Kenya, Jamaica, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia |
| **Experience** | **2024 - 2025, Principal Consultant | *UNDP |*** Somalia  Leading the assessment of three of the four three outcome / thematic areas: (i) inclusive politics, (ii) rule of law and security and (iii) economic recovery and institutional development. This has included desk review and key informant interviews with government, UN and donor stakeholders. Also serving as the primary point of contact for the production of the final evaluation outcome/report, ensuring clarity and consistency throughout the process. |
| **2024 - 2025, Principal Consultant | *UNDP |*** HQ/Global  Assessment of UNDP's Strategic Innovation enabler, identifying its contribution in creating an organizational culture of learning and 'futures thinking' that enhance UNDP's offer to countries and helps advancements towards implementing UNDP's Strategic Plan. Also contributed to the wider evaluation including a visit to the Regional Bureau for Asia Pacific in Bangkok. |
| **2024, Principal Consultant | *UNOPS |*** Myanmar  Joint lead role in reviewing the governance structures, systems and processes of a multi-donor peace fund in Myanmar which includes assessing the organisational governance and effectiveness of the JPF. This includes adapting a combined methodology to measure organisational maturity and organisational capability. |
| **2023 - present, Technical Advisor | *FCDO |*** Global  As part of the core IOD PARC team to provide Technical Advice for FCDO. In the last year this has included a focus on organisational effectiveness, innovation and the use of evidence to support to FCDO's evaluation office and HQ programmes. In 2023-24 this has included (i) leading an insight into innovation in evaluation (presented at the UK Evaluation Society, Oct 2023), (ii) designing an approach to measure impact of a case study for FCDO's Evidence Fund (see publications, below), (iii) conducting an evaluability study of FCDO's global human rights programming (in 2024) and (iv) advised on and developed a theory of change and adaptive management approach for an institutional strengthening programme for FCDO Kenya. |
| **2022 - 2023, Principal Consultant | *OECD |*** Global  Strategic role in the team taking a lead and co-lead in country case studies on member state and partner perspectives on the OECD including the EU, G20, Sweden, Turkey and USA, and potential partners including Brazil. Co-lead role examining transversal issues: digitalisation, communications and gender. Core team member involved in analysis and synthesis phases focusing on relevance, effectiveness and efficiency. |
| **Publications** | Burge, R., Nadelman, R., McGee, R., Fox, J. and Anderson, C., 2022. Seeing the Combined Effects of Aid Programmes. IDS Policy Briefing.  Elizabeth David-Barrett, Aoife Murray, Johanna Polvi & Richard Burge (2020) 'Evaluating anti-corruption agencies: learning from the Caribbean, Journal of Development Effectiveness'  Punton, M. and Burge, R. (2018) 'Adaptive Programming in Fragile, Conflict and Violence-Affected Settings. What Works and Under What Conditions? The Case of PERL, Nigeria', Action for Empowerment and Accountability Programme, Itad and Oxfam in association with IDS.  Christie, A. and Burge, R. (2017) 'The Role of External Actors in Supporting Social and Political Action towards Empowerment and Accountability with a Focus on Fragile, Conflict- and Violence-Affected Settings', IDS Working Paper 503, Brighton: IDS  Richard Burge (2010), Learning from DFID's Governance & Transparency Fund (GTF): Tools, methods & approaches  Ken Banks and Richard Burge (2004), 'Mobile Phones: An Appropriate Tool for Conservation and Development?'  Burge, R (2002) 'Cursed by Riches: Who Benefits from Resource Exploitation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo?' |