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OBJECTIVE

Child and women's rights advocate with 18 years work experience, mainly with UNICEF - at headquarters and in Latin America, South Asia, and Eastern and Southern Africa. The competencies I bring in include strong:

Analytical and strategic thinking skills in terms of partnership building, alliances, public finance for children, private sector engagement, programme design and management within child protection and cross-sectorally with all UNICEF programme areas and with UN sister agencies

Advocacy, negotiation and communication skills, working with a range of partners from civil society organizations, UN agencies and Government authorities (ministries of welfare, interior, health and education) on sensitive and complex issues with diplomacy, tenacity, confidence and tact, including strong public speaking and writing skills.

People-skills in supervisory, leadership and coaching roles, working collaboratively with humor, positive attitude and kindness. Robust global professional network of protection practitioners, academics and activists.

EXPERIENCE

Lima, Peru

November 2019 - April 2021

Deputy Representative

UNICEF Peru

Deputy Representative providing financial and technical oversight of 40 million USD five-year country programme with programmes in the areas of health & nutrition, education, social policy, and child protection, with an emphasis on adolescence. Management of a team of 80 staff.

Kathmandu, Nepal

February 2017 - October 2019

Chief Child Protection

UNICEF Nepal

Child Protection Chief leading a 16-member team in Kathmandu and three Zone Offices to deliver the child protection programme throughout Nepal, including child protection system strengthening, justice for children, prevention and response to child violence against children (mandatory reporting, positive teaching techniques, Safe to Learn pathfinder country, positive parenting, engaging fathers in childcare), child marriage (life-skills, evidence generation and C4D), municipality-based child labour programme (Alliance 8.7 Pathfinder country, dialogue with business sector, research), cross-border collaboration with India on child protection and counter trafficking.

Achievements: Influencing local level (municipality) budget allocation for child protection and gender-based violence prevention and response interventions in first ever local planning cycle in federal Nepal; Ensuring child protection services running smoothly during transition from unitary to federal three-tier government structure (federal, 7 States and 753 local levels; exploring the possibility of UNICEF becoming the first pilot Development Impact Bond (DIB).

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

July 2015 - April 2016

Child Protection Specialist

UNICEF Ethiopia

Coordination of cross-sectoral adolescent girls empowerment programme including child marriage, girls education, gender equality, research & evidence generation, engagement of men and boys, partnership with religious leaders.

Achievements: MoU between UNICEF and UNFPA (gender equality and women's empowerment; adolescent & youth development and child protection and gender-based violence in emergency/humanitarian settings); MoU between UNICEF and major religious institutions including child protection; National guideline for engagement of men and boys for women empowerment; Government-UNICEF Communication for Development Strategy: Child Protection in Drought Related Emergency; kick-off of Roadmap to realize the London Girls Summit Commitment to end Child Marriage and FGM/C by 2025; Girls Empowerment Communication Campaign including girls empowerment races.

Maputo, Mozambique

July 2010 - June 2015

Child Protection Specialist

UNICEF Mozambique

Oversight of child protection programme components on child protection systems strengthening, prevention and response to violence against children, justice for children, counter-trafficking & migration, child protection in emergencies, and child marriage.

Achievements: Protection cluster co-lead during 2013 flood-response; psychosocial support backpack and programme adapted from Latin American model; vice-chair and chair of the UNICEF staff association, Ministry of Education-led multi-sectoral Zero Tolerance against Sexual Abuse communication strategy; strengthening multi-sectoral response services to violence against children and women (interview procedures, legal aid, policing and health services); Statistical Analysis of Child Marriage and Adolescent Pregnancy: Determinants and Impacts); National Strategy to Eliminate Child Marriage; partnership with religious groups, including messaging koranic and biblical passages on child protection issues.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

February 2010 - May 2010

Child Protection Specialist

UNICEF Life Line Haiti

Child Protection in Emergencies specialist and Protection shadow cluster co-lead in Dominican Republic in the aftermath of the 12 January 2010 earthquake

Achievements: Draft Haiti-Dominican bilateral agreement on trafficking and smuggling of children; psychosocial support training programme with Dominican Republic Ministry of Health; training programme for members of protection cluster on identification, family tracing and reunification of Haitian children affected by the earthquake located in Dominican Republic, Dominican Republic case management system to respond to children affected by earthquake.

New Delhi, India

February 2009 - February 2010

Advocacy Consultant

UNICEF India

Consultant on advocacy and child protection (birth registration, administrative detention of children and child marriage)

Achievements: Research on administrative detention of children in India in partnership with the Children's Legal Centre, University of Essex & UNICEF; UNICEF Good Practices in Integrating Birth Registration into Health Systems (2000-2009); UNICEF India's draft Advocacy and Communication Strategy for Prevention of Child Marriage.

New York, USA

May 2006 - December 2008

Child Protection Officer

UNICEF Headquarters

Child Protection officer working on knowledge management, M&E, birth registration and capacity building.

Achievements: content management of Child Protection Intranet and Internet webpages; monthly Child Protection E-Bulletin - an electronic newsletter with a readership of over 800 UNICEF Staff; analysis reports (stocktaking / mapping) of UNICEFs activities on Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking, Child Labour, Birth Registration, Violence against Children, and engaging with Faith-Based Organizations; drafting UNICEF Child Protection Strategy (2008) annex on child protection indicators and data.

Lima, Peru

August 2003 - May 2006

Child Protection Officer

UNICEF Peru

Child Protection officer responsible for child labour, juvenile justice, violence against children, and child protection systems strengthening through network of 2,000 community child protection committees

(Defensorías)

Achievements: MoE-led prevention and response mechanism (including manual for teachers and games for children); establishing first single-stop interview room; Private-public partnership between the Government (Ministry of Tourism), and travel/tourism industry (Airlines, bus companies, hotels, taxi companies and travel agencies) on prevention and response to commercial exploitation of children; visibility of child rights issues in sports events hosted in Peru (2004 America Cup and 2005 Sub-17).

Brussels, Belgium

March 2002 - September 2002

Project Officer

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Project officer responsible for voluntary return and reintegration assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings in Belgium, including children to their respective countries of origin;

Achievements: Research on Trafficking in Human Beings in Belgium; and election observer liaison officer for the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Sierra Leone.

Brussels, Belgium

October 2001 - March 2002

Trainee

European Commission. Europe Aid Co-operation Office, Human Rights Unit

Intern. Project Management for EU Election Observation Missions (Zimbabwe, Congo and East Timor); Voter education; Human Rights education.

EDUCATION

Milan, Italy

2018 - 2019

Executive Masters in Management of International Organizations (EMMIO)

Bocconi School of Management

Bruges, Belgium

2000 - 2001

Masters in European Political and Administrative Studies

College of Europe

Lima, Peru

2004 - 2005

International Diploma in Human Rights and Public Health

Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Facultad de Salud Pública y Administración.

Brasilia, Brazil

1996 - 2000

BA in Political Science

Universidade de Brasilia

Brasilia, Brazil

1996 - 2000

BA in International Relations

Universidade de Brasilia

LANGUAGES

French

Advanced. Diplôme
approfondi de langue
française (DALF)

English

Native. Certificate in
Teaching English to
Speakers of Other
Languages (CELTA) and
Cambridge Proficiency Exam
(CPE)

Portuguese

Native

Spanish

Advanced. Diploma
avanzado de lengua
española (DALE)

German

Advanced. Zentrale
Mittelstufenprüfung
(Goethe-Zertifikat C1)

Italian

Intermediate

Luxembourgish

Intermediate. Sproochentest
and B1.1. Certificate

PUBLICATIONS

- 1.MUZZI, Mariana (2019) Solutions to achieve gender parity amongst national UNICEF Nepal staff.
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- 4.Government of Ethiopia. Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. National guideline for engagement of men and boys for women empowerment (2016)
- 5.Government of Ethiopia. Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector (DRMFSS), UNICEF & UNFPA, Child Protection Working Group. Communication for Development Strategy: Child Protection in Drought Related Emergency (draft, for approval in 2016)
- 6.Government of Mozambique. Ministry of Women and Social Action. National Child Protection System Mapping Report (2015)
- 7.MUZZI, Mariana. UNICEF & INSEAD. Strengthening Civil Society's role in demanding fulfilment of child rights. Applying lessons learned from countries with strong civil society to Mozambique (2014)
- 8.Government of Mozambique. Ministry of Education, UNICEF and Save the Children. Guide for the Promotion of Good Treatment, Prevention and Denouncing of Sexual Abuse for principals and school teachers (2012)
- 9.Government of Mozambique. Ministry of Education, UNICEF and Save the Children. Guide for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse for School Children (2012)
- 10.Government of Mozambique. Ministry of Interior. Police. Children and Domestic Violence Understanding to Intervene - Manual (2012)

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 12. Dominican Republic/Haiti. Ministry of Social Welfare. Government of Dominican Republic. Guidelines for support to Haitian children affected by the earthquake, including best interest determination, procedures for medical evacuation, registration & family tracing in partnership with Save the Children and the Red Cross (2010)
 13. ICRW & UNICEF. Delaying Marriage for Girls in India: A Formative Research to Design Interventions for Changing Norms (2011)
 14. UNICEF Good Practices in Integrating Birth Registration into Health Systems (2000-2009). Case Studies: Brazil, Bangladesh, Delhi, India and The Gambia (2009)
 15. UNICEF and Children's Legal Centre, University of Essex Administrative detention of children: a global report (2009)
 16. UNICEF, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC). Investing in the Children of the Islamic World (1st edition 2005), Child Protection chapter (2nd edition 2008)
 17. UNICEF Child Protection E-Bulletin. Monthly newsletter on Child Protection for UNICEF staff. (June 2006 December 2008).
 18. Agencia Nacional de Noticias por los Derechos de la Infancia - ANNI Bolivia / UNICEF Bolivia. Manual for Journalists Reporting on Sexual Violence (in Spanish: Manual para periodistas - Tratamiento periodístico de la Violencia Sexual). La Paz, Bolivia, 2007.
 19. MUZZI, Mariana. Los Niños y la Privación de Libertad: El enfoque de las Naciones Unidas in Justicia para Crecer Revista Especializada en Justicia Juvenil Restaurativa. No. 4. Oct.-Dec. 2006. Lima, Peru;
 20. MUZZI, Mariana. State Obligations vis-à-vis the Right to Health: Child Abuse and the Health-System based Child Abuse Attention Modules in Peru (original title in Spanish: Las obligaciones del Estado frente al derecho a la salud: el maltrato infantil y los Módulos de Atención al Maltrato Infantil en Salud (MAMIS) in International Agenda, International Studies Institute, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Año XII, No. 23, 2006. p. 365-438;
 21. Government of Peru. Ministry of Women and Social Development. Child Protection system's mapping (2004)
 22. Government of Peru. National Prosecuting Authority. Guidelines for interviewing victims of child abuse (2006)
 23. Government of Peru. Ministry of Education, UNICEF and UNFPA. Guide for the Promotion of Good Treatment, Prevention and Denouncing of Sexual Abuse for principals and school teachers. (2006)
 24. Government of Peru. Ministry of Tourism and UNICEF. Prevention of Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in Tourism Guide to Tourism Service Providers. From Spectators to Actors (2005)
 25. IOM and Movimiento el Pozo. Trafficking of Women for Sexual Purposes in Peru (original title in Spanish: Trata de Mujeres para Fines Sexuales Comerciales en el Perú (2005)
 26. IOM Brussels Trafficking in Human Beings in Belgium (2002);
 27. Transparency International Tri-monthly newsletter reporting on cases of corruption in Brazil (1999-2000).
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