

Curriculum Vitae

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Work Experience

Chief of Education/Sector Lead for Education. UNICEF Support Center for Iraq, based i Amman. End July 2007 to present.

Started as Chief of Education and Education sector Lead for Iraq end of July 2007.

**Senior Advisor. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST)
Juba, Government of Southern Sudan. Seconded from UNICEF
November 2005 to end July 2007**

One of the major obstacles to the establishment of a government in Southern Sudan after the signature of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement was the shortage of qualified staff to fill key positions within the ministries. Hence, UNICEF committed to provide a team of education staff. (one L5, one L3 and one NOB to be seconded to the Ministry of Education. Up to present, UNICEF has only been able to recruit the L5 and the NOB).

Major assignments for the senior advisor post have been:

- The establishment of and set up of a functioning MOEST, included transfer from a Secretariat of Education into a full fledged Ministry of Education, Science and Technology end of 2005.
- Advisory role in development of the Southern Sudan Education Policy (finalized by external consultant).
- Focal point within the MoEST for donor collaboration, recommendation of areas of intervention and identification of funding gaps, prepared input for donor proposals (MDTF, Danida) . Serve as the coordinating senior advisor among all the Technical advisors at the office.
- Worked closely with NGOs and prepared education stakeholders meetings and Conferences involving MoEST, Donors, UN, NGOs, Social Society and Community Leaders. Instrumental in the preparation of the practical guidelines for the start up of the Multi Donor Trust project (MDTF), by preparing TORs , part of recruitment process for Technical support staff unit, worked closely with WB consultants and staff to integrate the project into the MoEST nascent system.
- Capacity Building; Initiated development of training programs for MOEST staff at HQs and State levels, in addition to negotiation and processing of contracts for service providers. Instrumental to the development of education activities and ensure timely implementation and effective and transparent utilization of GoSS funds.
- Budget Development ; A three years Sector Budget 2006-2009 were finalised in collaboration with key donors and stakeholder. Further, lead the development process of the 2007 budget with the starting point to involve the Planners from the 10 states as well as the Director Generals from HQ. Played a major role in the negotiation with

Ministry of in the process from the draft to the approved budget amounting to 112 mill USD.

- Provided support to UNICEF as the UN-appointed Lead Agency in education to develop plans and reports related to the UN Work Plans 2006 and 2007.
- Ensured MOEST support and coordination for a successful “Go to School Initiative”; set in motion and promoted teacher recruitment and training and completion of a Primary Education Curriculum.
- Initiated and encouraged collaboration with adequate key Line Ministries of the GoSS to ensure complementary support into the Education Sector at all levels.
- In collaboration with UNESCO and USAID mobilized and launched literacy campaigns, and linked the campaigns with the existing Alternative Education System.
- Worked in close cooperation with the World Bank and EC to prepare the application of an initial SWAP for Southern Sudan.

***Chief of Education Section. UNICEF, Khartoum, Sudan
September 2003 to November 2005***

- Sector Coordinator for Education for the UN system and NGOs operational in primary education
- Darfur Emergency Education
- Return and Reintegration Policy and Programmes
- Girls’ Education

***Country Director. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Sierra Leone
April 2001 – September 2003***

- Rehabilitation
- Emergency Education Programmes
- Refugee Camp Construction and Management

***Program Manager, Education Norwegian Refugee Council , Sierra Leone
April 2000 - April 2001***

- Emergency Education Programmes

Education Officer UNHCR (NRC Seconded). Liberia. August 1998 - March 2000

Advisor, Munduli and Patandi Teacher’s Colleges. Norwegian Development Agency (NORAD). Tanzania. August 1995 - July 1997

Teacher, Ålesund, Norway. 1976–1995

Education

1976 Volda Teacher College, Volda, Norway. Bachelor of Science Degree, Education major
1979 Volda Teacher College, Bachelor of Science Degree in Education for Mentally Retarded Children.
1981 Bergen Teacher College, Bergen, Norway. Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition
1991 Distriktshøgskolen (DH) Molde, Norway , Degree in Business Administration and Management

Personal information

Languages: English, fluent written and oral. Knowledge of French and Kiswahili.
Date of Birth: 30 March 1952