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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Seasoned development sector professional with over 30 years of extensive experience, including about 17 years with UNICEF. Equipped with three master's degrees with strong educational foundation. Proven expertise in building and managing bi-lateral and multi-lateral partnerships with governments, donors, NGOs, LGIs, CBOs, and informal groups in Bangladesh. Adept at fostering collaboration, enabling resource mobilization, and influencing policies to achieve impactful outcomes. Skilled in designing & management of programs, delivering results, and ensuring accountability while maintaining high visibility for stakeholders. Excels in team building, capacity development, and managing complexity with emotional intelligence and leadership.

## EXPERIENCE

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Consultant Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Specialist Humanitarian Response Sept–Nov 2024  
E-Zone HRM Limited (Agent of UNICEF Bangladesh)

- Coordinated WASH humanitarian partners, enhanced collaboration & ensured quality emergency Remal response.
- Conducted Joint Needs Assessment and prepared situation reports (Sitreps) & response reports on cyclone Remal.
- Monitored UNICEF-supported WASH programs, suggested counterparts for improvements, organized & facilitated workshops for documenting lessons learnings.
- Developed contingency plans and supported capacity building for WASH Cluster members.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Officer Feb 2012 – Aug 2024  
UNICEF Bangladesh

- Designed and planned WASH programs, ensuring alignment with UNICEF objectives.
- Built partnerships with government and NGOs to facilitate effective project implementation.
- Monitored implementation, use of resources and ensured compliance with financial and operational standards.
- Supported government counterparts in emergency response and forming and activating WASH clusters.

Program Officer Dec 2007 – Jan 2012  
UNICEF Bangladesh

- Coordinated partnership program with GO and NGO stakeholders for smooth program delivery/results.
- Provided technical support for planning, implantation and monitoring of WASH, health, education, Child protection projects and communication for development (C4D) approaches.
- Conducted situational analysis and disseminated survey findings to stakeholders.
- Managed emergency response, efforts for disasters such as cyclones SIDR and AILA.

Senior Project Manager April 2005 – Nov 2007  
Concern Worldwide Bangladesh

- Established partnerships with NGOs and CSOs to implement socially disadvantaged people's programs.
- Planned, designed, and monitored project activities and partner organizations' performance.
- Facilitated baseline studies and advocacy for market feasibility and emergency responses.

- Conducted meetings, workshops, and seminars with service providers and policymakers.

#### Project Manager

Jun 2000 – Sept 2004

CARE International, Bangladesh

- Planned and supervised projects, including partner selection and resource utilization.
- Improved infrastructure in urban low-income settlements through construction of drain, footpath and WASH facilities.
- Supervised income generation activities & continue education program for slum dwellers (women and children).
- Mobilized and organized community-based organizations for sustainable development.

#### Technical Officer

Aug 1996 - May 2000

CARE International, Bangladesh

- Provided technical inputs to program development and design.
- Developed training curricula based on training needs assessments (TNA).
- Supported field testing and documented findings for program design.
- Offered technical support and capacity building for staff and beneficiaries.
- Part of Participatory Monitoring & Evaluation (PME) development team for ANR sector.

#### Unit Manager

Oct 1994 – Jul 1996

Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Bangladesh

- Led a team of 19 staff members in the dissemination of improved technology to communities.
- Planned and implemented programs with a focus on community-based training and extension services.
- Managed resources and ensured effective staff supervision.
- Prepared program reports for senior management.

#### Training Officer

Dec. 1993 – Sept 1994

Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Bangladesh

- Conducted training needs assessments (TNA) to design tailored training curricula.
- Provided on-the-job training to staff and community members for effective program implementation.
- Monitored training activities and provided feedback for continuous improvement.
- Mobilized community people for income-generating activities and project involvement.

### EMERGENCY-SPECIFIC/RELATED EXPERIENCE

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Worked in emergency response programs for both natural and manmade disasters, including Cyclones (SIDR, AILA, Mahasen, ROANU, Amphan, YAAS, Remal), Flood responses in 1998, 2000, and 2007, as well as the manmade Rohingya refugee crisis in Cox's Bazar.

### EDUCATION

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Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology

Bangladesh

Master of Public Health, CGPA 3.88

Asian University of Bangladesh

Bangladesh

Master of Social Science in Sociology and Anthropology, CGPA 3.525

University of Chittagong

Chittagong, Bangladesh

Master of Science in Marine Science, First Class

University of Chittagong

Chittagong, Bangladesh

Bachelor of Science in Marine Science

### COURSES

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- Business English Course-1 (BEC-1), British Council, Bangladesh
- Dynamic Leadership Course (DLC) under joint initiative of Emory University and UNICEF
- Social norms, social change course I & II under joint initiative of University of Pennsylvania and UNICEF

- Season long (4 months) Integrated Pest management course under Agriculture project in CARE Bangladesh

#### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

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- Board member: Konika Consulting Services (Pvt.) Ltd. House # 2, Suit # B-1, Road # Avenue 4, Joint Block – C, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212;
  - Convener and Alumni Member: Alumni Association of Marine Science, Chittagong University (AMSCU), Bangladesh
  - Life Member: Chittagong University Ex-student Club, Dhaka
  - Vice Chair: UNICEF Bangladesh Staff Association 2017-2018
  - General Secretary: UNICEF Bangladesh Staff Association 2010-2011 and 2012-2013

#### PUBLICATIONS

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Publications  School girls in Bangladesh learn that periods are nothing to be ashamed of published in UNICEF Journal on 2022.

- Fighting for Habitat rights published in CARE Bangladesh annual report

Masters' thesis of MPH  Study on Nutritional status of under five children of Garments workers of Gazipur.

#### TRAINING RECEIVED

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- a. Project management training course organized by UNICEF in 2021.
  - b. Strategic Planning training on 2-6 November 2007 facilitated by Institute of Cultural Affairs, Nepal
  - c. Training on 'Civil society and governance' facilitated by PRIA-India at Manikganj, Bangladesh
  - d. Gender, diversity and development training under CARE, Concern worldwide and UNICEF
  - e. Prevention of Sexual harassment and abuse of authority (PSEA) training in 2023
  - f. Result based monitoring (RBM) and program policy and principles training in 2021 under UNICEF
  - g. United Nations Disability and Inclusion Strategy – Putting Words into actions training in 2023
  - h. Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) training facilitated by Regional Emergency Adviser and Regional Emergency Specialist of UNICEF Regional office for South Asia, Nepal held in Bangladesh on 15-18 June 2015.
  - i. WASH in Emergency training in Nepal, facilitated by ROSA WASH team on 19-24 April 2015.
  - j. Emergency First-Aid & CPR training & drill sessions facilitated by the Government Fire Service department, Bangladesh in 2016 & 2023
  - k. WASH Cluster Coordination Mechanisms & Humanitarian Principles training facilitated by Red-R India & organized by UNICEF Bangladesh held in Dhaka on 16-17 April 2008.
  - l. Right based approach (RBA) and social justice training under CARE Bangladesh.
  - m. Disaster preparedness and management training organized & facilitated by CARE Bangladesh in 2000.

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Proficient in Microsoft Word for documentation and report generation.
  - Skilled in Microsoft Excel for data analysis, spreadsheet management, and creating detailed reports.
  - Experienced in using Microsoft PowerPoint for creating presentations and visual reports.

#### Core Competencies/SOFT SKILLS

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- Proven ability to build and maintain partnerships with government, NGOs, and community organizations for project implementation and resource mobilization.
  - Skilled in program design, planning, and development, ensuring timely and effective delivery of results.

- Expert in providing technical and operational support for project planning and implementation, particularly in Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and humanitarian responses.
- Strong capacity for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting on program outcomes, ensuring compliance with organizational rules and donor commitments.
- Skilled in leading teams, providing supportive supervision, and fostering a collaborative environment to achieve common goals.
- Proficient in emergency response management and coordination, with hands-on experience in responding to natural and man-made disasters.
- Skilled in training and capacity building, facilitating workshops, and promoting evidence-based innovations in program implementation.
- Exceptional problem-solving abilities, adapting to complex situations and managing change effectively.

## REFERENCES

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