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Humanitarian Project & Emergency Response Specialist

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Field-focused humanitarian worker with experience managing teams, coordinating multi-sector programmes, and supporting operations in complex emergencies. Skilled in project cycle management, community engagement, protection mainstreaming, and navigating challenging field environments. With academic training in International Humanitarian Action, Peace & Conflict Studies, and Business Administration I bring a strong ethical foundation, cross-cultural sensitivity, and a commitment to strengthening local capacity and delivering high-quality, principled humanitarian response.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Technical: Emergency Response • Intervention Design • Project Cycle Management (PCM) • Context Analysis • Needs Assessments • MHPSS • Protection • Child Protection • MEAL • Humanitarian Negotiation • Disaster Preparedness • Refugee Assistance • Localization • Advocacy & Legal Documentation

Operational: Partnership Management • Donor Compliance • Coordination with UN/Govt/Others • Budget Oversight • Volunteer & Team Management • Training & Capacity Building • Large-Event Emergency Planning

Tools: MS Office 365 • Google Workspace • R Studio • KoBo Toolbox • Canva

HUMANITARIAN & FIELD EXPERIENCE

Project Coordinator – Institution for Disaster, Emergency & Accidents (IDEA), New Delhi

New Delhi, India | Apr 2023 – Jul 2024

- Led MHPSS project implementation in Bihar; developed a comprehensive MHPSS Training Module for trainers in coordination with district authorities.
- Spearheaded the development of Dhawa Dal Child Rescue Tool, Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA) tool, and Damage Assessment Tool (DAT) with UNICEF & Govt. of Bihar.
- Managed Symbiosis University's Integrated Disaster Management Programme (IDMP), ensuring effective planning, coordination, and reporting.
- Oversaw partner coordination, donor compliance, and budget tracking to ensure timely, high-quality delivery.

Medical Team Coordinator – MotoGP Bharat 2023

Noida, India | Sep 2023

- Led a 175-member medical & rescue team during MotoGP Bharat, coordinating deployment, rostering, and emergency response.

- Designed and operationalised a Disaster Management & Rescue Plan for a crowd of 110,000+ attendees.

Research Assistant – University of Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, India | Oct 2021 – Mar 2022

- Designed field tools for a Govt. of India study on rural socio-economic vulnerabilities.
- Coordinated ethical data collection with panchayats and community leaders.

Research Project Coordinator (Global COVID-19 Response) – KMCC Athijeevanam

Kozhikode, India | May 2020 – Aug 2021 (Part-time)

- Led multi-country survey operations across 12+ countries, collecting data from migrant workers & diaspora communities.
- Managed a global network of 100+ volunteers across GCC, EU, SE Asia & North America.
- Delivered evidence for policy advocacy on migrant protection.

Project Coordinator – Rohingya Response & Post-Conflict Rehabilitation – KMCC Delhi

Delhi, India | Nov 2018 – Dec 2020

- Coordinated humanitarian assistance for 300+ displaced Rohingya & migrant families, including shelter, food, WASH & psychosocial support.
- Led fact-finding missions after the Delhi riots; documented cases for legal & advocacy purposes.
- Produced contextual analysis on evolving Rohingya protection risks.

Rapid Response Team (RRT) Volunteer – Thachanattukara Panchayat

Palakkad, India | May 2021 – Jul 2022 (Part-time)

- Coordinated volunteers for COVID-19 response operations including medical support, food distribution & WASH activities.
- Supported vaccination outreach and public sanitisation drives.

Project Volunteer – Forward Foundation

Delhi, India | Jan 2021 – Jul 2021 (Part-time)

- Conducted fact-finding surveys in riot-affected communities.
- Supported relief distribution and legal aid referrals.

Project Volunteer – OHCHR

Kerala, India | Sep 2020 – Dec 2020 (Part-time)

- Contributed to documentation on human rights issues affecting trans persons, tribals, migrants & other vulnerable groups.
- Analysed secondary data and recorded good practices.

EDUCATION

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's in International Humanitarian Action (NOHA)
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany) & University of Groningen (Netherlands) | 2024 – Present

MA in Conflict Analysis & Peacebuilding

Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi | 2018 – 2020

Diploma in Human Rights, IHL & Refugee Law

Indian Academy of International Law & Diplomacy | 2021 – 2022

Bachelor of Business Administration

University of Calicut | 2014 – 2017

CERTIFICATIONS

- **CHS Professional (IQTS/CHS Tier-1)** – CHS Alliance
- **Core Humanitarian Certification** – DisasterReady
- **Procurement & Logistics Certificate** – Mercy Corps & DisasterReady (CILT-UK Accredited)
- **Project Management Essentials (Project DPro)** – Cornerstone/DisasterReady
- **UNHCR – Introduction to Refugee Status Determination (RSD)**

TRAININGS

- Sphere Standards Training – NOHA
- Humanitarian Negotiation – NOHA
- Project Cycle Management – IFHV, Ruhr University Bochum
- Asia Peer Workshop on Humanitarian Negotiation – CCHN
- Humanitarian Action Online Training – NOHA

LANGUAGES

- **Malayalam:** Native
- **English:** C1
- **Hindi:** B2
- **Tamil:** A2
- **Arabic:** A2

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Driving Licence: MCWG, LMV, TRANS (India)