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Global Health Experience

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Seattle, WA, USA

Senior Program Officer - Initiative Lead, Global Delivery Programs, January 2018 - Present

Senior Program Officer, Polio, July 2016-January 2018

Program Officer, Polio, July 2013-July 2016

Associate Program Officer, Polio, March 2011-July 2013

- Developed the strategy and resourcing plan for a dedicated cross-team initiative to strengthen routine immunization in 10 polio high-risk geographies which was approved by the foundation co-chairs in 2019; oversee the ongoing management of the initiative
- Manage staff members focused on routine immunization strengthening, ensuring strong professional development and career growth over time
- Lead high level partnerships with the Ministries of Health of Central African Republic and South Sudan for routine immunization strengthening
- Led establishment of a three-year tripartite agreement with the Dangote Foundation and the Kaduna State Government (Nigeria) to strengthen childhood immunization in 2015; provide in-depth technical and policy support to ensure success
- Played a key role in establishing the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's effort to plan for the eventual ramp down of its \$1 billion/year global program; currently serving as chair of a cross-agency global task team supporting 16 countries to manage sustainability of key technical functions during the ramp down of polio funding
- Lead oversight of Foundation polio eradication investments in Kaduna and Adamawa states (Nigeria); work with officials to identify and implement actions to improve campaign quality; conduct periodic polio campaign and surveillance monitoring
- Manage \$8.5 million in grants to strengthen primary health care systems and cold chain in 8 northern Nigerian states
- Managed the implementation of the Nigeria Immunization Leadership Challenge (2012-2014) to successfully engage the Nigeria Governors' Forum (representing the leadership of 36 Nigerian states) in support of national polio and immunization goals
- Member of the Core Team leading the Foundation polio endgame strategy development in 2012
- Established processes for team reporting to Foundation Co-chairs, and played a key role in developing effective coordination mechanisms for cross-Foundation information sharing and input into the Polio Strategy

Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

New Delhi, INDIA

Program Manager, July 2008-December 2010

- Managed program to establish an international HIV/AIDS nurse training institute located in Chennai
- Developed MOU and established governance structure for public-private partnership with the Union Ministry of Health; liaised with Board of Directors and created strong working relationships with Ministry officials
- Member of the Secretary of Health's national technical group on nursing policy development; independently organized national consultation to inform HIV/AIDS nursing workforce development
- Monitored implementation of construction, legal, accounting and other service contracts; worked with Bain & Co and KPMG teams to develop innovative cost-reduction and resource mobilization strategies

Independent Public Health Consultant

New Delhi, INDIA

January 2007-July 2008

- Conducted first outcome evaluation of India's national AIDS treatment program (Client: WHO)
- Facilitated data analysis and report preparation for 2006 India HIV sentinel surveillance data (Client: WHO)
- Analyzed quantitative/qualitative data for a study of the health and livelihoods of 10,000 adolescents in 6 Indian states (Client: Population Council)
- Created research dissemination reports aimed at policymakers (Clients: UNICEF/Ideosync Media Combine)
- Managed the editing and publication of a compilation volume, *Reproductive Health in India: New Evidence* (Clients: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health & Population Council)

Never Again Consulting

Attleboro, MA, USA

Researcher & Analyst, February-September 2005

- Contributed to evidence base supporting market withdrawal of Vioxx; reviewed and analyzed clinical trial, marketing and corporate management data to support plaintiff testimony in tort liability litigation
- Conducted literature reviews, drafted and edited research and policy analysis for publication in industry publications and international peer-reviewed journals

Global Health through Education, Training & Service

Attleboro, MA, USA

Program Coordinator, October 2002-August 2004 (Full-time and Part-time)

- Organized and conducted primary care curriculum development workshop at Vellore, India, 2003

Education**Masters of Health Science, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**

Baltimore, USA

Health Behavior & Health Education, 2005-2007

- Certificate in Health Communications
- Thesis: *Knowledge, attitudes & experiences of abortion among young people in Maharashtra, India*

Graduate Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies

Jaipur, INDIA

Intensive year-long fellowship in advanced spoken Hindi language and 20th Century Hindi literature, 2003-2004

- Field Project: *Assessment of public versus private healthcare utilization in Jaipur, India* (in Hindi)

Bachelor of Arts, Brown University

Providence, USA

Development Studies & South Asian Studies, received with Honors, 1999-2003

- University of Wisconsin Year in India Program, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, 2001-2002
- Honors Thesis: *Qualitative assessment of minority participation in 2002 Uttar Pradesh state elections* (awarded the International Scholars Award, The Watson Institute of International Studies – see *Honors*, below)

Continuing Education**Advanced Vaccinology Course (ADVAC), Fondation Mérieux & Université de Genève, 2015**

Annecy, FRANCE

- Competitive two-week training program for decision-makers in all fields related to vaccines and vaccination. Taught by internationally renowned experts, the course covers immunology, vaccine trials, new vaccines, vaccination strategies and policies, financing of immunization, and communication around vaccines.

Honors

- High Impact Award Bonus, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Best Student Health Communications Program, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2005
- Departmental Merit Scholarship, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2005
- William Gaston Award for Academic Excellence, Brown University, 2003
- International Scholars Award, The Watson Institute for International Studies, 2003
- David L. Boren Scholarship, National Security Education Program, Washington, DC, 2001-2002
- Richard Smoke Summer Internship Grant for work with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2001

Languages**English** (Native); **Hindi** (Fluent); **Urdu** (Advanced); **French** (Basic); **Spanish** (Basic)

Publications

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Jejeebhoy SJ, KG Santhya, **L Hegg**, and R Acharya. "Sexual and reproductive health challenges facing youth: Lessons from India," in *Commonwealth Health Ministers Book 2008*. London: Commonwealth Secretariat and Henley Media Group. 2008, pages 188-197.

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