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| Maha Dev is a well-known development practitioner, with 8-year professional experience in the areas of designing, implementing, monitoring and leading rural development programs in the hard-to-reach areas of Pakistan as a freelance consultant as well as a regular employee with leading organizations in Pakistan.  He incorporates his proven expertise in project management, capacity building, coordination and Linkage development, area ranking, planning and organizing, delegation management, networking, integration, inclusion and user Feedback mechanism. A management style capacity to organize and execute goal-oriented projects in a multitasking environment and the ability to prioritize effectively to accomplish objectives with creativity, adapt to changing priorities and maintain a positive attitude and strong work ethic.  Besides their expertise in humanitarian organizations, he carries the two-year experience of the finest national commercial companies in the sales and marketing sectors. Moreover, managing multi-million-dollar development initiatives, he has been leading capacity building ventures and enhanced the skills of more than 2000 community volunteers and professionals to continue development work at the grass-root level.  His excellent interpersonal skills, provide him adequate space in leading newspapers, where he writes about and highlights critical issues, like; as access to safe drinking water, decent sanitation, right of education, current affairs and primary health. |

# Experience

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| **SEP 2022 – Continue**  **DISTRICT COORDINATOR (Jamshoro), NUTRITION INTERNATIONAL**  Project: Maternal Newborn Health and Nutrition (MNHN) Program  **Coordination, Advocacy and liaison**   * Develop links at the district levels   with DoH, including District Health Office, DDHO RMNCH, EPI and other health departments, Local Administration and all relevant development partners for improved program performance and implementation. * Maintain constant effective communication with key policy makers at district level for timely sharing of program related information highlighting gaps and challenges. * Advocate with the relevant district authorities to create an enabling environment for scaling up the intervention to whole district. * Ensure regular liaison with the Provincial Coordinator, National Coordinator and National Program Officer to ensure the MNHN work (around maternal, child and adolescent girls) is coordinated and in line with the objectives of the project   **Planning**   * Ensure strategic planning under guidance of Provincial Coordinator, Sindh for timely implementation of the Annual Work plan activities, including M&E activities, meetings including reviews, visits to program area and facilities. * Retrieve a monthly plan from all field staff/implementing partners engaged in the implementation of the program at the district level. * Provide feedback to the PC, NPC/NPO on any modification required in the monthly plan. * Compile & submit the district plan of training activities for different cadres after receiving of the same from government/ partners/IPs to your Provincial Coordinator. * Participate in important government planning meetings to further the mandate of the organization.   **Capacity building**   * Consolidate district training plans in coordination with the partners, IPs and relevant health departments in timely manner. * Ensure timely implementation of all training initiatives at the district level. * Ensure that the technical teams in the field (field officers) undertake regular on-job capacity building of relevant government functionaries through review meetings and frequent field visits.   **Strengthening supply and delivery system**   * Ensure timely delivery of supplies to the provinces in coordination with your supervisor and the Country Office team i.e., NPC/NPO. * Facilitate and ensure smooth and effective maintenance of supply chain mechanism for uninterrupted supply and distribution on regular basis to the program sites of: IFA tablet and; Training instruments and communication material. * Ensure that the district maintain logistics and un-interrupted distribution of the commodities; ensuring to highlight any issues that may impede regular distribution of commodities at the district level. * Monitor the commodities supplies transfer, storage and distribution at district level.   **Support on data collection**   * Conduct ongoing monitoring of the MNHN program against objectives outlined in the program using methods and tools developed/ shared by NI. * Prepare monthly and quarterly reports for the Provincial Coordinator, organize and carry out bi-weekly/monthly program review meetings with your supervisor. * Ensure that standard procedures and protocols are practiced by field staff. * Undertake field visits for regular monitoring to ensure strict compliance and utilization of commodities by end users in close coordination with LHWP, MNCH Program and NGOs/INGOs providing services in project sites. * Prepare monitoring reports for sharing with your supervisor on regular basis. * Identifying clearly bottlenecks and challenges highlighted during monitoring visits.   **Assessment, Monitoring and Supervision**   * Conduct ongoing monitoring of the MNHN program against objectives outlined in the program using methods and tools developed/ shared by NI. * Prepare monthly and quarterly reports for the Provincial Coordinator, organize and carry * out bi-weekly/monthly program review meetings with your supervisor. * Ensure that standard procedures and protocols are practiced by field staff. * Undertake field visits for regular monitoring to ensure strict compliance and utilization of * commodities by end users in close coordination with LHWP, MNCH Program and NGOs/INGOs providing services in project sites. * Prepare monitoring reports for sharing with your supervisor on regular basis * Identifying clearly bottlenecks and challenges highlighted during monitoring visits and utilization of commodities by end users in close coordination with Health Department.   **AUGUST 2022 – SEP 2022**  **PROJECT OFFICER (District Lead), SIF (SECOURS ISLAMIQUE FRANCE)**  Project: “Building Resilience of Drought Affected Communities in Districts Sanghar and Tharparkar”  In collaboration and according to the objectives fixed with and by the Country Programme Coordinator and Base Program Manager, Project Manager is responsible to;   * Develop strategies/methods and implement the activities related to the project in accordance with the donor specifications, timeframe and budget allocated. * Conducting regular monitoring Field visits of targeted Project areas. * Provide orientations on project as per proposals to staff members internally and externally as and when needed. * Ensure effectiveness of project activities on weekly/ monthly basis and submit weekly/ monthly, Progress reports as per set indicators and targets of project to CPC in Islamabad and Base Program Manager at Tharparkar. * Collaborate with the Finance/Admin and Logistics to ensure that project supplies and resources are available in a timely manner to support project implementation. * Provide support and guidance to other SIF staff to assist in their capacity-building activities. * Regularly report to the CPC and program base manager on all activities, weekly, bi-monthly & monthly with progress, achievements, bottlenecks to document challenges and lesson learned. * Coordinate with and report to WFP on all projects related activities and devise joint strategies for project implementation and monitoring. * Closely coordinate with district administration and other stakeholders and share the planning and progress report with all stakeholders.   **Human Resources**: In collaboration and according to the objectives fixed with and by the Country Administrative Coordinator and the Country Program Coordinator   * Manage directly the project team under his responsibility * Organize and solve team conflicts and ensure good working conditions * Evaluate the performance of project team and share with the management   **Reporting**   * Prepare daily/weekly/monthly reports according to the schedule defined by the Country Program Coordinator / Base Program Manager and WFP   **FEBRUARY 2022 – JUNE 2022**  **PROJECT MANAGER, AWARE (ASSOCIATION FOR WATER, APPLIED EDUCATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY)**  Project: Fighting poverty in drought-affected communities by improving education, health, and promoting site-appropriate agriculture through the use of renewable energy.   * Develop strategies for Social Mobilization & Project Cycle Management for Education WASH-related projects * Provision of missing facilities in government schools * Monitor education-related work and conduct sessions with the team for effective implementation of the project in Government schools * Develop and implement the strategies to assure community participation * Capacity building of Project Management Committees/Monitoring Committees & Water Users Associations * Stakeholders’ management at the field level * Child development and encourage them to higher education and support them with scholarship * Meetings with line department * Supervision and monitoring of project activities with support of field team and district authority.  FEBRUARY 2020 – FEBuary 2022District Nutrition Officer, Shifa Foundation**(Additional Charge of Project Manager – December 2021 – Continue)** Currently I am working as a District Nutrition Officer/with Additional charge of Project Manager. I have completed 06 projects with Accelerated Action Plan – (Health), Sindh Government, UNICEF, World Food Program, World Health Organization, District Health Office, Jigsaw Charity, and One Ummah in my current tenure and managing on project with AAP – H. As a DNO my responsibilities are to establish strong coordination with the seven cluster government departments (Fisheries and Livestock, Local Government, Education Department, Health Department, Population Welfare, Agriculture, Social Protection and Health Department), Social Welfare Department, District administration, PPHI and Media persons, Community representatives and notable persons. To prepare monthly, quarterly, biannual, annual and project completion reports and prepare and present the progress presentations in the provincial Nutrition Working Group, Progress Review Meetings and DCCN Meetings at DC Office Tharparkar. Technical assistance to the project teams and capacity building. Through different projects I have planned and trained 800 community health workers, 636 Lady health workers, Lady Health Supervisors, Dispensers, Health Technicians, Nutrition Assistants, and Medical Doctors on IYCF and CMAM. I also supervise directly procurements, warehouses, administration and operations of the projects. |
| August 2019 – February 2020Project Coordinator, shifa foundation Project: Integrated WASH, Nutrition and Health Response for drought affected Population in District Umerkot, Sindh Province. Funded by UNICEF, Pakistan.  As a project coordinator my responsibilities were to establish strong coordination among teams of different components of the project, including the field teams and health facility-based teams. To establish firm coordination with PPHI, Health Facilities, District Health Office, District Nutrition Officer, Donors, other district-based stakeholders and provincial chapters of the donors and provincial and head office of Shifa Foundation. To supervise and monitor program implementation, tracking procurements and spending, and ensure effective systems in place for uninterrupted supply of stock, medicines and program supplies to health facilities. Through the project I managed to train Community Health Workers, Lady Health Workers, Field Staff and doctors on project indicators, IYCF and CMAM. Meanwhile, presented organization at district level and province level events and meetings. October 2018 – July 2019Program COORDINATOR, Search | Thar Education Alliance Skill Enhancing and Research Home of the Children is a nonprofit organization. In my recent experience as Program Manager at SEARCH, I was responsible for leading the digital registered educational campaign, Thar Education Alliance; through lobbying, action-based advocacy in print, electronic and social media, political platforms, education-focused organizations, line departments, and masses to amplify the message around access to quality education for every child. Besides this campaign, I oversee service delivery projects in the areas; water and sanitation, youth empowerment and drought risk mitigation. My key responsibilities include; planning, fundraising, **coordination and liaison** with donors, government departments and training of Volunteers, Education Department’s officials and youth on social media and Digital Media Marketing.  Thar Education Alliance is a registered digital media campaign of SEARCH. Under the umbrella of Thar Education Alliance, I have managed some mega events,  Here I have managed two mega events besides dozens of district level events.   1. Thar Science Festival 2. Laar Science Festival  march 2018 – August 2018District Manager, fast rural developemnt program Managed with the implementation of WASH projects: (Provision of Safe drinking water to drought affected communities of District Tharparkar through solar energy solutions – Penny Appeal & Small-scale WASH interventions in Thar- QWT, Provision of Safe drinking water to drought affected communities of District Tharparkar through solar energy solutions – Minhaj Welfare Foundation) experiencing some successful stories of Kitchen Gardening and Strengthened economies in Thar. I was also responsible for, procurement, hiring of contractors and firms, media and communications and district and province level coordination, meetings and events of donors and government departments. march 2017 – november 2017District Project Manager, HANDS Pakistan During the CMAM project, managed to work with two separate themes, Infant and Young Feeding Counseling and Community Based management of Acute Malnutrition. I was In- charge of 3 Nutrition Stabilization Centers, NSC- THQ Chachro, NSC- THQ Nangarparkar and NSCDHQ Mithi. He managed to work with a huge team. Team comprises of 3 Medical Officers, 10 Staff nurses, 11 Nutrition Assistants cum Team leaders, 11 IYCF Counselors and 11 Community Mobilizers, 206 Marvi Workers (Community-based Nutrition Workers), and 218 Lady Health Workers. In addition, I mobilized more than 200 families and 6 villages; were refusal to any readymade product/ food including polio vaccination. march 2014 – august 2016District Manager, care and relief foundation I joined CRF as field officer and He was promoted two times as Project Manager and later District Manager Tharparkar, I played significant role in designing need-based projects and Implemented 5 projects with fruitful results, raised funds for the designed projects through presenting the case studies on Takbir TV and Prime TV for two years. During services at CRF he designed and raised funds for two Mega Projects “Mussart Awan Hospital Deeplo” (Under Process) and “Paras Maternity and New Born Care Center – Umerkot” (Completed Functional). I always ensured utilization of Human Rights and assets as per SOP, High professional and humanitarian office environment and built high performing teams for emergency response during the drought situations in Tharparkar. Worked at Jhang (Punjab) during the emergency in Flood. For fund raising established a great coordination with local TV channels, TV channels in Birmingham and London, Notable persons of Pakistan, Philanthropy organizations and concerned ggovernment departments. December 2012 – February 2014medical sales officer, Sami pharmaceuticals  * Revenue generation and strategies development for reliable growth of the organization * Organizing appointments and meetings with potential doctors - and hospital-based healthcare staff * Identifying and establishing new business in the assigned territory * Negotiating deals with clients * Demonstrating or presenting products to healthcare staff including doctors, nurses and pharmacists * Undertaking relevant research and outreach activities * Meeting both the business and scientific needs of healthcare professionals * Maintaining detailed records * Attending and organizing conferences and meetings * Writing business reports and other documents in routine |

# Education

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| March 2022Masters of Arts (Sociology), University of Sindh, Jamshoro First Class (Pass) |
| December 2016MPhil – Environmental Geology, University of Sindh, Jamshoro CGPA: 3.8/4.00 (Course work completed) December 2013Diploma in Project Management, Skill Development Council Pakistan Grade: A december 2012Bachelor of Science – BS (hons), university of sindh CGPA: 3.57/4.00 |

# Skills

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| * Excellent Communication Skills * Excellent Interpersonal Skills * Presentation Skills * IT Skills * Project Management * Team Management * Reporting * Baseline, Midline and Endline Studies * Manual Designing | * Coordination & Liaison * Liaison Development * Reporting * Community Engagement * Time Management * Trainings * Event Management * Research * Format development |

# Trainings and workshops

1 Day training in SCOPE **WFP, SIF**

3 Days Training on Cash Transfer interventions

4 Days Training on **“Composite Heritage” CSC** - Islamabad

Three Days Training on Child Rights **CRM, CSSP, SWD GoS**

Training for Master Trainers **NSER BISP, Aurat Foundation**

Two Days’ MIRA training **NDMA, OCHA, UNICEF** (2018)

Three days’ training on CMAM**, WFP, NSP, CWW** (2017)

Three days’ Workshop on DRR **IOM & UNDP** (2017)

National Sales Conference **SAMI Pharmaceuticals** (Pvt.) Ltd (2014)

Quality Education & Life Skills **NCHD & District Education Department** (2014)

Five days training on Product Launching, **SAMI (Pvt.) Ltd** - (2013)

Three days Training on Marketing Analysis **SAMI (Pvt.) Ltd** - (2013)

Sales analysis Conference- ABU DHABI, UAE **SAMI (Pvt.) ltd** - (2013)

One Day Sales analysis Conference- Dubai, UAE **SAMI (Pvt.) Ltd** - (2013)

Self-Development of youth **VNG, SIPD, CSSP**-(2012)

Well site geology CPAG-US, **PAPG &Obit Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd** – (2011)

Basic Wire Line Logging Mari Gas Ltd. **CPAG & UoS** - (2011)

# Memberships and affiliations

BOD Member – **SEARCH NGO, Tharparkar**

BOD Member – **HUMANS (Help to Underprivileged Masses and Non – Developed Societies)**

Member – **Dr. Muhabat Buriro Academy**

Member **(Membership Category: Public Health Nutritionist) – NFPDC (Nutrition Foundation of Pakistan)**

Member – **District Nutrition Committee, Tharparkar (AAP – Project)**

Member – **Technical Working Group, Tharparkar**

# Leisure Activities

Listening to Music, Photography, writing for newspapers and reading books and literature.

# References

Will be furnished upon request.