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PROFILE

With over eleven years of professional experience and diverse roles in health-related programs, I have successfully contributed to advancing the global health agenda by building functional linkages and enhancing coordination between public and private partners. My expertise lies in addressing communicable diseases, promoting donor engagement initiatives, and delivering impactful advocacy services to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates worldwide. Additionally, I am dedicated to integrating nutrition-focused strategies to combat malnutrition, improve child health, and support maternal well-being.

Beyond my technical competencies in the project management cycle, budgeting, and report writing, I am deeply passionate about inclusive, people-centred policy development and practice. My work emphasizes comprehensive analysis, strategic advocacy, and evidence-based approaches, ensuring sustainable and meaningful health and nutrition outcomes for communities around the globe.

QUALIFICATION

M.Sc (Statistics) Federal Urdu University Karachi, Pakistan.

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) Gilgit-Baltistan

Consultant Communication for Development (June 2021 to October 2024)

Duties:

- Facilitate the Provincial EPI office in the implementation of Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization (ACSM) activities for the introduction of new vaccines and other related activities.
- Facilitate roll-out of awareness/advocacy campaigns around international days on immunization or any other activity suggested by provincial EPI.
- Research and analyze social, cultural, economic, and political issues to inform C4D strategies and plans
- Strengthen partnerships with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) through joint training and activities on ACSM and build a support network to increase demand for immunization services, especially in hard-to-reach areas.
- Support the provincial office in preparation of the budget (FACE and ICE) for the approved activities.
- Preparation of monthly EPI newsletter.
- Handling EPI Gilgit-Baltistan's Social Media Page
- Writing and distributing press releases and reports to various media outlets on EPI activities.
- Archiving the EPI activities

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Surveillance Coordinator (May 2012 to May 2021)

Duties:

- Monitoring and supervision of Essential Immunization Service Delivery & SIAs.
- Arranging meetings at the Provincial and district level and maintaining minutes of all the meetings held.
- Providing administrative support to Director EPI in all matters including Planning, Monitoring, Budgeting, Report Writing, Drafting, Presentations etc.
- In-depth analysis of Weekly, monthly EPI coverage and surveillance data.
- Compilation of EPI data at the Provincial level using standardized software & tools.
- Dissemination of weekly & monthly Reports to the Federal EPI cell and feedback to districts.
- Supervisory support to districts in terms of micro-plans preparation for routine immunization.
- Coordination with Districts and Federal EPI for Surveillance activities.
- Training of district staff on the compilation of data and Surveillance Reporting at the district and facility level.
- Collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of information about vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Development of EPI Bulletin.

Additional Duties Performed:

- Preparation of Annual, Biannual and quarterly Advocacy Communication and Social Mobilization plan for Gilgit-Baltistan.
- Enhanced Community Engagement through awareness raising in Enhanced Outreach Activity.
- Engaging Religious and Academia Alliances to enhance Essential Immunization Services.
- Master Trainer for RED/REC approach to reach and immunize every child.
- Master Trainer for Social Mobilization Plan built in the RED/REC.
- Master Trainer for COVID Immunization Programme (COVIM & NIMS).

Achievements:

- Additional charge of Provincial focal person for Communication and Health Education
- Nominated as Provincial focal person for Surveillance
- Nominated as Media Support office.
- Nominated as COVID-19 Communication and reporting officer from the Provincial EPI Office.

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Data Analyst (September 2008 to 2010) with the support of UNICEF

Duties:

- Assist in collection & entry of Weekly & Monthly EPI coverage & Analysis
- Assist in collection & entry of Weekly & Monthly surveillance Assessment & Analysis
- Assist in data entry and assessment of supplementary immunization activities in Gilgit Baltistan
- Supplementary immunization activities account for preparation for Gilgit Baltistan province
- Dissemination of weekly & monthly reports to the Federal EPI cell and feedback to districts.
- Assist in the preparation of micro-plans for Routine Immunization & Supplemental Immunization activities

TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

- Training of Trainer on Inter Personal Communication Skills ECI/UNICEF Islamabad
- National Training of Trainers on EPI Manual for Vaccinators, 7-17 July 2021, Islamabad
- Training on Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) 10-11 October 2020, Gilgit
- Training of Assessors on Pakistan Effective Vaccine Management Assessment UNICEF-Pakistan
- Training on RED & REC Microplanning
- Training on VPD & AEFI Surveillance Health Department GB & World Health Organization
- Training on EPI MIS Health Department GB & PACE Technologies (Pvt) July 17, 2018
- Training on Vaccine Logistics Management Information System (vLMIS) 14-17 December 2017
- Short Course Mid-Level 5-7 December 2017
- Training of Mid-Level Managers, 14-20 October 2017

REFERENCES

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