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Summary

Expertise in M&E, knowledge management and advocacy to enable scale up and replication of public health interventions. Expertise in human resources for health, family planning and maternal and child health. Enjoy managing partnerships, working collaboratively, conceptualizing strategies and being part of a professional team. Experience working in Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UN, CDC, USAID and corporate program environments. I have worked in India, USA and Australia, Bangladesh, Kenya and Nepal – in district, state, national and global projects.

Select Work Experience

Independent public health consultant

September 2012 - present

Working as an independent public health consultant across Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Jharkhand, and other states within India; focusing on implementation research, human resources for health and health information systems. Tasks have included assessment of HRH information systems; working with the nursing councils; advising on capacity building of the nursing cadre; designing research protocols and M&E frameworks and, capacity building for mainstreaming of TB services.

Technical Advisor, Sukshema Project, IntraHealth International,

October 2010 – September 2012

Bangalore, India

Developed and implemented a knowledge management and scale up strategy for a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation project (8 million USD) focused on maternal and newborn health within the NRHM in 8 districts of northern Karnataka, India. This included project documentation, program review and advocacy to promote adoption of intervention strategies to government decision makers. Developed a toolkit to guide implementation. Promoted ongoing learning within the project. Member of the editorial team for the state health systems resource centre bulletin, Arogyavani. Also provided support to other IntraHealth projects in India, a member of the country management team.

Consultant

August – October 2010

Kathmandu, Nepal

Reviewed UNICEF's work in relation to equity. The resulting analysis supported UNICEF's efforts to sharpen its focus and strategy on equity in South Asia.

Research Associate, Carolina Population Center: Measurement Learning and Evaluation Project for the Urban Reproductive Health Initiative; MEASURE Evaluation Project,

June 2008 – June 2010

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA

Capacity development, capacity assessment, reporting and dissemination related responsibilities (40 million USD project). Designed and delivered basic M&E training program in Nairobi to both program and research audiences, with web-based support. Facilitated multi-stakeholder input into data collection tools. Coordinated ethics review process for a multi-site study. Coordinated the first USAID bureau-wide M&E Workgroup meeting & reporting for MEASURE Evaluation (120 million USD project)

Consultant, Family Health International

May-July 2008

Chapel Hill, NC, USA

Researched and synthesized external literature on Population Health and Environment (integration of conservation and family planning projects) to align best practices with Family Health International's strategy. Wrote a white paper and strategy paper.

Consultant, Social Exclusion & Health Knowledge Network, World Health

Organization/International Centre Diarrhoeal Disease Research Bangladesh

November 2006 – July 2007

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Researched and synthesized available literature into the 'Social Exclusion framework', conducted key informant interviews and wrote policy case studies on microcredit, secondary education, civil society and safe abortion. Identified gaps in research, suggested future directions. These were published as journal articles and in a WHO publication, to promote the social determinants of health perspective.

Consultant, Concerned For Working Children,

March - August, 2006

Karnataka, India

Researched and wrote a situation analysis on internal migration within Karnataka for CWC, one of the global leaders on child labour and participation. I conducted qualitative research about migrants' experiences and needs (focus group discussions, individual interviews).

Assistant Project Coordinator, UNICEF Bangladesh Country Office (Australian Youth Ambassador for Development)

August 2004 - December 2005

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Created tools for monitoring early childhood development projects; including site visits and interviews with staff. Wrote and edited donor reports on water and sanitation, early childhood development, and girls' education. Wrote a successful proposal for new internal knowledge management system.

Advisor – Education Abroad & Offshore Programs, Victoria University

May - October 2003 (Part-Time), October 2003 - June 2004

Melbourne, Australia

Coordinated institutional partnerships with Victoria University and universities in Europe, the Americas, Pacific and Asia. Developed a pre-departure, orientation program and resource materials.

Language Educator, GEOS & MLC Language Schools,

August 2002 - October 2003

Melbourne, Australia

Taught English to students from non-English speaking backgrounds seeking to enter Australian universities.

National Director, United World Colleges Australia Ltd.

November 2001 – June 2004

Australia

I provided general oversight to an organization that recruited, screened and selected applicants to study abroad on full scholarship. Collaborated with trainers/cross-cultural communication experts to develop training materials and launch a comprehensive two-day annual briefing training covering cross cultural communication and culture-shock survival skills.

Academic Marketing Coordinator, Allen & Unwin Publishers

May 1999 - December 2000

Sydney, Australia

Skills

IT: AtlasTi, Epi Info, SAS, Endnote, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Internet/Database Research

Languages: Basic Spanish, Beginners' Bangla and Hindi

Education

Rotary World Peace Fellow, Full Scholarship

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA

Masters of Public Health - Health Behavior, Health Education, 2006-2008 (on scholarship)

Certificate in International Peace and Conflict Resolution, 2006-2008 (on scholarship)

Duke University, Durham, NC, USA

Certificate in International Development Policy, 2006-2008 (on scholarship)

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Diploma Applied Anthropology, 2004-2009 (part time, by distance)

University of Melbourne

BA Honors (1st class), Social Theory & Cultural Studies 1998

Publications

Schurmann, A., Gordan, L., Mwaikambo, L. 2011 "Knowledge Management for Data Use"

http://www.coregroup.org/storage/Knowledge_Management/Knowledge_management_for_data_use.pdf

Johnston, H.B.; Schurmann, A.; Oliveras, E. and Akhter, H. 'Scaled up and Marginalized: A Review of the Bangladesh Menstrual Regulation Programme', Chapter 2 in Blas, E.; Sommerfeld, J. and Sivasankara Kurup, A. 2011. *Social Determinants Approach to Public Health: From Concept to Practice*, WHO, Geneva.

Mwaikambo, L.; Speizer, I.; Schurmann, A.; Morgan, G.; Fikree, F. 2011. What Works in Family Planning Interventions: A Systematic Review, *Studies in Family Planning*, 42(2): 67-82

Schurmann, A. Johnston, H. 2009. 'The Group Lending Model and Social Closure: Microcredit, Inclusion and Exclusion in Bangladesh', *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* http://www.icddrb.org:8080/images/JHPN274-The_Group_lending_Model_and_Social_Closure_Microcredit_Exclusion_and_Health_in_Bangladesh.pdf.

Schurmann, A.; Mahmud, S. 2009. 'Civil Society, Health and Social Exclusion in Bangladesh', *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* Aug;27(4):536-544 http://www.icddrb.org/images/JHPN274-Civil_Society_Health_and_Social_Exclusion_in_Bangladesh.pdf

Schurmann, A. 2009. 'Review of the Bangladesh Female Secondary School Stipend Project using a Social Exclusion Framework', *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* Aug;27(4):505-517 http://www.icddrb.org/images/JHPN274-Review_of_the_Bangladesh_Female_Secondary_School_Stipend_Project_Using_a_Social_Exclusion.pdf

Cathcart, R.; Decker, C.; Ellenson, M.; Schurmann, A.; Schwartz, M.; Singh, N. (2007) People from Burma Living in Chapel Hill and Carrboro: An Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis http://www.hsl.unc.edu/PHpapers/Orange_2007.pdf

Schurmann, A., 2007. *Internal Migration to Coastal Karnataka: A Situation Analysis*, The Concerned For Working Children, Karnataka

Presentations

Gordan, L & **Schurmann, A** "Communicating Data" Networking roundtable, CORE Group Spring Meeting, Wilmington, Delaware, May 2012

Schurmann, A "Reproductive Health Outcomes from the 2006 Bangladesh Urban Health Survey" as part of *Slums around the World Panel* at the International Conference on Urban Health 19-23 October 2009, Nairobi

Johnston, H & **Schurmann, A** "Microcredit, Health and Exclusion in Bangladesh" *2nd Annual Scientific Conference (ASCON) 2009*, 9 - 12 February 2009 ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Guest Speaker to the Duke International Women's Health Coalition, April 2008. *Microcredit, Health and Exclusion in Bangladesh* Duke University

Decker, C, R Cathcart, M Ellenson, M Schwartz, **A Schurmann**, N Singh, E Eng, S Clifford, M Tracy. November 2007. *From Southeast Asia to Southeast United States: An Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis of the Burmese refugee community in Central North Carolina*. Poster Presentation. APHA 135th Annual Meeting & Expo. Washington, DC

Ellenson, M, M Schwartz, **A Schurmann**, R Cathcart, C Decker, N Singh. August 2007. Oral Presentation. North Carolina Refugee Health and Social Service Conference. Atlantic Beach, NC.