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EDUCATION:

- Jan. 1996 -Dec. 1998** Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) Tribhuvan University, (TU) Nepal, Specialization in rural development and development planning.
- Jan. 1990 -Dec. 1991** Bachelor Degree in Community Health Nursing, Institute of Medicine, TU, Maharajgunj, Nepal, Specialization in community health management.
- July 1987 -June 1989** Bachelor Degree in Management, Swarswoti Multiple Campus, Kathmandu, TU, Nepal, Specialization in Planning, Finance management.
- Jan. 1982-Dec. 1985** Proficiency in Certificate Nursing, Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu Nepal

SHORT ACADEMIC COURSES:

- March - June 1997** Participation and Development with Gender, Academic Course, Centre for Development Studies in Swansea University Wales, UK.
- Nov 92 - Dec. 1992** Community Health and Nutrition Course focused on Positive Deviance and its approaches in Bangladesh organized by Save the Children (UK) Bangladesh.
- May / June 1999** Development Studies School Course organized by Save the Children (UK) South and Central Asia Regional Office, Kathmandu, Nepal.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, CONFERENCES, MEETING (ABROAD):

- 7th - 10th June 2017** "Right to Education – Human Rights Education: Shared Experiences" that took place in Paris, France
- 11-22nd May 2017:** Attended South Asia Seminar and presented gender issues of Nepal in Luxemburg and shared best practices.
- 21st – 23rd of February 2017:** Attended Regional Project Partners' Meeting (PPM)" of TDH Germany in New Delhi, it has brought together partners from Germany, India and Nepal. I shared from Nepal to reflect on the situation in the country affecting children and women.
- June 25 – 26 2015 Srilanka:** Workshop on strengthening movement building strategy to the empowerment of Adolescent girls organized by global fund for women.
- 2013 onwards** Engaged on series of training focused on Child sexual abuse, trafficking, online safety and protective behaviour and child protection policies
- June 2013 16- 18 Nepal** Joining Forces to overcome violence against women, Asia regional conference organized by World Bank and shared the best practices from Nepal.
- Jan 2013, 14- 24 Belgium** Participated in International seminar – promoting well treatment and fighting against sexual abuse, protection policy and share best practices of protection from Nepal.
- June 2012 Geneva** Participated on UNCRC 60th session on optional protocol especially focused on Nepal's progress on sexual exploitation, trafficking and pornography.

- April 2011 Bangkok** Regional Capacity Promoter training on Gender based violence in Bangkok from 10 to 22nd April organized by UNHCR, ECHO, UNICEF and UNFPA.
- Sep 2010 Pondecherry** Participated in Asian regional meeting in India and presented Aawaaj counseling program and its impact to survivors.
- June 2009 Geneva:** Paper Presentation on World Appeal to a new mobilization for childhood, especially focused on the appeal and its impact on the institutional work and in the field.
- Feb and Oct 08 Belgium:** Participated in Brussels as an Expert group member of Asia for the position paper on child rights convention and continue working on paper for 20 yrs CRC celebration
- August 2008 Cambodia:** Participated in third Asian regional meeting focused on Child sexual abuse
- June 08 Paris, France:** Asian Position paper presented on achievement, challenges and areas need to address on children rights in future on 60th Anniversary of BICE.
- Nov to Dec 07 US** International Visitors' Leadership program in America focused on community approaches on various social issues in four different states of US namely Washington DC, Philadelphia, New Mexico- Santa Fe, and Luciana.
- Sep 2007 Manila** Paper presented on Community-Based Initiative Against Sexual Exploitation from Nepal in 7th Asian Regional Conference in Philippines.
- June 2007 Brussels** Asian Regional Networking Meeting and paper presented on "how to promote and encourage a protective familial environment for every child".
- Oct 2006 Belgium** Participated in workshop on Project cycle, Reporting, Monitoring, evaluation, Log frame analysis, Partnership and Networking,
- June 2005 Geneva:** Participation in International Consultation on Child rights, Resilience and Paper presented on how children could be resilient in own context.
- January 2005 Brazil:** Participated in "World Social forum and facilitated session on "standard assistance to survivors of trafficking."
- June 2002 Nepal** Sub-Regional Technical Seminar on Psycho-Social Rehabilitation and Occupational Reintegration of Child Survivors of Trafficking by ILO / IPEC

Dec. 2001 Japan:

Participated in Second World Congress on behalf of NGOs group; and working Committee member of NGO group for the National Report Preparation on 'Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Trafficking. This report was presented by NGO group jointly with Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (HMG) in Yokohama, Japan

Sep. 2000 London:

Participated in 10th European Conference on diversity, complexity and multiple Perspectives on Quality in Early Childhood Education, and presented paper on 'child rearing practices in Nepal'

March 1998 New York: Participated on the status of women forty-second session- on 'listen to girls'.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

2000 Onwards: Founder President of Aawaaj- it works for prevention and response against gender based violence in Midwestern region, Nepal

2014 Onwards: General Secretary of women security pressure group, this is old and big network fighting for women's rights in Nepal, about 60 women and girls rights organization are affiliated.

Oct 2001 Onwards Working as a Freelancer for Training, Research, Evaluation and Need Assessment

Nov to Dec 2016: National Evaluator for Mokoro Ltd to do WFP MGD School feeding program

July to Nov 2016:

National Evaluator for Konterra group to do WFP country program evaluation in Nepal. My roles basically for the evaluation are;

- Conduct desk review, Contribute inception process, Contribute to methodology design and tool development,
- Conduct fieldwork and participate in meetings with evaluation team and stakeholders, contribute to the debriefing
- Contribute drafting / revision of evaluation products: inception package, aide memoire, evaluation report;.
- Focal point for Education Component and cross-cutting issue of gender; and prepare report

Feb 2016: Facilitation national stakeholders (government and non government actors) on psychosocial impacts and its challenges and way forward to meet needs of children and women in earthquake affected districts.

April 2015 onwards engaged on relief, recovery work in Ramechhap, Kathmandu territory and monitoring of earthquake affected area, work as expert from civil society and monitor from gender perspective

Sep to Dec 2014: Consultant for Save the children (SC) International, Conduct quantitative research (secondary) on the 8 issues (girls' education, corporal punishment, child marriage, child sexual abuse, disability, chaupadi, child headed households and child malnutrition) . Explored and ensure appropriate survivors, professionals and practitioners to participate on the talk show for the interview in coordination with SC's thematic teams.

Dec 2011- Jan 2012 Consultant for Save the children to do final evaluation of safer environment for girls program in Kaski and Tanahun district, Western region Nepal

Sep to Nov 2011 Consultant World Food Program to do Maternal and child health program review in 3 rural districts of Nepal as Maternal and child health expert.

March 2011

Researcher for community voices on solutions to long term hunger where people benefited from WFP program and people who have not access in order to understand the effectiveness of food assistance in Doti district.

June to July 2009 Consultant for UNICEF country office for the review of Children affected by AIDS supported Interventions in Syangja and Achham Districts.

June 2007 to 2009 June

Expert group member for the position paper on the 20th Anniversary of CRC, and presented position paper to Bice International in Paris and continue expert group member in committee to finalize the Asian position paper.

Feb 2007 Consultant -UNESCO to facilitate a workshop to MOE authorities to finalize the tool kit on HIV and AIDS and the mainstreaming in education system in Nepal.

August to Dec 2006 Consultant for the Impact assessment of home based early child hood development program in Nawalparashi District supported by UNICEF.

Dec 05 to Jan 06 Consultant to IRC as child protection expert and did conflict need assessment on child protection in Surkhet, Dang and Bardiya in Nepal.

Oct to Nov 2005 Respond the Emergency in Pakistan as Child Protection Advisor to IRC.

Oct 2005 Consultant to Bice International and evaluation of Reaching to un reach trust in India Pondecherry, Chennai

July to Sep 2005:

Consultant to Enfantie and Development for the survey of 300 vulnerable families in Kathmandu Valley. As a Team Leader my role was designing tools and finalized survey methodology, recruiting survey team members, designing training for the supervisors, surveyors, and analysis and writing reports.

May to Sep 2005:

Consultant to Family Health International for Need assessment of People living with HIV and AIDS on community and home based care, Designing Training Manual and organized Trainers' Training for community and home-based care (CHBC) and skills for adults and children with HIV in Nepal.

Sep to Dec 2004: Consultant, World Food Program for the evaluation of Girls Incentive program (focused on Cooking Oil Incentive)and its impact to girls' education.

July to Aug 2004: Consultant, UNICEF for the process documentation of home based early childhood care and development and its effectiveness in Bara district, Nepal.

Dec. 2003 to June 2004: Consultant, Family Health International (FHI) for HIV /AIDS Voluntary, Counselling and Testing [VCT] Need Assessment in 3 districts of Nepal. During need assessment I designed training to facilitators, finalized tools and did FGD discussion with Injecting drug users' Female sex workers and their clients, service providers and organizations involved related on HIV / AIDS.

Feb to April 2004: Consultant, ECPAT / Plan International for research project on commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) as a principal facilitator.

Sep to Nov 2003: Consultant for External Evaluation of Community based Rehabilitation service, (CBRS) for disabled children in Nepal

July to August 2003: Consultant for External Evaluation of Peer Education Program on HIV / AIDS in 7 districts of Nepal, Swiss Agency Development Cooperation

June to Sep 2003: Consultant for the External Evaluation of Early Childhood Care and Development Program in 6 districts, (ECCD), of Plan International. My especial input to this evaluation was looked in Partnership with NGOs/CBOs, Child right issue, Gender issues in the ECD program.

Dec 2001 to June 2003: National Consultant for building the capacities of SC /UK partners on HIV / AIDS, trafficking and child protection projects, facilitated multi stakeholders, adolescent girls from private and public schools of Kathmandu for the National level Advocacy program against sexual harassment and facilitated group of rural girls to create safe environment, girls who are working in restaurants and bar.

April to June 2003: **Consultant, Canadian Gender Based Organization in Nepal**

The role of consultant was to do evaluation and examine the effectiveness of gender based projects implemented by 12 NGOs in 6 districts and document the lessons learned.

Nov to Dec2002: **Consultant, Donor Coordination Office of BPEP II**

The task and responsibilities of the consultant was to prepare position paper based on field visits, meeting with all the national and international partners involved in ECD, literature review of research and study report, discussions with Department of Education, Other Government line agencies, Finland, UNICEF and NGOs involved on ECD focused on the status and analyze the effectiveness of the ECD programs in Nepal

Oct 2001 to Feb 2002: **Consultant, Plan International**

As a research Team Leader designed tools, manage team for research work and conducted qualitative study on violation of children rights due to sexual abuse, exploitation and harassment in 24 schools Nepal.

1998 Sep - 1999 Feb: Research officer, Save the children UK, South and Central Asia Regional office.

As part of my research work, a research report had published on 'Difficulties Girls' face in Families in Mid-Western Nepal'. It can be seen in <http://www.savechildrenalliance.org.np>

Dec 1994 to Nov. 2001: Program Manager, Save the Children (SC), UK Nepal in Mid western region

April 1992 to Dec. 1993: Clinic In-charge of Maternal and Child Health Clinic in the SC / UK

Oct. 1986 to Dec. 1989: Nutrition In-charge of Maternal and Child Health Clinic in SC / UK

Country visited: Australia, America, Belgium, Brazil, Bangladesh, Bangkok, Cambodia, India, Pakistan, France, Luxemburg, Japan, Geneva, United Kingdom, Philipines, Netherlands, and Srilanka

Others:

Aforesaid statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. - Irada Parajuli Gautam