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Director, Global Learning Group
FHI 360

Career Summary: Education development specialist with over thirty-five years of experience in international development: Peace Corps volunteer (Afghanistan); program management at large international NGO; foreign service officer (USAID); and consultant/advisor to donors and ministries of education. Graduate degree in applied economics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FHI 360

Director, Global Learning Group

July 2011 - present

Responsible for directing a restructured group managing the international education portfolio for FHI 360 after the acquisition of AED's assets. Responsible for technical leadership, business development, and program management for all international education programs. Leading a renewed strategic review to organize the management and technical focus of the new unit to strengthen competitive position.

Academy for Educational Development

1993 – 2011

Senior Vice President and Director, Global Learning Group, Global Education Center

As SVP and co-director of the Global Learning Group, and Director of the Global Education Center, provided technical and management oversight for a contract portfolio of over \$400m, with annual revenues of over \$70m, and a staff of over 500 technical and operational staff in the U.S. and overseas.

Vice President and Director, Education Quality Improvement 2 (EQUIP 2)

Director of USAID's premier mechanism for education policy research, EQUIP2 leading a consortium of 15 universities, NGOs, and consulting firms in conducting policy research and advocacy for improving education policy, systems, and management. Managed 33 education reform projects in the Middle East, Latin America, Asia, and Africa and produced policy briefs on key issues in education policy, including donor effectiveness, abolition of school fees, complementary education systems, decentralization, EMIS, evaluation, use of instructional time, and other issues with presentations in international conferences. Served as education policy advisor in El Salvador, Egypt, and led education strategy planning workshops in Jordan, Georgia, Egypt, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, Namibia, Guatemala, and Zambia.

Georgetown University, Washington DC

2009 – 2010

Adjunct Instructor in Practical Evaluation for Development for the Master of Science in Foreign Service program at Georgetown graduate school.

US Agency for International Development/Washington and USAID/Honduras

1980 – 1983

Peace Corps Volunteer, Herat and Kabul Afghanistan

1973 – 1977

EDUCATION

M.S., Agricultural Economics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

1979

B.S., Business Administration, University of Colorado, Boulder

1973

LANGUAGES

Dari/Farsi

Spanish