

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Degree:

PhD Candidate (Agricultural Economics), at Justus Liebig University-Giessen, Germany
MSc. (Agricultural Sciences, with focus on Agricultural Economics), at University of Tsukuba, JAPAN
BA (Commerce Economics), at Kateb University, Kabul, Afghanistan

WORK EXPERIENCE

(Dec 18, 2017 – May 30, 2019)

Organization

Key Responsibilities

Project Component Manager

Agriculture Market Infrastructure Project (AMIP), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL)– funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Arrange regular Project Steering Committee and other sub-committee meetings;
- Work closely with Management to establish the project monitoring system;
- Prepare and write the Project monthly, quarterly and Annual Progress Reports;
- Work together with the specialists to ensure the proper private sector involvement in the project sub-components;
- Ensure proper coordination of activities between the project stakeholders and sub-components;
- Manage the production of the required deliverables of AMIP Project;
- Identify and obtain any support and advice required for the management, planning and control of AMIP; and
- Perform any other tasks as assigned by Supervisor.

(Sep 25, 2014 – Sep, 25, 2017)

Organization

Key Responsibilities

Research Student

Agricultural Economics Department, Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Tsukuba – (Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan)

- Conduct field visits and surveys in Afghanistan and Japan;
 - Visit agribusiness companies, producers and processors upon the recommendation of ag-econ department and research supervisor;
 - Deliver presentation for undergraduate students at the Age-econ Department when asked;
 - Take part in field works during harvest season for getting in depth knowledge and practical experience of Japanese farming systems;
 - Visit production farms and agribusiness firms associated with JA (Japan Agricultural Cooperatives) and visit agribusiness companies based at multiple locations of Ibaraki prefecture;
 - Interview with farmers/producers, processors, pJA staff, and Agricultural and Extension Officers; collect data on different production, processing, marketing, business, extension and service delivery models; and
- Take part in weekly seminars, prepare presentations and reports, and deliver my research findings;

(Jan 01, 2013 – Sep 10, 2014)

Organization

National Horticulture Support Officer

National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLP), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) – a project funded by The World Bank (Kabul University Road, Kabul, Afghanistan)

Key Responsibilities

- Support Marketing Coordinator, Extension and Orchard Management Specialist in providing linkage facilities between producer groups and traders;
- Support and facilitate the technical team in organizing capacity building and training workshops for producer groups and field workers;
- Facilitate the recruitment of Lead Farmers in all provinces and districts and liaise between regional and provincial officers and senior management team in the HQ;
- In collaboration with Finance, Procurement, and Logistic Support Components of the Project, facilitate the collection of farmers' contribution, on-time payment to Lead farmers, and provide logistic support for the delivery of equipment from warehouses to provinces;
- Conduct regular field visits to regional offices and provinces and monitor the project activities;
- Facilitate and support all technical sub-components of Horticulture Component including Kitchen Gardening in provision of financial support and equipment for the establishment of small-sized greenhouses under plastic tunnels and kitchen gardens aimed at empowering rural women;
- Organize regional and international exposure visits for producer groups, CIGs, Lead Farmers, Provincial Coordinators and other Extension Workers;
- Prepare, update and follow up of the Activity Plan, Procurement Plan and Financial Plan of Horticulture Component (HC);
- Cooperate with M&E Component in timely collection of field data, data entry, and preparation of reports;
- Directly supervise and guide all Regional Data Entry Assistants in collection of farmer contracts, data consolidation, develop spreadsheets, and control and monitor the accuracy of data entry;
- Prepare, consolidate and write the monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports of HC; and
- Support and facilitate the project senior management team in overall project management and staffing.

(Jan 01, 2012 – Dec 31, 2012)

Senior Horticulture Admin**Organization**

National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLP), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) – a project funded by The World Bank (Kabul University Road, Kabul, Afghanistan)

Key Responsibilities

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- Prepare, consolidate and write the monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports of HC;
- Support and facilitate the project senior management team in overall project management and staffing; and
- Control and manage all the administration and financial affairs of the Horticulture Component.

(Apr 01, 2011 – Dec 31, 2011)

Horticulture Assistant**Organization**

Horticulture and Livestock Project (HLP), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) – a project funded by The World Bank (Kabul University Road, Kabul, Afghanistan)

Key Responsibilities

- Providing administrative, logistic, procurement and financial support;
- Facilitation of workshops, trainings, seminars and exposure visits of Horticulture Component (HC);
- Preparation, compilation and consolidation of all periodical reports and sending them to respective authorities;
- Preparation and monitoring of inventory of HC;
- Asset management of the Horticulture Component internally;
- Organizing all important events of HC with logistical support arrangements with provincial MAIL authorities;
- Recording and follow up of minutes of technical meetings of HC;
- Maintaining internal communications, records and registers of HC; and
- Keeping and updating all official important files coming from MAIL.

(Apr 01, 2009 – Feb 28, 2011)

Organization

Trainer and Project Officer

Private Sector Development Directorate (PSDD), Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MoCI) – AISA and the World Bank Group (Darulaman Road, District#6, Kabul, Afghanistan)

Key Responsibilities

- Develop training material/curriculum and organize English language trainer sessions for the staff of PSDD;
- Facilitate and cooperate with Project Implementation Unit (PIU) in developing SME strategies;
- Establish liaison support among AISA, PSDD staff, and the World Bank;
- Translate documents from English into Dari and vice versa and acting as interpreter when needed;
- Follow up on deadlines, commitments made, and actions taken;
- Collection, preparation and submission of the reports to the director or deputy director of PSDD;
- Liaising with visitors and staff, arrangement of appointments and meetings, and taking minutes of meetings;
- Managing and organizing day to day official activities related with all official dealings; meetings, workshop, conferences, etc.;
- Compilation and preparation of briefing and presentation materials, speeches, background information and documentation for meetings and missions; and
- Provide administrative support to conferences, workshops and other events.

(Jan 2006 – Mar 2008)

Organization

Key Responsibilities**Assistant to Director**

London Educational Academy (LEA) (Quetta, Pakistan)

- Accomplish the administrative activities of the academy
- Prepare monthly reports of administrating affairs
- Organize and facilitate debates, functions and exhibitions
- Arrange the inspection teams and the observation groups
- Prepare curriculum, schedules and syllabus for the staff
- Responsible for the parallel communications
- Control of all financial documents, bills and etc.

EDUCATION

Oct 01 2019 – Present

Institution/University

PhD Candidate (Agricultural Economics, Bioeconomy and Rural Development)

Justus Liebig University Giessen (Giessen, Germany)

(Oct 1, 2015 – Sep 25, 2017)

Institution/University

MSc. (Agricultural Development Economics)

University of Tsukuba (Tsukuba Science City, Ibaraki, Japan)

Thesis Title

Consumers' Preferences for Agricultural Products in Afghanistan – Experimental Analysis of Country of Origin (CoO) and Post-Harvest Handling*** **Got the Outstanding Thesis Award**

(Apr 01, 2009 – Dec 31, 2012)

Institution/University

Thesis Title

BA (Commerce Economics)

Kateb University (Darul-aman Road, District#3, Kabul, Afghanistan)

The Role of Agriculture Sector in Economic Development of Afghanistan (2002-2012)

(2004Apr – 2007) High School
Gawharshad High School (Quetta, Pakistan)

CERTIFICATION/DIPLOMA

- (October 19 – 21, 2016) **Certificate (Statistical Methodology in Agricultural Experiment)**
Japan Association for International Collaboration of Agriculture and Forestry, Tsukuba, Japan
- (Sep 07, 2016) **Certificate of Completion (The 2016 PEACE Joint Program)**
Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) (Hiroshima, Japan)
- (April 2016) **Certificate of Completion (Statistical Methods and Application in Agricultural Research)**
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (TBIC, Tsukuba, Japan)
- (October 01 - 19, 2012) **Completion Certificate (Leadership and People Management & Effective Interpersonal Communication Skills)**
Rebuilt Consultant (Kabul, Afghanistan)
- (April - October 2008) **Completion Certificates (MCSE, CCNA, NRNA)**
Computer Training and Testing Center (CTTC) (Karachi, Pakistan)
 - Microsoft Certified System Engineer (MCSE)
 - Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)
 - Certified Wireless Network Associate (NRNA)
- (2006) **A+Course Certification**
Sunshine Institute of Computer Science (Quetta, Pakistan)
 - Windows installation, basic networking and hardware troubleshooting
- (November 2005 - June 2006) **Certificate of Completion (teacher training)**
OKENDEN International – a Canadian organization (Quetta, Pakistan)
 - Trained as teacher and head-teacher
- (2003 – 2005) **Diploma in English Language (DEL)**
London Educational Academy (Quetta, Pakistan)
 - Awarded upon the completion of a two-year English language training course

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Dari (Persian)

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Pashto	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user
Urdu	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Proficient user
German	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
Japanese	Beginner	Beginner	Intermediate	Beginner	Beginner

Communication skills

- Good intercultural communication skills gained from attending courses and years of professional work experience both as a practitioner and as researcher.

- Organisational / managerial skills
- As Component Manager I was responsible for the overall management of a 40 million dollar infrastructural project
 - As National Horticulture Project Officer, I was responsible for the staffing management of all regional and provincial officers ranging more than 150 employees.
 - I have represented many summits and studentship events at various platforms such as JUEMUN, TEMUN, Oneness Asia Young Leaders' Summit, etc.
- Surveys, Field and Experimental Research
- Conducted three rounds of field research and surveys in Afghanistan during 2015 - 2017 on Impact Evaluation of an Agricultural Projects – a World Bank Project
 - ✓ Interviewed 50 farmers.
 - ✓ The objective was to study the horticultural intervention impact of National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLP) on the livelihood of its beneficiaries.
 - ✓ Funded by JICA.
 - Conducted three separate experimental auction programs in Afghanistan during 2015 – 2017
 - ✓ The aim was to evaluate Afghan consumers' preferences for agricultural goods, and consumers' willingness to pay for domestic versus imported goods
 - ✓ A total of 554 respondents took part in the auction sessions
 - ✓ The auction subjects were: apple juice, apple fruit, and red radish (a sample of fresh vegetable)
 - ✓ Funded by University of Tsukuba and JICA.
 - ✓ Research for my Master's Thesis
- Driving licence Category B – Valid until Oct 05, 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Research Articles & Publications

Published Research Articles:

- Nasiri, M.** and Ujiie, K. (2019). Afghan consumer attitudes to fresh vegetable consumption – An experimental approach. *Japanese Journal of Farm Management*, 56(4), 95-99.
https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/fmsj/56/4/56_95/_pdf
- Nasiri, M.** and Ujiie, K. (2017). Consumers' apple consumption preferences in Afghanistan: An experimental auction approach. *Journal of Food System Research*, 24(3), 299-304. DOI: https://doi.org/10.5874/jfsr.24.3_159 Online available at: https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jfsr/24/3/24_159/_pdf-char/en
- Nasiri, M.** and Ujiie, K. (2016). Consumers' willingness to pay for fruit juice in Afghanistan: An experimental analysis of domestic versus imported fruit juice. *Journal of Food System Research*, 23(3), 175-180. DOI: https://doi.org/10.5874/jfsr.23.3_161 Online available at: https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jfsr/23/3/23_165/_pdf-char/en

Selected Columns/Newspaper Articles

- **A contemplation on the development obstacles in Afghanistan – April 22, 2015**
http://outlookafghanistan.net/topics.php?post_id=12025
- **The Importance of Agriculture Sector**
http://outlookafghanistan.net/topics.php?post_id=11948

Conferences & Seminars

- **Ag-ESD Symposium 2015, Agricultural and Forestry Research Center, University of Tsukuba, Nov. 16-20, 2015**
- **Oneness Asia Leaders` Summit, Feb 18-22, 2016, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan**
- **The 2016 PEACE Joint Program, Sep 04-07, 2016, organized by Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), Hiroshima, Japan.**

- **TEMUN (Tsukuba English Model United Nations)**, Dec 14-15, 2016, University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan
- **2015 Annual Conference of Japanese Society of Agricultural Economics**, Tokyo University of Agricultural Science and Technology, Mar 12-14, 2015
- **2016 Annual Conference of Food System Research Association**, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, April 10-11, 2016
- **2016 Annual Conference of Farm Management Society of Japan**, Kyoto University, Sep 14-15, 2016
- **JUEMUN (Japan University English Model United Nations)**, June 23-25, 2017, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Kobe, Japan
- **2017 Annual Conference of Food System Research Association**, June 10-11, 2017, Fukuoka, Japan

Awards & Achievements

- Outstanding (Master)Thesis Award – Sep 25, 2017, Awarded by the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Tsukuba
- Letter of Appreciation – Sep 12, 2017, Awarded by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Japan upon the graduation with Master’s Degree from University of Tsukuba
- Key subject of a documentary movie entitled “Hopes for the Homeland”, produced by NHK World, January 2017 – picture life, research and study of Afghan students in Japan
- Awarded PEACE/JICA Scholarship (2014 – 2017)
- Fulbright Scholarship Finalist, which I myself cancelled because of overlapping with PEACE Scholarship
- Appreciation Letter, HLP, 2012
- DAAD Ph.D. Scholarship (2019 – 2022)

Memberships

- Member of Food System Research Association of Japan
- Member of Agricultural Economics Society of Japan
- Member of Farm Management Society of Japan