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Countries of Work Experience:	Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq
Language Skills:	Arabic & French: fluent English: very good
Educational and other Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium 2011- 2012: Continuing Education in Management of Local and European NGOs - Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen, Montpellier, France, 1990: Masters of Science in Management of Agro-Food cooperatives and firms. - Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen, Montpellier, France, 1989: Post-graduate diploma) in Management and Economics - Lebanese University, Beirut, 1987: MS in Business and Economics
Summary of Experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 15 years of experience in the humanitarian field, in local development programs, socio-economic research in the Middle East with major Monitoring and Evaluation responsibility. • Extensive experience in working on projects at the community level (rural and urban areas), with multiple vulnerable groups, spans a wide variety of context on multiples assignments including; training and coaching, conducting assessments, research analysis, tool development and monitoring and evaluation. • Important technical skills in the implementation and coordination of quantitative and qualitative projects, including data analysis and processing and the use of participatory approaches and methodologies. • Experience in Leading research, assessment, baseline and evaluation for program related to humanitarian needs, for local as well as international organizations working in Lebanon and the Middle East. • Experience in multiples area; Sex and gender, GBV, women's empowerment, early marriage, reproductive health, education, capacity building, psychosocial support, protection, advocacy, peace building, cash and livelihood programming, emergency response. • Deep understanding of the local and regional socio-political context in the MEA, especially Lebanon and Syria. • Expertise in working online and in emergency and conflict and post conflict situation • Good knowledge of data statistical software programs as, SPSS, Kobo. Power BI and Excel 	

Professional Experience Record		
Date	Employer/ funding organisation	Job Title and Activities undertaken
10/2021 – 05/2021	Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)	Research consultant Project: Update of INEE Minimum Standards Role: Supporting INEE coordinators in developing a comprehensive guideline and roadmap; developing the methodology and tools of the MS update process; data collection in 17 countries in emergency situation; writing the final report and recommendations
	Timesis - Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Project: Evaluation of the impact of a program implemented by Italian Cooperation to face Syrian Crisis in Lebanon. Role: Lebanese expert, part of the evaluation team.
01/2021 – 09/2021	Rosa Luxembourg – Stiftung, Lebanon, Beirut	Research consultant/Team leader Project: research study on "the political, social and economic transformations among Lebanese students after the uprising of October, 17th until today" (in Arabic).
09/2015 – 10/2020	War Child Holland- Syria program	M&E Specialist (Part time) for the psychosocial and educational support for the recovery of vulnerable Syrian children Development of a new system and tools for Monitoring and Evaluation of the program Coaching and building the capacity of WCH staff and Partners in M&E.
02/2017–05/2017	International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) Funded by USAID	Research consultant/ Team leader for the part of the study in Lebanon Project: Countering Gender Based Violence in in five countries in the MENA region (Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and West Bank/Gaza).
08/2016 – 01/2018	Parsifal) / French Development Agency (AFD), Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture.	Social / Vulnerability Expert Project : Programme d'Appui à la Résilience Sociale, aux Infrastructures, à la Forêt et à l'Agriculture au Liban Role: Evaluate social aspects of submitted projects to ensure that they address vulnerability issues and benefit vulnerable communities.

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03/2016 – 07/2016	Consultation and Research Institute (CRI) Funded by World Bank	Research consultant Project: “Three Countries Qualitative Study on Syrian Refugees” (Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq), Role: Moderation of 40 FGDs in Lebanon and Jordan with Syrian refugees.
09/2015 – 10/2015	War Child Holland Funded by EU.	External evaluator Project: ‘PATHWAYS’ psychosocial and educational support for the recovery of vulnerable Syrian children Role: Evaluation of the “PATHWAYS” program in order to identify the impact of this program on all the beneficiaries (children, parents and community)
12/2015 – 01/2016	UNDP	Research consultant Project: Peace building in Lebanon, conflict analysis about the Social Stability Context in the Marjaayoun and Hasbaya Qazas /Lebanon
11/2014 – 01/2015	War Child Holland- UNICEF	External evaluator Project: Psychosocial Support Program for Children Role: conducting the final evaluation of the Psychosocial Support Program in the North of Lebanon for the Syrian refugee children
09/2015- 11/ 2015	ANERA Funded by EU	External evaluator Project: Empowerment of Syrian Refugee and Host Community Youths in Lebanon The objective is to contribute to the sustainable empowerment of Syrian refugee youths in Lebanon by enhancing their professional capacities and life Role: Evaluate and assess effectiveness and sustainability of the Program on beneficiaries
04/2014 – 05/2014	International Rescue Committee (IRC)	External evaluator Project: Woman Protection and Empowerment Program in Lebanon: Increasing the access and use of psychosocial care for Syrian women and girls who are survivors of, or at risk of, gender-based violence. Role: Evaluate and assess effectiveness and sustainability of the Program on beneficiaries.
08/2013 – 01/2014	UNFPA	Research consultant Project: Assessment of the situation of the youth among Syrian Refugees (aged 15-24) living in Vulnerable Communities in Lebanon Role: Responsible for quantitative and qualitative study and data analysis.
07/2012 – 02/2013	Consultation and Research Institute	Research consultant Project: implementation of the new structure at the Order of Engineers in Lebanon Role: Responsible for Monitoring the and implementation of the new structure at the Order of Engineers
04/2011 – 08/2011	American University of Beirut Funded by: USAID	Research consultant for D-RASATI- 1 Project: Developing Rehabilitation Assistance to Schools and Teachers Improvement (D-RASATI) 1, a five-year project designed to improve student learning in Lebanon's public schools. Role: monitoring and evaluation of the summer camp program to public school students, and the performance of the teachers.
09/2009 – 05/2010	Consultation and Research Institute Funded by: Ministry of Culture	Research consultant Project: assessment of the situation of the publishing industry and its development in Lebanon. Role: Monitoring and evaluation of cultural program in connection with the election of Beirut as "World Book Capital", Lebanon
11/2009 – 03/2010	Lebanese Center for Policy Studies Funded by: UNDP	Research assistant Project: needs assessment and mapping for capacity building of community organizations in 28 villages around the refugee camp in the local development program in the region surrounding the camp. Role: responsible for preparation of questionnaire and interview guides, supervising the collection of qualitative data through the use of participatory methods of consultation (focus groups, interviews), participation in analysis and report writing.
11/2008 - 03/2009	Client: Ministry of Social	Research assistant

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	Affairs Funded by: OXFAM-Quebec	Project: Evaluation and identification of needs for capacity building of NGOs working in local development in Lebanon Role: Consultant undertaking the following tasks: Desk review and definition of criteria for evaluating the capacity of NGOs in different rural and urban areas of Lebanon; NGO sampling from a database of the Ministry of Social Affairs checklist; participation in the organization and facilitation of 35 focus groups; supervision of collecting and organizing data; participation in the assessment report and recommendations.
04/2008 – 04/2009	Lebanon Physical Handicapped Union	Research consultant Project: Monitoring and evaluation of the status of inclusive activities in reform and implementation of legislation and programs of inclusion of disabled people by the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon Role: responsible for performing the monitoring and evaluation.
2005 – 2007	Consultation and Research Institute Funded by: CDR / World Bank	Research consultant Phase 1 (2005- 2006): Rapid Social Assessment which included the identification of poverty clusters across the Lebanese territory, assessing the needs of the population in these areas and definition of the priority projects of local and community development. Phase 2 (2006 – 2007): Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation phase of the project.
2006 – 2007	Consultation and Research Institute, Beirut, Lebanon Funded by: UNICEF	Research assistant Project: Situational Analysis Study on Children Deprived of Family Care in Lebanon Role: Responsible for tools development of tools for quantitative and qualitative surveys in 150 orphanages, sorting statistical results and participation in the analysis data.
2000- 2004	France Telecom Lebanon (Cellis)	Marketing analyst
1996 - 2000	Consultation and Research Institute, Beirut, Lebanon	Project coordinator

Other information:

Membership of professional bodies: Member of “KARMA” – Association for supporting diseases Children and Adolescents in Lebanon. 2015-2016

Publications:

- Situation Analysis of Youth in Lebanon Affected by the Syrian Crisis:
<https://lebanon.unfpa.org/en/publications/situation-analysis-youth-lebanon-affected-syrian-crisis>
- Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), Cooperazione Italiana Allo Sviluppo
<https://www.aics.gov.it/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Rapporto-Finale-Progetto-Libano-ITA.pdf>
- Converging Interests of Conciliation: The Social Stability Context in the Marjaayoun and Hasbaya Qazas:
<http://www.databank.com.lb/docs/Social%20Stability%20Context%20in%20Marjaayoun%20and%20Hasbaya%20Qazas%202016%20UNDP.pdf>
- ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS OF NGOS IN LEBANON
[file:///C:/Users/Souad/Downloads/Capacity%20Building%20Needs%20Assessmentfor%20NGOs%20\(4\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Souad/Downloads/Capacity%20Building%20Needs%20Assessmentfor%20NGOs%20(4).pdf)