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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Strategic, impact-focused development professional with over 13 years of leadership in disaster risk reduction (DRR), anticipatory action, food security, and livelihoods across Pakistan and the Maldives. Recognized for designing and delivering pioneering solutions that have directly improved the lives of over 3 million vulnerable households. Adept at leveraging data-driven systems, geospatial risk mapping, and early warning technologies to drive proactive, community-led resilience.

Known for building strong partnerships, mobilizing over \$15 million in donor funding, and executing high-impact programs from design to scale-up. Demonstrated ability to align global frameworks with local action, ensuring inclusive outcomes in challenging humanitarian contexts.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **\$15M Mobilized** for DRR and food security from donors including ECHO, strengthening adaptive capacity in drought and flood-prone regions.
 - **3M+ Beneficiaries** reached through innovative resilience programming across Sindh and Balochistan.
 - **Pioneered Pakistan's First Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) System** in Tharparkar, enabling timely drought mitigation for 3,995 households.
 - **\$1.8M Direct Cash Aid Distributed** to climate-affected communities, aligned with impact-based forecasting.
 - **4,700+ Stakeholders Trained** in anticipatory action, early warning systems, and climate-resilient agriculture.
 - **53,000+ Households Reached** under FAO-ECHO project integrating social protection with anticipatory action.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Creative Associates International (Maldives Government)

Climate Resilience Officer (Consultant)

Malé, Maldives | Jan 2025 – Mar 2025

- Developed Maldives' national climate adaptation framework, integrating disaster preparedness and long-term resilience planning.
- Conducted nationwide climate risk assessments and designed tailored mitigation strategies for at-risk communities.
- Facilitated multi-agency collaboration, strengthening institutional climate governance.
- Delivered high-level training to government officials on adaptation policy, early action triggers, and climate-sensitive planning.

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Project Officer – Anticipatory Action & Disaster Risk Reduction

Karachi, Pakistan | Mar 2019 – Dec 2024

- Directed anticipatory action frameworks benefiting over 3 million households in drought-prone areas of Sindh and Balochistan.
- Co-developed Pakistan's first impact-based forecasting system reaching 172,000+ end users.
- Led large-scale preparedness simulations, engaging 2,200+ responders and local authorities.
- Harmonized cash assistance under shock-responsive systems, delivering \$1.8M to affected communities.
- Supported livestock protection and crop recovery for 8,000+ farming households, safeguarding food security.

Creative Associates International

Provincial Program Officer

Karachi, Pakistan | Jul 2018 – Feb 2019

- Championed literacy reform through targeted interventions in 100 schools, increasing literacy rates by 36%.
- Trained 300+ teachers, introducing innovative, child-centered pedagogy.
- Cultivated partnerships with education stakeholders to scale digital learning tools across districts.

Plan International

Project Officer – DRR & Food Security and Livelihoods

Mirpurkhas, Pakistan | Oct 2015 – May 2018

- Managed a \$5 million DRR and FSL portfolio, reaching 10,000 vulnerable individuals with life-saving interventions.
- Trained 5,000 local volunteers in risk reduction, contingency planning, and sustainable livelihoods.
- Delivered drought contingency planning tools across multiple districts, boosting local preparedness.

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Social Mobilizer

Mirpurkhas, Pakistan | Jun 2014 – Jun 2015

- Spearheaded community mobilization campaigns across 20 villages, raising awareness on food security and disaster readiness.

ACTED Pakistan

Community Mobilizer

Mirpurkhas, Pakistan | Mar 2012 – Feb 2014

- Facilitated beneficiary identification for cash-for-work programs across 30 communities.
- Led 175 awareness sessions on disaster preparedness and resilience strategies for marginalized populations.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) & Climate Resilience
- Anticipatory Action & Early Warning Systems
- Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL)
- Project Cycle Management & M&E
- Humanitarian Preparedness & Response
- Stakeholder Coordination & Multi-Sector Collaboration
- Donor Engagement & Proposal Development

- Capacity Building & Systems Strengthening
- Impact-Based Forecasting & Risk Communication

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- SPSS, Tableau (Data Analysis & Visualization)
- Project Management Tools: Asana, Trello
- M&E Systems: LogFrame, RBM, Results Chain
- Financial Planning & Budget Tracking
- Early Warning Systems Software Tools & Dashboards

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in International Relations

Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Pakistan | 2022 – 2024

Master of Arts in Sociology (Social Sciences)

University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Pakistan | 2013 – 2015

Diploma in Information Technology

Sindh Board of Technical Education, Karachi, Pakistan | 2011 – 2012

LANGUAGES

- English – Professional Proficiency
- Urdu – Native
- Sindhi – Native
- Hindi – Conversational
- Arabic, Dari, Pashto – Basic

HONORS & RECOGNITION

- **Employee of the Year**, Creative Associates International (2018)
- **Employee Recognition Award**, FAO United Nations (2021)
- **Global Thinker Mentor**, Global Thinkers Mentors – London
- **Ambassadorial Roles** at World Youth Forum (Italy), Global Peace Chain, and World Festival of Youth (Russia)

INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

Anticipatory Action & Social Protection – FAO ECHO PPP

- Directed \$2.7M program reaching 53,000+ households with integrated early action and social protection.
- Developed community-based early warning protocols and distributed 400 movable silos.
- Facilitated \$1.8M in direct cash support pre-disaster onset.

Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) – Drought Mitigation, Tharparkar

- Led design and execution of Pakistan's pioneering EWEA model, enabling rapid response for 3,995 households.
- Produced actionable drought forecasts and spearheaded field-level coordination for early interventions.

- Conducted impact evaluation to inform scale-up strategy.
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Publications

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