Elena Modolo

PROFILE AND MAIN SKILLS

Profile: Enthusiastic and results-driven education, *gender mainstreaming* and *disability mainstreaming* expert with over 15 years of experience in multisectorial project and program management both in development and humanitarian contexts.

Professional Skills:

Solid inclusive education, disability mainstreaming and gender mainstreaming technical advisory and analysis. Results-oriented strategy and program development. Project monitoring and evaluation. Report and proposal writing and editing. Financial management and reporting. Team management. Knowledge management and learning. Research supervision, design, writing and editing. Comprehensive knowledge on the most updated guidelines.

Training and facilitation; successful course development and implementation. Strong analytical and problemsolving skills.

Strong ability to work independently and as well as within a multicultural and multidisciplinary team. Experience and resilience to work in violent and insecure environments, with the capacity of maintaining high standards of work under pressure.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2021-

Senior Technical Expert – Education WeWorld Foundation Sectors: education, education in emergency Italy (home based) <u>Primary duties:</u> support project's proposals development; provide technical assistance in the implementation of programs; knowledge management.

January- May 2021 Consultant – project writer EducAid Italy (home based) Sectors: education, rights of Persons with Disabilities.

<u>Primary duties</u>: thematic technical advisory and support EducAid staff identifying and developing project proposals for the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation's Call for Proposals (AICS-OSC 2021).

August 2015 - September 2020 Country Director – El Salvador EducAid San Salvador, El Salvador Sectors: education, rights of Persons with Disabilities.

<u>Primary duties:</u> project proposals' development; project management (including financial management), team management (local and international staff); consultancies planning and supervision, knowledge management; represent EducAid and liaise with Salvadoran Government, international donors, local partners and others INGOs.

Project management:

2018-2020 Inclusive schools and communities: inclusive education and violence prevention in the **Department of Chalantenago, El Salvador**. Partners: Soleterre, Università di Bologna (Education Studies' Department), Punto.Sud, Rete Italiana Disabilità e Sviluppo (RIDS), COMHECH, Ministry of Education of El Salvador. Donor: Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS).

2017-2018 Design of a training program in gender sensitive education for the Salvadoran Ministry of *Education's technical personnel, teachers and educational community*". Donor: Millennium Challenge Corporation through FOMILENIO II.

2015-2016 *Strengthen Inclusive Education in El Salvador*. Partners: Università di Bologna (Education Studies Department), Ministry of Education of El Salvador. Donors: Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and Government of El Salvador.

May 2014 - April 2015 **Project writer and women's empowerment expert** *Associazione Donne Nissá* Bolzano/Bozen (Italy) <u>Sectors</u>: migration, women's rights.

<u>Primary duties</u>: grant writing as part of the institutional fundraising strategy; development of specific integration strategies for migrant women, mainstreaming prevention of gender based violence through the design and implementation of empowerment workshop.

November 2013 - April 2014 Independent Consultant *The Lutheran World Federation and Organización de Mujeres Salvadoreña para la Paz (ORMUSA).* Home based <u>Sectors</u>: humanitarian action, disaster risk management

<u>Primary duties:</u> design and facilitation of two modules in an on-line Gender and Disaster Risk Management Workshop. Analyze topics related to *Disaster Risk Management* and *Resilience* from a gender and women's rights perspective; gather, adapt and translate (English-Spanish) a wide range of texts and tools; development of e-learning tools and delivering successful capacity building.

March 2012 - March 2013 Regional Program Officer - Women's Rights in Humanitarian Action (Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala) *Oxfam Canada* Managua, Nicaragua <u>Sectors</u>: humanitarian action, women's rights/gender mainstreaming.

<u>Primary duties:</u> coordinate a pilot project on women's rights and humanitarian action which aimed to provide technical support for women's organizations doing humanitarian response and strengthen women's organization's technical capacities in disaster response; project proposals' development; organizing and accompanying a learning review on gender and humanitarian response in Guatemala, El Salvador y Nicaragua; organizing and accompanying one women's organization in the creation of an online database for data management in humanitarian settings; provide capacity building for local partners in gender and disaster response related topics, including gender analysis, gender sensitive monitoring and evaluation and GBV (prevention and response); participate in, and provide support to, Oxfam teams in GBV, gender equality and gender mainstreaming related issues, including Real Time Evaluations, project proposals' development and baseline assessments.

March 2009 - March 2012 Regional Program Officer (Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala) Oxfam Canada Managua, Nicaragua Sectors: women's rights/gender mainstreaming, GBV, sexual and reproductive rights, women's economic and political empowerment.

<u>Primary duties:</u> Managing three regional programs focused on women's rights and gender equality, with eleven local partners (women's organizations and women's networks); project proposals' development; consultancies and knowledge management processes' supervision including a regional study on women's networks a regional evaluation of women's networks and a regional capacity building workshop for women's networks focused on alternative ME&L; designing and monitoring an online data - base to map Oxfam's work on, and investment in, women's rights and gender mainstreaming.

February - March 2008 Research consultant Fondazione ACRA Managua, Nicaragua and San Salvador, El Salvador Sectors: migration, women's rights.

<u>Primary duties</u>: research the situation of female emigration in El Salvador, with special emphasis on migration to Italy; the results have been published in M. La Salandra, P. Sardella, *La vita doppia*, ICEI, 2008.

December 2005 - December 2007 **Project officer** *Fondazione ACRA* Managua, Nicaragua <u>Sectors</u>: WASH, rural development, women's rights/gender mainstreaming.

<u>Primary duties</u>: Designing and monitoring projects focused on water and sanitation as well as sustainable rural development (food sovereignty and food security, sustainable and natural resources' management).

December 2004 - October 2005 **Communication officer** *Agenzia Italiana di Cooperazione allo Sviluppo. UTL per il Centroamerica ed i Caraibi* Guatemala City, Guatemala <u>Sectors</u>: communication.

<u>Primary duties</u>: organization of meetings and workshops; Office's Web site design and monitoring; project's database management.

November 2003 - November 2004 **Popular education's facilitator** *Centro de Formación en Educación Popular (CEFEP) e Comunità Internazionale di Capodarco (CiCa)* Guatemala City, Guatemala <u>Sector</u>: education.

<u>Primary duties:</u> monitoring a training of trainers (ToT) process for popular education facilitators, implementing training programs using popular education methodologies; designing education tools for youth and community leaders.

EDUCATION

2006 - 2007 Centro de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias en Ciencias y Humanidades (CENDIH), de la Universidad Autónoma de México – UNAM (México)

Diplomado de especializacón en Estudios de Género (Postgraduate Studies in Gender)

2002 – 2003. Università di Ferrara Master di primo livello in economia no profit e cooperazione allo sviluppo - Master's Degree in International Development Cooperation

1994 – 2000 Alma Mater Studiorum. Università di Bologna Laurea in filosofia (con lode) - Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy (cum laude)

RELEVANT TRAINING

2020 – Colegio de educadores profesionales de la región de Murcia – **Kit pedagógico de** *emergencia/Emergency Pedagogical Toolkit*

2015 Instituto de estudios sobre conflictos y accion humanitaria (IECAH), Madrid - Humanitarian Needs Assessments (Methodologies and Tools).

LANGUAGES

Italian: mother tongue English: Fluent – C1 (CAMBRIDGE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH – CAE) Spanish: Fluent C2 German: Intermediate – B1 (CERTIFICATO TELC, Level B1)

PUBLICATIONS

Taddei, A. Modolo, E. Ferrari, L. (2018) Una proposta formativa in *Educación No Sexista y Desarrollo Humano in El Salvador I A training proposal on* Non-Sexist Education and Human Development in El Salvador, *Studium Educationis*, (3), 95-110.

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