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PROFILE

I am a Fulbright Ph.D. scholar in Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. I have over five years of experience in development research and monitoring and evaluation of aid projects. I possess a post-graduate degree in economic development from University of Glasgow which allows me an extensive understanding of economic theory and its practical implications specifically in development contexts.

EDUCATION

❖ **Kansas State University** **Ph.D. Agricultural Economics (2018 – Present)**

❖ **University of Glasgow** **M.Sc. Economic Development (2012-13)**
Taught (Merit), Research (Distinction)

Dissertation:

“Democracy, Regime Duration and Economic Growth: A Cross Country Analysis using Dynamic Panel, Fixed Effect and Simultaneous Equation Models.” (Distinction)

❖ **University of Hertfordshire** **B.A. (Hons) Business Administration (2006-09)**
First Class Honours

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Capital Structure Mean Reversion: A comparison between Chinese state-owned and private firms - Global Business and Economics Review, Inderscience Publishers (Forthcoming - peer-reviewed and accepted for publication)
- Democracy, Regime Stability and Economic Growth: A Cross Country Dynamic Panel Data Analysis – Journal of Economics and Sustainable Development, Vol 6, No 12 (2015)
- Centre for Advanced Studies: Baseline Final Report – Development Experience Clearinghouse, USAID, Available at: http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pa00mg52.pdf

DATA ANALYSIS SKILLS

- Advanced level skills attained in academic projects using **Eviews 7.0** for econometric analysis.
- Advanced proficiency in qualitative analysis package **MAXQDA**.
- Certified user of qualitative analysis package **NVIVO**.
- Intermediate level knowledge and experience of statistical application **SPSS** and **STATA**.

EMPLOYMENT

❖ **Aug, 18 – Present** **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University

- ❖ **Aug, 15 – Jun, 18 Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist**, Management Systems International (MSI) on the Performance Management Support Contract (PERFORM) by USAID.

As the Assignment Manager, I was responsible for the management and successful completion of the following research projects:

- **Baseline Study of USAID's Centres for Advanced Studies (CAS)** – Baseline assessment of USAID's \$127 million education program using mixed-methods design. The qualitative analysis was conducted using MAXDQA.
- **Performance Indicators Survey of USAID's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program** – Household survey of 6,250 married women of reproductive age to ascertain the performance and to inform future design of USAID's health portfolio in Pakistan.
- **Monitoring of USAID's Citizen Voice Project** – Monitoring of 97 on-going grants provided to the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). The data collection instruments included structured observation checklists and questionnaires for Key Informant Interviews (KIIs).
- **Monitoring of USAID's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governance (KPG) Project** – Monitoring of on-going grants to Government and CSOs.
- **Monitoring of FATA Education Support Project**
- **Data Quality Assessment (DQA) of USAID's Development Objective 4 – Education** – DQA of the data reported for 30 education sector indicators across 16 implementing partners

- ❖ **March, 15 – Jul, 15 Coordinator Research**, AAN Associates

- Child Protection System Mapping and Assessment (CPM&A) FATA region – **Project Lead**
- Mid-term Evaluation for Child Rights in Cotton Farming Areas of Pakistan (CRCFA) project (IKEA Foundation supported project of UNICEF) – **Team Member**
- Action Planning and Budgeting for Social Welfare Department, KPK Government (UNICEF commissioned) – **Team Member**
- Child Protection Action Planning and Budgeting for Planning and Development Department, KPK Government (UNICEF commissioned) – **Team Member**

- ❖ **Aug, 14- Jan, 15 – Governance and Research Coordinator** at AWAZ Foundation for DfID's Youth in Governance Project

- ❖ **Oct, 13-July, 14 – Research Associate** at Sustainable Development Policy Institute for DfID's **Ilm Ideas** and IDRC's study on Think Tank – University relationships in South Asia supported by IDRC, Canada.

- ❖ **Jul, 07- Jul, 08 – Research and Statistics Officer**, University of Hertfordshire

REFERENCES

Dr. Abid Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute,
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