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Medical doctor and public health professional with over 15 years of international and national professional experience in development, implementation and programmatic management support of health programs (TB, TB/HIV, MCH, HSS) in Europe and Eurasia region. Has extensive experience in supporting organizations'/programs' performance and accountability in effective planning, monitoring and evaluation by developing, maintaining and supervising M&E frameworks, analyzing project data to assess project performance and identify areas for improvement, and managing utilization of data for project reports and publications. Seven-year track record of working in the USAID and GFATM funded TB programs with solid understanding of USAID and GFATM programmatic processes, requirements and tools, and experience in liaising with technical and management teams and partners in identifying opportunities and strategies to strengthen programs.

A fast-learner with expertise in broad range of public health areas and multicultural teams, allowing learning country and program specifics in a very short time.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Deputy Sr. Regional Director/Regional M&E Specialist for Europe and Eurasia and Director of Branch of Project HOPE in Armenia

Yerevan, Armenia

Project HOPE

10/2010 – present

More than 95% of efforts under this position involve professional experience outside of Armenia; require extensive travel throughout the Europe and Eurasia region, including short-term assignments.

- Providing programmatic management support for the grant/program implementation in the region ensuring quality of programs by directing and supporting field staff in key program aspects. Assisting Senior TB Portfolio Director with technical backstopping of TB programs in the region (GFATM grants in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kirgizstan, USAID TB control programs in Ukraine, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan). Leading/coordinating the development of new program proposals (GFATM, USAID, corporate donors) and different strategic programmatic documents, donor reports and publications. Acting as designee for the Regional Director in her absence. Full decision making responsible person for Central and Easter Europe offices and programs (Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic);
- Supporting Project HOPE EU/EA region performance and accountability in effective planning, monitoring and evaluation by developing, implementing and supervising the introduction and implementation of M&E systems, methods and processes in the region. Providing overall guidance, technical assistance and mentoring to M&E specialists and program staff in the conduct of the program M&E and assuring compliance of programs M&E with donor (USAID, GFATM, and corporate) and Project HOPE M&E requirements. Aggregating M&E results to a higher level. Conducting epidemiological and programmatic data analysis for strategic decision-making, improving programmatic efficiencies and quality.
- Representing Project HOPE in Armenia; Maintaining fiscal oversight and authority for county operations and identifying strategic program areas and program opportunities in Armenia

*(Promoted from position of **Regional Program/M&E Specialist for Europe and Eurasia/Country Director for Armenia** (10/2014 – 09/2015); Assistant to Regional Director Europe and Eurasia/Country Director for Armenia (10/2010 – 09/2014))*

- Provided overall guidance and technical assistance to USAID TB Control Program (Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) M&E specialists and program staff in the conduct of the program monitoring and evaluation, conducted data quality assessments and work with country teams to validate data and reports, identify potential problems and concerns to inform decision-making; assured compliance of Program M&E activities with USAID M&E requirements
- Provided programmatic and operations coordination and support to Project HOPE Europe and Eurasia country offices to ensure achievement of the goals and objectives of ongoing programs;
- Provided technical backstopping for the GFATM TB grants in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, USAID Dialogue on HIV and TB Program in Central Asia Republics, and HSS and MCH programs in Poland, Romania, Hungary, and Czech Republic. Conducted epidemiological and programmatic data analysis for strategic decision-making, proposal/grant development, improving programmatic efficiencies and quality;
- Representing Project HOPE in Armenia; Maintaining fiscal oversight and authority for county operations and identifying strategic program areas and program opportunities in Armenia.

Health Program Manager

10/2008 – 10/2010

“Fighting Infectious Diseases in Emerging Countries” Armenia

Yerevan, Armenia

- Designed, implemented and managed the Occupational Health Program in agricultural sector;
- Developed program M&E plan and database, conducted regular programmatic data analysis to enable data use for decision-making, improving programmatic efficiencies and quality;
- Conducted comprehensive assessment of health needs/situation in rural areas of Armenia, and contributed in identification of potential funding sources, project proposal development;
- Developed and enhanced strong and productive collaborative relationships with relevant counterparts of the government, international and national NGOs in the health sector.

Graduate Research Assistant

01/2008 – 06/2008

College of Public Health, The University of Georgia

Athens, GA, USA

- Conducted data entry, data verification, analysis and literature review for ongoing research programs
- Trained to conduct Physical Function Performance tests to older patients undergoing chemotherapy

Intern

05/2007 – 07/2007

American Red Cross East Georgia Chapter

Athens, GA, USA

- Designed and implemented HIV/AIDS prevention and education training packages
- Organized, managed and conducted HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Community sessions
- Marketed current programs, conducted workshops to increase ARC reach in Public Education
- Proposed grant opportunities to fund the HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Programs.

Medical Monitoring Specialist

03/2004 – 07/2006

International Relief and Development (IRD) Armenian Branch

Yerevan, Armenia

- Monitored the implementation of the US Department of State funded “Distribution of Essential Pharmaceuticals and Medical Commodities” project;
- Managed and conducted the distribution of medicines and medical supplies to more than 50 health care facilities served within the framework of IRD medical projects all over the country;

- Supervised health facilities compliance with required procedures for medicines/medical supplies management and distribution to program beneficiaries;
- Conducted data analysis, evaluated health facilities reports, identified gaps and provided recommendations to improve performance and support decision-making by IRD management.

Program Coordinator

06/2003 – 10/2003

Armenian Red Cross Society, First Aid Department

Yerevan, Armenia

- Managed implementation of the UNICEF funded “First Aid and Safe Behavior Training” program, including monitoring and evaluation of program activities and donor reporting
- Managed and led program staff, consultants and contractors to ensure timely and efficient program implementation;
- Provided financial management of the program in collaboration with Director of Finance, prepared and submitted reports;
- Liaised with donor and key program partners, governmental structures.

EDUCATION

The University of Georgia - GA, USA

Master of Public Health (08/2006 – 05/2008)

Emphasis: Health Policy and Management

Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program (program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State) 2006-2008

Yerevan State Medical University named after M. Heratsi – Yerevan, Armenia

Diploma of Family Physician (09/2000-09/2002)

Department of Family Medicine (clinical residency (ordinatura) program)

Yerevan State Medical University named after M. Heratsi – Yerevan, Armenia

Diploma with honors of MD Physician (09/1994-06/2000)

Faculty of General Medicine

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- “Implementing the WHO End TB strategy and the new vision of TB elimination: skills for managers and consultants”. The World Health Organization. Cepina, Italy, Sept 24-Oct 7, 2017
- Certified DevResults Administrator. DevResults, Department of Data Science. Millwood, VA USA, December 2015
- “International Organizations Management” University of Geneva's online offering through Coursera. Statement of accomplishment with distinction. Nov-Dec., 2014
- “Performance Based Funding and Monitoring and Evaluation”, “The Performance Framework” and “Data Quality” e-Courses. GFATM. May 2014
- “Creation of an Exceptional Organization Program” Project HOPE/Shenandoah University, School of Business, November 2012. Millwood, VA USA
- “Monitoring and Evaluation Basics” e-Course. GFATM. September 2012
- “Fundraising for NGOs” training for US Department of State ECA alumni. IREX/Philanthropic Service for Institutions/USA. November, 2011. Yerevan, Armenia
- 2011 Fall Leadership Conference: Strengthening Skills to 2015. October 2011, Millwood, VA USA

- “Monitoring and Evaluation of ACSM Activities to Support TB Control” training. USAID/PATH. December 2011. Tbilisi, Georgia.
- “Grant Proposal Writing” training for US Department of State ECA alumni. IREX/NGO Center. March 2011, Yerevan, Armenia
- Fall Leadership Conference, Project HOPE Europe/Eurasia Region: Data Quality and Program Management. March 2011, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- “Human Subjects Research Education” online course. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. March 2005
- “Basics of Health Planning” distance learning course. American University of Armenia, College of Health Sciences. June-July 2004

PUBLICATIONS, POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Z. Maxumova, **A. Hovsepyan**, N. Ramazonov, H. Abdualimova, F. Bikmetova, A. Rajabov, B. Sharipov, J. Ismailova, M. Volik. “Contribution of Community Health Committees in Detecting New TB Cases in the Sughd Oblast, Tajikistan”. *Accepted* for poster presentation in 49th Union World Conference on Lung Health, October 24-27, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Z. Maxumova, M. Volik, J. Ismailova, **A. Hovsepyan**, N. Ramazonov, F. Bikmetova, H. Abdualimova, H. Hisomova, A. Rajabov, M. Zakirova. “The role of local communities in detection of new TB cases in Sughd province of Tajikistan. *Accepted* for publication in WHO Compendium on Good Practices on implementation of the Tuberculosis Action Plan for the WHO European Region, 2016– 2020
- Z. Sayfutdinov, N. Parpieva, M. Akhmadova, D. Ulmasova, **A. Hovsepyan**, M. Volik. QMS Implementation in the TB Laboratory Network in Uzbekistan: Phase I. PD-653-12. 48th Union World Conference on Lung Health, October 11-14, Guadalajara, Mexico.
- D. Kuchna, A. Hovsepyan, S. Leonard. Preventing Newborn Deaths in Romania and Hungary. *Health Aff* June 2017 36:61160; doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2017.0382
- J Ismoilova, S Odinaeva, **A Hovsepyan**. Tajikistan - Improving detection of TB among women in community structures. Good practices in strengthening health systems for the prevention and care of tuberculosis and drug-resistant tuberculosis. WHO, 2016.
- Z Tilloeva, O Bobokhojaev, A Trusov, **A Hovsepyan**, J Ismoilova, T Alieva. Establishment of a TB infection control demonstration site and training base for better TB control in Tajikistan. Poster presentation. INT J TUBERC LUNG DIS 19 (12s2): S1–S587.
- C. Grimes et al. New Models for Elevating the Practice and Status of Community-Based Nursing Across the Spectrum of Cancer Care in Central and Eastern Europe: a review of five years of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation’s Bridging Cancer Care initiative. *D Kuchna, A Hovsepyan. Improving early detection and diagnoses of childhood cancer in five regions of Poland*. European Journal of Oncology Nursing Volume 18 (Supplement 2), 2014; S97-S122.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (advance), Russian (advanced), Armenian (native)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficiency in Microsoft office, DevResults (administrator), basic skills in Minitab, SAS