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### EDUCATION

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- Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA** Aug. 2010 – May 2011  
**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, International Programs** Certificate  
in Agriculture and Rural Development, recognition of outstanding achievement  
as a participant in the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship 2010-2011
- Ivane Javakhishvili State University of Tbilisi** 2001-2003  
Master's Degree, Faculty of Philology, specialty of Byzantinism and Neogrecism
- University of Patra, Greece** 1999-2000  
Post Graduate Studies Programme in Greek Language and Greek Civilization,  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Education
- Ivane Javakhishvili State University of Tbilisi, Georgia** 1996-2001  
Bachelor's Degree, Faculty of Foreign Languages, specialty of Greek, Georgian Language and  
Literature

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAININGS

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- Social Risk Management Training** September 2018  
**European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**, Tbilisi, Georgia
- MBA Workshop** April 2011  
**Accounting, Finance, Strategy, Marketing & Management modules**  
**American Management Association**, NYC, USA
- Global Development and Social Justice Workshop** March 2011  
**Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University**  
**& the Institute for International Education**, Atlanta, USA
- International Accounting Standards and Taxation** May - June 2008  
**“Accountants Training Centre” Ltd**, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Community Economic Appraisal – Value Chain Approach** December 2008  
**to Market Development and Local Government Decentralization**  
**CHF International in Cooperation with Civitas Georgica**, Tbilisi, Georgia

**Long-Term Civic Enterprise Planning (LCEP-3)**  
**CHF International in Cooperation with Civitas Georgica, Tbilisi, Georgia**

May 2006

**Training for Trainers Workshop on Business Planning**  
**Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency (SMEDA), Tbilisi Georgia**

February 2000

**Basic Micro and Small Business Development**  
**Academy for Educational Development (AED) – USAID, Tbilisi Georgia**

August 2000

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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**U.S Department of State** 2011 – 2012  
**Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF)**  
Rural Tourism as Alternative Income for Marginalized Communities in  
Armenia, Georgia, Macedonia and Serbia  
Grant – 30 000 USD

**The Government of the United States of America** 2010 – 2011  
**Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship program**  
Certificate in recognition of the successful completion of a one year program  
Of graduation study and [professional development at Cornell University Scholarship

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Empowering Georgian ‘Plow Mothers’ (Gutnis Deda)
- Agriculture and Rural Development in Georgia - Insights from Four Baseline Studies (ENG) □  
Agriculture and Rural Development in Georgia - Insights from Four Baseline Studies (GEO)
- CRP Baseline Survey Questionnaire (Eng-Geo)
- CRP Baseline Survey Questionnaire Show Cards (Eng-Geo)
- Agriculture and Rural Development in Georgia: A Research Agenda

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

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**Clean Energy Group Georgia LLC**  
**Namakhvani Hydropower Project in Georgia**

*Community Relations/Livelihoods Restoration Officer in LARP team*  
Kutaisi Tbilisi, Georgia

Nov, 2017 – March, 2019

- Develop and maintain transparent consistent relations with all project affected communities and individuals, in line with IFC Performance Standards.

- Organize and lead regular consultations with all villages and with all community leaders in line with goals and strategies of the Stakeholder Management Plan and IFC Performance Standards.
- Identify vulnerable/special groups, households and women and ensure their voice is considered
- Develop Livelihoods Restoration Plan and a series of individual household packages to restore livelihoods.
- Support the implementation of the Livelihood Restoration Plan.
- Coordinate and support a series of expert studies on household livelihood support.
- Organize and lead regular consultations with vulnerable groups
- Maintain a record of all meetings, the issue and the outcome

## **DAI**

*Independent Consultant*

Oct-Jan-March, 2017

Tbilisi

- Based on the country and technical knowledge, consult with the proposal team on technical matters related to agriculture and tourism value chains in Georgia, including key constraints and opportunities.
- Propose meetings with relevant stakeholders in agriculture and tourism sectors, including, but not limited to agribusinesses, farmer service centers, agricultural cooperatives, ag input suppliers and tourism businesses and sites.
- Schedule meetings with priority stakeholders and attend meetings together with the recon team.
- Identify additional information sources and documents, as needed.

## **Mercy Corps**

### **A New Approach for Rural Development in Georgia - ENPARD**

*Project Officer*

August, 2015 – September, 2017

*Tbilisi - Borjomi*

- Support, oversee and deliver Rural Development project Borjomi Municipality in Samtskhe- Javakheti region;
- Collaborate with implementing partners of Angus Council in Scotland, Borjomi Municipality and Austrian Federal Institute for Mountainous and Less Favored Areas;
- Participate in development and designing of Borjomi Local Development Strategy related to economic, social, cultural and environment development of the municipality;
- Participate in the process of development and adoption of the nation-wide Rural Development Strategy of Georgia 2017-2020 and the Action Plan for 2017;
- Facilitate regular coordination meetings with the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, inter-ministerial working group, donor communities and other stakeholders;
- Develop collaborative relationships with Borjomi Municipality communities and local government authorities;
- Support the establishment and operation of Local Action Group and coordinate their activities;
- Conduct sub-grant and sub-grant utilization monitoring;
- Provide technical assistance with development of sub-grant applications;

- Participate in the research and survey conducted by the project;
- Provide reports to the project management with HQ and EC.

**ISET – Policy Institute  
(International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University)**

*Research Associate  
Tbilisi*

January, 2014 – September, 2014

- Conduct literature reviews;
- Collect and analyze data;
- Develop and design of the baseline survey questionnaire related to agricultural activities, marketing and economic behavior;
- Support agricultural cooperative formation and development in rural Georgia;
- Prepare and produce publications ( academic articles, policy briefs, blog posts, etc);
- Travel to field sites to collect and record data and/or samples as appropriate to the specific objectives of the study;

**Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund of Georgia  
Inclusive DRR Education in kindergartens of Tbilisi**

*DRR Project Coordinator  
Tbilisi*

November 2012 – February, 2013

- Establish, oversee and deliver an inclusive DRR educational project targeting at 20 kindergartens within Tbilisi;
- Coordinate technical monitoring of the inclusive DRR educational project by developing systems and procedures for quality implementation, monitoring and reporting;
- Liaison and cooperate with local authorities, national and international donors as well as with other relevant stakeholders;
- Prepare donor reports as per the requirement of the project;
- Coordinate and monitor all technical and financial activities performed under the project grant, producing financial requisitions and maintaining project files and data.

**Alunmi Engagement Innovation Fund ( AEIF)  
Rural Tourism for Marginalized communities in Armenia, Georgia, Macedonia and Serbia**

*Project Team Leader  
Tbilisi, Georgia*

October 2011 – October 2012

- Conduct project related desk research, data gathering, reporting and evaluation;
- Analyze tourism opportunities in the country;
- Outreach the potential communities willing to work in Rural Tourism Development;

- Maintain relevant financial documents of the project;
- Prepare reports for the Embassy of United States Georgia.

**National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)  
United State Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

*Intern*

May 2011 – June 2011 *Washington DC*

- Study the alternative models and policies of the USDA regarding small and medium sized agribusinesses with a particular focus on the community level, includes both government subsidies and bank loans;
- Study agro lending technology, methodology, and how they function in USDA programs as well as how USDA supports the agribusiness sector through laws and regulations;
- Identify various agribusiness models that would be structural options to help guide the Georgian agribusiness sector and to help overcome our existing constraints;
- Study how government, research institutions and agribusiness act and re-react to national and international developments and adopt strategies based on new science and technology.

**MFO Vision Fund “Credo”  
Business Development Initiative (BDI) Project**

*Project Officer*  
*Tbilisi*

February 2010 – May 2010

**World Vision International in Georgia  
Business Development Initiative (BDI) Project**

*Project Officer*  
*Tbilisi*

January 2008 – October 2009

*Interim Project Manager*  
*Tbilisi*

July 2007 – January 2008

- Initiate business development opportunities in three regions of Georgia (Kakheti, Imereti and Adjara);
- Develop tools and assessments of beneficiaries` needs, business trainings, technical supports;
- Oversight and fully monitor newly launched agricultural businesses with WV established Centers of Education, Development and Employment;
- Closely monitor and provide consultancy services to loan beneficiaries during the entire term of the loans (at least 130 vulnerable beneficiaries got access for micro loan under BDI Umbrella, loan amount ranged from US\$ 50 to US\$ 1,500 per beneficiary);
- Provide support for BDI loan applications, project report writing, research, data collection and maintenance of all project relevant financial documents.

**CHF International - Georgia**

2004 – 2007

**Georgia Employment and Infrastructure Initiative (GEII) Program**

*Community Outreach/Economic Development Officer*  
*Samtshkhe-Javakheti, Shida Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti Region*

(July 2006- July 2007)

*Economic Development Officer*  
*Samtskhe-Javakheti region*

(February 2006-July 2006)

*Community Outreach Officer*  
*Samtskhe-Javakheti region*

(February 2005-February 2006)

*Consultant*  
*Samtskhe-Javakheti region*

(December 2004 – February 2005)

- Analyze infrastructure, economic and business development opportunities in Samtskhe- Javakheti, Shida Kartli and Mtskheta - Mtianeti regional GEII program
- Design various infrastructure and economic projects in the regions;
- Assist local farmers and entrepreneurs develop business linkages, improve production, management and marketing technologies;
- Work closely with the different mobilized community groups, evaluating their business ideas and ongoing operation
- Identify possible future cooperation between CHF and the prospective business clientele of the regions.

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

January-November 2004

**Georgia Agricultural Quality Improvement Program**

Samtskhe-Javakheti Region

*Project Assistant*

- Assist project staff in collecting, organize and report information on potential clients in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region (crop, fruits, dairy, handicraft etc.)
- Coordinate “Women in Development” activities in Aspindza district
- Provide written and oral translation between Georgian, English and Russian languages

**Akhaltzikhe Branch of Tbilisi State University of Georgia, Akhaltskhe**

2000-2001

*Teacher of Modern Greek Language and Literature*

- Teach, conduct practical seminars and lectures of the modern Greek language (at least 60 Students)
- Teach Greek folk songs and dances

**Akhaltzikhe Business Center**

2000-2001

*Samtskhe-Javakheti Region*

*Administrative Assistant*

- Assist the program in its daily activities ( business training, preparing business plans)
- Conduct administrative and secretarial work (filing, arranging meetings, preparing documentation, etc.)

## **SPECIAL SKILLS**

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Languages: Georgian (native), English (fluent), Greek (fluent), Russian (good)  
Computer: MS Office (MS Word, Excel), PowerPoint, Opera-FEDELIO, Internet Applications  
Interests: Music, reading, traveling.

## **REFERENCES**

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Up on request