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Summary of Relevant Experience:

I am a social scientist with specialization in field research particularly in the areas of education, health, community development programs and domestic violence. I have been involved in several primary surveys related to each of the above areas in the state of West Bengal. I have experience of conducting surveys in almost all districts of West Bengal and a few districts of Jharkhand and Orissa. I have written several articles related to my field study in popular press journals and in more serious academic journals. I have also been involved in the planning, direction and editing of a documentary film on polio communication. Presently I am a member of the *State Advisory Council (School Education, Govt. of West Bengal)*.

Professional Experience

Currently working: **Research Associate**
Centre for Training and Research in Public Finance and Policy

CTRFPF and Janasanskriti Project

- Current responsibilities:
 - *Designing the primary survey*: contributing to sample and questionnaire design, training field investigators
 - *Organizing the logistics prior to the survey as well as during the survey*: organizing survey teams of local field investigators in the districts, implementing the pilot survey, managing the survey teams in the districts including payments, logistics, answering questions of investigators from the field, finding solutions to unanticipated problems during the survey by talking to necessary administrative officials.
 - *Field visit and Analysis*: Visiting field areas for preliminary analysis of the data to check for data errors and for patterns in the data.

2013 (Jan-Dec) **Project Co-ordinator**
Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta, Kolkata, India

Brief project summary

This is a joint project between the University of Exeter (UoE), U.K. and the Centre for Studies in the Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC). The method of this project is to use experimental economics usually pursued in the lab to the field. It naturally builds capacity across both partners by combining expertises – experimental economics from the UoE side, and survey design and execution from CSSSC – and incorporating the field survey design into the empirical

identification strategy of the effect of caste and religious fragmentation on performance.

2011 -2013 **Project Consultant**, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta, Kolkata, India

- Evaluating Scholarship Programme (Pre-matric, post-matric, merit cum means and free coaching under the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education) in the state of West Bengal (District: Murshidabad) and in Ganjam district of Orissa.
- Evaluating the Multi Sectoral Development Project (MSDP) in the state of West Bengal (Districts of Uttar Dinajpur, North 24 Parganas, and Bardhaman) and in the district of Gajapati in Orissa.

In both these evaluations, my prime responsibilities included designing the primary surveys, managing the logistics of implementing the survey, data entry, analysis and report writing.

2007–2011 (February) **Research Associate & Chief field Supervisor**, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta, Kolkata, India

- Successfully completed primary surveys in six districts of West Bengal and one district of Jharkhand. The objective of the survey was to explain the observed variability in numeracy and language test scores across different schools
- Responsibilities included:
 - *Designing the primary survey*: contributing to sample and questionnaire design, training field investigators
 - *Organizing the logistics prior to the survey as well as during the survey*: organizing survey teams of local field investigators in each of the districts, implementing the pilot survey, managing the survey teams in the districts including payments, logistics, answering questions of investigators from the field, finding solutions to unanticipated problems during the survey by talking to necessary administrative officials
 - *Data entry*: Managing a team of data entry persons to enter the survey data in ACCESS.
 - *Analysis*: Doing preliminary analysis of the data to check for data errors and for patterns in the data
 - *Report*: Part of the report-writing team. A co-author of the research report that is published on 22nd November 2010.
 - *Disseminated* the report in Murshidabad, Birbhum and South 24 pgnos.

2011-2012 **Developed 5 case studies** on Social Exclusion for **Self Help Group Promotional Forum**, a project with support from UNICEF.

2006-07 **Research Assistant** in a project called SOUTH ASIAN UNION CATALOGUE in **Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.**

- 2007 **Field Supervisor** under **Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta** for a **UNICEF** Internship project on health and hygiene.
- 2005 **Research Assistant** in **Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta** in an Educational Project to find out different aspects (Quantitative, Qualitative and gender issue) of Primary Education.
- 2005 **Field Supervisor** under **IDSK** for an **UNICEF** internship research project on community based Polio communication and supervised the making of an audio-visual documentation on the Subject.
- 2004 **Researcher** and participated in research work conducted by **Utnau** to find out the state of health of women working in stone queries in Birbhum.
- 2004 Received an **UGC Fellowship** and carried out research work to find out the effectiveness of immunisation programme in rural areas under **Institute of Development Studies Kolkata**.
- 2003 **Field Investigator** and participated in field research to find out the effective ways for implementation of the *Swajaldhara* 'project and the prevailing condition of sanitary system in schools. Field surveys were conducted in the districts of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Bankura and Birbhum. I did the fieldwork under **STUP Consultant**.
- 2003 **Assistant Co-ordinator** (Reproductive Child Health Programme in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Orissa) in **Tagore Society for Rural Development**.
- 2002 **Research Assistant (evaluated the Rangabelia Project, TSRD) in Development Management Consultants** in Sunderbans. **Evaluated** all the projects under **Tagore Society for Rural Development**.
- 2002 **Research Assistant in Development Research Group** for 1 year in Sunderban Core Area on Gender Issues.
- 1999 **Project Director** in **Institute of Social Work** in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal for 3 years on issues related to community development, health, gender, education and micro-credit.

Short-term Consultancy

- 2009 **Research Associate** in a project "Whether small holder farmers can be linked with Institutional Feeding programmes" funded by M.S. Swaminathan Foundation and conducted by **Jana Sanskriti Organization**.
- 2008 **Research Associate** to evaluate a Pre-primary Education Project by **Jana Sanskriti Organization**.

Institutional Experience

Working at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta from 2005 (7 years).

Operational Areas of Experience

Community Development Programs: Community Development and Income Generation through Micro-Credit Programme and Self-help Group (SHG) (Project site: Jaynagar, 24 Parganas (S))

Health Care Programs: Health Care Programmes for women & children, supervising day care centre for children, organising free clinics in rural and semi-rural areas (Project site: Jaynagar - Majilpur, 24 Parganas (S)); Worked with women's groups in different rural areas under RCH programme to generate general awareness with special emphasis on sexual health. Area of operation consisted of 15 Blocks in three states namely West Bengal, Jharkhand and Orissa.

Education Programs: Running of Pre-primary & Non-formal schools, supervising centres for Adult Education in 4 villages in and around Jaynagar area, 24 Parganas (s); Conducted research work to find out the quantitative, qualitative aspects of primary education. The issue of gender was also a significant part in this research. The areas of operation were 2 Blocks of Coochbehar District.

Domestic Violence: Counselling on legal matters in cases of violence against women in rural, semi-rural and semi-urban areas of Jaynagar and adjacent areas like Baruipur, Lakkhikantapur, Sonarpur, Majilpur and Park Circus etc

Geographical Areas of Professional Experience

West Bengal: Burdwan, Bankura, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Darjeeling, Hoogli, Murshidabad, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas including Sunderbans, Purulia, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur.

Jharkhand: Dumka, Pakur, Palamou

Orissa: Malkangiri, Gajapati, Ganjam

Training Activities

- Conducted vocational training and organising workshop in rural areas
- Organised 3 training (of 1 month duration) programme on hand loom weaving
- Conducted 2 workshops on domestic violence and legal rights of women
- Organised a number of training programmes and workshops on health in general and about simple preventive measures

- Conducted a number of training programmes for social workers about building up self help group in rural areas

Education

Bachelor of Arts, History (Minor: Political Science, Philosophy), University of Calcutta, *Kolkata, West Bengal, India, 1999*

Languages

Bengali (Superior competency in spoken/written); English (Average competency in spoken/written); Hindi (Average competency in spoken/written)

Computing Skills

Well versed in Microsoft EXCEL, WORD, ACCESS. Can use internet to gather information regarding project specific details. Know software to write in Bengali language like Bangla Word, Keyring. Limited knowledge of STATA.

Other skills

Can make amateur short-films on social issues. I am interested in photography.

International Publication

Forthcoming publication in an eBook of Gender Case Studies on the website of the Global Network of UNESCO Chairs on Gender.

Report on the Quality of Primary Education in West Bengal (Prof. Jyotsna Jalan with Jharna Panda) in the **UNITWIN Network: Gender, Culture, Development**: <http://unitwin.blogspot.in/2013/08/low-mean-high-variance-quality-of.html>

A paper "Lives without Rights" has been posted on the website of the Global Network of UNESCO Chairs on Gender <http://www.catunescomujer.org/globalnetwork/publications.html> in November, 2011. This also has an entry in unitwin.blogspot.com

National Publications

“Purono rog na sarle sikshar adhikar karyakori hobe ki?” (Article on Right to Education and problems with its implementation in the school education system in West Bengal.), an editorial in a daily newspaper Ei Samay, December 12, 2013

“Prasikshan ache, kaaje laganor sujog?” (Article on Special Educator and Children with special need in the school education system in West Bengal.), an editorial in Ananda Bazar Patrika, October 22, 2013

“Nikumbho sir ar tar chhatrera aj o bratya ei rajyer school e” (Article on Special Educator and Children with special need in the school education system in West Bengal.) an article in the page of state (rajya) in Ananda Bazar Patrika, September 15, 2013

“Samasya ache bole khaoar deoa jabe na?” (Assuring proper service and quality of Mid-day meal) an editorial in Ananda Bazar Patrika, July 31, 2013

“Didimoni raindhbyak, na chheliya parhabyak” (Quality of ICDS system depends on the ICDS worker) an editorial in Ekdin, May 2012.

“Khenchri Centre niye ar ektu bhabun” (About ICDS Centre) an editorial in Ananda Bazar Patrika, January 2012.

“Khude poruader man unnayane sikshaker bhumika ki aralei theke jabe” (Quality of Primary education and teacher) an editorial in Ekdin, September 2011.

“Ke bollo gramer garib sisura pariksha dite bhoy pay?” (Students of Primary School are not afraid of examination) an editorial in Ananda Bazar Patrika, July 2011.

“Siksha abhiyan saphal hobe to” (Regarding [Universalization of Elementary Education](#)) an editorial in Ekdin, May 2011.

“School e giye khaoabo, na porabo kathata ajuhater matan shonache” (Regarding Mid-day meal, there is contradiction with teaching) an editorial in Ananda Bazar Patrika, September 2010.

“Hethay eshe cheye dekhi...nai je keho nai,” (Regarding domestic violence) Kalodhvani, 2009.

“Jekhane theme ache adhikarer ain,” (Right without rights) Kalodhvani, September, 2009.

“Kusamskarer Srenibhed,” (Superstitious belief-Common factor in different social structure) Prasnabachi, May, 2007.

“Paschimbange Musalmaner Swasthyachitro,” (Health condition of Muslims in West Bengal) (with Manabi Majumder, Sohel Firdous), Paschimbange Musalman: Ekti Parikrama, 2007.

“Antarjatik Nari Dibash o Gram Bangla”, (International womens day and Bengal) Kalodhvani, October, 2005.

“Chithipatra”, (Letters regarding different obseravtion on social issues) Kalodhvani, January, 2005.

Workshops and Conferences

- International Conference on “Women after independence (Politics, development, law and media)” sponsored by Viswa Bharati and UNESCO, November 2008: Presented a paper titled “Lives without Rights.”

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