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Curriculum Vitae

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Highly skilled and experienced in the fields of formulation and management of development projects, statistics, population and development, development coordination and foreign relations, with a PhD in Demography and Development from the *University of Waikato* in Hamilton, New Zealand and Master of Arts in Demography from the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. Proven management and leadership skills. Well versed and experienced in all aspects of development, from mobilising and directing international aid for national social and economic development, managing and coordinating donor funded development projects at the national and local levels, and large-scale data collection and analysis. Experienced in working with international bilateral and multi-lateral agencies in the development of country programmes for assistance and ensuring that the activities identified are undertaken as scheduled following the principles of Results Based Management. Well exposed in the field of socio-economic development both at the national level, as well as regional and international level. Proven ability to motivate and lead others in delivering organizational targets. Highly focused and performs well working under pressure. Open and keen to invite feedback in order to enhance self-awareness and thereby further development.

Key Skills and attributes

- Experienced in diplomacy and international relations, including bilateral and multi-lateral negotiations and diplomacy.
- Track record of aid mobilization and aid coordination relating to development projects and programmes.
- Excellent understanding of development problems of rapidly urbanizing populations, small widely dispersed populations and disadvantaged communities.
- Proven record in delivering high quality output in optimal time
- Experienced in the application of Results Based Management technique.

- Vast technical knowledge of development issues in the broad area of population and development and particularly in the field of socio-economic development and

poverty alleviation.

- Excellent track record in planning, directing large-scale data collection operations such as census and surveys.
- Demonstrated skills in the analysis of population and social statistics using statistical programmes such as SPSS, Mortak and People and interpreting analytical outcomes to draw policy inputs.
- Experienced in conducting awareness and training in office environment
- Proven ability to direct, supervise, influence, mentor and motivate others to set and achieve a desired objective.
- Ability and desire to acquire new knowledge and skills through experience, study or through continuous learning.
- Pleasant personality and gets along well with people from different backgrounds.
- Proven ability to convey information in both verbal and written formats as appropriate for the needs of the target audience.
- High level of ability to adjust to different environments, both in life and at the workplace, and a positive attitude to welcome and manage change.
- Ability to work with new technology and demonstrate proficiency with work related computer programs.

Employment history

Additional Secretary 2014 - present Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives

- Head of South Asia Division and East and Central Asia Division. Looking after the bilateral political, economic and development cooperation affairs with countries of South Asia and East and Central Asia.
- Lead the Post 2015 Development Agenda negotiations at the United Nations in New York and established the mechanism coordination of the Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals in the country.
- Conduct awareness seminars on the Post 2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs for government and civil sector personal, including policy makers in the country

Deputy High Commissioner

2010 - 2012

High Commission of Maldives in Sri Lanka

- Liaising with the host government and diplomatic missions of other countries accredited to the Maldives and based in Sri Lanka on economic and development cooperation.

- Acting as the liaison between the Diplomatic missions of donor countries accredited to the Maldives located in Colombo and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives in mobilising and coordinating foreign aid for national social and economic development
- Negotiate, coordinate and manage developmental agreements between the Maldives and its development partners, particularly focusing on ensuring smooth implementation of externally funded projects
- Maintain close relationships between bilateral and multilateral development partners and the Maldives
- Promote Economic and Commercial Diplomacy

Additional Secretary

2010 - 2012

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives

This has been a challenging and interesting role and one in which I have gain a huge amount of experience. Listed are a few of the projects in which I have played a major role.

- Planning, managing and coordinating all activities, including the convening of the first Climate Vulnerable Forum and the convening and follow-up of the annual Maldives Partnership Forum involving bilateral and multilateral development partners and international and bilateral financial organisations.
- Appraise development projects submitted by different government and non-government agencies for external funding.
- Advise the Ministry of Higher Education, Employment and Labour on policy, and screening candidates for higher education opportunities available for Maldivians in international training centres and universities.
- Work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives in mobilising foreign aid for national social and economic development,
- Negotiate, coordinate and manage developmental agreements between the Maldives and its development partners, particularly focusing on ensuring smooth implementation of externally funded projects,
- Maintain close relationships between bilateral and multilateral development partners and the Maldives,
- Manage activities of the Economic and Development Cooperation Department, including its staff capacity development.

Executive Director

2005 - 2010

Department of External Resources, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives

Main focal point in the Government of Maldives for dealings with the international development partners in sourcing and managing foreign aid funded development programmes and projects in the Maldives.

- Coordination of donor programmes in the country

- Mediate the coordination between the UN System and the government and civil society counterparts in the country
- Partner with the UN System in the development and implementation of the UNDAF and the UN Country Programme in the Maldives
- Organise and undertake the Maldives Partnership Forum annually between 2006 and 2009
- Work with the UN System to introduce the Results Based Management approach to development planning in the country

Assistant Director General

2003 - 2005

Ministry of Planning and National Development, Maldives

Keywords: census, data collection, projections, policy papers, population, development, reproductive health, gender, social statistics, poverty, social issues, economic cooperation.

In my long career with the National Statistics Office of the Government of Maldives, which operates under the Planning Ministry, I have held various positions starting from Statistical Clerk to my most recent appointment as Head of the Population and Social Statistics Division. Within this time I have gained hands-on experience in the tabulation and presentation of data, preparation of manuscripts of the Statistical Yearbook of Maldives for publication and further, been involved, and gained vast experience, in the collection and analysis of population and social statistics, conducting detailed analysis of data and writing policy reports as well as academic papers for conferences and seminars, some of which have been published. I have also been involved in planning and directing large-scale operations such as the census and also surveys in the country.

I have also engaged with the United Nations Population Fund in the preparation of country situation analysis leading up to the preparation of the Country Programme of Assistance. I have prepared and presented country papers on population in various international conferences on population issues organized by the UNFPA and also by the UNESCAP.

Following are the various positions I have held in this regard:

Director, Demography,	April, 1994 to January 2003 (study leave of three and half years from April 1997 to December 2000).
Deputy Director, Demography,	April 1992 to April 1994
Assistant Director, Demography,	Jan 1990 to Apr 1992
Demographic Statistician, Grade II,	Sept 1986 to Feb 1989
Senior Statistician,	July 1982 to Sept 1985
Statistician,	March 1980 to June 1981

Statistical Clerk,

Jan 1979 to March 1979

Education

Ph.D., (Demography and Development) , The University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand	2001
M.A., (Demography) , The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia	1991
Diploma in Demographic Statistics , International Statistical Programs Centre, United States Bureau of the Census, Washington D.C., U.S.A	1986
Certificate in Population Studies, International Institute for Population Studies, Bombay, India	1981
Certificate in Statistics, International Statistical Education Centre, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India	1979

Languages

English (read, write and speak fluently).
Dhivehi (Mother Tongue)

Professional Training

Currently training for the PRINCE 2 Foundation and Practitioner Exam

Macro-economic Management and Financial Sector Issues, IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute, Singapore, August 1-12, 2005.

Singapore Cooperation Programme, Economic Development Experience of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, October 6-17, 2003.

Major Achievements and Activities:

Represented the Maldives in the Inter-governmental negotiations of the United Nations Post 2015 Development Agenda from January 2015 to July 2015 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York and led the setting up of the country mechanism for the follow-up and coordination of the SDGs and the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

Co-ordinated the Task Force of the 2nd Meeting of the Cartagena Group/Dialogue for Progressive Action, Maldives, July 2010.

Co-organised, with Ministry of Finance and the President's Office, the Maldives Donor Conference 2010 (<http://donorconference2010.egov.mv>) in the Maldives.

As Chief Coordinator, successfully coordinated the organisation and management of the first Climate Vulnerable Forum (www.climatevulnerableforum.gov.mv). This is an initiative of the President of Maldives to bring together representatives of a cross-section of countries on the front-line of climate change, to discuss and agree on a declaration before the Copenhagen Conference in December 2009.

Successfully organised and managed the Maldives Partnership Forum (www.maldivespartnershipforum.gov.mv). This is the most important opportunity for the Government to collectively discuss its on-going and future collaboration and cooperation with the international community on national development priorities.

Planned, coordinated and conducted the Population and Housing Census of Maldives, 1995 and supervised the data cleaning, editing, coding and the data entry operation.

Coordinated the preparation of the first National Population Policy document and prepared the draft for consideration by the Cabinet.

Contributed to the successful completion of the mandates of the Independent South Asia Commission on Poverty Alleviation (ISACPA), as one of the two appointed members to the Commission representing the Maldives.

Provided technical guidance in the analysis of Population and Housing Census of Maldives, 2000 including the contribution of a chapter on fertility trends and differentials.

Membership in Professional Organisations and Commissions

Full Member of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) since 2003.

Member of the Independent South Asian Commission on Poverty Alleviation (ISACPA).

Advisory/Management Committees

National Planning Council (2009 – 2011)

National Statistics Coordinating Committee (Current) (2001 – present).

National Population Programme Coordination Committee (2001 – 2008).
National Advisory Committee on Higher Education, Training and
Development (Current).
Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements Technical Committee (Current).

Papers and Publications

2012, Role of Aid in a Small and Vulnerable Economy; Maldives, in S. Kelegama (eds.), "Foreign Aid in South Asia; The Emerging Scenario", Sage: New Delhi, pp. 284-298.

2007, Analysis of Census 2006; Fertility

2005, Editing the final report of the UN funded study on youth perceptions, attitudes and behaviour in the Maldives, commissioned by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

2004, Co-author of "Report of a Mental Health Survey 2004", Male': Ministry of Health.

2004, "Rapid fertility decline in the Maldives: An assessment" *Asia-Pacific Population Journal*, 19 (3), pp. 57-75, (with Ibrahim Naseem and Bhakta Gubhaju)

2003, Co-author of "Youth Employment Survey, Male' 2003", Report of a Survey, Male': Ministry of Youth and Sports.

2002, Review of progress made in implementing Agenda 21 in the area of population, Paper prepared for the Government of Maldives and UNDP.

2002, "Chapter VI: Fertility levels, patterns and differentials", in Analytical Report of the Population and Housing Census of Maldives 2000, pp. 81-92, Male': Ministry of Planning and National Development.

2002, "National Report", prepared for the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, Bangkok, 2002.

1995, "Divorce in the Maldivian Society", co-author of analytical report of Survey on Causes of Family Breakdown in the Maldives", prepared for the Ministry of Youth, Women's Affairs and Sports by Research Link Pte., Ltd., Male'. (In *Dhivehi*).

1993, "National Report on Population, Maldives", co-author of report prepared for the International Conference of Population and Development, Cairo, 1994.

1993, "Human Development in the Maldives", situation analysis

prepared for the United Nations Development Programme, Male',
Maldives.

Information Technology Applications

Experience in the application of the following software packages:
SPSSPC+, MS EXCEL, MS WORD, MS POWERPOINT, PEOPLE, WORKERS,
PAS-RUP, and MORTPAK.

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