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ACADEMIC:

- 1 MS Environmental Engineering from NUST, Islamabad
- 2 B.E. (Civil), from NED Karachi

KEY MANAGERIAL POSITIONS HELD SO FAR:

- **Project Director IDB assisted projects, Education Department (Schools) AJK**, (Mar-2015 till date)
- **DG Water & Sanitation, ERRA** (May-2013 to Mar-2015)
- **Project Director (ADB, IDB, KUWAIT funded) Special Projects, ERRA-** Dec 2010 to March 2011
- **DG Water & Sanitation ERRA**, July 2009 till March 2011
- **Director Water & Sanitation ERRA**, June 2006 to June 2009
- **Dir. Works / Adl. Project Director LGRDD AJK CISP–AJK (IDA assisted)**, Oct 2002 to June 2006
- **Adl. Project Director Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Project (RWSSP), LGRDD AJK**, April 1999 to 25 Oct 2002

IMPORTANT WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **Over 26 years'** experience in Planning and Management of Rural Development Sector Programs & Projects, particularly Community Driven Development Initiatives.
- Headed \$ 61 million Water & Sanitation Program of **ERRA**, since June 2006 till March 2011. The assignment involved very close coordination with more than 30 National / International Partner Organizations and 32 different **Line Agencies of KP and AJK of Earthquake Affected Areas**, working in the sector for implementation of more than **4700 sub projects** of WatSan reconstruction program. WatSan was the 1st physical infrastructure reconstruction program of ERRA, which completed well in time
- Initiated the concept of “Promotion of **Rain Water Harvesting** in Earthquake Affected Areas of KP and AJK”. ERRA became the 1st organization to initiate this concept in the Public Sector of Pakistan
- **Lead Role** in damage assessment and preparation of necessary documentations regarding Rural Development Infrastructure in AJK
- Prepared the **Relief, Recovery and Reconstruction plan / Strategy** of the Water and Sanitation sector of ERRA
- **Technical member** of the Project Preparation Team of IDA assisted “Community Infrastructure & Services Program (**CISP**) - **AJK**”, costing US\$ 27.00 million.

- **Coordinator** of the Chief Executive of Pakistan's "**Poverty Alleviation (Khushal Kashmir) Program**" (for the period, 2001-02). Produced basic guidelines (design, drawing, procedures etc) for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation schemes, Primary School Buildings and Rural access roads
- **Technical member of AJK TASK TEAM, "Drought Relief Plan"** for AJK during 1997-98

MANAGERIAL COURSES / NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES / SEMINARS:

- Paper on "**Promotion of Rain Water Harvesting in EQAAs of KP and AJK**" in 3 days International Conference on "**Environmentally Sustainable Development, ESDev-2009**", 16-18 August 2009, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) Abbottabad, Pakistan
- Attendance and presentation of paper on **Rain Water Harvesting** in an International Conference on "**Advances in Agriculture: Prospects and potentials of Natural Resources in Food Security**", at Faculty of Agriculture, Rawalakot: University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (11 – 13 August 2009)
- Presented the Country paper on **Rain Water Harvesting** in the "**Regional high level meeting on Rain Water Harvesting**" - 28 - 30 June 2009– **Kathmandu, Nepal**
- Participated as **Facilitator** WatSan Sector in a 2-days Conference on "**Human and Institutional Capacity Building**", jointly organized by the GoAJK and Asian Development Bank (August 26-27, 2008), held at Muzaffarabad AJK
- Attended 3-days (Dec 1st-3rd 2008) national level "**WASH Cluster Coordination Training Workshop**", organized by UNICEF/REDR UK at Lahore.
- Attended 3-days **Regional Seminar** on "**Gender, Poverty and Infrastructure**" in Dacca **Bangladesh** (3 -7 Nov 2007)
- Represented Pakistan and made presentation in 32nd WEDC **conference in Colombo- Sri Lanka** in Nov 2006.
- Participated and made presentation in a 3-Days **International conference on "Community Driven Local Development"**, in **Washington DC, USA** (16 –18 June, 2004).
- Attended 12-days certificate course on "**Public Awareness, Stakeholder Consultation, and Media Relations for PPP and Privatization Projects**", in the institute for Public Private Partnership, **Washington DC, USA**. June, 2004.
- Attended 12-days certificate course on "**Management Skills for Project Leaders in Developing Countries**". Center for International Child Health, Institute of Child Health, **University of London, UK**. Sep, 1996.
- 2-weeks certificate course on "**Procurement of Works, Goods and Consultants' Services under World Bank Financed Projects**", Institute of GIK, Topi, Pakistan, with the collaboration of World Bank. (Sep. 29 to Oct. 10, 1997).