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PERSONAL PROFILE:

I have over two decades of experience in managing social development, environment, health, and research and advocacy projects. I have a strong background in community development, public health, social welfare, feminist and a rights-based approach to socio-economic, cultural, and ecological aspects of human development. Holding a PhD in Social Welfare, a Master's Degree in Health Planning and Management, and additional credentials in forestry, education and business administration, I will bring a unique blend of academic expertise, advocacy, research proficiency, social mobilization and project management skills. I am very passionate about environmental protection and social justice, locally led solutions for a global agenda and active and meaningful engagement of stakeholders. I am a strong advocate for nature positive business, planetary health, human rights, social justice, and rural revitalization, believing in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as essential principles for social progress. I have led multiple research studies, development projects, strategic partnerships and policy advocacy campaigns, monitoring initiatives, both in Nepal and internationally. I have co-authored nearly two dozen peer-reviewed research articles and have extensive experience collaborating with donors, government agencies, and external development partners. As the **Stakeholders Engagement/GEDSI Specialist** for the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (**DGM**) for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), a Climate Investment Fund (CIF) and World Bank initiative, my roles include to engaging stakeholders actively and meaningfully, and implementing the Fund's Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS), including the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) standards, Gender Policy, Gender Action Plan, with specific focus on GEDSI and other policies and programmatic interventions. I also serve as **Director of Research and Strategic Partnerships** at **Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)**. I am the Chair of the **Start Fund Nepal**, Start Network (UK Charity No. 1159483) comprises more than 130 humanitarian agencies across five continents, ranging from large international organizations to national NGOs. I am currently serving as the **Country Advisor** for Give2Asia [US based Alliance is called **Myriad USA**] we work remotely and virtually with occasional travel for the philanthropic work in Nepal.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS:

Chairperson:	Sustainable Development, Governance & Law Association Nepal
Chairperson:	Start Fund Nepal
Editorial Board:	Journal of Indigenous Social Development (JISD)
Trustee:	Native Arts and Heritage Academy Nepal (NaHAN)
Board Member:	Healthy Mother Healthy Baby Coalition of Hawaii
Team Member:	Yogmaya Himalayan Ayurveda Universtiy, Arun Valley, Nepal
Member:	Indigenous Peoples of Asia Solidarity Fund
	Amnesty International Nepal
	Nepal Red Cross Society (Life Member)
	CIVICUS Alliance
	Planetary Health Alliance
	Social Work Health Inequalities Network
	Women Orgnizing for Change in Agriculture and NRM (WOCAN)

CORE COMPETENCIES [Five Major]:

1. **Strategic Partnerships & Project Management:** Experienced in leading multi-disciplinary teams, budgeting, implementation, and monitoring of large-scale development projects engaging diverse stakeholders including IPLCs.
2. **Research & Policy Advocacy:** Expertise in designing and conducting high-level social research, including using power aware tools and methodologies, organizing public policy advocacy, and inclusive governance strategies. Proficient in ethnographic and qualitative research methods, program evaluation, monitoring and evaluation; right-based approaches and feminist methods of data collection and data analysis.
3. **Stakeholder Engagement/Environmental & Social Safeguard:** Extensive collaboration with government agencies, donors, NGOs, and civil society organizations.
4. **Gender Equality, Disability & Social Inclusion (GEDSI):** Strong advocate for marginalized communities, with expertise in GEDSI frameworks, disability rights, and human rights issues. Experienced in participatory training, curriculum development on GEDSI concept, feminist and right based approaches in development
5. **Public Health & Climate Change:** Specializing in ecological and planetary health approaches to emerging public health crises, social determinants of health and indigenous and alternative health and healing.

AWARD:

- **Nepal Vidhya Bhusan “Ka”**, Nepal Government (2018) – Prestigious academic honor awarded by the President of Nepal for achieving the highest degree/PhD.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Country / Organizations	Position	Key Rôles and Responsabilités
Nepal / 2023 - Present Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)	IPLC Engagement & GESI Specialist	Provide technical advice to DGM Nepal project (CIF and the World Bank)
Nepal / 2023 - Present Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)	Director of Research and Strategic Partnerships)	Design, conduct and disseminate implementation research, assessments and program evaluations. Lead and manage the strategic partnerships and business development activities. Conduct market research and community need assessments/consultation and surveys. Design and organize fund raising activities. Liaise with the consortium partners and donors. Develop work plan, and track project development and reporting as well as budget with consortium and national partners. Keep up to date with regulations and requirements of the donors.
Nepal / 2018 - Present Give2Asia (Myriad USA]	Nepal Country Advisor	Provide advisory services to philanthropic activities including the country needs assessment, due diligence, proposal review, monitoring of the grantees, reporting and related jobs
Nepal / 2019 – 2023 Nick Simons Institute (NSI)	Research, Advocacy and Monitoring Lead	Lead and manage the research, advocacy and monitoring activities, provide technical support to

		ongoing projects including social accountability and social mobilization related work (Provide technical support to ongoing projects including governance, social accountability and social mobilization related work Design and conduct advocacy work
Nepal / 2016 – 2018 Kathmandu University, School of Arts	Visiting Faculty	Develop courses and materials in order to teach research methods, social mobilization, GESI, community organizing and leadership courses
Nepal /2018 – 2018 Pact Inc.	Research and Social Accountability Manager	Lead and manage the research and social accountability services for SASH project under NHHSP III [DFID/UKAid] Design and conduct research activities Organize various activities related to the health governance with huge emphasis in GESI, citizen engagement and right to information
Nepal / 2016 – 2018 Multiple agencies in Nepal	Research Team Leader/Co- Investigator)/Consult ant	Designed and conducted multiple research studies related to FP, MCH, MHM and WASH etc. (DFID- via UCL, London)
Nepal / 2017 – 2018 Community Self- Reliance Center (CSRC)	Consultant (Project Management, Social Policy Advocacy and Research)	Provide technical support to project management, policy advocacy and research in Nepal (UN- Habitat, ILC)
USA / 2014 – 2016 University of Hawaii at Manoa	Research Associate	Assist in designing and conducting various public health and social work-related projects in Hawaii & Pacific Island Nations
USA / 2008 – 2014 University of Hawaii at Manoa	PhD Fellow /Graduate Research Assistant	Develop courses, research studies, teach classes and provide academic support
Nepal / 1999 – 2007 Mother Infant Research Activities (MIRA)	Deputy Program Manager	Manage a community based maternal/child health and nutrition project in Dhanusha (DFID via UCL, London)
	Sr. Social Mobilization/Resear ch Officer	Manage the community mobilization and participatory community action cycles; Conduct qualitative research part of the community based randomized control trail of MCH project in Makwanpur
Nepal / 1996 –1999 United Mission to Nepal (UMN)/Rural Development Center	Trainer	Engage in designing training needs assessment, developing social and technical training courses, delivery and monitoring of participatory training activities across Nepal
Nepal / 1994 - 1996 Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)	Program Associate	Engage/support in managing/implementing a post-disaster socio-economic rehabilitation project in Chitwan (CARITAS Nepal)

JOURNAL ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS:

Published nearly 2 dozen of peer reviewed articles, accessible through the following:

<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-9659-1700>

[Suresh Tamang, PhD - Google Scholar](#)

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Suresh-Tamang-2>

<https://independent.academia.edu/SureshTamang3>

COUNTRIES VISITED:

Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, Federated States of Micronesia, Finland, India, Japan, Marshal Islands, Morocco, Panama, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, The Philippines, Thailand, UK, USA.

Social Media: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/stamangphd/>

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING/FELLOWSHIPS:

Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship, East West Center, August 2007 - May 2008
Solving Human and Organizational Problems, Nagoya, Japan, November – December 2003
Advanced Int. Project Management Training, Stockholm, Sweden, March-April, 2002

LANGUAGES:

- **Fluent:** English, Nepalese
- **Good:** Hindi, Urdu, Maithili
- **Basic:** Tamang, Tibetan

SUPERVISORY/ADVISORY SUPPORT:

- Supervised various Practicum students/Internship participants at NSI and RRN
- Provided supervisory/advisory support to students from the *Washington University in St. Louis, USA [May 2023]* and *Kathmandu University [July 2021]*.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV accurately describes my qualifications and experience.

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