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Project Management Specialist (Agriculture)

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BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

Serving as Project Management Specialist – Agriculture /AOR as one of the core members of Office of Economic Growth (EG), Feed the Future team, USAID/ Bangladesh. The Project Management Specialist – Agriculture acts as agricultural adviser and advises on USAID/Bangladesh Mission strategy and programming decision in terms of formulation, design, implementation management and administration, monitoring and evaluation under the Mission EG office portfolio with an annual budget approximately 50 million U.S. dollars.

The range of area of expertise in the agriculture sector covers – food security & nutritional issues of Bangladesh, agricultural production, diversification, income, biotechnology, agricultural research and extension, down-streaming the technologies, value chains and marketing within the subsector of crop, Fish, veterinary, and agricultural processing.

Advises based on analysis of Bangladesh's agriculture and food security situation, macro-economic sectoral development and policy dynamics aimed at food insecurity reduction, poverty alleviation and sustainable economic growth. Advises and coordinates the partnership efforts of USAID/Bangladesh with other donors, government of Bangladesh, contractor, grantees, CGIAR, PIO, PVO, NGO and private sector to best utilize USAID resources.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Agricultural Adviser:**
 - Serves as agricultural adviser to the Bangladesh Mission for conceptualization, planning, implementation management, monitoring and evaluation of USAID funded activities in agriculture, food & nutrition and food security.
 - Advises the food security team leader in formulating, designing, reviewing and revising the Mission food security and agricultural strategy framework.
 - Identifies opportunities for partnership between USAID and other donors, universities, research organizations, NGOs and private sector entities.
 - Provides periodic assessments of Bangladesh's overall food security situation, macroeconomic and sectoral policy reforms status.
 - Advises on designing new programs on food security and agriculture, synergies between marketing, processing, gender, nutrition and climate change adaptation.
 - Assists EG office chief in reviewing agricultural research and development proposals.
- **Strategy Development and Achievement:**
 - Prepares factual, analytical reports and concept papers on food security related issues.

- Assists in prioritizing food security issues coordinating with other donors and USAID stakeholders.
- Provides guidance for team efforts to maximize inter-team program synergies.
- Contributed greatly to developing the recent Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) for the EG office.
- **Project Design and Reporting:**
 - Directs planning and design of new programs and projects (e.g., agriculture, food security, marketing).
 - Prepares Scopes of Work (SOW), program descriptions, and participates in Technical Evaluation Committees (TECs).
 - Coordinates EG office inputs for Operational Plans (OP), PPR, Annual Portfolio Review (APR), and CDCS.
 - Provides mentorship and coaching to junior staff in understanding technical issues.

DETAILED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND CAREER HISTORY

I. USAID/Bangladesh | Project Management Specialist - Agriculture/AOR (2011 - 2025)

Project Name	Agency	Duration/TEC	Goal
FTF Aquaculture & Nutrition	World Fish	6 years / \$28M	Increase aquaculture productivity and nutrition.
Trade Facilitation Activity	International Development Group IDG	5 years/ \$20M	Strengthen Trade facilitation in Bangladesh
Rice and Diversified Crops	Chemonics International	5 years/\$ 20M	Strengthen Food security
Agricultural Value Chain	Chemonics	5 Years/ \$40 M	Increased Agricultural productivity, food security and nutrition
Shamortha Plus / Capability activity	Swiss intercooperation	3 years/ \$ 3 M	Employment and Skill development of private sector and community
Ag. Extension Support (AESA)	CARE, DAM, mPower	5 years / \$23M	Strengthen extension capacity for food security.
Biotechnology Partnerships	Cornell University , Michigan State University (MSU), Arcadia Biosciences Inc.	5 years / \$ 50M	Develop bio-engineered crop varieties- Eggplant, Potato and rice
Horticulture Project	CIP, AVRDC, BARI	5 years / \$10M	Raise income and nutrition of farmers.
Cold Chain Alliance (CCBA)	Winrock International	3 years / \$15M	Public-private partnership for cold chain.
Farmer to Farmer Program	Winrock International	3 years / \$3M	Economic growth through U.S. volunteers.

II. USAID/Bangladesh | Activity Manager / Project Management Assistant (2005 - 2011)

- Assisted in supervision and implementation of food security programs (CARE, Save the Children, ACDI/VOCA).
- Managed commodity procurement, budget tracking, and program close-outs.

III. World Vision International | Agriculture Officer (2001 - 2005)

- District program planning and implementation
- Staff development and NGO partnership liaison

IV. CARE International | Project Manager / Technical Officer (1995 - 1998)

- Staff supervision and training
- On-farm trials and technology exploration
- Financial report preparation

KNOWLEDGE

- Vast knowledge on agriculture sector development in Bangladesh since the 1990s.
- Experienced in qualitative/quantitative research and data analysis for decision making.
- Participated in the National Food Supply Assessment Mission (2008) with FAO.
- In-depth understanding of socio-economic barriers and host country/donor needs.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

AOR Course (A&A 102 & 103), Programming Foreign Assistance (PFA), Food Aid Managers Course (FAMC - DC), Agriculture Core Course (BFS), Monitoring & Evaluation, Training of Trainers (TOT), Disaster Management, Livelihood Food Security, Supervision Seminar (Bangkok)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FROM USAID

- Mission Honor Award (2016): Exceptional performance in public-private partnerships.
- Mission Honor Award (2015): Outstanding contribution to food security monitoring.
- Superior Group Award (2014): Innovation in the Feed the Future team.
- 15+ On-the-Spot Awards (2005-2023): For commodity accountability and professional excellence.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successful operations for 2007 flood, Cyclone SIDR, and 2009 flood relief.
- Explored \$50 million from private sector to boost agricultural productivity
- Enhanced food security for Bangladeshi people
- Released four bio-engineered eggplant varieties.
- Introduced the first food safety management course in Asia at BAU.
- Released Generation 3 fish varieties to boost national GDP.
- Uplifted activity rating from 'Red' to 'Green' via leadership.

REFERENCES

Jeffrey Zahka | Acting Director, EG Office, USAID Bangladesh | jeffreyzahka@yahoo.com

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