

CHRIS PIPER OVERVIEW AS GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER

I am a multi-skilled, cross-culturally adept, Global Humanitarian Practitioner. My skill sets and experience include Disaster Risk Management (DRM), Community Engagement, Project Management, Capacity Building, and Research and Networking. A summary of achievements include:

- Being a qualified secondary teacher, university lecturer, and adult educator. I am also a member of the RedR Australia Humanitarian Standby Team and Australia Assists Roster; the Australian Institute of Emergency Services (MAIES); and the International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance & Protection (PHAP).
- Having worked in senior humanitarian management positions in Bangladesh, Tonga, Vanuatu Somalia, Cambodia, Australia, and the UK; and more recently as UNDP Early Warning Dissemination and Training Specialist in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, supporting Rohingya refugees there.
- Having visited multiple other countries on humanitarian missions in a consultancy role, these including PNG, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Mozambique, and the Balkans (Albania, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina).
- Facilitation of over 110 accredited DRM and Participatory Project Management (PPM) workshops both across Australia and overseas. Since mid-2016, I have also taught an online accredited DRM program.
- Having taught as a lecturer at three Australian universities. I am currently Unit Chair for the Charles Sturt University (CSU) Emergency Management program, teaching EMG 309 (Humanitarian Relief).
- Having also taught at three Geelong-based schools, most recent as a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT). I separately delivered a paper on DRM and Schools at the 2017 Geography Teachers Association of Victoria (GTAV) Annual Conference.
- Having quite an extensive link with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) communities. I have taught customised (ATSI) PPM courses in various locations, and also worked as Interim Child & Family Leader for the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training in Yuendumu, NT.
- Over the period 2009-11, having responsibility for planning and managing eleven inter-church community based recovery initiatives following bushfires and floods in Victoria.
- Being a Short-Service Commissioned British Army Educational Officer in West Germany and Northern Ireland. As General Manager for a London-based logistics company, I organised two airlifts of humanitarian supplies to Ethiopia at the height of the 1984/5 famine.
- Speaking French, German and Bengali to varying degrees. I was also on the cross-cultural team supporting the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD) program.
- Significant contributions to the Australian aid sector over the years. I was co-founder of the Melbourne Development Circle (MDC); Co-founder and Co-convener of the Melbourne-based Syrian Community (SC)/Humanitarian Community (HC) Forum; and currently produce a number of useful humanitarian and development resources on the TorqAid website - see www.torqaid/torqaid-toolkit