

CHRIS PIPER: HUMANITARIAN EXPERT – ADVISER/CONSULTANT, TRAINER & RESEARCHER

Overview: Chris Piper as Humanitarian Expert

This paper describes Chris Piper's Skills and Experience as a Humanitarian Expert, which comprises three key components of Advisory/Consultancy work, Training, and Research. The link to this paper can be found at www.torqaid.com/cp-humanitarian-expert. It can be complemented by also referring to his CV at www.torqaid.com/chris-piper-cv. Chris is a multi-skilled global humanitarian practitioner, whose skills include initiatives across the Disaster Risk Management Cycle (DRMC)¹. He has worked for a variety of stakeholder groups including NGOs, governments, United Nation (UN) agencies, and faith-based organizations, across a number of diverse geographical regions. His three complementary skills sets are summarized below.



- Humanitarian Advisor/Consultant²
- Humanitarian Trainer and Presenter
- Humanitarian Researcher

Key components of each of these three skill sets are summarized below.

Humanitarian Adviser/Consultant

This consists of the following skills and experiences³:

- Humanitarian Adviser, Field Practitioner, Team Leader
- Humanitarian-related Assessments, Plans, Reviews and Evaluations
- Logistical Expertise
- Communication with Communities (CwC)
- Proposal Writing

Humanitarian Trainer

This consists of the following:

- Facilitation of over 100 accredited Disaster Risk Management (DRM)⁴ & Participatory Project Management (PPM)⁵ workshops across Australia and overseas
 - ✓ Australian locations include Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Canberra, Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Darwin, Alice Springs, Perth, Adelaide

¹ Namely Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Emergency Response, and Recovery

² Note that humanitarian consultancies are primarily 'one-off' contracts, whilst humanitarian advisory suggests a longer term relationship (for example 2-3 days a month over a period of time)

³ Examples of these skills are included later in this paper

⁴ See <http://www.torqaid.com/drm-generic>

⁵ See <http://www.torqaid.com/ppm-generic>

- ✓ Overseas locations include PNG, Vanuatu, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Indonesia, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Madagascar, South Africa, Albania, UK
- Development and facilitation of the TorqAid online accredited DRM program - www.torqaid.com/online-drm-program
- Design and teaching of online Emergency Management Units at Charles Sturt University (CSU), and Development Studies at Deakin University
- Development of core units for the new Deakin University Master of Humanitarian Assistance (MHA)
- Teaching of two DRM programs at Murdoch University



Humanitarian Researcher

- Development of the TorqAid Toolkit - www.torqaid.com/torqaid-toolkit
- Development of the DRM diagrammatic framework - <http://www.torqaid.com/drm-framework> which is a key component of the TorqAid DRM workshop and online program
- Development of the Australian Aid Resource and Training Guide (AARG) over the period 2002-2016

Humanitarian Adviser/Consultant Skill Set Examples

- *Humanitarian Adviser, Field Practitioner, Team Leader*
 - ✓ RedR Australia contracted UNDP Early Warning Dissemination and Training Specialist, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
 - ✓ Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Adviser, Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), Luganville, Vanuatu
 - ✓ DFAT contracted DRM Adviser, National Emergency Management Office (NEMO), Nuku'alofa, Tonga
 - ✓ Child and Family Leader, Northern Territory (NT) Department of Education & Training (DET), Yuendumu, NT, Australia
 - ✓ Crisis Centre Adviser, VUSH/AEP, Tirana, Albania
 - ✓ Team Leader, World Vision, Las Dhure refugee camp, Somalia,
 - ✓ Assistant Program Director, World Vision, Cambodia
 - ✓ Field Director, Save the Children, River Project, Bangladesh
- *Humanitarian-related Assessments, Plans, Reviews and Evaluations*
 - ✓ Global DRM planning strategy for ChildFund Alliance in Australia and Bangkok
 - ✓ DRM-related assessment and capacity building training for CARE in Afghanistan
 - ✓ Cyclone Nari recovery planning, Myanmar Baptist Convention (MBC), Yangon, Myanmar
 - ✓ Development of Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) program for World Vision in central Laos
 - ✓ DRM assessment and capacity building for UNDP in the Marshall Islands
 - ✓ DRM-related planning and capacity building for the Comprehensive Disaster Management Program (CDMP) in Dhaka, Bangladesh

- ✓ Post-tsunami recovery planning for Tearfund UK in Aceh and Sri Lanka
 - ✓ Team leader of CBDRM evaluation for World Vision in PNG, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands
 - ✓ Evaluation of post-conflict recovery projects for Tearfund in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan
 - ✓ Team leader of Tearfund UK's Balkan humanitarian program, comprising Serbia-Montenegro, Albania and Kosovo
 - ✓ Drought assessment, Tearfund UK, Herat, Afghanistan
 - ✓ Drought assessment, Australian Government, Irian Jaya, Indonesia
 - ✓ Post-tsunami recovery planning, Australian Government, Aitape, PNG
 - ✓ Drought assessment, World Vision, PNG
 - ✓ Development of two Municipal Emergency Management Plans (MEMPs) in Victoria
 - ✓ Member of Australian Government repatriation planning for Cambodian refugees returning from Thailand
- *Logistical Expertise*
 - ✓ General manager of a freight forwarding company air and sea freighting supplies for NGOs and missionary organizations
 - ✓ Planning and management of four emergency airlifts for World Vision, two from London to Ethiopia, and one each from Melbourne to Jordan and Bangladesh
 - *Communication with Communities (CwC)*
 - ✓ Support for the CwC program in Cox's Bazar, this relating to early warning messaging for Rohingya communities potentially affected by monsoon flooding and tropical cyclone
 - ✓ Interaction with village community in West Bengal, India, and development of a Seasonal Calendar as part of overall Participatory Project Management (PPM) training
 - ✓ Interaction with communities in bushfire and flood affected Victoria, to ensure that recovery initiatives met the needs of affected individuals
 - *Proposal Writing*
 - ✓ Preparation of multiple reports, reviews and evaluations for World Vision, for a combination of donors, namely AIDAB/AusAID, DFID and the European Union

Further Information

For further information on Chris's experience and skills as a Humanitarian Consultant/Adviser, trainer, and researcher, please contact him at:

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