

## CHRIS PIPER: GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN PRACTITIONER<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

Chris is a multi-skilled, cross-culturally adept, **Global Humanitarian Practitioner**. The three main strands of his work include those of *Humanitarian Consultant and Advisor, Trainer, and Researcher*. He is a member of the RedR Australia Humanitarian Standby Team and Australia Assists Roster, and the Australian Institute of Emergency Services (MAIES). He is also a qualified secondary teacher and adult educator, as well as university lecturer. He has worked extensively across the Asian-Pacific, Australian, Southern and Eastern African; European and Mediterranean regions, and speaks French, German and Bangla (Bengali) to varying degrees. His humanitarian work has included initiatives across the Disaster Risk Management Cycle (DRMC)<sup>2</sup> for both natural hazards and complex emergencies.



### Services Offered

Chris' skills as a Global Humanitarian Practitioner cover the following three complementary areas. Included below are examples of his specific skills:

- *Humanitarian Consultant and Advisor*
  - ✓ Strategic planning for newly evolving humanitarian situations
  - ✓ Marketing of services for clients as their Global Humanitarian Adviser (GHA)
- *Humanitarian Trainer*
  - ✓ Facilitation of short practical training sessions for support or field level staff
  - ✓ Facilitation of the online, accredited, Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) program<sup>3</sup>
  - ✓ Facilitation of longer (3-4 days), accredited, PDRM or Participatory Project Management (PPM) workshops
- *Humanitarian Researcher*
  - ✓ Updating of the monthly TorqAid Toolkit<sup>4</sup>, a compendium of useful and practical resources for the global development and humanitarian practitioner

### Examples of Relevant Work Experience

- Currently (March 2020 to present) Bushfire Recovery Adviser (BRA) to the Baptist Union of Victoria (BUV)
- Senior Manager at both field and support office levels – examples being NGO Field Director in Bangladesh; Team Leader in Somalia; and Relief & Recovery Unit Manager in Australia for a major NGO

<sup>1</sup> This profile can also be accessed from [www.torgaid.com/chris-piper-ghp](http://www.torgaid.com/chris-piper-ghp)

<sup>2</sup> Namely Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR); Emergency Response; and Recovery

<sup>3</sup> See [www.torgaid.com/online-pdrm-program](http://www.torgaid.com/online-pdrm-program)

<sup>4</sup> See [www.torgaid.com/torgaid-toolkit](http://www.torgaid.com/torgaid-toolkit)

- Consultant on Australian Government funded initiatives – examples including, in Bangladesh (UN Rohingya program): Tonga (Disaster Risk Management {DRM} Adviser); PNG (Aitape tsunami recovery); and Cambodia (refugee returnee program from Thailand)



- NGO consultancies to multiple countries, these including Indonesia/Sri Lanka (2004 tsunami); Myanmar (Cyclone Nargis); and Afghanistan (post-conflict recovery)
- Over 110, mainly accredited, DRM<sup>5</sup> and PPM workshops facilitated across Australia and globally<sup>6</sup>
- Logistical experience including emergency humanitarian airlifts for international NGOs to Ethiopia (2 flights), Bangladesh, and Jordan. Also involvement in road logistics transporting Australian Government funded Zimbabwean maize into Mozambique.
- Ten week contract as interim Child and Family Leader (CFL) with the Northern Territory (NT) Department of Education and Training (DET) in Yuendumu, as well as NT PPM training for practitioners involved in Aboriginal Community Development.
- Planning and management of 11 church-based community level initiatives following the 2009 Victorian bushfires and 2011 Victorian floods.
- Teaching a range of development and humanitarian subjects at two Australian universities, as well as a specialised DRM workshop at a third university.
- Presentation at conferences in both Indonesia and Melbourne on the roles of DRM and the military, and DRM and schools respectively. Author of article on the Rohingya in the Spring edition of the Geography Teacher's Association of Victoria (GTAV) magazine, Interaction.
- Involvement of Australian community-level initiatives such as co-founder of the Melbourne Development Circle (MDC); Melbourne-based Syrian Community (SC)/Humanitarian Community (HC) Forum; and Torquay Food Aid.
- Production of the Australian Aid Resource & Training Guide (AARTG) from 2002-2016, and the TorqAid Toolkit since 2017.

### Further Information

For further information on the role of Chris as a *Global Humanitarian Practitioner*, and more specifically his services as a *Humanitarian Consultant/Adviser, Trainer, and Researcher*, please contact him as indicated below.

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<sup>5</sup> Since 2019, now renamed Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM)

<sup>6</sup> With countries including PNG, Fiji, Vanuatu, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Madagascar, South Africa, Albania, and the UK