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Qualifications

- Master in International and Community Development, Deakin University, Australia. .
- Graduate Diploma in Development Studies, Bath University, UK.
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Keswick College (University of East Anglia), UK.
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Geography-Economics, Reading University, UK.

Major Professional Affiliations & Short Training Courses

- Member of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) funded, RedR Australia managed, Australia Assists and Humanitarian Roster from Dec 2017 to August 2021.
- Member of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services (MAIES) since 2004.
- Full Teacher Registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) since 2008.
- UNDSS Security Awareness Training. 2019 HLTAID003 Provide First Aid; 22300VIC First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis; and 22282VIC Emergency Management of Asthma.

Career Summary back to 1988

Role	Organisation	Dates
Managing Director	TorqAid, Torquay, Australia	1992-present
Lecturer	Charles Sturt University	2010-2022
Fixed Term and Casual Relief Teacher (CRT)	Multiple secondary schools in the Geelong region	1997-present
Humanitarian Review	Caritas Oceania	Feb – Oct 2022
Bushfire Recovery Adviser (BRA)	Baptist Union of Victoria (BUV)	March-June 2020
Early Warning Dissemination & Training Specialist	United National Development Program (UNDP), Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	Apr-July 2018
Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Adviser	Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), Luganville, Vanuatu	Oct 2015-Mar 2016
Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Adviser	Kingdom of Tonga's National Emergency Management Office	Nov 2014-May 2015
Lecturer & Researcher	Deakin University, Geelong	1999-2007/2011-12
Manager, Relief & Recovery Unit	World Vision Australia, Melbourne	1988-92

Overseas Experience

Medium (3+ months): Australia, Bangladesh, Vanuatu, Tonga, Belgium, Cambodia, Somalia, UK, Germany.

Short (less than 3 months): Indonesia, PNG, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Laos, Marshall Islands, Japan, South Africa, Mozambique, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Sudan, Balkans.

Languages: French: Good. German: Fair. Bangla (Bengali): Basic

Key Career Details back to 1988

TorqAid Managing Director.

1992 - Present

Role Overview: Establish and develop effective and relevant global humanitarian consultancy

Key Achievements:

- Humanitarian consultancies for not-for profit, government and UN agencies. Locations included Bangladesh (Rohingya), Indonesia/Sri Lanka (tsunami); Afghanistan (drought/post conflict); Balkans (refugees/post-conflict); PNG (drought/tsunami); Myanmar (cyclone); and Victoria (bushfire/floods)
- Facilitated over 110, mainly accredited, Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) and Participatory Project Management (PPM) workshops across Australia and overseas – see www.torqaid.com/2023-pdrm-training
- Facilitated online accredited PDRM program – www.torqaid.com/online-pdrm-program since 2016.
- Editor of the TorqAid Toolkit – www.torqaid.com/torqaid-toolkit.
- Co-founder and Co-chair of both the Melbourne Development Circle (MDC), and Syrian Community (SC)/Humanitarian Community (HC) Forum

Caritas Oceania¹ Humanitarian Review.

Feb – Oct 2022

Role Overview: Review of the Caritas Oceania Regional Disaster Management (CORDMA) Coordination Framework

Key Achievements:

- Held Zoom consultations with Caritas Oceania members, as well as with stakeholders from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Secours Catholique.
- Produced a revised version of the CORDMA Framework and Aide-Memoire.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) Lecturer.

2010 to 2022

Role Overview: Unit Chair for online EMG 309 (Humanitarian Relief) unit

Key Achievements:

- Taught this subject over 13 years to experienced Australian Emergency Managers.

Baptist Union of Victoria (BUV) Bushfire Recovery Adviser (BRA).

March- June 2020

Role Overview: Advising the BUV on bushfire recovery initiatives following the 2019/2020 bushfires.

Key Achievements:

- Together with the BUV Bushfire Coordinator, carried out strategic planning in the field in March
- Design and fine-tuning of psychosocial training for Community Recovery Volunteers (CRVs)

¹ This consists of Caritas offices in Australia, Aotearoa NZ, PNG, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga

Fixed Term (FT) Employment and Casual Relief Teacher (CRT), Geelong Region. 1997 – Present

Role Overview: A combination of FT and CRT teaching in the Geelong Region.

Key Achievements:

- Taught a range of secondary level subjects to ten schools across the Geelong region, with current focus now on The Geelong College.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Expert, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Apr-Jun 2018

Role Overview: Supported UNDP assisting Rohingya refugees and host communities in Cox's Bazar District.

Key Achievements

- Represented UNDP on various sectoral meetings and working groups
- Facilitated Disaster Risk Management (DRM) training for BRAC Bangladesh
- Arranged instalment of Norwegian rain gauges throughout refugee camp

Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), DRM Adviser/Mentor, Vanuatu, Oct 2015-March 2016

Role Overview: Supported ACOM in follow up recovery response to March 2015 Tropical Cyclone (TC) Pam; responding to current 2015-16 el Nino-related drought; and planning out future DRM strategy.

Key Responsibilities:

- Prepared medium term DRM strategy encompassing All Hazards approach
- Reported on grants for TC Pam. Carried out DRM training across Espiritu Santo

DRM Adviser to Tonga National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO). Nov 2014 – May 2015

Role Overview: Support NEMO in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural disasters.

Key Achievements:

- Developed framework for Government Department-led Coordination Clusters
- Coordinated NEMOs response to offshore volcanic eruption in Jan 2015

Deakin University, Lecturer/Researcher.

1999-2007 & 2011/12

Role Overview: Unit Chair for three units in the Deakin Master in International and Community Development (MICD) program, and Research for new Master in Humanitarian Affairs (MHA) program

Key Achievements:

- Prepared and taught three online units on the MICD program
- Developed the five core units for the new MHA program

World Vision Australia (WVA) Relief and Recovery Unit (RRU) Manager. Feb 1988-Sept 1992

Role Overview: Developed and led new humanitarian unit within WVA.

Key Achievements:

- Trained up and mentored new WVA humanitarian team
- Over four year period, trebled government funding from AUD 3.3 to AUD 10 million annually

- Developed tripartite Australian food assistance program for Mozambique
- Organised airlifts of humanitarian supplies to Bangladesh and Jordan.

Other Roles prior to 1988

- Geelong Grammar School Master
- Fairflight International (logistics company) General Manager, London
- World Vision Europe, Kampuchea (Cambodia), and Somalia
- Save the Children Field Director, Bangladesh
- British Army Education Officer

Referees

Available on Request