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**EDUCATION:**

**Jan. 1996 -Dec. 1998** Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) Tribhuvan University, Nepal, Specialization in rural development and development planning.

**Jan. 1990 -Dec. 1991** Bachelor Degree in Community Health Nursing, Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Maharajgunj, Nepal, Specialization in community health management.

**July 1985 -June 1989** Bachelor Degree in Management, Swarswoti Multiple Campus, Kathmandu, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, Specialization in Planning, Finance management.

**Jan. 1982-Dec. 1985** Proficiency in Certificate Nursing, Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu Nepal

**SHORT ACADEMIC COURSES:**

**March 97 - June 1997** Participation and Development with Gender, Academic Course, Centre for Development Studies in Swansea University Wales, UK.

**Nov 92 - Dec. 1992** Community Health and Nutrition Course focused on Positive Deviance and its approaches in Bangladesh organized by Save the Children (UK) Bangladesh.

**May 1999** Development Studies School Course organized by Save the Children (UK) South and Central Asia Regional Office, Kathmandu, Nepal.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, CONFERENCES, MEETING (ABROAD):**

**April 2011 Bangkok** Completed the GBV Regional Capacity Promoter training in Bangkok from 10 to 22<sup>nd</sup> April organized by UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFPA.

**Sep 2010 Pondecherry** Participated in Asian regional meeting in India and presented Aawaaj counseling program and its impact to children and women survivors.

**June 2009 Geneva:** Paper Presentation on World Appeal to a new mobilization for childhood, especially focused on the appeal and its impact on the institutional work and in the field.

**Feb and Oct 08 Belgium:** Participated in Brussels as an Expert group member of Asia for the position paper on child rights convention and continue working on paper for 20 yrs CRC celebration in Geneva 2009.

**August 2008 Cambodia:** Participated in third Asian regional meeting in Cambodia.

**June 08 Paris, France:** Asian Position paper presented on achievement, challenges and areas need to address on children rights in future on 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BICE.

**Nov to Dec 07 US** International Visitors' Leadership program in America focused on community approaches on social issues in four different states of US namely Washington

DC, Philadelphia, New Mexico- Santa Fe, and Luciana, focused on GBV and HIV/ AIDS.

- Sep 2007 Manila** Paper presented on Community-Based Initiative Against Sexual Exploitation of Children, Midwestern Nepal in 7th Asian Regional Conference in Philippines.
- June 2007 Brussels** Asian Regional Networking Meeting and paper presented on “how to promote and encourage a protective familial environment for every child” in Brussels.
- Oct 2006 Belgium** Participated in workshop on Project cycle, Reporting, Monitoring, Log frame analysis, Partnership and Networking, Childhood and virtues project.
- June 2005 Geneva:** Participation in International Consultation on Child rights, Resilience and Paper presented on how children could be resilient in own context.
- January 2005 Brazil:** Participated in “World Social forum and facilitated session on “standard assistance to survivors of trafficking. ”
- June 2002 Nepal** Sub-Regional Technical Seminar on Psycho-Social Rehabilitation and Occupational Reintegration of Child Survivors of Trafficking by ILO / IPEC
- Dec. 2001 Japan:** Participated in Second World Congress on behalf of NGOs group; and working Committee member of NGO group for the National Report Preparation on ‘Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Trafficking of Children. This report was presented by NGO group jointly with Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (HMG) at “Second World Congress in Yokohama, Japan 12 to 20 December 2001.
- Sep. 2000 London:** Participated in 10th European Conference on diversity, complexity and multiple Perspectives on Quality in Early Childhood Education, and presented paper on ‘child rearing practices in Nepal’
- March 1998 New York:** Participated on the status of women forty-second session- on ‘listen to girls’ session.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

#### **Oct 2001 onwards Working as a Consultant for Training, Research, Review, Evaluation and Need Assessment**

- March 2011** Field Researcher for community voices on solutions to long term hunger where people benefited from WFP program and people who have not access in order to understand of the effectiveness of food assistance in Doti district.
- June to July 2009** Consultant for UNICEF country office for the Evaluation of Children affected by AIDS UNICEF supported Interventions in Syangja and Achham Districts.
- June 2007 to 2009 June** Expert group member for the position paper on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CRC, and presented position paper to Bice International in Paris and continue expert group member in international committee to finalize the Asian position paper.
- Feb 2007** Consultant -UNESCO to facilitate a workshop to MOE authorities to finalize the tool kit on HIV and AIDS and the mainstreaming in education system in Nepal.
- August to Dec 2006** Consultant for the Impact assessment of home based early child hood development program in Nawalparashi District supported by UNICEF.

- Dec 05 to Jan 06** Consultant to International Rescue committee as child protection expert and did conflict need assessment on child protection in Surkhet, Dang and Bardiya in Nepal.
- Oct to Nov 2005** Respond Emergency in Pakistan as Child Protection Advisor to IRC.
- Oct 2005** Consultant to Bice International and did program evaluation of Reaching to unreach trust in India Pondecherry, Chennai
- July to Sep 2005:** Consultant to Enfantie and Development for the Survey of 300 vulnerable families in Kathmandu Valley. As a Team Leader my role was designing tools and finalized survey methodology, recruiting survey team members, designing training for the supervisors, surveyors and analysis of information and writing reports.
- May to Sep 2005:** Consultant to Family Health International for Need assessment of People living with HIV and AIDS on community and home based care, Designing Training Manual and organized Trainers' Training for community and home-based care (CHBC) Teams and support skills for adults and children with HIV in Nepal.
- Feb to April 2005:** Consultant for (DOW) Doctors of World USA for the need assessment of returnees (trafficking) on health service delivery in Nepal.
- Sep to Dec 2004:** Consultant, World Food Program for the evaluation of Girls Incentive program ( focus on Cooking Oil Incentive )and its impact to girls' education in 5 districts.
- July to Aug 2004:** Consultant, UNICEF for the process documentation of home based early childhood care and development and its effectiveness in Bara district.
- Dec. 2003 to June 2004:** Consultant, Family Health International (FHI) for HIV /AIDS Voluntary, Counselling and Testing [VCT] Need Assessment in 3 districts of Nepal. During need assessment I designed training to facilitators, finalized tools and did FGD discussion with Injecting drug users' Female sex workers and their clients, service providers and organizations who has been involved related on HIV / AIDS.
- Feb to April 2004:** Consultant, ECPAT / Plan International for research project on commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and in Nepal work as a principal facilitator.
- Sep to Nov 2003:** Consultant for External Evaluation of Community based Rehabilitation service, (CBRS) for disabled children in Nepal
- July to August 2003:** Consultant for External Evaluation of Peer Education Program on HIV / AIDS in 7 districts of Nepal, Swiss Agency Development Cooperation
- June to Sep 2003:** Consultant for the External Evaluation of Early Childhood Care and Development Program in 6 districts, (ECCD), of Plan International. My especial input to this evaluation was looked in Partnership with NGOs/CBOs, Child right issue, Gender issues in the ECD program.
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**Dec 2001 to June 2003:** National Consultant, SC /UK for HIV / AIDS, trafficking and child protection projects.

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**My role as a consultant;**

- Facilitated multi stakeholders for impact assessment of HIV/AIDS project of Save the Children/UK and recommended for further improvement.
- Facilitated adolescent youth i.e. boys and girls from private and public schools of Kathmandu for the National level Advocacy program against sexual harassment towards girls.
- Building the capacity of trafficked girls and promoted the participation of trafficked adolescent/youth girls in influencing policy and practice related to trafficking.
- Facilitated group of adolescent/youth girls who are working in restaurants and bar **WITH CABIN** and develop an action plan to improve their working environment and protect their rights for the better life.
- Building the capacities of SC/UK partner's staff to facilitate the project called 'Safer Spaces for Girls

**April 2003 to June 2003: Consultant, Canadian Gender Based Organization in Nepal**

The role of consultant was to examine the effectiveness of gender based projects implemented by 12 NGOs in 6 districts and document the lessons learned.

**Nov to Dec2002: Consultant, Donor Coordination Office of BPEP II**

The task and responsibilities of the consultant was to prepare position paper based on field visits, meeting with all the national and international partners involved in ECD, literature review of research and study report, discussions with Department of Education, Other Government line agencies, Finland, UNICEF and NGOs involved on ECD

- ❖ Help to understand the status of the ECD programs in Nepal
- ❖ To analyze the effectiveness of the ECD program in order to focus more towards qualitative goals
- ❖ Give recommendations to the upcoming BPEP Joint Mission on how to proceed the program.

**Oct 2001 to Feb 2002: Consultant, Plan International**

As a research Team Leader designed tools, manage team to conduct research work and conducted qualitative study on violation of children rights due to sexual abuse, exploitation and harassment in 24 schools Nepal.

**2000 Onwards:** Founder / President of Aawaaj- it works against gender based violence and child protection issues in Midwestern region basically Surkhet, Dailekh and Bardiya.

**1998 Sep - 1999 Feb:** Research officer, Save the children UK, South and Central Asia Regional office  
As part of my research work, a research report had published on 'Difficulties Girls' face in Families in Mid-Western Nepal' It can be seen in <http://www.savechildren-alliance.org.np>

**Dec 1994 to Nov. 2001:** Program Manager, Save the Children, UK Nepal in Mid western region

**April 1992 to Dec. 1993:** Clinic In-charge of Maternal and Child Health Clinic in the Save the Children /UK

**Oct. 1986 to Dec. 1989:** Nutrition In-charge of Maternal and Child Health Clinic in Save the Children/UK

*Aforesaid statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. - Irada Parajuli Gautam*