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Summary

A compassionate and experienced addiction treatment professional with over 10 years of experience in providing comprehensive drug treatment care and support. Skilled in project management, monitoring and evaluation, training delivery, and research. Holds an MSc in Addictions from King's College London and is credentialed by the International Centre for Certification and Education of Addiction Professionals (ICCE). Adept at working with diverse communities, delivering training programs, and building strong relationships across government, civil society, and international organizations.

Key skills

- Addiction Treatment and Support
- Project Management and Coordination
- Monitoring and Evaluation (MS Excel, SPSS, R)
- Training Delivery and Capacity Building
- Research and Data Analysis
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Stakeholder Engagement

Education

- **MSc Addictions**, King's College London, 2023-2024
- **MA Public Policy and Administration**, Kabul University, 2017-2019
- **BA Psychology and Educational Sciences**, Kabul University, 2008-2011

Professional Experience

Senior Treatment Coordinator, The Colombo Plan (Oct 2018 – Nov 2023)

- Developed and implemented monitoring plans for INL-funded drug treatment projects, ensuring adherence to international quality standards.
- Led joint monitoring missions with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), preparing detailed reports and recommendations for improvements.
- Fostered collaboration among the Afghan government, civil society, and international partners.
- Facilitated the transition of projects to the MOPH, contributing to standardized treatment modalities and the development of a national database.
- Delivered UTC training to staff, enhancing capacity and improving treatment outcomes at drug rehabilitation treatment centers.
- Highly contributed to implementing Afghanistan's first quality assurance mechanisms for treatment projects.

Treatment Coordinator (Monitoring and evaluation), The Colombo Plan, (Nov 2015 to Oct 2018)

- Planned and conducted monitoring visits to projects across Afghanistan and prepared detailed reports with recommendations.
- Provided administrative and technical support to treatment experts to plan, report, and manage projects.
- Maintained and analyzed accurate project data, ensuring comprehensive reporting and informed decision-making.
Delivered UTC training for staff at drug treatment centers, enhancing their capacity and improving service delivery.

Counselor and Master Trainer, Social Services for Afghan Women Organization (SSAWO), U.S. INL Funded Project (Oct2012 to Nov 2015)

- Planned and conducted individual, family, and group counseling and psycho-education sessions for drug-addicted female adolescent clients.
- Led a team of counselors, ensuring high-quality counseling sessions, documentation, and effective case management.
- Delivered UTC training to staff, enhancing capacity and improving treatment outcomes at drug rehabilitation centers.

Psychologist/Trainer, Feker Psychology and Research Organization for Afghan Women, (May 2011-Jul 2012)

- Delivered training on leadership, management, advocacy, and psychological support for women in emergency situations.
- Planned, coordinated, and conducted counseling sessions for Afghan women.
- Managed and documented critical cases involving Afghan women.

Professional Accomplishments

- Credentialed by the International Centre for Certification and Education of Addiction Professionals (ICCE).
- Recognized as Afghanistan National Trainer in the Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) Series.
- National Trainer for the Child Intervention for Living Drug-Free (CHILD) Curriculum Series, the first worldwide psychosocial protocol to treat children with substance use disorders.

Training

- Attended Conference on Human Security and Drug Policy in Afghanistan, organized by Teri School of India and Swansea University (2020).
- Completed training of trainers in the Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) Basic and Advanced level of Series, Physiology and Pharmacology, counselling, co-occurring disorder, screening assessment and treatment planning, Documentation and Record Keeping, Case Management Skills, Crisis Intervention, Ethics, Psychoeducation, Advanced pharmacology and SUD, Working with Families, CBT, MI, CM, MAT, Population with special needs and Trauma informed care through various sessions organized by the Colombo Plan ICCE in Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, and UAE (2013–2019).

- Completed training of trainers on the Child Interventions for living Drug-Free (CHILD) Curriculum Series, organized by the Colombo Plan DAP, conducted in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia (2017–2018)
- Completed Quality Assurance Mechanism training, organized by UNODC, Indonesia and UAE (2017-2018).

Volunteer Work

- Member of the Board of Directors, Development, Advocacy, and Rehabilitation Organization (DARO) | Jan 2021 – Jan 2022, Contributed to strategic planning and advocacy efforts for the organization.
- Research Assistant, Paiwand | Mar 2024 – Aug 2024, Supported refugees and asylum seekers across Northwest London through research and advocacy initiatives.

Clinical Placement

Richmond Community Drug and Alcohol Service (RCDAS), UK (1 week, July 2024)

Gained hands-on experience observing the full spectrum of referral, intake, assessment, treatment planning and coordinating clinical intervention and discharge process within a multidisciplinary team. Strengthened communication, observation, and maintaining client confidentiality.

Languages: Persian (Native), English (Fluent), Pashto (Conversation), German (basic)