

DINA VIVONA

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Results-oriented project manager with technical expertise in Gender Equality & Social Inclusion programming and MEAL; adaptive leader, and innovative problem-solver, seeking a challenging position where my diverse field experience can support development outcomes, drive evidence-based impact, and contribute to meaningful change.

EDUCATION

MA, Management for Development
Università degli studi di Torino,
International Training Centre of the International Labour
Organization (ITC-ILO), Italy
2016
Summa cum laude

MA, International Law & Human Rights
United Nations University for Peace, Costa Rica
2015

Hons. Bachelor of Arts,
Political Science/Human Rights & Equity Studies
York University, Canada
2009–2014

CERTIFICATES

Advanced Gender Mainstreaming	2019
MEAL (Humentum DPro)	2019
Business & Human Rights	2015

SKILLS

Results-based Project Cycle Management
Gender-responsive MEAL DPro expert
Proposal writing, impact reporting
Partnership building, multi-stakeholder engagement
Microsoft & Google Suite, various Webinar platforms
Extensive travel experience

LANGUAGES

French (Intermediate)
Spanish (Intermediate)
Italian (Advanced)
Lao (Basic, oral)
English (Fluent, native)

AWARDS

Certificate of Recognition, Community Development (2019)
Foresters Int'l Competitive Scholarship (2010-2014)
Ontario Leading Girls, Building Communities Award (2009)

EXPERIENCE

Consultant Jan 2020 – present
Toronto, Canada (remote)

Project Management; Gender Equality & Social Inclusion
– Provide subject matter expertise on gender equality, social protection, strategic advocacy, and international human rights frameworks
– Advise on technical aspects of project cycle management, reporting, data collection, and facilitation
– Proven record of success in grant writing and project proposals (GAC-CFLI, Oxfam VOICE etc.)

Gender Development Association July – Dec 2019
Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR
Project Management Advisor (volunteer)

– Implementation lead for special projects on parity in State Reporting, specifically CEDAW and the Universal Periodic Review
– Capacity-building on gender-responsive MEAL frameworks, gender-responsive budgeting, and social inclusion projects
– Donor relations, organizational development, grant management, and skills development for local staff
– Representative on various local CSO network groups (Gender Network, GBV Taskforce, CEDAW Taskforce)

Lao Federation of Trade Unions Jan – Dec 2019
Social Protection Department
Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR
Project Management Advisor (volunteer)

– Lead multi-province project feasibility assessment
– Capacity-building for government staff on needs areas including; gender-responsive MEAL and budgeting, impact reporting, and community-based data collection tools
– Multi-lateral stakeholder engagement between government agencies, NGO, and project beneficiaries

Cuso International Jan – Dec 2019
Country Program Office, Lao PDR
Program Development Advisor (volunteer)

– Data management and analysis for Final Evaluation and Impact Report upon completion of GAC-funded *VOICE Program (2015-2020)*
– Strategic planning, design, and partnership-building for upcoming GAC-funded *SHARE Program*

United Nations Global Compact Feb – July 2017
New York, USA
Programs Assistant, Social Sustainability & Decent Work

UN Office of the High Commissioner Nov – Feb 2017
for Human Rights
Geneva, Switzerland
Assistant to the Secretariat, Humanitarian Funds

Human Rights Education Association Mar – Apr 2015
San Jose, Costa Rica
Teaching Assistant, Corporate Social Responsibility

NETWORKS, ASSOCIATIONS & WORKING GROUPS

Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC), Individual Member
OCIC Gender Equality Hub
British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC), Individual Member
BCCIC Delegation, 64th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64)
Canadian Association for International Development Professionals (CAIDP), Associate Member

PUBLICATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE REPORTING

Strengthening Disaster Response and Resilience in Lao PDR – A Decade of Learning since Typhoon Ketsana, Journal of Disaster Research, Special Issue on Disaster Storytelling, Vol. 16, No. 1 [**currently under peer review**]

Regional Analysis on the Gendered Impacts of Climate Change in South East Asia, Joint Parallel Report to the Pre-Sessional Working Group of CEDAW on the List of Issues Prior to Reporting for Norway during the 78th Session (July 2020)

Cuso International in South East Asia – Adapting to a Contemporary Feminist Approach, Leveraging the Interlinkages: Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment and the SDG's (February 2020): <https://www.bccic.ca/csw64-casestudy/>

Stakeholder Report on the Key Challenges in Gender Development since the 2nd Universal Periodic Review Cycle of Lao PDR (December 2019)

Graduate Thesis: *The International Legal Framework on Business and Human Rights: The Should, Could, and Would of Corporate Accountability* [Supervisor: Dr. Mihir Kanade, Director, Human Rights Education Association] (November 2018)

Graduate Project: *Ensuring Healthy Lives and Promoting Well-Being: Improving Availability, Accessibility, and Acceptability of Quality Primary Health Care for the People of Tuti Island, Khartoum, Republic of Sudan* (October 2016)