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SUMMARY:

Ph.D. candidate (social policy), Medical Doctor and Master of International Public Health with training and experience in: Comparative health care policy and reforms; Public health; International development; Social and health care research; International project management. Experienced in providing international consulting. Employment background includes: Director of the World Bank Health Project in Tbilisi, Georgia; Public Health Researcher at the World Bank in Washington, DC; Research Fellow and Project Coordinator at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA; International Program Officer and Regional Health Programs Coordinator at World Vision - USA in Washington, DC; Lead Researcher at Open Society Institute in Budapest, Hungary. Country experience includes: USA, Russia, Georgia, Belarus, Ukraine, Romania, Hungary, Albania, Bosnia, Croatia, Lebanon, Kosovo. Current interests: Equity in health and health care, poverty and health, social capital, health care reform analysis with emphasis on Central/Eastern Europe and CIS region.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Social Policy (candidate)

University of Oxford,

Oxford, UK 2002 - present

Master of Public Health (International Health)

Boston University, School of Public Health.

Boston, MA. 1997-1998.

Medical Doctor

Tbilisi State Medical University.

Tbilisi, Georgia. 1988-1994.

Visiting Medical Student

Oklahoma University, School of Medicine

Oklahoma-City, OK, 1994.

TRAINING:

Summer School: Globalization, EU Enlargement and Health Care Policy.

European Observatory on Health Care Systems. Dubrovnik, Croatia. 2002

International Policy Fellowship,

Open Society Institute, (Soros Foundation) Budapest, Hungary 2001 – 2002

Training Course: Project Management in International Setting.

Bristol University. Bristol, UK. 1997

Training Course: Project Financial Management and Procurement

The World Bank. Kiev, Ukraine, 1996

Training Course: Managing Health Emergencies in Large Populations

The World Health Organization and International Committee of Red Cross.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Lead Researcher,

Research project aimed at evaluating decentralization in health care provision and financing in 8 countries of Central/Eastern Europe.

Open Society Institute.

Budapest, Hungary, 2003-2004.

International Program Officer / Regional Health Program Coordinator,

The World Vision, Eastern Europe/Middle East Regional Team.

Washington, DC, 2001 – 2002,

Project Coordinator / Research Fellow,

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, US Department of Health and Human Services)

Atlanta, GA. 1999 – 2000

Public Health Researcher,

The World Bank.

Washington, DC. 1998-1999

Director,

The World Bank Georgia Health Project.

Tbilisi, Georgia. 1995-1997.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING:

Oxford Policy Management (OPM), 2003

Senior Technical Advisor for a DFID funded project on reforming primary health care system in the Republic of Georgia.

Oxford, UK and Tbilisi, Georgia.

Participated in writing the project proposal to bid for the \$8 mln grant. Provides technical assistance to the project team and advises the Project Director on various technical and project management issues.

The World Bank, 2003

Beneficiaries Assessment Study as part of the Implementation Completion Report for the World Bank Georgia Health project.

Washington, DC and Tbilisi, Georgia

Qualitative research to evaluate government's and beneficiaries' perceptions of the project's outcomes.

Developed study design, developed research instruments, collected and analyzed qualitative data, conducted a workshop, prepared a report.

Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation), 2002

Budapest, Hungary.

Evaluated Croatia Law Center's proposal on health care sector's decentralization and provided recommendations.

The State Medical Academy of Georgia, 2001

Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

Provided technical assistance on WHO supported World Health Survey project.

The Welfare Foundation, 2001

Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

Provided technical assistance in grant writing, project management and evaluation. Successful grant applications generated over \$600,000 revenues in less than one year.

International Life Sciences Institute, 2000

Washington, DC.

Conducted a need assessment study to prepare a project on Iron Deficiency Anemia Prevention in the Republic of Georgia. Developed project proposal, assisted the Government of Georgia in setting up a Project Coordination Unit, trained PCU staff in project management and reporting, negotiated with other external donors (UNICEF, WHO) to participate in the project implementation.

United States Department of Health and Human Services, 1999

Washington, DC, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

Provided technical assistance to the US DHHS Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research (ACERER) in the management and evaluation of National Cancer Institute's study on Thyroid Cancer Epidemiology in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus following the Chernobyl accident.

United States Department of Health and Human Services, 1999

Washington, DC.

Provided technical assistance to the US DHHS (NIH and CDC) in evaluating a Biotechnology Engagement Program (BTEP) opportunities in CIS countries.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. "Health Care Reforms in Central/Eastern Europe – a Decade of Experience",
Local Government Brief – a Quarterly Policy Journal of Government and Public Service Reform Initiative. Spring, 2003.
2. "Poverty Reduction Policies – Organizing a Toolbox",
Local Government Brief - a Quarterly Policy Journal of Government and Public Service Reform Initiative. Summer, 2002.
3. "Measuring Poverty – a Brief Overview of Concepts"
Local Government Brief – a Quarterly Policy Journal of the Government and Public Service Reform Initiative", Summer, 2002.
4. "Evaluation of Socio-Behavioral Patterns of Local and Internally Displaced Population Populations in Western Georgia and Its Applicability for Local Policy Developments"
International Policy Fellowship, 2002 Budapest, Hungary..
5. "The Poverty Index – An Alternative, Multi-Dimensional Poverty Measurement Method and its Practical Applicability for International Development Practitioners",
XIV World Congress of Sociology, 2002. Brisbane, Australia, 2002.
7. "Chernobyl and Iodine Deficiency: An Environmental Disaster Leading to a Public Health Opportunity". *Journal of Public Health Policy*, Vol 23, No 4, 2002"
8. "Some Changes in Haemostatic Function as a Possible Cause of Coronary Artery Disease in Women Receiving Oral Contraceptives" *European Heart Journal*, Volume 16, 1995, p. 345 and *25th Congress of European Society of Cardiology*, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 1995.

LANGUAGES:

Georgian – native;

English – fluent;

Russian – fluent.

COMPUTER SKILLS:

MS Word, MS Excel, SPSS, Power Point, Word Perfect, Access, MS Project, Lotus Notes.