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Summary

Child Protection | Social Impact | Child & Youth Development

Driven social impact professional with over 10 years' experience leading and scaling high-value programs for children and young people. Child Protection professional with experience supporting and attending children affected by trauma and survivors of abuse.

Cambridge-educated and fluent in English and Spanish. Unique blend of humanitarian strategic leadership, corporate partnerships and program management.

Experience working across different international contexts. Ability to assimilate and adapt quickly and establish trusting relationships with local communities, governments and humanitarian actors.

Work experience

Global Strategy & Program Manager | The LEGO Group | United Kingdom | Sep 2023- July 2025

Program manager designing high-impact learning and play programs to support children and their families across 11 countries. Established clear logframes, KPI frameworks and trained staff in child safeguarding and play education models. Set up and designed the award-winning Power of Play consortium in London which was awarded 'Best Community Program' by Better Society Awards.

Senior Humanitarian Protection Advisor | Save the Children | Colombia | Feb 2021- Aug 2023

Designed strategy and led implementation of a complex 15-program humanitarian child protection portfolio for the world's leading child humanitarian agency, impacting over 54,000 children in Colombia. Built and supervised a high-impact team of 35 professionals across 5 project sites to deliver best-in-class protection assistance to conflict-affected populations and refugees on the move. Set up technical operating procedures for child protection to attend children affected by trauma and survivors of abuse. Led community-based child protection programs and established trusted relationships with community leaders, local government actors, schools and civil society actors.

Senior Strategy Consultant | Save the Children | Colombia | Sep 2020- Feb 2021

Strategic lead for Save the Children in Colombia. Designed national, cross-sectoral conflict prevention and response strategy. Led research and analysis and secured buy-in from C-Suite executives. Repositioned the organisation as a trusted humanitarian actor in conflict areas.

Strategy unlocked entry into 3 new territories to deliver high-quality humanitarian assistance to children and their families.

Head of Child Protection | Save the Children | Colombia | Jan 2020 - Aug 2020

Led field Child Protection program in remote, conflict-affected Tumaco field station. Led a team of 45 individuals to deliver an emergency child protection and education response for 5,000 families. Set up a cultural radio program 'Hora del Kilele' to ensure education for children aged 7-10 years living in remote, hard-to-reach areas. Established trusted relationships with community leaders, schools and local governments to deliver quality programming to affected populations.

Early experience

Child Protection Officer | Save the Children | United Kingdom | Oct 2018 - Dec 2019

Program and Communications Officer | Christian Aid | United Kingdom | Mar 2018 - Oct 2018

Communications Lead | Christian Aid | United Kingdom | Mar 2015 - Feb 2018

Media Assistant | Christian Aid | United Kingdom | Mar 2014- Mar 2015

External Relations Intern | UN Refugee Agency | United Kingdom | Apr 2013- Oct 2013

Education

MA. Hons. | History | University of Cambridge | United Kingdom | 2015-2016

BA. Hons. | History | University of Cambridge | United Kingdom | 2009-2012

Certificate | Leadership | Harvard Business School | Virtual | 2020-2021

Certificate | Sustainability | LinkedIn | Virtual | 2025

Certificate | Strategic Business Essentials | LinkedIn | Virtual | 2025

Languages

English - Fluent Spanish - Fluent Arabic - Basic