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**Expertise** Gender, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Protection, Protection from Sexual exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

**Languages** English, Spanish, Italian (Fluent); French (Basic).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jan-Feb 2013 **Senior GBV Expert** - United Nations Population Fund, Arab States Regional Office (UNFPA ASRO)  
Conduct a review of interventions to prevent and respond to GBV in humanitarian settings in the Arab region for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Conference for Population and Development (ICPD).
- Jan 2012 – Feb 2013 **Senior Gender and Protection Consultant** – United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)  
Consolidate the implementation experience and develop programme guidance on Safe Access to Fuel and alternative Energy (SAFE) project. Provide technical support and build the capacity of staff and partners on gender, protection and GBV. Assess the gender and protection implications of cash and voucher transfers on beneficiaries in Ecuador.
- March – Dec 2012 **Senior Gender Consultant** – Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)  
Support the implementation of the plan of action on gender in emergencies. Develop guidance notes on gender and Safe Access to Fuel and alternative Energy (SAFE) in emergencies and transitions. Design and deliver capacity building activities on gender and PSEA. Develop and support the implementation of FAO's workplan on PSEA.
- June 2012 **Senior GBV Expert** – United Nations Population Fund, Latin America and Caribbean Region (UNFPA LACRO)  
Develop a brochure in partnership with a Brazilian artist on findings from the study “Gender-Based Violence and Natural Disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean” (see below).
- Dec 2011 **Senior Gender Advisor** – FAO  
Develop a plan of action on gender in emergency and rehabilitation work and strategies.
- June – Dec 2011 **Senior Gender Advisor and Training Specialist** – Life & Peace Institute (LPI)  
Provide strategic support on the integration of gender into the organization's policies and programmes. Build the capacity of HQ and field staff on gender in conflict transformation.
- Feb – Dec 2011 **Senior Gender and Protection Consultant** – WFP  
Strengthen WFP's ability to ensure the protection of assisted populations, including safe access to cooking fuel and protection from GBV. **Countries:** Colombia, Uganda.
- Jan – March 2011 **Senior Gender Consultant** – FAO  
Prepare web-based products for the launch of the FAO State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2011.
- Sept 2010 – Jan 2011 **Senior GBV Consultant** – UNFPA LACRO  
Conduct a study on the linkages between natural disasters and GBV in the region and develop a quantitative and qualitative methodology to conduct research on GBV in natural disasters.
- Aug 2009 – Dec 2010 **Team Leader, Gender and Protection** – WFP  
Assess the implications of lack of safe access to cooking fuel in humanitarian settings and develop strategy to address them. **Countries:** Sudan (North Darfur), Uganda, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Kenya.
- Jan 2009 – Dec 2010 **Senior Gender and GBV Consultant** – International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)  
Build the capacity of IFRC to integrate gender in its work and to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV across its worldwide network of 187 Societies. **Countries:** South Africa, Malawi, Colombia.
- March – June **Team Leader, Gender and Protection** – WFP

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- 2009 Assess protection and gender concerns in WFP's operations and provide advise for improving programmes. **Country:** Afghanistan.
- Dec 2008 – **Senior GBV Consultant – UNFPA**  
Jan 2009 Develop a strategy to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV. **Country:** Nepal.
- July – Sept 2008 **Gender Consultant – WFP**  
Develop a strategy for the integration of smallholder female farmers in WFP's Purchase for Progress (P4P) project. **Countries:** Guatemala, Nicaragua.
- April 2008 – **Case Study Author, Gender Equality - Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)**  
Jan 2009 Write a paper on USAID's and ECHO's role in supporting WFP's gender-sensitive interventions in Nepal.
- Jan – Feb 2008 **Gender and Protection Consultant – WFP**  
Integrate gender and protection from GBV in humanitarian response. **Country:** Nepal.
- Sept 2004 – **Gender Programme Officer – WFP**  
Dec 2007 Advocate for, design, and support efforts to implement WFP's Gender Policy. Liaise and coordinate with other humanitarian actors on issues related to gender and GBV in humanitarian settings.
- Oct 2003 – **External Relations Officer – WFP**  
Sept 2004 Increase WFP's profile and donor-base in Italy.
- Jan – Oct 2003 **Emergency Preparedness and Response Consultant – WFP**  
Research, compile and analyse early warning information.
- 2002 **Gender Research Analyst - Global Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, USA**
- April 1999 – **Consultant – RSO S.p.A.**  
Aug 2001 Design, plan and implement projects on human resources management and development.

## TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS

- 2007 – 2012 **Lecturer – University & Other Higher Education**  
“**Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management**” – Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento, Pisa, Italy.  
“**International Humanitarian Law and Assistance**” – Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Milan, Italy.
- 2005 – 2012 **Training Specialist – Gender, Protection and GBV – WFP**  
Design and deliver training on gender, protection and GBV, including training of trainers.  
**Countries/Regions:** Bolivia, Germany, Ecuador, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, oPt, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Southern Africa.

## EDUCATION

- June 2005 **International Diploma on Humanitarian Assistance – Centre for International Health and Cooperation, Fordham University, New York City, USA.**
- 2001 – 2002 **M.A. International Relations - Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, USA.**
- March 1999 **B.A./M.Sc. Political Sciences, Major in Politics and International Studies – University of Milan, Italy.**

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 2013 'Mainstreaming Gender Issues and Fighting against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Peacekeeping Operations: What Has Been Done so Far by Italy and PRC?' co-author with Colombo J., Asser TMC/Springer Verlag. (Forthcoming)
- 2012 'Humanitarian Neutrality and Independence in Afghanistan: Implications for WFP and the Protection of Beneficiaries' co-author with Porretti S., in WFP (2012). *Protection in Practice: Food Assistance with Safety and Dignity*, Rome: WFP.
- 2012 'Protection of Vulnerable Groups in Disaster Situations', in *International Disaster Response Law*, eds. De Guttery A., M. Gestri and G. Venturini, Asser TMC/Springer Verlag.
- 2012 *Gender-Based Violence and Natural Disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean*. Panama, UNFPA LACRO.
- 2009 – 2011 North Darfur, Uganda, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Ethiopia 'Safe Access to Firewood and Alternative Energy (SAFE) Appraisal Reports' – WFP (<http://www.fuelnetwork.org/>)
- 2009 'Nepal: The European Commission, the United States, and the Implementation of the World Food Programme's Gender Policy. A Case Study', in *Humanitarian Assistance – Improving US-European Cooperation*, eds. Steets J. and D. S. Hamilton, Washington DC-Berlin, CTR-GPPI.
- 2007 'Food Aid, Sexual Violence and Protection', in *Forced Migration Review* (27: 2007).