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A strategic thinker and team player with an expertise in humanitarian response and coordination, and a strong background in research, policy, and communications. A postgraduate with multiple languages and a unique blend of senior-level field experience, international expertise, and academic skills. Currently researching my PhD in humanitarian negotiations with armed groups with the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the Australian National University.

Career Highlights

- Awarded Young Researcher Prize (First Place) at the 6th International Biennial on Negotiation (November 2016), a leading international negotiation conference held at the Novancia Business School, Paris;
- Leading the first cross-line mission bringing aid to over 7,000 people in northwestern Myanmar during the Kachin civil war (2013);
- Speaking at high-level conference on the humanitarian crisis in Yemen hosted by Chatham House, London (2010);
- Named Adventurer of the Year (Humanitarian) by National Geographic Adventure Magazine (2008);
- Co-author of the book, *World Poverty for Dummies* (2007).

Consulting Experience

UNOCHA, Indonesia | Sep—Dec 2016

ASEAN-OCHA Humanitarian Partnership Evaluation

- Conducted a high-level evaluation into the decade-long humanitarian partnership between OCHA and ASEAN, involving over 50 interviews at all levels of both organisations, and beyond.

Humanitarian Advisory Group, Indonesia | Jan 2014

ASEAN Capacity-building Consultant

- Provided technical support to ASEAN's AHA Centre to better meet its regional coordination role as part of an extensive multi-year capacity building project by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

World Vision International, Horn of Africa | Oct—Nov 2013

Communications Consultant, Horn of Africa

- Delivered compelling photography and creative stories as part of an evaluation of achievements 18 months on from the 2011 drought for World Vision International, covering Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia.

Oxfam GB, Yemen | Jul—Oct 2011

Policy and Research Consultant (food security)

- Authored and researched a brief on food security which resulted in significant lobbying opportunities and media attention for the issue.

World Vision Australia, Australia | Jun—Jul 2011

Media Consultant

- Supported the media and communications team to develop media and social media content for ongoing emergencies.

World Vision International, Haiti | Feb-Apr 2010

Advocacy Specialist, Haiti

- Designed and led the delivery of an advocacy intervention in response to the 2010 earthquake, managing a small team, contributing to operations and strategy development, and researching and writing an internationally-released advocacy report.

Unicef, USA | Oct-Dec 2009

Humanitarian Policy Writer

- Development of accessible and operational policy guides to support field practitioners engage with key humanitarian issues, such as civil-military engagement, Protection of Civilians, and SGBV.

Professional Experience

UNOCHA, PNG | Mar—Jun 2015

Head of Humanitarian Advisory Team

- Led the transition of the OCHA country office from PNG, smoothly handing over responsibilities to the Resident Coordinator's Office.
- Effectively represented OCHA in PNG, serving as a member of the United Nations Country Team overseeing inter-agency strategies and security management.
- Successfully managed the OCHA team in PNG, coordinating humanitarian action in the country and leading response preparedness.

UNOCHA, Philippines | Jul—Oct 2014

Inter-Cluster Coordinator (a.i.)

- Provided support to country office in responding to new emergencies during typhoon season.
- Oversaw national inter-cluster coordination and management of sectoral technical specialists, including leading the creation of the final Periodic Monitoring Report for typhoon Haiyan.

UNOCHA, Philippines | Feb—Jun 2014

Head of Sub-Office, Ormoc

- Successfully led OCHA operations in 27 municipalities of Western Leyte in response to super-typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), overseeing the transition from relief to recovery.
- Led a team of 6 national and international staff to deliver innovative engagement opportunities with humanitarian partners, local authorities, and the private sector to meet humanitarian and early recovery needs, overseeing a smooth phase-out and office closure.

UNOCHA, Myanmar | Jan—Jul 2013

Head of Sub-Office, Northern Myanmar

- Headed up northern Myanmar, leading a team of international and national staff responding to conflict and displacement in Kachin State. Effectively delivered on field coordination, civil coordination and access negotiations with local authorities and military, supporting advocacy and reporting on the crisis.
- Led a cross-line inter-agency mission delivering aid to 7,000 previously-inaccessible IDPs.
- Temporarily reassigned to cover the crisis in Rakhine state, supporting advocacy and field coordination. Led preparedness, inter-agency assessment and response planning for Cyclone Mahasan, May 2013.

UNOCHA, Yemen | Oct 2011—Feb 2012

Humanitarian Affairs Officer (Advocacy and Information)

- Led the development and implementation of the Humanitarian Country Team's advocacy strategy, in addition to supporting coordination, analysis and reporting, and public information.
- Developed an innovative access monitoring and reporting system to support safer and expanded humanitarian operations. Supporting humanitarian negotiation initiatives.

Oxfam GB, Yemen | May 2010-May 2011

Programme Policy Adviser

- In depth contextual analysis and strategy development, contributing to global policy debates. Effectively managed the communications and media team.
- Successful representation at key fora, and lobbying in-country and internationally. Key engagements included speaking at Chatham House and addressing the EU Middle East Council as a country expert.
- A member of the senior management team, shaping the national strategy and programme development.

World Vision International, various | Feb 2007—Sep 2009

Humanitarian Policy Adviser, Global Rapid Response Team (Jordan, Myanmar, Georgia, Palestine)

- Provided advocacy and policy support to country officers undergoing large-scale emergencies, and created new tools to assist national offices.
- Served as a member of the Global Rapid Response Team, on permanent standby for deployment to breaking emergencies around the world to support advocacy and policy work.
- Recognised by National Geographic Adventure Magazine as an Adventurer of the Year (2008) for contributions to the humanitarian sector.

World Vision Australia, Australia | Dec 2005—Feb 2007

Humanitarian Communications and Advocacy Officer

- Leading coordination between key stakeholders during times of humanitarian crisis to develop strategy and oversee operations. Coordinated advocacy campaigns, created policy briefs for senior staff, and produced education materials.
- Co-authored a book on global poverty and justice, released internationally in 2008 (World Poverty for Dummies).

Languages

- **English**
- French
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Indonesian

Key Skills

Advocacy, communications, and research

Accomplished and articulate public speaker and advocate, having spoken at high-level international fora like Chatham House. Experienced with using print, radio, television, and new media for policy change. High quality writing and research, with over a dozen publications, including a book and peer-reviewed journal articles. Skilled in qualitative research. Also an award-winning photographer.

Management, coordination, and adaptability

Progressively responsible field posts, including sub-office management of national and international staff during emergency responses, taking responsibility for supporting career development and building teams in high pressure environments. Comprehensive understanding of humanitarian reforms, and response and coordination structures. An excellent grasp of the communication and interpersonal skills required to work successfully and effectively in a team in both leadership and supporting roles; an ability to work in different and changing environments, often under high pressure. A good sense of humour and a team player.

Technical expertise

Some areas of professional focus have been IDPs and refugees, humanitarian protection, civil-military engagement, humanitarian access and negotiation, rapid needs assessments, reporting and analysis, and humanitarian policy and advocacy. Skilled in research and evaluations, with a particular expertise in crisis environments.

Education

PhD | 2016 — pending

Humanitarian negotiations with armed groups

Australian National University, Australia

MA | 2002 — 2004

International Politics

University of Melbourne, Australia

BA (hons) | 1999 – 2002

Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

University of York, UK

International Baccalaureate | 1999

International School of Geneva, Switzerland

Select Publications

- Clements, A, **Overcoming Asymmetry in Humanitarian Negotiations with Armed Groups**, International Negotiation, pending.
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- Clements, A, **Trapped! Unlocking the Future of Iraqi Refugee Children**, World Vision International, May 2007.