CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Education:**

**2015 – 2017:** Academy of Public Administration under the President of Moldova, Master research in Theory and practice of public administration (master degree);

**1998 – 2002:** Bucharest University; Faculty of political science and public administration; Bucharest, Romania (finalized, unlicensed);

**1995 – 1999:** Bucharest University; Faculty of Theology; Bucharest, Romania (licensed).

**USAID relevant experience:**

* coordination of and direct contribution to the data processing on family and child protection and its digitalization during 2008 – 2019 within the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection;
* strong and efficient cooperation with USAID funded MEASURE Evaluation and D4I Projects in Moldova;
* participation in 2 days USAID D4I vision and planning workshop in Washington DC, 2019;
* coordination of and direct contribution to the development/adjustment of tools and implementation of USAID funded USCDC/IOM *Adolescents and Youth Health Survey* (VACS) in Moldova within the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (2017-2019), as well as in its follow up response planning and monitoring activities;
* Moldova Country Program Director of *Changing the Way We Care* USAID co-funded global initiative (2019-2020);
* participation in the USAID Moldova/UNICEF Moldova Violence against Children donor coordination meetings (2019-2021).

**Present position:**

**From April 2022 – Child Protection & Disability Inclusion Project Officer** at International Organization for Migration Mission to Moldova

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**Area of job duties & activities:**

* Mainstreaming of child protection and disability inclusion within IOM Moldova development and humanitarian programs, through advocacy and dissemination and of qualitative and relevant information on best practices, procedures and tools to the staff and facilitation of staff training.
* support the consolidation of partnerships and cooperation with international and national leading agencies/organizations, working in the area pf child rights protection and disability inclusion,
* integrate specific child-rights procedures within the transit through the Republic of Moldova and the voluntary humanitarian returns operated out of the Republic of Moldova to ensure that unaccompanied and separated migrant children are timely identified and appropriately assisted as per their best interests in line with IOM policy and institutional guidance notes.
* set-up specific best interest assessments and/or determination procedures which could be swiftly processed within the transit and return processes, if return is identified and confirmed to be in the best interests of those migrant children.
* support the national authorities in family tracing and family assessment, and risk assessments.
* provide specialists trainings on child rights, including child protection, to frontline workers, IOM staff, public officials and to NGOs that are IOM partners in the field of child rights protection, counter-trafficking and gender-based-violence.
* follow-up with the return and transit team in the Republic of Moldova as well as with the countries of origin and destination to facilitate quality assistance and continuum of care.
* supervise the work related to child protection of the IOM contracted case worker(s) and consultants and address all punctual and relevant issues that might emerge during the exercise of his/her/their functions.
* liaise with protection cluster/child protection working group on child protection and support the Country office to develop and/or adjust the child safeguarding and protection strategy/policy and relevant standard operating procedures (SoPs).
* support coordination with UNICEF, UNHCR and other national and international actors to facilitate complementarity in the area of child protection and disability inclusion interventions.
* act as IOM Moldova disability inclusion focal point in relation to external organizations active in the area of disability inclusion and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities.
* liaise with other IOM units such as the CBI, RMM, MHU, Shelter, HBM and DTM teams to check that specific inclusive targeting and evidence needs gathering are reflected in the data collection and support mechanisms, and propose any specific reporting / bid righting needs on child protection and disability inclusion to be produced.
* represent IOM in different working meetings with authorities and partners and official events related to child rights, disability inclusion and general protection issues, including on prevention and combating trafficking.
* provide technical guidance on child protection to the mobile protection teams.
* in collaboration with the coordinator develop and improve monitoring and evaluation systems for child protection and disability inclusion activities ensuring that mobile protection teams and partners actively monitor indicators and evolving concerns in the target communities.

**Professional experience:**

***September 2021 – April 2022:*** freelance expert;

***November 2020 - August 2021:*** Senior Technical Advisor, LUMOS Foundation Moldova.

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**Area of job duties & activities as the Senior Technical Advisor at Lumos MD:**

* + advocating to the Government of Moldova relevant agencies, development partners, local and international NGOs about Lumos Foundation child protection initiatives and promoting it’s initiatives;
	+ coordinate the research on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on children, who were “rapidly deinstitutionalized during March – June 2020;
	+ cooperate with (and consult then necessary) for advocacy, colleagues form Lumos MD, UK, Kenya, Brussels.

***March 2019 – October 2020:*** Country Program Director, *Changing the Way We Care* Moldova, LUMOS Foundation Moldova.

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**Area of job duties & activities:**

* + development and adjustment of the Changing the Way we Care Moldova Program and its Administrative Framework, Implementation Action Plan, MEAL and Budget.
	+ coordination with the Government of Moldova, USAID, Lumos MD, Lumos UK, CTWWC Head Quarter (CRS, Lumos and Maestral) of the implementation of the Action Plan of the *Changing the Way we Care* Program in Moldova.

***October 2017 – March 2019:*** Head of Child's Rights and Families with Children Protection Policies Department, Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection;

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**Area of job duties & activities:**

* + development and adjustment of legal and institutional framework for family and child protection system (functioning of social protection and guardianship authorities, services regulation and minimum quality standards, identification and referral mechanism, national and international adoption, social benefits for families with children, children at risk and children without parental care, collection of data on children in protection system (the list is attached));
	+ participating in carrying out studies and analysis of implemented social policies in the sphere of family and children’s rights protection, assessing the results and producing reports with suggestions and recommendations for raising the efficiency in this area;
	+ provide methodological support for the development of community social services focused on prevention of separation of children from family environment;
	+ coordination of local guardianship authorities activity for protection of the rights of children without parental care;
	+ promotion of measures of prevention and combat of violence against children;
	+ coordination of and direct contribution to the data processing on family and child protection and its digitalization/development of Automated Informational System for Child Protection;
	+ consistent contribution for conceptualization and development of initial and continuous training system for professionals working in social assistance system;
	+ coordination of implementation of child and family protection programs/projects in partnership with central and local public administration, international bodies and non-governmental organizations.

***December 2009 – October 2017:*** Deputy Head of Family and Child's Rights Protection Policies Department, Chief of Child Rights Protection Division, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family.

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**Area of job duties & activities:**

Similar as above.

***December 2008 - December 2009:*** Interim Head, Department of Family and Child Protection, Ministry of Social Protection, Family and Child.

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**Area of job duties & activities:**

Similar as above.

***April 2007 - November 2008:*** Senior Consultant, Department of Family and Child Protection, Ministry of Social Protection, Family and Child.

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* + development and adjustment of legal and institutional framework for family and child protection system (functioning of social protection and guardianship authorities, services regulation and minimum quality standards, identification and referral mechanism, national and international adoption, social benefits for families with children, children at risk and children without parental care, collection of data on children in protection system);
	+ participating in carrying out studies and analysis of implemented social policies in the sphere of family and children’s rights protection, assessing the results and producing reports with suggestions and recommendations for raising the efficiency in this area.

***October 2005 - March 2007:*** Senior Specialist, Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

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**Area of job duties & activities:**

* + development and adjustment of legal and institutional framework for social assistance system (social benefits for uninsured groups population, war/armed conflict veterans, Chernobyl catastrophe participants, social/rehabilitation services for elderly and disabled persons);
	+ cooperation with and data collection from district Departments of Social Assistance and Family Protection.

**International experience:**

***From 2007 to 2015:* National focal point on children rights within the** **Council of Europe Child Rights Program**;

***From 2007 to 2019:*** **National focal point for *Hague Conference on International Privat Law* (HCCH)** related to children rights Hague Conventions:

* International Adoption of Children (1980)
* International Child Abduction (1992)
* Protection of Children (1996)

***From 2016 to 2019****:* member of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child within the **Council of Europe Child Rights Program**;

***From 2014 to 2015:*** member of the Committee of Experts on the **Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child**.

**Trainings:**

* **2023** – Induction and ToT trainings on the content and use of SPHERE Handbook for Humanitarian Response, 8 days, Poland;
* **2019** – Training on USG/USAID Rules and Regulations - Grants & Cooperative Agreements, 3 days, UK;
* **2019 –** Trainings on child safeguarding, data protection, non-discrimination policies of Lumos;
* **2009-2010 -** Training on the promotion of children's rights, 3 weeks, Sweden, 2 weeks, Turkey;
* **2009 -** Training in social welfare systems; 3 weeks Japan;
* **2006 -** Academy of Public Administration under the President of Moldova, training in Organization and management of social protection of population activities;
* **Developer/Co-developer** of training curricula/courses and trainer in national trainings of all community social workers and other professionals (foster parents, child protection specialists, day care and placement centers employees) related to child protection system, international and national legal framework and standards in children’s rights and child protection;
* **Participant/rapporteur** at national and international seminars, conferences and study visits in promoting children rights, care and protection of children at risk and children without parental care, prevention and combat of violence against children, etc.: Republic of Moldova, UK, USA, Ireland, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Greece, Lithuania, Estonia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Georgia, Russian Federation, Turkey.

**Language skills (speaking,** **writing):**

Romanian – native

Russian – fluent

English - fluent

**Computer literacy:** Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, e-mail.

**Reference persons:**

**Mrs.** **Domnica Ginu**, country director, Lumos Foundation, Moldova, email: domnica.ginu@wearelumos.org

**Mrs. Stela Grigoraș,** ex – minister, MoHLSP, email: sgrigoras@unicef.org

**Mrs. Valentina Buliga,** ex – minister, MoLSPF, email: valentina.buliga@cnam.gov.md

**Mr. Valentin Crudu,** head of Department, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, email: cruduvalentin@gmail.com

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**Mrs. Daniela Mamaliga,** NGO Partnerships for Every Child, email: dmamaliga@p4ec.md

**Mrs.** **Daniela Simboteanu**, NGO National Center for Child Abuse Prevention, dsimboteanu@cnpac.md

**Mrs. Liliana Rotaru,** NGO CCF Moldova, email: liliana.rotaru@ccfmoldova.org

**Mr. Sergiu Rusanovschi,** UNICEF Moldova, email: srusanovschi@unicef.org

***List of main normative documents developed by me or with my essential participation***

1. Law no.140 of 14.06.2013 on the special protection of children at risk and of children separated from their parents;

2. Law no. 315 of 23.12.2016 on social benefits for children;

3. Law no. 99 of 28.05.2010, on the legal regime of adoption;

4. Law no. 123 of 18.06.2010 regarding social services;

5. Law no. 299 of 30.11.2018 on measures and services intended for children with deviant behavior;

6. Law no. 112 of 09.07.2020 for the modification and completion of several normative acts (child protection, national and international adoption, legal representation and responsibility on children separated from their parents, mechanism of implementation of Hague Convention from October 25, 1980);

7. Amendments to the Family Code no. 1316-XIV of 26.10.2000;

8. Amendments to the Civil Code no. 1107-XV of 06.06.2002;

9. Government Decision nr.270 from 04.08.2014 on the approval of the Guidelines on intersectoral cooperation mechanism for the identification, assessment, referral, assistance and monitoring of child victims and potential victims of violence, neglect, exploitation and trafficking;

10. Government Decision no. 7 of 20.01.2016 regarding the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organization and functioning of the Commission for the Protection of Children in Difficulty;

11. Government Decision No.1478 of 15.11.2002 on social benefits for families with children;

12. Government Decision no. 889 of 11.11.2013 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organization and functioning of the Social Support Service for Families with Children;

13. Government Decision no. 143 of 12.02.2018 for the approval of the Instruction on the mechanism of intersectoral cooperation for the primary prevention of the risks related to child wellbeing;

14. Government Decision no. 760 of 17.09.2014 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on Organization and Operation Foster Care Service and Minimum Quality Standards;

15. Government Decision no. 51 of 17.01.2018 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on to the organization and operation of the Social Service "Family type house for children" and Minimum Quality Standards;

16. Government Decision no. 591 of 24.07.2017 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organization and functioning of the Temporary placement center for children separated from parents and Minimum Quality Standards;

17. Government Decision no. 708 of 27.12.2019 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organization and functioning of the regional Centre for integrated assistance of children victims/witnesses of crimes (Barnahus) and Minimum Quality Standards;

18. Government Decision no. 434 of 10.06.2014 on the approval of the Child Protection Strategy for the years 2014-2020

19. Government Decision no. 835 of 04.07.2016 on the approval of the Action Plan for the years 2016-2020 on the implementation of the Child Protection Strategy for the years 2014-2020;

20. Government Decision no. 1106 of 03.10.2016 on the approval of the Intersectoral Strategy for the development of parenting skills for 2016-2022;

21. Government Decision no. 948 of 07.08.2008 for the approval of the Regulation on the procedure for the repatriation of children and of the victims – adults trafficking in human beings, persons in difficulty and unaccompanied children;

22. Statistical Report 103 – Children at risk and of children separated from their parents;

23. Statistical Report 103 A – Children in residential care;

24. Draft project of Government Decision for the approval of Framework Regulation on the organization and functioning of the Social Service `Assisted Social Housing` for child protection care leavers;

25. Draft set of indicators on monitoring children at risk and children in alternative care.

***List of main reporting documents prepared / coordinated by me or with my contribution from the perspective of child protection***

1. Two periodic National Reports on the implementation of the UN CRC in the Republic of Moldova and follow up on UN Committee Recommendations;
2. All annual official statistical reports on child protection during 2008 – 2018;
3. Annual reporting to the National Moldova development Strategic policy documents and action plans such as: Moldova SEGPR/SCERS, Moldova – 2020, NAPHR/PNADO, RM – EU Action Plan, RM – EU HR Agenda, US DS Reports on CT and Child Labour, CoE Labour Conventions, GAP/PAG, etc..