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## **Rahul PANDIT**

### **INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT | HUMANITARIAN PROFESSIONAL**

**PROFILE:** Disaster Risk Reduction | Early Recovery | Humanitarian Coordination | Needs Assessment | Capacity Development

**EXPERIENCE:** Over 15 years in South Asia | Central Asia | South-East Asia | Eastern and Southern Africa | Western Europe | Scandinavia | The Balkans

**EDUCATION:** NOHA Master of International Humanitarian Action, Uppsala Universitet and University College Dublin (Erasmus Mundus Scholar) | LL.M in International Law, University of Bristol (Commonwealth Scholar)

**LANGUAGES:** Fluent in English | Bangla | Hindi | Functional in Nepali

### **KEY COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCE**

#### **Disaster Risk Reduction | Early Recovery**

**Programme Manager (DRR and Resilience) IOM – UN Migration Bangladesh** (2018 – 2019) Deployed in L3 Rohingya Crisis Response | Provided operational, technical and administrative oversight of IOM's Resilience and Environment portfolio | Managed 20 staff

**Recovery and Resilience Advisor, United Nations, Malawi** (2016) Deployed through the UNDP Experts Roster for Rapid Response (ExpRes) | Supported Humanitarian Coordinator and Department of Disaster Management Affairs in recovery and resilience initiatives apropos El Niño induced 2016 Drought

**Project Support Officer, United Nations Development Programme – Bureau for Crisis Prevention & Recovery, South & S. West Asia** (2008 – 2009) Managed 'Regional Project on Glacial Lakes Outburst Floods Risk Reduction in the Hindukush - Himalayas', in India

**Project Officer, United Nations Team for Tsunami Recovery Support, India** (2007 – 2008) Managed 'Government of India - UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme' implementation in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Puducherry

**Programme Associate (Recovery), United Nations Team for Tsunami Recovery Support, India** (2005 – 2006) Mobilized USD 3 Million from Government of Germany | Facilitated Recovery Resource Centres | Supervised 5 UN District Recovery Facilitators

**Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Peoples' Science Institute, India** (2004 – 2005) Implemented an Oxfam GB supported Community Based Disaster Preparedness project

## Humanitarian Coordination | Needs Assessment

**Team Leader - Drought Impact Assessment on Women and Children in Bihar, UNICEF | RedR** (2016) Developed and presented assessment report to UNICEF and Government

**Deputy Country Program Manager | Humanitarian Capacity Building Advisor, RedR, Nepal** (2016) Represented RedR and managed humanitarian capacity building program

**State Emergency Coordinator, United Nations Disaster Management Team, India** (2013) Conducted Uttarakhand Flash Floods Needs Assessment | Recovery coordination

**Humanitarian Coordination Specialist, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, Kyrgyzstan**, (2011 – 2012) Coordinated Inter-Agency Contingency Plans | Drafted conflict to development transition plan | Authored socio-economic risk monitoring updates

**International Needs Assessment Expert, United Nations, Montenegro** (Dec 2010) Deployed through ExpRes Roster | Conducted post floods needs assessment

**UN Jr. Coordination Specialist, United Nations Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator's Office, Kyrgyzstan** (2010) Deployed through ExpRes Roster | Drafted Strategy Paper 'Enhancing Coordination for Disaster Preparedness and Response in the Kyrgyz Republic' | Supported drafting of Country Report and UNDAF and submissions to Peacebuilding Fund

## Capacity Development in Disaster Risk Reduction

**Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Thailand** (2019 – 2020) Developed capacity development strategic plan on ADPC training programs and customized courses

**Emergency Specialist (Resilience) UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office** (2016 – 2017) Implemented packages on Resilience, Guidance for Risk Informed Programming, Climate Landscape Analysis for Children in Malawi and Kenya

**Team Member, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), Bangladesh** (2015) Conducted SIDA Scoping Study on development support for disaster management

**Emergency Preparedness and Response Support and Training Officer, WFP Regional Bureau for Central and East Africa** (2015) Consolidated WFP capacity development process | Organized workshop for Regional Bureau | WFP Burundi Simulation | Drafted capacity development baseline for WFP Uganda

**Capacity Development Advisor (Disaster Risk Reduction), UN-Habitat, Myanmar** (2014 – 2015) Mobilized USD 3 Million, from USAID, for Disaster Management Training Centre | Managed consortium of 11 partners | Chaired Capacity Development Task Force

**National Disaster Reduction Advisor, United Nations Development Programme, Montenegro** (2012 – 2013) Provided DRR mainstreaming advice to UNDP and Government

**Trainer, RedR India** (2009 – 2010) Provided various technical and training consultancies in India, Nepal and Bangladesh to UN, INGOs and CSOs