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Objective

- ✓ To become a part of an organization working for strengthening of Research in world particularly Afghanistan, where I can be a positive element in capacity building and working toward increasing agricultural products and reducing post-harvest losses.

Education

August 2009 – Jun 2011 Pannonia University, Georgikon Faculty, Hungary.

- M.Sc. In Agronomy (Crop Production)

**01 May – 25 Aug 2010 Agricultural Research Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
Martonvasar, Hungary**

- Maize crossing and selection

Jun – Nov2008 Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Kabul, Afghanistan

- General Management
- Programme Cycle Management
- Proposal Writing
- Applied Monitoring and Evaluation
- Reporting and Report Writing
- Mainstreaming Alternative Livelihoods

March – Nov 2007 Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission, Kabul, Afg

- Management Skill
- Proposal Writing and communication strategy
- Project Cycle Management Development.
- Policy Development and Leadership

May - Sept 2006 Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Kabul Afg,

- Have Attended a five-month professional Fellowship for Establishment in Orchard Model Farming, Orchard Management and Post-Harvest Technology

2007 – 2017
the country.

Different short-term training course (one day up to one month) out-site and in-sit

- Basic research development training,
- Wheat pre-breeding and breeding,
- Maize hybridization techniques,
- Weed management and irrigation technologies,
- Seed science and seed production,
- Post-harvest technology,
- Plant pathology and entomology,
- Experimental design and statistic,
- Germplasm collection and characterization,
- Gene-bank utilization and management,
- Research proposal and report writing.

2002 – 2005

Balkh University, Afghanistan

- B.Sc. In Agronomy

Publication

2011-Now

List of Publication

- Research paper of Two New Rain-fed Wheat Varieties for Afghanistan (Wheat Inf. Serv. 125: eWIS125.2, 2018. www.shigen.nig.ac.jp/ewis)
- Research paper of four maize OP variety for Afghanistan (National Agriculture Research Journal, Volume, 2, 2018. www.aria.gov.afg)
- Research paper of Genotype × Environment Interaction in Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) Under Afghanistan Environments and Identification of High Yielding Genotypes (Journal of Experimental Biology and Agricultural Sciences, 2017; Volume – 5(4))
- Research paper of Two new cotton varieties for Afghanistan (National Agriculture Research Journal 1-9, Volum 1, 2017)
- Research paper of the influence of N & P fertilizer on winter barely yield for Afghanistan (National Agriculture Research Journal, Volume 1, page 10-15, No 2, 2017)
- Edited Manual of Rice cultivation for Afghanistan (2017),
- Edited Manual of Horticulture for Afghanistan (2017),
- Lead the program to developed 10 year policy and strategy for ARIA (Agricultural Research Institute of Afghanistan), August 2017 up to December 2018, in Ministry of Agriculture, Afghanistan.

Agriculture Research Experience

2016-Now

Pannonia University, Georgikon Faculty, Hungary

- Impact of N-Fertilization the yield and the backing quality of wheat (2009 – 2011)

2011-2017

Agricultural Research Institute of Afghanistan (ARIA), joined efforts

- Impact of N.P fertilizer the yield of winter irrigated wheat (2013 – 2014)
- Identification of the optimum date of sowing of winter wheat into the specific Afghanistan Agro-climatic zone (2014 – 2016)
- Identification of the optimum seed-rate for the spring irrigated barely into the different agro-ecological zone of Afghanistan (2014 – 2016)
- Identification of optimum seed-rate for soybean into the different agro-climatic zone (2012-2014)
- Identification of optimum sowing time for soybean into different agro-ecological zone of Afghanistan (2013 -2016)
- Conducted irrigated wheat variety trails (Evaluation of advance International line), which are requesting from CIMMYT (2012 -2017)
- Conducted rain-fed and semi-arid wheat variety trails (Evaluation of advance line) which are requesting from ICARDA (2013 – 2017)

Work Experience

Feb 5-Jun 30, 2019 Attend in a short fellowship program and then back will be joined in Ministry of Agriculture.

Jun 2016 – Feb 2019 Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Kabul, Afghanistan

Director of Agriculture Adaptive Research and Adviser for ARIA

- **Policy**

- Develop annual planning and precise strategy of the relevant directorate in line with the agricultural research strategy and submit it on timely basis to General Directorate of ARIA.
- Create practical mechanism for distribution of breeder and foundation seeds and fruit plants in appropriate price to make sure sustainability of the research's implementation and adaption department.

- **Guidance**

- Lead and orient the directorate staff in their activities to meet the set forth objectives and goals of the directorate. Also, provide guidance and help to the staff in designing and implementing programs and annual plans.

- **Technical Support**
 - Equip and maintain active the gene bank and Fruit National collection (Perennial Horticulture Development Center) to preserve genetically resources in order to provide initial materials for conducting research on improvement of breeding.
 - Provide the genetic material from CGIAR centers for supporting of crop improvement program in the country.
- **Financial**
 - Develop appropriate budget and make sure good use of the governmental resources with sufficient oversight of the programs expenses at the directorate throughout the county to make sure no financial resource is wasted.
- **Oversight**
 - Precise oversight and evaluation in a sustainable way to make sure performances and services delivery in are fulfilled smoothly and provide report from the oversight.
 - Sustainable oversight and timely evaluation from the performance and service delivery of the relevant component and provide report from the monitoring process.
- **Coordination**
 - Create effective coordination with the Extension and education sector.
 - Coordinate with CGIAR centers and other international research organization.
 - Identify roots of the problems and shortcomings of agriculture sector and seek solution for them.
- **Capacity Building**
 - Implement capacity building programs to build capacity for the staff of the department and enable reform implementation on timely basis to make sure effective and timely services delivery.
- **Executive Operations**
 - Lead and oversight developing and implementation of annual work plans in the relevant areas and make sure the programs are in line with the established goals and objectives of MAIL.
 - Get result out of the gained achievements and progresses of the department. Also, visit activities of the projects; in case needed- provide report to General Directorate of Research.
 - Provide research procedures in collaboration with other line departments to design, implement, collect data, and analyze statistical experiences of planting research.
- **Management**
 - Lead developing annual plans and fiscal budget in collaboration with the financial department and monitor the flow of expenses.

Oct 2011 - Jun 2016 Agricultural Research Institute of Afghanistan (ARIA)/USAID/USDA Kabul, Afg.
Senior Agricultural Research Change Management Specialist

- Conduct assessment of the Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan Directorate (ARIA), in close coordination with other donor funded projects with a view to develop a contextual mandate, working procedure and organizational structure of the department;
- Work closely with the ARIA Directorate to enable identify of a departmental:
 - o A clear and enabling Research Policy;
 - o A holistic and ambitious, annual, 5 year and 10 year plan;
 - o Clear strategy for the implementation of the plans.
- Providing facilities and assistance to the research units and laboratories throughout the stages of research in the capital and provinces in order to make continuous and fruitful achievements in different fields of agricultural research.
- Ensuring further communications with national and international research institutions and academic and scientific organizations in order to obtain knowledge, share experiences in the field of agricultural research and to absorb their assistance in order to build the capacity of agricultural research specialists and to equip laboratories, gene banks, research farms, agricultural machinery workshops, agricultural sciences treasure, and to grow the capacity of national research institutions.
- Creating a regular mechanism in order to obtain information from the laboratories and to disseminate it to the site (farmers) in the capital and provinces through active coordination with the General Directorate of Extension.
- Work with ARIA and Extension unite at central and regional level to strengthen linkage between of them for better utilization of the available resources and maximum output at provincial levels;
- Work with the Director to clarify scopes of work of new and existing staff in line with the mandate, work plan and departmental policy;
- Identify resistance and performance gaps, and work to develop and implement corrective actions;
- Update work plans and develop annual plans of the ARIA as and when required and coordinate all operational (autumn, winter and spring experimental seasonal plan) and all other relate efforts to ease the implementing of the ARIA project.

2 – 28 Feb 2016 Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL)/FAO Kabul, Afg
National Consultant

- Review and edited the National Wheat Development Policy
- Review and finalize the National Wheat Development Strategy
- Review and finalize the wheat manual

April 2007. – Sept 2009 Plant Protection and Quarantine Department/MAIL Kabul, Afghanistan
General Manager of Plant Pathology

- Prepared action plan for the plant pathology Department
- Examined the samples brought by farmers and diagnosed the disease, as well prescribed the treatment
- Undertaken survey in various provinces to identify the area specific disease so as to take preventive action
- Organized different courses and workshop for provincial staff regarding preventing identification of disease
- Introduced Mechanical control and Biological control methods of prevention disease to farmers
- Displayed the various samples of disease to make awareness among the farmers so that they can easily recognize the disease affections the plants and take immediately action prevent the disease for spreading
- Trained the provincial managers of plant protection project (TCP) funded by FAO in integrated pest management (IPM)
- Coached and mentored the plant pathology laboratory staffs in various aspect of management and technical.
- Regularly supervise and monitored the plant pathology laboratory center and provinces.
- Strengthened coordination and collaboration with province departments and external stakeholders.

March 2006 – April 2007 French Cooperation Organization/NAPCOD Kabul, Afghanistan
Agriculture Extension Adviser

- Work closely with farmer and/or agricultural organizations, cooperatives or similar groups to provide extension services as well as advisory services on the strengthening of their group.

- Coach and mentor DAIL counterparts within the assigned directorate(s) on extension initiatives, and make sure all new processes, activities and communication matters are properly executed.
- Prepared action plan timely implementation of the project to the predetermined
- Implemented the plan according conducted field test to find out the suitability of soil for the growth of cotton
- Conduct on-site mobilization, sensitization and training on basic appropriate agricultural, agro-forestry, natural resource and related environmental management practices and techniques;
- Assist in the periodic preparation of program/project work plans and progress/status reports on extension activities and achievements in line with the requirements stipulated in the project documents;
- Actively seek opportunities that will complement ability to fulfill position's responsibilities as well as further professional development, such as taking part in internal and external trainings and participating on relevant advisory boards.
- Attended different conferences, workshops and meeting which were organized by Government and other Organizations

Additional Information

IT Skills Ms. windows, Ms. office , Adobe CorelDraw, Adobe Photo shop.

Languages Pashto and Dari (Native), English (Fluent, Writing and Speaking)

Personal Information

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 Date of birth.....
 Place of birth
 Nationality.....
 Marital status.....

References

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