

CURRICULUM VITAE

Lasha LORIA, M.D., MPH. PHD

SUMMARY

Over fifteen years of experience in the management of various, mainly administrative, grantmaking, public and development projects, health care related initiatives; researcher, trained physician, lecturer and experienced professional.

EXPERIENCE

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia – **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow;** August 2008 – June 2009

- Rollins School of Public Health (**HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention**)
- Goizueta Business School (**MBA Courses – Equal to Master of Business Administration Degree**)

Specialist at Office of International Relations and Fundraising; Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG); 2019 – Present

Professor at Tbilisi State University, Dep. of Health Policy and Management

- Leading courses on health policy and management to graduate students at Master's degree program in Health Management and Organization, 2006 - present

Board Member at Identoba (NGO for LGBTQ Rights), Elected 04/2016 – 2018

Responsible for Gender and Reproductive issues

Health, Safety, Environmental Manager; British Petroleum project at Build Industry, 09/2014-05/2015

Donors' Relationship Officer; Municipal Development Fund; 2013

Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia; Teach & Learn with Georgia (TLG); Feb. – May 2012

- Head of Health, Safety and Support Department

Insurance Company IC Group; www.icgroup.com.ge Tbilisi, Georgia; Nov. 2009 - Jan. 2012

- HR and Quality Improvement Manager

AED – Academy for Educational Development, Washington, D.C., USA, www.aed.org; May-June 2009

- Center on AIDS & Community Health (COACH) - PMTCT and Children Living with HIV/AIDS Projects team member

Insurance Company Aldagi BCI; *Largest Insurance Company in Georgia;* www.bci.ge Tbilisi, Georgia; Dec. 2007 - August 2008

- Co-Director for Quality Improvement – including control of all aspect of everyday activities at any level of management such as:
 - Designing insurance schemes
 - Proposing various recommendations to head of (i) Aldagi Assistance (healthcare Department) and (ii) operational department's heads, as well as improving overall staff performance by scheming special trainings and researches
 - Creating and managing Expert Panel
 - Participating in Actuary Research and Controlling Department's decision making processes
 - Developing day to day work Guidelines and job descriptions and tasks to employees
 - Evaluating and designing new ways to improve state healthcare programs' (state programs for most vulnerable group of population, teachers, and prisoners) performance and clients' satisfaction, etc.

Project Coordinator, "Tanadgoma" - Center for Information and Counseling on Reproductive Health, Tbilisi, Georgia, Nov. 2006 - August 2008.

- Project **"Strengthening the Existing National Responses for Implementation of Effective HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in Georgia 2003-2007"** (supported by The Global Fund)

Responsibilities:

- Overall Management of the project activities;

- Coordination of different sub-contractors: AIDS and Clinical Immunology Research Center, Research Institute of Dermato-Venereology and “Tanadgoma’s” branches in Batumi and Zugdidi
- Reaching and face to face meeting with high risk behavior group representatives, with further discussion of their needs and vision of how project can better support to HIV prevention and cover as much as possible MSMs and CSWs;
- Implementing new approaches and ways to reach target groups and make their voices heard;
- Conducting Behavior Surveillance Surveys;
- Working with donors, as well as public and private organizations and institutions;
- Monitoring and General evaluation of project progress
- Close collaboration and Reporting to The Global Fund and CCM

Project Manager, Welfare Foundation, Tbilisi, Georgia, Feb.2005 - Nov. 2006.

Project (supported by NORLAG/PRI) *“Initiatives in Developing Prisoner/Probationer Activities in Georgia”* under the **Initiatives of Developing Prisoner/Probationer Activities in Georgia - HIV/AIDS Prevention, drug awareness, etc.**

Responsibilities:

- General evaluation of situation in prisons of western Georgia
- Vocational training of social and Medical workers, as well as prisoners educations in prisons of western Georgia,
- Stimulate cooperation with existing state bodies and programmes (local government, ministries of health, education and employment, penitentiary and probation departments)

- Project *“Improving access to and utilization of basic health care services for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and other vulnerable groups in Zugdidi District, Georgia.”* (supported by Oxfam GB)

Duties include:

- Management of the project activities; Evaluation of the project impact;
- Development of M&E framework (with the involvement of all level stakeholders) for State funded health programs that correspond to EDPRP health priorities and provision of respective recommendations to the key health authorities;
- Design, coordination and analysis of surveys to monitor the performance of “State funded Program for Pregnant women” in Zugdidi District (impact of Free of Charge Baby Birth Delivery Voucher, and problems of Family Planning on the health status, accessibility, equity, patient satisfaction, etc.);
- Development of strategies for vertical/horizontal cooperation among all level health stakeholders (State agencies, NGOs/CBOs, donor society);

- Assembled a coalition of 3 NGOs (*“MDGs on the Agenda” a coalition project together with Georgian Young Lawyers Association and Association of Young Economists of Georgia*), and organized local events to promote awareness of a global campaign to end poverty;

Responsibilities:

- General evaluation of the State health policy compliance with the UN Millennium Development Declaration; Assessment of the Government needs towards the achievement of MDGs associated with health;
- Monitoring of the State funded health programs that cover maternal and child health care in west Georgia, particularly in Samegrelo region;
- Performance of training programs and IEC campaign plan to raise public awareness on MDGs and progress
 - Elaboration of recommendations for health policymakers to bring the State health care policy in accordance with the National Development Strategies.

- Project *“Strengthening Public Health Sector in Georgia”* (supported by Open Society-Georgia Foundation) Consultancy and coordination of modern provision and vital needs in Health Promotion, Disease Prevention, Public Health Lab. Services and Disease Surveillance.

Responsibilities:

- Coordination of information collection and analysis
- Meetings with stakeholders and officials in fields of Health Promotion, and Disease Prevention
- Preparation of and writing policy recommendations for a comprehensive report on the general state of public health in Georgia for the Department of Public Health (MoHLSA).

Open Society-Georgia Foundation; Member of the Public Health Expert Committee (Sept. 2006 – Feb 2009)

Consultant/Short Term Expert, The Social Assistance and Employment State Agency, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2005

- Elaboration of recommendations for The “State program of identification, evaluation of social economic status and database formation for extremely poor households in Georgia”, and for the “MDGs in Georgia - report 2004- 2005”)

Project Manager, Genesis Association, 1997-2001

- Responsible for writing grant proposals, liaising with local and national government bodies, and coordinating the distribution of humanitarian aid
- Coordination with the key stakeholders and donors
- Using a participatory approach, assisted medical clinic officials to define clinic goals and develop long-term strategies,
- Managed logistics for a Georgian non-governmental association that established a non-profit medical clinic

Surgeon and Ph.D. student; State Medical Academy for Post-Diploma Education of Doctors, Nov. 1995-98

- Research on complication prophylaxis of ulcer surgery and also working as a surgeon

Surgical Intern; First Clinic of Tbilisi State Medical University, August 1995 – July 1996

- Participated in all practical aspects of patient treatment including examination of patients, preparation of patients for surgery, as well as in surgery and post-surgery treatment

EDUCATION

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia – Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow; August 2008 – June 2009

- Rollins School of Public Health (**HIV/AIDS Policy and Management**)
- Goizueta Business School (**MBA Courses**)

AMA – American Management Association;

- **5-Day MBA Seminar/Workshop; Atlanta, GA, USA. March 2009**

Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, 2004

- Health Policy and Management – Research Training Course

Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, 2003-2004

- International Masters Degree in Public Health in 2004

University of Oslo, Norway, summer 2004

- Norwegian language,

University of Oslo, Norway, summer 2003

- Graduate Courses: International community Health, Accessibility, Equity and Human Rights

The University of Scranton-Tbilisi, Sept. 2002

- Quality Management Training Program to Increase Effectiveness and Competition in the Health Care Sector

State Medical Academy for Post-Diploma Education of Doctors, Nov. 1995 – Nov. 1998

- Tbilisi, Georgia, Post-graduate studies-Aspirantura; including research on complication prophylaxis of ulcer surgery; participated in surgeries

Tbilisi State Medical University, Sept. 1989 – July 1995

- Faculty of Medicine; M.D., Specialization in Medicine

Tbilisi State University, Sept. 1995 – June 1996

- Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Advanced level English course

Tbilisi State University, Sept. 1998 – June 2001

- Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Norwegian language and culture

University of Bergen, Norway, Summer 2000

- Norwegian language

MAIN AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

- Health Policy and Management – **Worldwide settings**
- HSSE Issues
- Insurance settings and Insurance Company's' working principles
- Monitoring and evaluation of health related programs and interventions:
 - Health policy analysis (equity, efficiency, consumer satisfaction, consistency with the national development strategies and international obligations);
 - Economic analysis (CEA, CBA, CUA);
 - Epidemiological surveys (design, data collection and statistical analysis)
 - Health, Poverty and Development (regarding MDGs PRSPs);
 - Civil society capacity building;
 - PCM (Project cycle management)

SKILLS

1) Computer skills: OS System Microsoft Windows (98/2000/ XP Pro.) Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, FrontPage), MS Outlook express, MS Outlook, Win Zip, Win RAR, Windows Backup, Adobe Photoshop, Internet research and correspondence and other advanced programs for office and system usage.

2) Language skills:

Fluent in Georgian, Russian, English and Norwegian. Good in Swedish, Danish-fairs

AWARDS

Medal of Excellence from High School.

Honorary Diploma from Advanced Physics-Mathematics School at Tbilisi State University

Honorary Diploma from State Medical University

Scholarship from Universities of Oslo and Bergen.

Scholarship from the Swedish Institute

Scholarship from the US Department of State (Hubert H. Humphrey Program)

MEMBERSHIP

Global Health Council

American Public Health Association

Safe Community Network – governed and led by WHO collaboration Center in Karolinska Institutet Stockholm, Sweden. <http://www.phs.ki.se/csp>

Initiative group for NGO alliance “FUTURE WITHOUT POVERTY” (Global Call for Action Against Poverty-Georgian initiative) www.whiteband.org

REFERENCES

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