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CURRICULUM VITAE

Proposed role in the project:

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1. **Family name:** Puri
2. **First names:** Bishnu
3. **Date of birth:** 9 Sept,1954
4. **Nationality:** Nepali (Based in: Kathmandu, Nepal)
5. **Civil status:** Male
6. **Education:**

Institution (Date from - Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained
University of the Losbanos' Philippines, 1990-1993	Master's in development management
Tribhuvan University Nepal, 1977-1980	Master's in Economics

Training:

- Fiscal Decentralization and Inter-Governmental Fiscal Transfer 2004. Georgia State University, USA
 - Survey Research Techniques and Qualitative Methods, Michigan University (June to July 2000), USA
 - Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Sector Projects and Programs (July to August 1998), University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK
 - Designing and Implementing Entrepreneurship Development Program for Women (May to July 1992), University of Philippines, Manila
7. **Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Nepali (Mother Tongue)	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
Hindi	2	2	2
Urdu	5	5	5

8. Membership of professional bodies:

- Life Member-University of Philippines at Los Banos, Philippines
- Member of Management Association of Nepal

9. Other skills: Good Knowledge of MS office

10. Present position: Intermittent Consultant (Local Development Finance) for UNCDF in Nepal (2017-2019)

11. Years within the firm: N/A

12. Key qualifications: (Relevant to the project): Local Development Finance, Public Finance Management, Inter-Government Fiscal Transfers, Monitoring and Evaluation, Governance and Capacity Development of Local Authorities

13. Specific experience in the region:

Country	Date from - Date to
Nepal	1981 - To date (Since 2017 intermittent consultant with UNCDF)
Afghanistan	2009 - 2011, 2014 and 2019
Bangladesh	2009
Solomon Island	2014
Sudan	2009
Somalia	2012
Tuvalu	2017 and 2018`
Myanmar	2018

14. Professional experience:

Dates	Location	Company & contact	Position	Description
November 2021 to February 2022	Nepal	UNCDF. Ms. Pragyan Joshi, PO. Email: pragyan.joshi@uncdf.org	Consultant	Prepared concept not on Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) Facility and Performance Based Climate Resilience Grant (PBCRG) for UNCDF.
August 2021 March 2022	Nepal	World Bank, Nepal Mr. Jonas Ingemann Parby, Email: iparby@worldbank.org	LG Finance National Consultant	Worked to conduct diagnostic study on “Catalyzing Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development in Kathmandu Valley”. This assignment has covered the whole LGs finance system- IGFT, Revenue, taxation and revenue sharing between province and 21 LGs of Kathmandu Valley.
March 2020 to July 2021	Nepal	PwC, India. Ranen Banerjee Email: ranen.banerjee@pwc.com	Team Leader, Programme/ Manager	Provincial Support Programme (PSP) aims to enhance administration and development capacity of province governments, provincial assembly and provincial planning commission in the province 1 of Nepal. PSP is four years programme have a total budget of CHF 10 M. As a team leader my role is to coordinate with donors, province and local governments, province parliament and PwC. I was managing annual budget of USD 2.0 Mln. My role was to strengthen the PFM in both province and local level of government, digitization of entire financial transaction, enhancement of own source revenue, periodic plan, MTEF. Focused to capacitate both province and LGs on planning and budgeting process, grant transfer system, internal account and reporting. Coordinated and provided TA support to provincial assembly in law making process, provincial planning commission and provincial investment board. As a TL responsible to hire consultant manage 10 project staff and building rapport with PwC and the client SDC.
July 2019 to December 2020	Nepal	IMC Worldwide, Ms. Arielle Dove. Email: Arielle.Dove@imcworldwide.com	FRA National Expert	This is short term 30 days’ assignment of FRA for internal purpose of DFID Nepal. The assignment is to work with international expert to review fiduciary risk of entire DFID funded projects and programmes in Nepal -federal, provincial and local level over a period of nine months; working closely with PEFA secretariat based on FCGO
10 January -10 February 2019	Kabul, Afghanistan	IBF contract with EU Funding. Short term	PFM Expert	Name of assignment or Project: Validation of PFM Self-Assessment: As a validator to assess the Self-Assessment

		assignment. Ref: Mr. Gregory Whye Email: whyeg@ibf.be		Performance of PFM under the Fiscal Performance Improvement Plan (FPIP) implemented by the Ministry of Finance in Afghanistan for the year 2018. This project is directly implemented by WB with mainly support by EU. Build excellent relationship between EU the donor and the Government -Ministry of Finance.
May 2016 – December 2019 continued as Intermittent Consultant for Nepal and Tuvalu. Two Missions in Tuvalu-2017 and 2018	Nepal and other countries based on need Tuvalu	UNCDF Ms. Pragyan Joshi, UNCDF PO, Email: pragyan.joshi@uncdf.org	Local Development Finance, Intermittent Consultant	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Local Development Funds and Programs</p> <p>Main project features: Providing advisory support for National Natural Resource and Finance Commission (NNRFC) and Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA) and Town Development Fund. Supporting LG on LD finance, revenue improvement, IGFT, planning and budgeting process, performance-based grant finance for Local Climate Change Adaptive Living (LoCAL). Stock Taking Note for LoCAL is prepared with international consultant in August 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with the Town Development Fund for Non-Grant Financing for urban infrastructures in municipalities. Support to prepare DPR for potential investment projects, bringing partnership between private sector with LGs, capacity development of local authorities for municipal investment facilities. • Support LGs to develop own resource mobilization, bond issue and development of capital market and credit rating of municipalities. • Support municipalities for capital development plan and assets management plan and contribute to design LED project. • Attempts to improve the planning and budgeting process, improve LG administration and confidence so that LGs could attract private sector for LED. Involved the monitoring and evaluation of projects and programs. <p>In Tuvalu, I have taken two mission (2017 and 2018) to conduct independent Annual Performance Assessment (APA) of three LGs and recommended for annual performance-based grant of UNCDF.</p>

Jul - Aug 2018	Myanmar	VNG International, Netherlands Ms. Irene TenTeije. Email: irene.tenteije@vng.nl	Team Leader	Name of assignment or Project: Participatory and Accountable Local Governance (PALGO) in Tanintharyi Region of Myanmar Main project features: Final Evaluation of PALGO Project which was implemented by VNG International and cofounded by EU in Myanmar Activities performed: Evaluated of PALGO based on four components- relevancy, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability. Further the evaluation covered the communication, transparency and accountability strategies, strengthening local institutions and hold accountable and transparent for public services.
Mar – Apr 2016	Nepal	Crown Agent Mr. Mark O Donnel, Email: mark.odonnell@uk.crownagents.com	PFM Expert	Name of assignment or Project: FRA of the Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) of Nepal Main project features: Short-term national consultant worked to study on Fiduciary Risk Assessment (FRA) of AEPC of Nepal Activities performed: As a member of team assed the magnitude of FRA of the Alternative Energy Promotion Centre of Nepal with donor fund and prepared the annual Statement of Progress for the year 2015. Detail associated fiduciary risk is examined.
Feb - Mar 2016	Nepal.	UNCDF Regional Hub, Bangkok Ms. Sujala Pant Email: sujala.pant@undp.org	PFM and Governance Expert	Name of assignment or Project: Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review Main project features: Study on Climate Public Expenditure Review of Myagdi district. Positions held: Activities performed: Assessed the governance aspect of the district Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (d-CPEIR) of Myagdi District of Nepal.
Oct 2015 - Jan 2016	Nepal	UNDP-Nepal Ajay Poudel. Email ajay.poudyal@undp.org	LGs Capacity Development Expert	Name of assignment or Project: Capacity Assessment of Local Bodies for Recovery and Reconstruction Main project features: Capacity Need Assessment of LBs of 14 highly earthquake affected districts Activities performed: Providing technical support to the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) in developing Capacity Development Strategy of local government in the context of Recovery and Reconstruction of highly earthquake affected 14 districts. Capacity development strategy prepared.

Aug – Oct 2015	Nepal	DFID/Crown Agent Mr. Mark O Donnel, Email: mark.odonnell@uk.crowna-gents.com	LG Finance Monitoring Consultant	Name of assignment or Project: Fiduciary risk assessment of Immediate Relief Grant provided to highly earthquake affected districts under LGCDP Main project features: Fiduciary Risk Assessment Activities performed: As a team member under the guidance of International Expert involved to assess the fiduciary risk of Immediate Relief Grant provided by donors during the earthquake period. And assess the capacity gap of local bodies of Nepal to execute emergency relief grant.
May - Jun 2015	Nepal	UNCDF, Nepal Ms. Pragyan Joshi, UNCDF PO, Email: pragyan.joshi@uncdf.org	Team Leader, PFM Expert	Name of assignment or Project: Emergency Grant Distribution in Earthquake Affected Districts under Emergency Grant Distribution in Earthquake Affected Districts Main project features: Assessed the Fund Flow and reporting mechanisms and fiduciary risk of Immediate Relief Grant provided in 14 earthquake districts under LGCDP. Activities performed: as a team leader, I have led four consultants and studied on the fiduciary risk associated with the “Emergency Grant Distribution in highly Earthquake Affected 14 Districts of Nepal”. This grant was provided through Local Governance and Community Development Program (LGCDP) to local councils in the highly earthquake affected 14 districts of Nepal.
Aug - Sept 2014	Afghanistan	Aga Khan Foundation, Afghanistan Nahakul KC nahakulkc@gmail.com	Local Governance Finance and Capacity Development Expert	Name of assignment or Project: Planning and Capacity Development Assessment of Community Development Council Activities performed: Reviewed the methodology of developing Provincial Development Plan and Local Planning and Budgeting Process. Identified the capacity gap in providing local services and recommended the areas for improving the public services, gender empowerment and sectoral development such as agriculture, education, health and local infrastructure. At the same time, also developed the concept note on Capacity Development Strategy for provincial authorities.
Jun - Jul 2014	Solomon Island	UNCDF/UNDP-Solomon Island Fakri Karim. Email: fakri.karim@uncdf.org	Team leader, LD Finance Expert	Name of assignment or Project: Provincial Governance Strengthening Program (PGSP I) and PGSP II Main project features: Preparing Results Resource Framework (RRF) for PGSP II

				<p>Activities performed: Reviewed Provincial Block Grant Financing and Budget Execution process adopted at the provincial level under Provincial Governance Strengthening Program (PGSP I), Performance Based Grant Funding by UNCDF, design format and collected baseline data for PGSP II and reviewed RRF for PGSP II.</p>
Sept 2013 -Mar 2014	Nepal	Democracy and Election Watch (DEW)/NDI/ USAID Basu Bhandari. Email: bashu.bhandari@gmail.com	Executive Director	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Election Observation of II Constituent Assembly</p> <p>Main project features: Observation of transparency, neutrality and credibility of Election</p> <p>Activities performed: Involved to observe the fairness and credibility of the second constituent election of Nepal which was held on November 2013. Mobilized 6000 observer's volunteers through 170 NGOs spread over in 61 districts. Took overall responsibilities to manage USD 325,000 USAID fund- during the period</p>
Aug - Nov 2012	Nepal	World Bank / ADDCN Nepal Hemraj Lamichhane. Email: lamichhanehr@gmail.com	Public Finance and LG Expert	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Study on Measuring Social Accountability in Local Service Delivery in Nepal.</p> <p>Main project features: Study on effectiveness of Social Accountability at local level</p> <p>Activities performed: As a PFM expert/team member conducted Study on Measuring Social Accountability in Local Service Delivery in Nepal. Taken lead role on design research methods focused on budget formulation process and budget execution process, setting expenditure norms, accounting, reporting and auditing process. The study has captured both the central government and LG funding for sectors such as education and health and community infrastructures.</p>
Feb - May 2012	Somalia	UNCDF Mr. Anka Kitunji. Email: anka.kitunzi@uncdf.org	Consultant - Local Development Fund Advisor	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Fiduciary Risk Assessment (FRA) associated to Local Development Fund (LDF)</p> <p>Main project features: Evaluation of Local Development Fund in Somalia</p> <p>Activities performed: This study completely followed the FRA DFID guideline following the UNCDF innovations of Performance based Grant Funding to local councils. Provided training on Public Expenditure Management for UNCDF and government staff.</p>

Aug - Nov 2011	Nepal	ADDCN/ financed by UNICEF Hemraj Lamichhane. Email: lamichhanehr@gmail.com	Local Government Finance and Monitoring Specialist	Name of assignment or Project: Case Study on Decentralization and Child Right Equity in Nepal Main project features: Preparing case study on child rights and equity in Nepal Activities performed: Prepared and overview the budget preparation, budget release and execution process for children at the local level that includes the conditional and unconditional grants. The evaluation was done on the grant allocated and execution for education and health sectors and CBOs. This study was a part of South Regional Asia Study on Decentralization and Child Right Equity.
Dec 2009 -May 2011	Afghanistan	UNDP Afghanistan Manoj Basnyat Email: manoj.basnyat@undp.org	Regional Governance Advisor in Bamiyan	Name of assignment or Project: UNDP executed Afghanistan Sub-National Governance Program (ASGP) Main project features: Improving Governance at Sub-National Level covering provincial government, district government and Municipalities. Support for Public Expenditure Management, local planning and budgeting, peace building Activities performed: Built excellent partnership with provincial and district administration, provincial councils. Developed a Provincial Strategic Plan of Bamiyan with preliminary cost estimate. Designed and implemented the public expenditure management training for provincial and district staff. Worked closely with the treasury office to make the budget transparent, credible and improve on the procurement process. Open budget meeting and citizen charter initiated.
Jul - Oct 2009	Sudan	UNDP Sudan Maha El Shafle, Email: maha_elshafle@undp.org	International Local Development Fund Advisor	Name of assignment or Project: Instituting Performance Based Grant Funding to Local Councils in Port Sudan. Main project features: Design execution modality of Local Development Fund in the Red Sea State of South Sudan Activities performed: Designed Local Development Fund (LDF) Operation Manual, Performance Assessment Manual and Training Manual for Local Authorities. During the period, had trained about 120 government officials in LG planning and budgeting, budgeting, assets management, fund transfer, accounting and audit, community contracting methodology and internal control system. Now This model was piloted in the Red Sea State of Sudan which is now being replicated in other states.

Apr – Oct 2009 (Two missions)	Bangladesh	UNCDF Roger Shotton, Email: roger.shotton@gmail.com	Performance Based Grant Funding Specialist, 2 Missions	Name of assignment or Project: Consultancy support for revising the Performance Based Grant Funding to Union Parishad of Bangladesh Main project features: Designing Performance Based Grant Funding to Union Parishad Activities performed: Reviewed and refined measurement indicators of Performance Assessment of Union Parishads (UPs), which is LG constituted by elected authorities. Based on the assessment of those indicators, Bangladesh Government assessed the annual performance of LGs and provides block grant accordingly.
May - Jun 2009	Nepal	Asian Development Bank Narendra Chand. Email: Narendra.chand@adb.org	Institutional Development Specialist	Name of assignment or Project: Institutional Strengthening Action Plan Main project features: Design Capacity Assessment of DOLIDAR of Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) Activities performed: Reviewed Institutional Strengthening Action Plan prepared for the Department of Local Infrastructure and Agriculture Road (DOLIDAR). Prepared five ToR for national and international consultants and revised the Capacity Development Strategy for DOLIDAR.
Jul 2008 - Mar 2009	Nepal	UNCDF, Nepal Alexandra Walcher. Email: Walcher.alexandra@gmail.com	Public Finance Management Advisor	Name of assignment or Project: Consultancy Support to design IGFT and Performance Based Grant Funding (PBGF) Main project features: Support to complete the Inception Phase of LGCDP I Activities performed: Designed Block Grant Allocation Formula for 3915 Village Development Committee of Nepal. Designed Expanded Block Grant Guideline for Local Governance and Community Development (LGCDP) covering entire 75 district councils of Nepal. Completed Internal Audit Manual, designed software for planning, monitoring and reporting for local councils and technical support provided to the Local Body Fiscal Commission (LBFC) of Nepal. As a member worked to design basket funding and Joint Financing Agreement (JFA) with more than 14 donors for Local Governance and Community Development Program (LGCDP I). LGCDP I was a national program adopting the budget support modality with the grant of USD 180 Mln for four years.

Oct 2001 - Jul 2008	Nepal	UNCDF, Nepal Roger Shotton, the then UNCDF Regional Office, BKK Email: roger.shotton@gmail.com	National Program Manager (Local Government Finance and Monitoring Specialist)	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Decentralized Financing and Development Program (DFDP)</p> <p>Main project features: Decentralized Finance, IGFT and community Infrastructure</p> <p>Activities performed: Provided effective leadership to implement Decentralized Financing and Development Program (DFDP). Pioneered Formula and Performance Based Grant Fund (PBGF) to local councils in Nepal. Took lead role in designing and instituting the District Development Fund (DDF) framework and direct transfer block grant to DDC account. This system was replicated by other donors at later stage keeping in picture the Office of Auditor General. Revised the community contracting mechanism for small infrastructure projects with enough Transparency, Quality Control and Auditing Process. Contributed to develop financial accounting, recording and reporting system and improve the quality of audit procedures for Local Bodies. Trained about 5000 persons (LG planners, Engineers and Finance) in planning, budgeting, expenditure management and technical skill for employment generation. Introduced public audit, public hearing, tender and bidding, design and cost estimate process in local language for LG investment projects. Maintained excellent relationship with donors, government, local councils and others and achieve the project goal and made significant policy impact on LG financing.</p>
Nov 2000 -Sept 2001	Nepal	DANIDA/ ESAP Mr. Thomas Engel	Solar Energy Component Coordinator	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Energy Sector Assistance Program (ESAP)</p> <p>Main project features: Design Solar Home System and marked based distribution of solar home system, institutional photovoltaic system, capacity development of local authorities.,</p> <p>Activities performed: Contributed to the development of a subsidy policy for Solar Home System, database of solar home distribution, first level training manuals for solar technicians, benchmark data of solar companies and concept note of Renewable Energy Test Station (RETS). Had kicked off the new program establishing all systems and procedures.</p>

Jan 1994 - Oct 2000	Nepal	UNWOMEN/Department of Women Development (DWD) Chandni Joshi	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Production Credit for Rural Women (PCRW) and the Micro - Credit Project for Women (MCPW)</p> <p>Main project features: Provide Collateral free credit to poor women for production link with training and awareness and community development services.</p> <p>Activities performed: Designed M/E framework for the Production Credit for Rural Women (PCRW) and the Micro - Credit Project for Women (MCPW) which were implemented by the Department of Women Development (DWD). Had contributed to bring the soft loan of IFAD and AsDB for women development programs. These soft loans are on budget support and supported to improve the quality of life of women and children in Nepal. As a part of the team, had conducted different evaluation and studies, guidelines and operational manuals, organized a series of trainings to staff of DWD and participating banks. Produced annual reports in English and other best practices documents for policy improvements.</p>
Dec 1983 – Jan 1985	Nepal	Department of Women Development GoN Ganga Datta Awasthi Email: gd_awasthi@hotmail.com	Program Officer	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Production Credit for Rural Women (PCRW) and Micro-Credit for Rural Women (MCPW).</p> <p>Main project features: Organizing self-help women groups, institution building of women groups, converting to federations and linking to community development and credit services.</p> <p>Positions held:</p> <p>Activities performed: Support to the annual work plan and budget and reporting mechanisms of Production Credit for Rural Women (PCRW) and Micro-Credit for Rural Women (MCPW). Liaise with donors, government and financing institutions. Developed the Revolving Fund for Women self-help groups an introduce livestock insurance scheme. As a desk officer, also responsible to manage IFAD loan of USD 6.0 Mln and AsDB loan of USD 5.0 Mln and auditing process. Contributed to promote self-help women groups at district level co-operatives.</p>
Mar 1981 -Dec 1984	Nepal	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistician	<p>Name of assignment or Project: Strengthening the National Income Section</p> <p>Main project features: Estimate annual GDP of Public Sector Accounts</p>

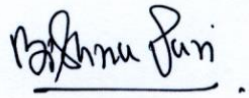
				Activities performed: Regular GDP estimate of Public Sector Accounts, conducted national sample survey of cottage industry 1993 and Industrial Census of 1984. Conducted various small surveys to estimate GDP of Public Sector Accounts.
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15. Other relevant information:

I have more than 35 years of professional experience working with Government of Nepal, UN agencies and I/NGOs mostly on Public Finance Management, Monitoring and Evaluation and capacity development of LGs. Have direct project implementation/management experience, advocacy capacity for policy development and facilitation skill in the areas of experience and expertise.

16. Declaration:

I confirm my intention to serve in the stated position and present availability to serve for the term of the proposed contract. I also understand that any wilful misstatement described above may lead to my disqualification, before or during my engagement.



07 December 2021