

SUMMARY

Public health leader with 8 years of experience managing multi-country nutrition programmes impacting 500,000+ people. Directed \$11M+ initiatives at GAIN that increased women’s dietary diversity and scaled sustainable food access models across Asia and Africa. Mobilized \$2M+ through successful scale-up efforts and ongoing work on innovative finance models, embedding nutrition into corporate and investment frameworks. Skilled in strategy, policy advocacy, and building cross-sector partnerships with governments, donors, and the private sector, while advancing digital M&E systems that improved efficiency and evidence-based decision-making. Dedicated to advancing nutrition goals by mainstreaming proven nutrition-sensitive approaches and fostering sustainable partnerships.

SKILLS

<b>Expertise:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strategic Programme Leadership</li><li>Nutrition-Sensitive Policy</li><li>Systems Integration</li><li>Government Advisory</li><li>Cross-Country Programme Implementation</li><li>Institutional Partnerships</li></ul>	<b>Management:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Partnership Development</li><li>Financial Management &amp; Budgeting</li><li>Proposal Development</li><li>Business Development</li><li>Process Optimization</li><li>Risk Assessment &amp; Compliance</li></ul>	<b>Technical:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Data Analysis (SPSS, Excel, Tableau)</li><li>Impact Measurement (IRIS+)</li><li>Ms Office, MS Power BI, Ms Project</li><li>Canva</li><li>AI for Social Impact</li><li>SurveyCTO</li></ul>
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WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Project manager, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)</b>	<b>Jun 2021- Present</b>
<b>Project Leadership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led 'Nourishing ESG' initiative with IICA &amp; Ministry of Corporate Affairs, embedding nutrition into ESG/BRSR frameworks for 50+ corporates and government stakeholders.</li><li>Directed \$11M Workforce Nutrition Program, improving food access for 450,000+ beneficiaries and increasing women meeting dietary diversity standards by 28%.</li><li>Optimized donor budget utilization (95%) through robust M&amp;E frameworks and multi-donor reporting.</li></ul>	
<b>Stakeholder Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oversaw global advocacy with the International Labour Organization (ILO), co-authoring research that integrated food systems into global OHS frameworks, influencing policy across India, Uganda, Latin America, and Europe.</li><li>Orchestrated corporate engagement via Impact4Nutrition, mobilizing 300+ companies and improving workforce nutrition performance by 40% through education and behavior change.</li></ul>	
<b>Supply Chain &amp; Market Innovation Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scaled sustainable food access models in tea estates, driving INR 20 lakh/month (\$22,733) in nutritious food sales and improving food accessibility by 64%.</li><li>Expanded transformation models to Nigeria and Bangladesh, benefiting 17,000+ workers and showcasing South-South scalability.</li></ul>	
<b>Policy and Systems Advocacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Positioned nutrition in sustainability reporting by devising ESG-linked frameworks and leading high-impact roundtables with SEBI, government, investors &amp; private sector.</li></ul>	
<b>Grant-making and Business Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developing blended finance models, including impact bonds, to drive scalable and sustainable nutrition programs in India.</li><li>Secured \$2M+ in co-funding by developing outcome-based financing models, increasing financial sustainability of nutrition programs.</li></ul>	
<b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (M&amp;E):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed results frameworks &amp; digital M&amp;E systems, ensuring 100% donor compliance and reducing reporting delays by 40% through real-time monitoring and SOPs.</li></ul>	
<b>Consultant-YP, NITI Aayog, Government of India</b>	<b>Oct 2019- Jun 2021</b>
<b>Policy Design &amp; Strategic Advisory</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stewarded India State Health Index (3rd &amp; 4th editions) with World Bank and MoHFW, tracking 30+ indicators to drive performance-based NHM funding and influence policy.</li><li>Developed Vision 2035 Healthcare Blueprint for PMO, guiding investments across 28 States and 8 Union Territories.</li><li>Created Atmanirbhar Health Roadmap under guidance of Madhya Pradesh CM, aligning priorities with NHM PIP.</li></ul>	
<b>Program Design &amp; Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improved maternal and child health by 12% through Intensified Health &amp; Nutrition Strategy in 112 Aspirational Districts.</li><li>Introduced AI-enabled anthropometry tools in Anganwadi centers, enhancing digital monitoring with MoHFW and MWCD.</li></ul>	
<b>Business Continuity and Risk Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ensured uninterrupted interstate supply chain for 200+ units across 15+ states during COVID-19 for raw materials.</li><li>Executed COVID-19 response campaign “Surakshit Dada-Dadi, Nana-Nani”, reaching 1.5 million+ elderly individuals via community volunteers.</li></ul>	

**Government Liaison & Multi-Sectoral Convergence**

- Steered convergence across Health, Panchayati Raj, Food Distribution, and Rural Development, delivering 30+ block-level and five district-level action plans for Poshan Abhiyan.
- Secured political and administrative buy-in, influencing MLAs and urban bodies to mobilize resources for six model Anganwadi centers, improving service delivery infrastructure.

**Community-Centric Innovation**

- Implemented ECCE and menstrual hygiene interventions, training teachers and adolescents and installing sanitary pad vending machines through public-private partnerships, impacting 1,200+ children and 1,800+ adolescent girls.

**Capacity Development**

- Trained 1,373 Anganwadi Workers, 55 officials, and 22 community groups on ECCE and nutrition through structured refresher programs, strengthening last-mile service delivery.

**Health Systems Strengthening**

- Enhanced monitoring under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, achieving an 86% cure rate for 120 SAM children through improved referral and care protocols.
- Facilitated progress reviews, reducing underweight prevalence by ~12% through targeted corrective measures.

**Project Manager, Mindbox Academics, ARK Infosolutions**

Apr 2017- Apr 2018

**Innovation & Curriculum Design**

- Formulated STEM-based creative learning curriculum adopted by 50+ schools, driving measurable improvements in problem-solving and design thinking skills for 15,000+ students.
- Instituted digital tools for classroom learning, improving teaching efficiency and learner engagement across 25+ schools

**Public-Private Collaboration**

- Forged strategic partnerships with educational institutions and boards, expanding program reach by 30% in one year.

**EDUCATION****Master of Arts (MA), Social Work (2015-17)  
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai**

- Major in
  - Community Organization and Development Practice
  - Project Management

**Bachelor of Science (B.Sc Hons), Home Science (2012-15)****University of Delhi**

- Major in
  - Human Development and Childhood Studies
  - Nutrition Science

**INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION AND ENGAGEMENTS**

- **Speaker**
  - Wellbeing at Work Summit 2025 in Mumbai and Bangalore
  - Food System Summit 2025 (FSSAI) on "Mindful Eating at Work: Fostering Health and Productivity".
  - Global Round Table on Food and Sustainability- improving health and wellbeing of workforce co-organised by ATNI, and IIM Mumbai (2025)
  - "Multi-sectoral Strategies to Combat Malnutrition" at ET Edge-PepsiCo 2024 Roundtable.
  - Business Fights Poverty's online forum on the private sector's role in maternal and adolescent health (2023)
- **Presenter**
  - Delivering for Nutrition Conference (IFPRI) in Kathmandu (2023) and Sri Lanka (2024), among 63 global presentations.
  - Micronutrient Forum 2023, The Hague
- **Leaderships**
  - Member, 13th Common Review Mission (2019) of the National Health Mission, Rajasthan State Review (NHM flagship evaluation mechanism)
  - Trained Youth Leader & Changemaker from Lead India (US Embassy initiative) (2019)
  - Conducted an online national webinar for 15,000+ Anganwadi Workers, ASHAs, ANMs, and community members on Maternal and Child Nutrition (2019)

**CERTIFICATES AND PUBLICATIONS**

- **Certificates (7):**
  - **HP Future Impact Leader –**
    - IICA Certified ESG Professional (ongoing)
  - **AI for Social Impact**
    - ADB Institute
  - **Food System Transformation**
    - Wageningen University, Netherlands
  - **Partnership Practitioners Training**
    - Partnership Brokers Association, London
  - **Health Behavior: Evidence to Action**
    - Yale University, United States
  - **NGO Management- Management Studies**
    - IGNOU, India
  - **Water Cooperation in Rio +21 IYWC India**
    - UN Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, India
- **Publications (11):**
  - **Academic Papers and case studies:**
    - [Frontiers \(Nutrition\) - Improving Diet Quality for Female Workers Through Market Innovation](#)
    - [GAIN Working Paper Series 33 - Healthy line shops](#)
    - [Innovative Approaches to integrating nutrition with Occupational Safety and Health: Reliance Case Study](#)
  - **Reports and Briefs:**
    - [Bridging the gap](#)
    - [Existing workforce nutrition policies](#)
    - [Mitigation and Management of COVID-19, NITI Aayog](#)
    - [State Health Index Round 3, NITI Aayog](#)
  - **Blogs:**
    - [Private Sector Innovations in Health & Nutrition](#)
    - [Healthy Line Shops](#)
    - [Women as Changemakers](#)
    - [Developing strategies for behavioral change comms](#)