

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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EDUCATION QUALIFICATION

University	Degree
The University of the Philippines, June 2008-June 2010	Masters of Arts in Demography; Major Area of Studies include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Theory and Methods of Demography2. Techniques of Demographic Analysis I & II3. Statistical Analysis of Population and Related Survey & Census Data using statistical software Package- SPSS4. Statistics for Social Sciences5. Advanced Statistical Analysis on Population & Survey and Census Data using the statistical software- STATA6. Research Methods in Demography7. Population Program Evaluation8. Master Thesis - Disability Patterns in Bhutan'
Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu, Bhutan, 2003	Post Graduate Certificate in Development Management with focus on following subjects: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Environment Analysis2. Marketing Management3. Operational Management4. Government Financial Management5. Sustainable Development6. Managerial Finance7. Strategic Development Planning8. Development Theory and Concepts9. Management of Change10. Logical Framework Analysis11. Office Management12. Management Communications13. Public Administration14. District Immersion Report15. Human Resource Management16. Store Management17. Conflict and Negotiation
Delhi University, Sherubtse College, July 1999 – May 2002	Bachelor in Science (B. Sc. A); Major Area of Studies include <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Physics2. Mathematics3. Computer Science

WORK EXPERIENCE

Position Title	Agency	Key Achievements
Environment & Social Safeguard Specialist November 2025-Till date	Project Management Unit, RNR Jobs Project, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall Environment and Social Safeguard screening of the project activities for the FY 2025-2026 2. Coordination and facilitation work. 3. Monitoring & Evaluation of the project activities. 4. Finalization of Project Operation Manual (POM) and related documents. 5. Budget review and incorporation for the FY 2026-2027 in the government MYRB system.
M&E Specialist Nov 2020-till date	GCF-CRA Project, MoF	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Fund mobilization and utilization of US\$ 25.4 Million during the five-year period. 7. Annual planning and budgeting of project activities are conducted regularly. 8. Funding from donors has been secured consistently over the past four years. 9. Annual performance reports have been published for the last four years, reflecting ongoing project progress. 10. As of 2025, the overall fund utilization rate stands impressively high at 97%. 11. The coordination and facilitation of the Mid-term Evaluation of the project have yielded highly satisfactory results. 12. A baseline and Impact Evaluation Follow-up surveys for the project was successfully coordinated and conducted. 13. Comprehensive activities related to data collection, analysis, and dissemination have been carried out. 14. An effective Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) plan was developed and successfully implemented to track project performance.
Deputy Chief Research Officer (January 2019-October 2020)	Research & Evaluation Division, Gross National Happiness Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Held the position of Head and served as the Focal Person for the Public Policy and Population Unit. 2. Served as the ICPD (International Conference on Population and Development) focal point, attending relevant meetings and conferences related to ICPD matters. 3. Coordinated the formulation of public policies and contributed by providing relevant and credible information to policy makers, particularly in the context of Gross National Happiness (GNH). 4. Conducted sectoral policy analyses through socio-economic policy research and studies to ensure consistency in government policies, plans, and programs. 5. Organized and oversaw meetings of the Gross National Happiness (GNH) Commission, with the Honorable Prime Minister as the chair. 6. Implemented the Gross National Happiness Screening Tool to assess policies through the GNH lens, promoting holistic development and aligning policy makers with GNH principles. Provided a platform for stakeholders to reach a consensus on policy impacts. 7. Reviewed existing policies, including new ones, from a demographic perspective to ensure the integration of population-related issues. 8. Evaluated and assessed Education Policies, preparing policy briefs for the Honorable Prime Minister. 9. Acted as the focal point for SAARC Poverty Alleviation initiatives.
Senior Research Officer (2015 - 2018)	Research & Evaluation Division, Gross National	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinated public policy formulation and contributed by providing policy makers with relevant and credible information, particularly in the context of Gross National Happiness (GNH). 2. Served as the focal point for population and development issues

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	Happiness Commission	<p>and actively contributed to the formulation of the National Population Policy and the Policy on Persons with Disabilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Acted as the focal point for International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) matters, attending relevant meetings and conferences. 4. Successfully integrated the 12th Five-Year Plan with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aligning national development efforts with global sustainability objectives. 5. Conducted the Terminal Review of the 11th Five-Year Plan, providing valuable insights into the plan's outcomes. 6. Conducted policy screening exercises across different sectors to assess and align policies with national goals and priorities. 7. Served as the focal point for SAARC Poverty Alleviation initiatives, promoting regional efforts to reduce poverty. 8. Carried out a comprehensive needs assessment for persons with disabilities in all 20 districts, with the findings serving as a basis for the formulation of a policy addressing the needs of this demographic group. 9. Conducted the Mid-Term Review of the Occupational Skills Development for the Construction Sector, a joint project between HELVETAS Swiss Inter-cooperation and the Ministry of Labour and Human Resources in Bhutan.
Research Officer (2010-2014)	Research & Evaluation Division, Gross National Happiness Commission	<p>I have played a multifaceted role in policy coordination and formulation, specifically focusing on public policies related to Gross National Happiness (GNH) and population and development issues. This includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinating public policy formulation and supplying policy makers with credible information, with a particular emphasis on aligning government policies and programs with the principles of GNH. 2. Conducting policy screening exercises across various sectors to assess policy relevance and effectiveness. 3. Taking the lead as the Coordinator for Population Policy Formulation and presenting these policies to the Gross National Happiness Commission. 4. Serving as the focal point for population and development matters, actively participating in the formulation of the National Population Policy and the Policy on Persons with Disabilities. 5. Acting as the focal point for International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) activities, attending relevant meetings and conferences. 6. Initiating, preparing, and updating poverty studies and status reports in the country, while also serving as the focal point for SAARC Poverty Alleviation initiatives. 7. Overseeing, designing, coordinating, and managing targeted poverty alleviation interventions through programs such as the Rural Economy Advancement Program (REAP) and the Targeted Household Poverty Program (THPP). <p>In these roles, I have consistently worked to align policies and programs with national development goals, GNH principles, and the welfare of the population, particularly those affected by poverty and disabilities.</p>
District Planning Officer (2004-2008)	District Administration Zhemgang	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepared the Five-Year Plan, as well as the Annual Plan and Budget for Zhemgang District. 2. Coordinated and facilitated the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the 9th Five-Year Plan (FYP) for Zhemgang District. 3. Monitored and reviewed the annual plans and budgets of the District before submission to the central government.

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Conducted mid-year and year-end reviews of the annual plans and budgets for Zhemgang District, submitting assessment reports to the Gross National Happiness (GNH) Commission. 5. Periodically monitored the planned activities and submitted assessment reports to the Dasho Dzongdag while making presentations to the District Tshogdu (DT), the highest decision-making body of the District. 6. Attended Gewog Tshode (GT) meetings as an observer to provide guidance and advice on planning and decision-making processes. 7. Trained Gewog Administrative Officers on Planning, Prioritization, and Monitoring and Evaluation Systems. 8. Served as a Focal Point for Disaster Management, Environment, Media, and Organizational Development (OD) exercises in 2007 within the District. 9. Worked as a member of the District Level Tender Committee (DLTC) and Multi-Sectoral Task Force (MSTF) team within the District. 10. Acted as a Resource Person and main Coordinator for the conduct of the Population and Housing Census of Bhutan (PHCB) in 2005 in Zhemgang District. 11. Served as an Election Officer for the National Parliamentary Mock Election in 2007. 12. Acted as a Presiding Officer for the first National Council (NC) and National Assembly elections in 2007. <p>These roles highlight your extensive experience and diverse responsibilities in local government and administrative capacities.</p>

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievement	Provider
Royal Civil Service Award, 2014	His Majesty the King of Bhutan
UNFPA Scholarship for Master Program, 2008	Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan
Letter of Appreciation for External Examiner for Population and Development Studies, July 2017	Royal University of Bhutan
Letter of appreciation, Task force Member for Rapid Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (RSEIA) of COVID-19 on Tourism and Affiliated Sectors- Bhutan	Azusa Kubota, Resident Representative, UNDP
WIPO Scholarship- Intellectual Property Course,2017	WIPO and RGoB
International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET scholarship)2011	DANIDA, Carlton University, Canada and Gross National Happiness Commission, Thimphu
Selected in Royal Civil Service Officer Selection Examination of 2002	Royal Civil Service Commission
Certificate of Recognition for voluntary service provided to conduct RTM, 2019	Dr. Tandin Dorji, Minister, MFA and Mr. Achim Steiner, Under Secretary General and Administrator, UNDP

Achievement	Provider
Certificate of Appreciation for serving as a Presiding Officer in Zhemgang District for the 1st National Assembly Election in 2008	Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan, Mr. Kuenzang Wangdi.
Certificate of Appreciation for serving as a Presiding Officer in Zhemgang District for the 1st National Council Election in 2007	Convey by Chief Election Commissioner from His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the Fourth King of Bhutan.
Letter of Appreciation as a Presiding Officer for the Successful conduct of the Primary Round of the National Parliamentary Mock Election on 21st April 2007	Convey by Chief Election Commissioner from His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the Fourth King of Bhutan.
Certificate of Appreciation for serving as main Coordinator and Resource Person in conduct of PHCB on 30th and 31st May 2005 in Zhemgang District.	Lyonpo Jigmi Y. Thinley, National Census Committee

SKILLS

Skills Proficiency

I possess a broad range of skills and expertise, including:

1. Experience working with UNDP coordinating, supporting the implementation of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) funded project "Supporting Climate Resilient and Transformational Change in Agriculture Sector in Bhutan"
2. Project Management Skills.
3. Proficiency in Results Framework/Log Frame, Results-Based Management, and Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation of Five-Year Development Plans and Green Climate Fund (GCF) Climate Resilient Agriculture Project.
4. Quantitative and qualitative research skills.
5. Knowledge and experience in using DAPPS software for Population Projection.
6. Computer literacy, including proficiency in MS Office applications and statistical programs such as STATA and SPSS.
7. Experience in formulating and reviewing public policies.
8. Strong leadership and organizational skills.
9. Effective public speaking abilities.
10. Expertise in development evaluation.

LANGUAGE

Language	Proficiency
English	Strong Written and Spoken English.
Dzongkha	Good Written and Strong Spoken Dzongkha.
Hindi/Nepali	Good listening and speaking.
Local Bhutanese Dialects	Can speak local Bhutanese dialects Sharchop and Lotshamkha