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Brief Biographies of the 2009 Fellows

Group I

Homa KABIRI

Director
Malalei Maternity Hospital Training Centre



Homa Kabiri has been working as the Director of the Malalei Maternity Hospital Training Center since 2007 where she was previously the Chief of the Imaging Department from 2005 to 2006. Prior to that, she was a Trainer of the Hospital's Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program from 2004 to 2005. Dr. Kabiri graduated from Kabul Medical University and specialized in Obstetrics and Gynecology under the Residency Program of Malalei Maternity Hospital.

Sayed MAQBOOL

Assistant Professor/Department Head
Kabul University



Sayed Maqbool is an Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Agriculture in the Faculty of Engineering of Kabul University since July 2006. He has also worked as a Senior Architect, an Urban Planner, the Head of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Engineering Design Team and an Architect Designer. Mr. Maqbool holds a Master of Planning (MSc) degree with specialization in Urban Planning from the School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, India. In 2002 he finished his B.Sc. from the Faculty of Engineering of the Department of Architecture at Kabul University.

Abdul Azim NOORBAKHSH

Director of Public Relation / Spokesman
Ministry of Higher Education



Abdul Azim Noorbakhsh holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the TV and Radio Department at the Faculty of Journalism of Kabul University. At present, he is the Director of Public Relations and Spokesman of Ministry of Higher Education since March 2008. In addition he is Media Advisor and Head of Operations and Manager for Radio Darya of the Afghan Media and Culture Centre (AINA) and the Chief Editor of the New Afghanistan Magazine. Aside from this, he is a Lecturer in the Faculty of Journalism of Kabul University since 1995. Mr. Noorbakhsh has participated in a number international training programmes, mainly on broadcasting and journalism in different countries like Malaysia, Denmark, France, Germany, Thailand and India among others.



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Bashir Ahmad QAISARY

Manager, National Focal Point for Scholarships and Bursaries
Independent Administrative Reform Civil Service Commission (IARCSC)



Mr. Qaisary has been the Manager for the National Focal Point for Scholarships and Bursaries of the Independent Administrative Reform Civil Service Commission (IARCSC) since 2005. prior to this he also worked for one year as a Project Analyst for the IARCSC's European Commission and an Admin/HR Assistant at the Afghan Assistance Coordination Authority in May 2002 to September 2003. Mr. Qaisary holds a Post Graduate Degree Diploma from Singh University and completed an "International Public Sector Training and Development Program" in South Korea in 2006. He also received a training certificate from the Afghan Next Generation e-Learning (ANGe-L) USAID in cooperation with Washington State University.

Group II

Abdul Bari BALAKARZAI

National Project Manager
United Nations Human Settlement Program (UN-Habitat)



Abdul Bari Balakarzai is the National Project Manager of the Strengthening Municipal and Community Development Project (SMCD-DFID) of the United Nations Human Settlement Program (UN-Habitat) in Afghanistan since April 2008. Prior to this, he was the National Programme Manager in 2007 and a Provincial Programme Manager in 2006 of the CP and SMAP-EC5 Projects of UN-Habitat in Kabul and Kandahar respectively. He also worked as a Teacher in Ahmad Shah Baba Education Centre (ASBEC) and as an Information, Education and Communication Officer in the United Nations Developmental Programme/Comprehensive Disabled Afghan Programme (UNDP/CDAP) from 1997 to 2001. His initial career was working as a Nurse from 1987 to 1995. Mr. Balakarzai finished an EMBA in General Management from Preston University in Islamabad in 2006 and holds a B.Sc. in Sociology from Sayed Jamaluddin Teaching High School in 1997.

Mohammad Bashir DAWAR

Director of ICT/IM
Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG)



Mohammad Bashir Dawar holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Preston University in Pakistan where he also graduated with Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BS-IT). He also studied in Kabul Medical University for five years. He is now the Director of ICT/IM in the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) where he initially worked as a Strategic ICT and Systems Improvement Manager. His prior experiences were as an IT Domain Team Leader in the Asia Foundation, IT Manager in the Embassy of Canada in Kabul, IT Officer in CARE International and IT/Database/Admin Assistant in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Pakistan.



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Nasir Ahmad EBRAHIMKHAIL

Senior Programme Officer
Embassy of Canada



Nasir Ahmad Ebrahimkhail is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Business Administration in Development Studies in Preston University in Pakistan. He received Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Veterinary Science in Kabul University in 2000. At present, he is working as a Senior Programme Officer in the Aid Section of the Embassy of Canada in Afghanistan where he initially started as a Programme Officer in 2005 and a Development Assistant in 2003. He was an Executive Assistant to the Head of Mission of the Embassy of Canada in Afghanistan in 2004. Mr. Ebrahimkhail also has working experiences as translator-editor to organizations like Human Rights Research and Advocacy Consortium (HRRAC) and Amnesty International.

Sameer RAZ

Acting Head of Reporting and Management Information System (MIS)
Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development



Sameer Ahmad Raz is concurrently the Acting Head of Reporting and Management Information System (MIS) and the Senior Reporting Officer of the National Rural Access Program of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in Afghanistan. From 2005 to 2008, he was working with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) as a Senior Management Information System Officer where he was initially an Information and Communication Technology Assistant. He was also involved with the Afghan Social Service Association (ASSA) as Network Administrator in 2004. Mr. Raz graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science (BCS) from the University of Peshawar in Pakistan.

Javed SIDIQI

Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development



Javed Sidiqi was a Fulbright Scholar from 2006 to 2008 in the Agronomy Department of University of Nebraska in Lincoln, USA where he received a Master of Science Degree majoring in Plant Breeding, Genetics and Statistics. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture from Kabul University in 1998. Mr. Sidiqi has been working with the Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Program as a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist in the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development where he initially started as a Programme Development Officer. He has also worked as a Consular Assistant/Visa Officer at the Embassy of Japan in Afghanistan from 2002 to 2005. Mr. Sidiqi also has prior working experience in the Ministry of Repatriation of Refugees/United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as Project Manager from 1999 to 2002.



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GROUP III

Abid AMANYAAR

Human Resources Officer-In-Charge

United Nations Developmental Programme/ Afghan Sub-National Governance Programme (UNDP/ASGP)



Abid Amanyaar is the Human Resources Officer-In-Charge at the United Nations Developmental Programme/ Afghan Sub-National Governance Programme (UNDP/ASGP) since June 2008. Prior to this, he was the Human Resources Associate at the Office of Administrative Affairs and Council of Ministers Secretariat at of the UNDP/Afghanistan Information Management Services (AIMS) from February 2006. Mr. Amayaar has also worked for the National Human Development Report as HR Assistant and an English Language Instructor at the Iqra Institute of Modern Studies (IMS). From 2002 to 2004, he was with CARE International in Afghanistan as an Assistant Office Manager/HR Temporary Support. Mr. Amaanyar holds a Diploma in Business Administration from Kardan Institute of Higher Education where he also studied for his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Mohammad Yama SHAMS

First Secretary and Personal Assistant to the Minister
Ministry of Urban Development



Mohammad Yama Shams holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences from the University of Balochistan in Pakistan and an Associate Degree FSc from Tameer-e-nau College in Pakistan. He also completed a Course for Professionals in Business English from the Professional Development Institute of the American University of Afghanistan in 2008 and a course in Urban Development, Planning and Management from the Human Settlement and Management Institute (HSMI) in 2006 in India. Mr. Shams is now working as First Secretary and Personal Assistant to the Minister of Urban Development. Prior to this, he was working as a Personal Assistant to the Governor of Kandahar from 2003 to 2004 and a Radio and Computer Operator in the Demining Agency for Afghanistan (DAFA) in Quetta, Pakistan.

Aimal HAKIM

Merit Based Appointment and Performance Appraisal Consultant
Ministry of Finance




Aimal Hakim has more than five years of working experience in the field of Human Resource Management and more than one year experience with the Reform Implementation and Management Units of the Ministry of Education and Finance as a Performance Evaluation and Technical Assistants Recruitment counterpart. He is presently working as a Merit Based Appointment and Performance Appraisal Consultant at the Ministry of Finance. Mr. Hakim holds a Diploma in Business Administration from Kardan Institute of Business Administration where he also studied for a Bachelor in Business Administration. He also received a Diploma in Information Technology from Brains Post Graduate College of Information Technology in Pakistan. Mr. Hakim has





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	attended two international training courses in Human Resources Management and Management Information System and Design in Netherlands in 2006.
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Nillab WAEZ ATAHI	
Head of the Planning and Reporting Section Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission (IARCSC)	
	Nillab Waez Atahi is the Head of the Planning and Reporting Section of the Planning and Coordination Directorate in the Civil Service Management Department of the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission (IARCSC). Prior to that, she was the Manager of Training Follow-Up Services where she was in charge of preparing monthly and quarterly plans and reports of the Training and Development Directorate as well as preparing information for the training needs assessment database. She also worked on the Translation Board of the IARCSC from 2004 to 2007. Ms. Atahi obtained a BA Degree in 2003 from the Faculty of Languages and Literature of Kabul University.

Group IV

Ahmad Fawad AKBARI	
Health Program Support Officer Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)	
	Ahmad Fawad Akbari is the Health Program Support Officer of the National Programme Office of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF). Before this he worked for Marie Stopes International in a number of capacities including Deputy Clinical Services Programme Manager, Human Resources and Admin Manager and STI and HIV Health promoter. His other experiences include working as a Research Officer, a Translator and Interpreter. Dr. Akbari graduated from the Paediatric Faculty of Kabul Medical University in 2006 and holds a Diploma in Business Administration from Kardan Institute of Business Administration.

Said Mohammad Karim ALAWI	
PPA Grant Consultant Grant and Contract Management Unit (GCMU), Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)	
	Said Mohammad Karim Alawi holds a Medical Doctor (MD) Degree in Curative Medicine from Kabul Medical Institute, a Diploma in Business Administration and completed a Public Health Course from the Afghan Public Health Course by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He has advanced training in Public Procurement Reform, Health Sector Reform and Financing, Business Writing Course and International Program on Procurement for the World Bank Aided Projects in India. Dr. Alawi is a PPA Grant Consultant in Grant and Contract Management Unit (GCMU) of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) since 2006. Prior to that, he was a Project Assistant of the Strengthening Mechanisms Project (MOPH-SM) from 2004 to 2006 and a Senior Master Trainer from 2000 to 2004.



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Hangama HAMED

Programme Officer
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)



Hangama Hamed graduated from Kabul Medical University in 2000. She is now working with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Afghanistan as a Programme Officer since the latter part of 2008 and as a Technical Assistant/ Technical Officer since 2005. Dr. Hamed has almost 11 years of experience working as an OB/GYN at the Omid Health Facility, Malalei Maternity Hospital and Afghan Hospital. She also has worked as a Trainer in the Population Services International (PSI-Afghanistan) from 2002-2004. Dr. Hamed has various experiences in moderating and supervising Focus Group Discussion, in-service training programs for midwives, training cycle management, organising and coordinating training programmes and technical support provision.

Abdul Malok KHALILI

Executive Director
MOVE Welfare Organization



Abdul Malok Khalili, since 2006 is the Executive Director of the MOVE Welfare Organization. Prior to that, he was working as the Technical Advisor for STEP Health and Development Organization from 2004 to 2006 and the Project Manager for Children in Crises in 2003 and Health Program Director in 2000. Dr. Khalili was also working for United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF) from 1997 to 1999. He earned his medical diploma of MD from the Medical Faculty of Kabul in 1996 and an EMBA Degree from Islamabad University in 1998. He has also received training in management, community health planning, strategic planning and human resources development.

Group V

Khwaja Hafizullah HAFIZI

Finance/Payroll Associate
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Khwaja Hafizullah Hafizi holds a Bachelor in Business Administration from Kardan University and is a Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in United Kingdom. He is presently working as a Finance/Payroll Associate of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since April 2006. He also worked as a Finance Assistant of the Afghanistan's New Beginnings Programme (ANBP) from 2004 to 2006 and a Finance Associate in Savanna International Telecom in 2003.



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Obaidullah OBAIDI

Director General of Information Technology
Da Afghanistan Bank



Obaidullah Obaidi is the Deputy Director General of Information Technology in Da Afghanistan Bank (The Central Bank of Afghanistan) since March 2008. Mr. Obaidi started working with Da Afghanistan Bank since 2003 where he was initially a Network Assistant then a Network Administrator in 2003 and Manager in ICT Infrastructure from 2005 to 2008. His earlier experiences include working for CARE International in Afghanistan as an IT Assistant and a Computer Teacher in Nasrat Computer Centre late 1999. Mr. Obaidi has a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology.

Waheedullah POPALZAI

National Budget and Finance Advisor
Ministry of Interior-Counter Narcotics



Waheedullah Popalzai is presently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) in Financial Management at the Indira Ghandi National Open University (IGNOU) in India. He obtained a Medical Doctor (MD) Degree from Kabul Medical University. Dr. Popalzai is the National Budget and Finance Advisor of the Ministry of Interior-Counter Narcotics since October 2008. His prior experiences were in the Ministry of Finance where he worked as Gender Budgeting Advisor in 2007, the Development Budget Officer in 2006 and Development Budget Assistant in the later part of 2003. Dr. Popalzai has a number of national and international trainings that include Public Financial Management in USA, Procurement Procedures for the World Bank Aided Projects in India, Macro Economics in the Philippines and Health Financing Indicators in Egypt among many others.

Abdullah SALEH

Investment Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Research and Policy Department, Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA)



Abdullah Saleh holds a B.Sc (Hons) in Economics from the International Islamic University in Islamabad Pakistan in 2007. At present, he is working with the Research and Policy Department of the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) in Kabul as an Investment Monitoring and Evaluation Officer. He is in charge of the preparation of monitoring and evaluation reports and drafting of annual plans of work for the department. Mr. Saleh was involved with the Private Sector Capacity Needs Assessment Survey in Afghanistan and with Investment Bulletin, the first investment publication in the country.



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Group VI

Masomeh ABDOLLAHI

Equip Project Officer
Ministry of Education



Masomeh Abdollahi is working as Equip Project Officer for Kabul Education Department in the Ministry of Education since 2007. She was also a Professional Health Project Officer for NEDAIYE SEHAT Association and an Assistant for the WRF, an NGO involved in projects for refugees needing special care, especially the disabled, women, old people and ill refugees in Iran. Ms. Abdollahi was involved with several projects in health education for students and teachers in refugees' schools in Iran. She graduated from the Medical University of Kashan in Iran with B. Sc. in Public Health in 1999 and holds a M.Sc. in Health and Medical Services Management from Iran Medical University in 2005.

Monisa HASSAN

Director
Afghanistan Women Capacity Development Social Association (AWCDSA)



Monisa Sherzada Hassan is concurrently the Director of Afghanistan Women Capacity Development Social Association (AWCDSA) from 2009 and an Honorary Advisor to the Education Centre for Poor Women and Girls in Kabul (ECW) since 2003. From 2005 to 2007, she served as Medical Staff at the Amendatory Commission and from 2003 to 2004 she worked as a newscaster for the National Radio/TV of Afghanistan. Prior to that, Dr. Hassan worked in the Afghanistan Embassy in Berlin, Germany in 2002 and as a German-Dari/Dari-German translator for the Peace Village International Germany in 1996. Dr. Hassan is a member of the Afghan Women Union (VAF) in Germany. Dr. Hassan graduated from the Medical Faculty in Germany/Kabul in 2007 and studied Germanistic-Politology in Essen-Germany in 1996. She also holds a Diploma from the Law and Political Faculty of Kabul University.

Mir Ahmad Rasool MOFLEH

Director of Development
Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage
Sri Lanka



Mir Ahmad Rasool Mofleh is the National Avian Influenza Communication Coordinator of the Avian Influenza Control and Human Pandemic Preparedness (AHICP) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock. Prior to this, he was the Communication Advisor of the Ministry of Public Health in 2005 and the Financial Service Manger and Deputy Regional Director of FINCA Afghanistan in 2005. From 2002 to 2005, he was working as a Basic Development Needs Program Officer for the World Health Organization. Dr. Mofleh finished his studies as a Medical Doctor from Herat University in 2000.



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Noor MUHAMMAD

Deputy Director
Society for Sustainable Development of Afghanistan (SSDA)



Noor Muhammad graduated from the University of Malakand in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Law and holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from the same university in 2007. He also completed Doctor of Medicine from Kabul Medical University in 2004. At present, Dr. Muhammad is the Deputy Director of the Society for Sustainable Development of Afghanistan (SSDA) where he was initially the Human Resources and Administration Manager in 2006. He also worked with the Himat Rise Construction and Production Company Pvt Ltd as a Cultural Relations Coordinator in 2005.

Nangyalai TANAI

Deputy Director for Presidential Programs
Office of the President



Nangyalai Tanai is the Deputy Director for Presidential Programs since December 2008. Prior to this, he was working with the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP/ANBP) as Public Information Associate and with the United Nations Population Fund Central Statistics Office (UNPFA-CSO) as a Translator/Interpreter. Mr. Tanai had been with the International Medical Corps (IMC) Afghanistan since 2004, initially as a Security Assistant, then a Security Officer and finally a Communication Officer. He graduated from Kabul Medical Science in 2006.