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Brief Biographies of Fellows

Group I. Education

Zabiullah AZIZI

**Organization:** Union of Assistance for Schools in Afghanistan (VUSAF)



Zabiullah Azizi is Country Director of VUSAF, a German NGO that builds schools, provides teaching materials and runs private courses for Afghan children. He has worked for VUSAF since 1999, running schools in refugee camps of Pakistan, and since the end of 2002 supporting schools and setting up educational projects in Afghanistan. With his educational background in Architecture and Business Administration, Mr. Azizi also prepares designs for VUSAF's construction projects.

Abdul Qayyum KARIM

**Organization:** Media Support Partnership Afghanistan (MSPA)



Abdul Qayyum Karim is Deputy Project Manager with Media Support Partnership Afghanistan, an NGO working on production of radio and TV based educational Teacher Training Programs and youth programs. Mr. Karim has seven years of experience with UNHCR and the UN Population Fund and more than 20 years of experience with National Radio and TV of Afghanistan and BBC as producer and writer of radio and TV programmes and videos and in managerial and supervising capacities. He is an international award winning film script writer on educational TV programs produced in Afghanistan. He has a Masters degree in Engineering in Hydrology and currently teaching in the faculty of Engineering in Kabul University.

Najib Rahman SABORY

**Department:** Electrical and Electronics Department, Faculty of Engineering

**Organization:** Kabul University, Ministry of Higher Education



Najib Rahman Sabory is a Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering of Kabul University. With his educational background in Engineering and Information Technology, Mr. Sabory currently conducts lectures on electrical engineering in Engineering faculty and leads an IT team that maintains the website, and is developing the database for the Faculty of Engineering. He has attended a number of courses in computer hardware and software, and has experience working as an electrical design engineer.

Mohammad Farouq SAFI

**Department:** Department of Mines Exploitation

**Organization:** Kabul Polytechnic University, Ministry of Higher Education



Mohammad Farouq Safi is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Engineering of Kabul Polytechnic University, where he teaches mine management, electrification and economics. He obtained his Ph.D. from Moscow Mine University. Prior to his present position, Professor Safi served as Planning Engineer with Sabzak coal mine, Lecturer with Kabul Polytechnic Institute, and subsequently as Advisor to the Minister of Frontier and Tribal Affairs.

## Group II. Project Management



Khushal MALIKZAI

**Department:** Reintegration and Alternative Livelihoods Program

**Organization:** United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Khushal Malikzai is Senior Regional Liaison Officer for Reintegration and Alternative Livelihoods Program, which links ex-combatants with employment and training opportunities, and provides economic incentives to bring farmers out of the poppy economy. His educational background is Pedagogy. Prior to his present position, Mr. Malikzai served as Field Coordinator for Demobilization and Reintegration of Child Soldiers with Save the Children Sweden, and community based Malaria Control Program Manager with HealthNet International, respectively.



Gul Afghan SALEH

**Department:** Office of Infrastructure, Engineering and Energy

**Organization:** United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Gul Afghan Saleh is Senior Infrastructure Engineer and Power Energy Water Supply and Sanitation Program Manager with USAID Afghanistan. He has a Masters degree in Engineering and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Design through a distance learning program. Prior to his present position, Mr. Saleh served as Programme Officer with the World Food Programme, and before that as Rural Development Officer with the UN Drug Control Programme for Afghanistan.



Aimal SHERZAD

**Department:** National Rural Access Program (NRAP)

**Organization:** Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD)

Aimal Sherzad is Senior Contract Engineer with MRRD's National Rural Access Program, which aims to improve a road network that connects rural households and communities to essential services, while providing employment for the vulnerable and poor. His educational background is in Civil Engineering. Prior to joining the NRAP/MRRD as a Contract Engineer and subsequently a leader of Contract/Procurement Unit, Mr. Sherzad served as Technical Monitor with Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees.



Mohammad Naser TEMORY

**Department:** National Rural Access Program (NRAP)

**Organization:** Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD)

Mohammad Naser Temory is the Monitoring and Evaluation Team Leader, and a focal point for reporting with MRRD's National Rural Access Program. He leads a team of 20 engineers responsible for monitoring road rehabilitation, and construction projects in 34 provinces of Afghanistan. His educational background is in Civil Engineering. Prior to joining the NRAP/MRRD, Mr. Temory worked as a Professor at the Faculty of Engineering in Kabul University, and a Program Manager at the Agency for Relief, Reconstruction and Development respectively.

### Group III. Finance



Mohammad Ayaz AZIZI

**Department:** Administration/Finance Department

**Organization:** Independent Election Committee

Mohammad Ayaz Azizi is Deputy Chief of Admin and Finance Department with the Independent Election Commission, a body charged with organizing and monitoring all kinds of elections in Afghanistan. After obtaining a B.Sc. in Agriculture from Kabul University, he pursued advanced courses in Accounting, Management and Business Administration. Prior to his present position, Mr. Azizi served as Monitoring Officer and Program Manager with International Medical Corps and International Rescue Committee.



Fazal Malik QASIMI

**Department:** Budget Department

**Organization:** Ministry of Finance

Fazal Malik Qasimi is an officer with the Aid Coordination Unit under the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, which is responsible for monitoring and evaluation of, and reporting on, effectiveness of international aid to Afghanistan. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Philosophy and Comparative Religions at International Islamic University in Islamabad. Prior to his present position, Mr. Qasimi served as Administration and Finance Director with the Ministry of Counter Narcotics, and as a reporter with the Institute for War and Peace Reporting and BBC Monitoring services respectively.



Said Mubin SHAH

**Department:** Research and Policy Department

**Organization:** Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA)

Said Mubin Shah is the Director of Research and Policy Department of AISA. After obtaining a M.Sc. in Economics from International Islamic University in Islamabad, Mr. Shah held a number of positions in the academic sector, such as Dean of Faculty of Economics, and then of Faculty of Political Science at Afghanistan University for Science and Technology. Prior to his present position, Mr. Shah served as Program Economist with USAID Economic Growth Office, and Economist and Senior Director General of the Monetary Policy Department of Da Afghanistan Bank. Mr. Shah is also currently a member of the Board of Directors of Afghanistan University for Management Sciences.



Abdul Samad YADGARI

**Department:** General Services Directorate

**Organization:** Da Afghanistan Bank

Abdul Samad Yadgari is the General Services Director with Da Afghanistan Bank (Central Bank of Afghanistan). With his educational background in Engineering, Mr. Yadgari also has extensive experience in the fields of irrigation and water management. He currently oversees over 131 staff members and contract workers, and is responsible for the provision of all kinds of services to other departments, construction and maintenance of bank buildings, and supervision of procurement bidding processes.

## Group IV. Public Health



Sediqa HOFIANI

**Department:** Strengthening Mechanism Unit

**Organization:** Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)

Dr. Sediqa Hofiani is a Technical and Management Support Consultant with the Ministry of Public Health. She has extensive experience in training, having served as a Master Trainer and Training Director with International Medical Corps, and a Training Manager with the USAID-funded Rural Expansion of Afghanistan's Community-based Health Care Program (REACH), where she developed curriculum and conducted training for community health professionals in 13 provinces of Afghanistan. She currently serves as the operational focal point for developing an integrated delivery system for basic maternal and child health services.



Nasratullah RASA

**Department:** Kabul Office

**Organization:** Agha Khan Foundation, Afghanistan

Dr. Nasratullah Rasa is Health Programme Officer in the Agha Khan Foundation, Afghanistan. Prior to his present position he served as a Family Planning Promotion Officer with the Reproductive Health Directorate of the Ministry of Public Health, where he was responsible for management, supervision, research, and training of health care providers in the areas of family planning, gender and reproductive rights. Dr. Rasa also worked as Regional Health Officer with Norwegian Committee for Afghanistan, Mental Health Supervisor and Research team leader with Health Net International, Quality Control Officer with UNICEF Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey respectively. He studied in the Medical Faculty in Afghanistan and got an EMBA in Health Management from Preston University of Pakistan.



Khalid SHARIFI

**Organization:** Social and Health Development Programme (SHDP)

Dr. Khalid Sharifi is the General Director with SHDP, an Afghan NGO working in the field of health, research/education and community developing. His main responsibility is overall management of organization and leading its projects in the areas of provision of basic health services, health care surveys and research, which are funded by the Ministry of Public Health, USAID, WHO and World Bank. Prior to his present position, Dr. Sharifi served as Health Director with SHDP, Health Project Manager with Care of Afghan Families (CAF), and as Regional Health Officer with International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.



## Group V. Culture and Environment

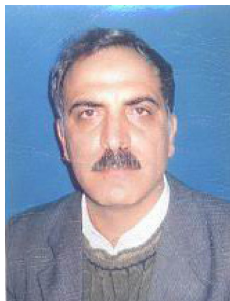


Mohammad Amir FOLADI

**Department:** Program for Professional Development

**Organization:** Aga Khan Foundation

Mohammad Amir Foladi is Programmes and Public Relations Coordinator and a member of national faculty with Aga Khan Foundation, an international organization working in rural development and also seeking to involve local people in preserving cultural heritage. His current responsibilities include assessing capacity building needs of, and delivering training courses for government officials, community councils and NGOs. Prior to his present position, Mr. Foladi served as Advisor to the Bamiyan Governor, Cultural Advisor and IT Manager with the Ministry of Women's Affairs, and Director of the RAHA Cultural, Educational and Services Institute respectively. He is also the Spokesperson for the Society for Preserving the Bamiyan Cultural Heritage and advisor to Bamiyan Governor in cultural affairs.



Abdul Khalil MINAWI

**Department:** National Commission for UNESCO and ISESCO

**Organization:** Ministry of Education

Abdul Khalil Minawi is Secretary General of Afghan National Commission for UNESCO and ISESCO. His current responsibilities also include organizing conferences, seminars and training courses for the staff of Ministries of Education, Higher Education and Culture and Youth. Mr. Minawi's educational background is in Journalism. Prior to his present position Mr. Minawi served Director General of Bakhtar News Agency, and as Head of High Council on Information and Culture with the Ministry of Culture and Youth respectively.



Samira MOHABAT

**Organization:** National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA)

**Department:** International Environmental Affairs

Samira Mohabat is the Multilateral Environmental Agreements Officer with National Environmental Protection Agency and also supervisor and monitoring officer of the air quality management programme. Her educational background is in Economics. Prior to her present position Ms. Mohabat served as Trainer with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, and subsequently as Chief of Provincial Communication with the Ministry of Irrigation, Water Resources and Environment.

## Group VI. Administration and Finance

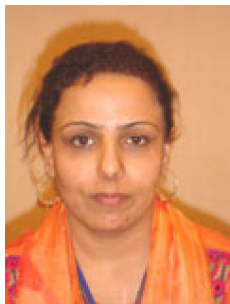


Habibullah AHMADZAI

**Department:** Grants and Contracts Management Unit

**Organization:** Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)

Dr. Habibullah Ahmadzai is a National Consultant with the Grants and Contracts Management Unit, at the Ministry of Public Health. He leads a team managing the World Bank grant for implementation of Basic Package of Health Services. Prior to joining the Ministry of Public Health Dr. Ahmadzai held a number of positions like medical coordinator, programme manager and others with Action Contre la Faim (Action Against Hunger), a French NGO, WHO and International Medical Corps.



Mary AKRAMI

**Organization:** Afghan Women Skills Development Center

Mary Akrami is Director of Afghan Women Skills Development Center, a local NGO working in the areas of peace building, advocacy and providing shelter for women who are victims of violence. Prior to her present position, she served as Administration Manager with Bayhaqi Book and Publication Directorate of the Ministry of Information and Culture.



Shah Maqsood AMERI

**Department:** Afghan Network Information Center

**Organization:** Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

Shah Maqsood Ameri is Manager of Afghan Network Information Center, a government body responsible for supervision, maintenance and registration of the country's top Internet domain names (.af). He is also responsible for cyber security programme for Afghanistan. Mr. Ameri has a Masters degree in Information Technology. Prior to his present position, he taught IT-related subjects in the HITEC Degree College in Peshawar, Pakistan.



Sayed Murtaza DELLIRY

**Department:** UN and International Conferences Department

**Organization:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Sayed Murtaza Delliry is a member of the UN and International Conferences Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His educational background is in Law and Political Science. Mr. Delliry is responsible for coordinating the activities of UN agencies, and communicating Afghanistan's responsibilities under UN Conventions and international treaties to relevant ministries and institutions. He has represented his Ministry at numerous international conferences and meetings.



Feroz Khan HEMATYAR

**Department:** Civil Service Training and Development Department

**Organization:** Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission

Feroz Khan Hematyar is the Training & Development Department Program Coordinator and Assistant to the Director General of the Civil Service Management Department of the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission. He has a Bachelor degree in Human Resource Planning and Development and an Advanced Diploma in Information Technology, and is currently pursuing a further Bachelor degree in Public Administration, with a specialization in Human Resource Management. Prior to his present job, he served as an IT Instructor and Trainer, and held a number of positions with international organizations and NGOs.