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**Marital Status:** Afghan-Iranian Married to Turkish Citizen

1. **Education**

**2009- 2010 Master in Globalization, Development and Transition,**

**University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom (UK)**

* This was a multidisciplinary course which included development politics, economic development, and gender studies
* Master Thesis (12,000 words): The dynamics of immigration and identity transformation among the former Taliban members in London

**2005- 2009 BA in Economics**, **Istanbul University (Turkey)**

* Achieved First Degree (%72.5)
* Modules included Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Statistics and Econometrics
* Diploma Thesis (10,000 words): A macroeconomic analysis of the 1929 world economic crisis and its wider implications on developing countries

**2. Selected Work Experiences**

**Sep 10, 2012-Sep 20, 2012 Farsi-English Simultaneous Interpreter, Deutsche**

**Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ),**

**Ankara, Turkey**

* Interpreted English and Turkish professors’ words, simultaneously, into Farsi/Dari and vice verse
* Transferred all academic jargon and acronyms through microphones and headsets
* Prepared paperwork - considering agendas before meetings, or lectures/speeches when received in advance
* Organising workload and liaising with internal departments, agencies and/or employers
* Worked to a professional code of ethics covering confidentiality and impartiality

**Feb 2006- Present Freelance Linguist, International Catholic Migration**

**Commission (ICMC), Istanbul, Turkey**

* I provided professional linguistic services for three main departments at ICMC: US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Pre-screening and Cultural Orientation (CO)
* As an interpreter I was responsible for the overall linguistic issues related to immigration and refugee issues such as Cultural Orientation, Consulate issues, Health Services, Pre-screening and DHS Final Determination Interviews for Middle Eastern and Central Asian immigrants.
* Under the DHS and ICMC joint program, I had the chance to offer my well-built linguistic skills for American officers in the final refugee determination process. Due to my strong linguistic skills I was highly preferred by ICMC case workers and officers.
* As part of CO Immigration services, I provided linguistic services for more than 1000 refugees in “Cultural Orientation” Programme, which involved providing information about immigration-related services and benefits such as naturalization, cultural adjustments and work authorization.

**Nov 2010-Sep 2011 Finance Officer,** **the Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and**

**Opinion Research** **(ACSOR), Kabul, Afghanistan**

* Prepared weekly and monthly financial reports as well as monitoring and verify program budget requests
* As a Finance Officer, under the supervision of the finance manager, I assisted in management of overall finance department daily activities, including mentoring and skills development for all finance department staff.
* Ensured that expense data is properly submitted and tracked, and that all expenses are reasonable and allocable
* Supervised the preparation of monthly payroll for staff
* Kept under review financial and reporting systems and ensure compliance

1. **Voluntary Work**

**Mar 2010 – Apr 2010 Barnet Refugee Services, London, UK**

* Assisted in providing many services such as Refugee Drop-in, English Classes and Youth Activities
* Providing cultural advices for Afghan and Turkish Refugees and asylum seekers
* Helping refugees’ daily problems by giving linguistic services

1. **Professional Skills**

* **Languages:** An excellent level of reading, writing and oral skills in English, Farsi, Dari, Turkish, Tajik and a good level of Arabic, Uzbek and Urdu
* **Organizational Skills:** Good level of skills is being gained by assisting in leading validation workshops and briefings aimed at different stakeholders including: community members, donors, NGOs and civil servants
* **Leadership skills:** Excellent leadership skills such as communication, team working and exhortation were obtained during my position as the head to the Afghan Student Association in Turkey
* **Computer skills:** MS-Office products, E-Views, an excellent Internet Search skills
* **Qualitative Experience:** Fieldwork experience in challenging environments like Afghanistan and Turkey
* **Quantitative Experience**: A firm grasp of Marketing Techniques. I took four weeks of intensive training on learning marketing techniques at Istanbul University.
* **Excellent interpersonal and communication skills:** With a high degree of cultural sensitivity. I have lived in various countries including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey; I also have travelled in more than 10 countries.

1. **Organisational Activities**

**2008-Present Committee Member of the United Kingdom Afghanistan Study**

**Group (UKASG), London**

* I have been assisting the UKASG as the event manager, organizing monthly seminars, lectures and group discussions on Afghanistan

**2005-2008 Member of Economic Association (Istanbul University)**

**2007-2008 President of the Afghan Students’ Association (Turkey)**

References Available on Request