

# Arif Khan

Over 15 years successful track record of initiating and managing projects with multiple partners and stakeholders. Experience working successfully in the public, private, and NGO sectors. Exceptional ability to identify new possibilities and transform innovative ideas into reality.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. — Fellow**

August 2015 - July 2016

Awarded the Loeb Fellowship from the Harvard Graduate School of Design for mid-career practitioners who are influential in shaping the built and natural environment and whose work advances positive social outcomes. Mentored students, attended classes, and led projects at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

### **United Nations, New York— Partnerships Coordinator**

November 2013 - July 2015

Responsible for initiating and coordinating partnerships for a \$22 million project for the UN Secretary-General that sought to transform the global humanitarian system by improving policies, collaborations, and ways of working. Engaged governments, NGOs, religious leaders, universities, civil society groups, businesses, and other humanitarian actors. Wrote speeches for leaders including Sec General Ban Ki-moon.

### **Humanitarian Resources Intl., Global— Project Manager**

July 2005 - June 2013

Initiated and managed humanitarian projects for a variety of international non-governmental organizations in over 15 countries. Designed preparedness and relief projects in food security, shelter, water/sanitation and livelihood sectors. Secured millions of dollars of funding, conducted assessments and evaluations, managed staff, liaised with government officials and UN representatives in complex environments.

### **Alta Planning + Design, Portland, Ore. Senior Planner**

June 2001 - May 2005

Developed proposals, secured funding, and managed strategies, projects and master plans to help towns, cities, counties and states improve livability. Provided technical expertise in planning and design of streets, trails, bikeways, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian infrastructure. Coordinated public involvement processes, environmental analyses, and engineering assessments.

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## SKILLS/ INTERESTS

Conflict transformation,  
Negotiation, Waste reduction,  
Photography, Web design/  
programming, Audio/Video  
production,

## EDUCATION

### **Portland State University, Portland, Ore. — Masters**

September 1999 - May 2001

Master of Urban and Regional  
Planning

### **State University of New York, Buffalo — Bachelors of Science**

September 1991 - May 1995

B.S. Human Factors  
Engineering

## PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLICATIONS

Informed Cities Conference,  
Dresden Germany, June 2016

Harvard Design Magazine,  
Spring/Summer 2016

World Bank Faith and  
Development Conference,  
Wash, D.C., March 2015

UN World Conference on  
Disaster Risk Reduction,  
Sendai Japan, March 2015

Walk21 Conference,  
Portland Ore., 2003

Rail-Volution Conference,  
Portland Ore., 1998

## **SELECTED PROJECTS - INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID**

### **Syria Crisis Strategic Response Plan – April –June 2013**

Developed an internal capacity and gap analysis, as well as analysis of the conflict to create a regional strategy and response plan for Islamic Relief Worldwide based on available resources. Also provided training to staff of local NGOs from Syria, Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon in disaster management.

### **Rakhine Conflict Analysis and Programme Design – December 2012**

Produced a comprehensive conflict analysis and program for Oxfam, negotiated government permissions, and secured funding from UNICEF to initiate an emergency response to inter-ethnic conflicts in Myanmar.

### **Pakistan Flood Response – October 2010 – March 2011**

Managed flood relief and recovery programs for Oxfam in Upper Sindh, Pakistan. Oversaw a total budget of about \$20 million, 22 international staff, and over 100 national staff, to develop water, sanitation, shelter, and food security projects that reached over 357,000 flood-affected people.

### **Saa'da Emergency Yemen – October 2009 – February 2010**

Collaborated with an architect, the local government, and UNHCR to design three temporary settlements for displaced conflict-affected people for this UNHCR-funded response. Developed proposals, budgets, and oversaw camp construction and service coordination.

### **Bangladesh Rohingya Refugee Management – July-October 2009**

Managed a \$1 million European Union (ECHO) funded project for Islamic Relief that provided support to 13,000 refugees from Myanmar and local host community with basic health services, shelter, water, and sanitation.

### **Myanmar Cyclone Response– June 2008-June 2009**

Managed Islamic Relief staff and operations in Myanmar for survivors of Cyclone Nargis, managed three international and over 25 national staff (total budget over \$1.4 million). Successfully negotiated permission with the government to work and access the affected areas in Myanmar.

### **Lebanon Crisis – August-October 2006**

Served as the Liaison Officer for Islamic Relief's response during and after the armed conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. In addition to overseeing all internal and external communications, also assisted with all aspects of program coordination including assessments, proposal development, project implementation, and monitoring. Negotiated humanitarian access with the Government of Lebanon and Hezbollah.

## **SELECTED PROJECTS - US COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES**

### **United Nations Food Gardens – New York City 2015-Current**

Developed the concept, raised funding, solicited public and private partners to build the first-ever food garden on international soil. Navigated the world's largest bureaucracy to obtain approval and support for the project.

### **Depave – Portland, Oregon USA, 2007 – Current**

Founded an internationally acclaimed non-profit organization that transforms under-used parking lots into greenspaces and urban farms. Developed initial strategy, branding, and solicited support to establish this organization which has mobilized hundreds of volunteers to transform over 150,000 square feet of urban land.

### **ResiliencePDX – Portland, Oregon USA 2011-2012**

Developed the concept, raised funding, and managed the first ever city-wide disaster preparedness exposition for the city of Portland, Oregon. The event brought over 35 public and private organizations together to share information and training to the public, regarding disaster preparedness.