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QUALIFICATIONS

With over 13 years of experience in social policy and international development, I have extensive experience managing international development projects, conducting policy research and evaluations for a range of clients (governments, UN agencies, IFIs and NGOs) and providing capacity building to researchers and practitioners in developing countries. I have strong expertise in the management, design and implementation of qualitative and quantitative research projects in a range of developing countries. Current foci of my work include: women and girl's economic empowerment; girls' education; gender and child sensitive social protection; violence against women and girls; child protection; child and youth poverty and vulnerability analysis; youth economic opportunities, children's social exclusion; social budgeting and policy responses to mitigate impacts of economic and environmental shocks (climate change) on vulnerable groups.

COUNTRY EXPERTISE

BiH, CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, FYR Macedonia, Mali, Mozambique, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, OPT, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen.

LANGUAGES

Spanish	Native
English	Fluent
French	Good
Portuguese	Basic

EMPLOYMENT

April 2014 – Current: Research Associate Overseas Development Institute and Senior independent consultant on Social Policy and Economic Development Research and Evaluation

Recent projects include:

- Project leader, "Identifying Good Practice, Building Evidence, and Addressing Capacity Constraints for Advancing UNGEI's Agenda on Girls' Education and Gender Equality" for the United Nation's Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI)
- Development of two Research and Practice Notes: "What can gender indices tell us about gender norms that affect adolescent girls?" and "What can internationally comparable quantitative data tell us about how gender norms are changing?" for ODI's Knowledge to Action Resource Series 2015, produced as part of a 4-year DFID-funded programme - 'Transforming the Lives of Adolescent Girls
- Contribution to the design of the impact evaluation framework for International Youth Foundation's (IYF) Zimbabwe:Works (Z:W) programme
- Team member, Evaluation of Norway's Support to Women's Rights and Gender Equality in Development Cooperation, with SIPU
- Panel expert and co-author, Guidance Note on Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) through DFID's Economic Development portfolio, with WISE Development
- Project leader, study of the global costs and spending on violence against children, Child Fund Alliance
- Project leader, Research on Children and Youth Governance and Accountability, Plan UK

and Restless Development

2011-March 2014: Research Fellow, ODI Social Development Programme

Sample of relevant projects:

- Project manager and co-author for the DFID commissioned rigorous literature review of evaluation methodologies and approaches of interventions for the economic empowerment of women and girls.
- Contributing author to the Oak Foundation funded research on “Strengthening links between poverty reduction strategies and child protection initiatives” and research manager for the Uganda case study focusing on cross-generational and transactional sexual relations for adolescent girls in Uganda.
- Project manager and qualitative lead for years 1 and 2 of the Ethiopia case study in the DFID funded project ‘Transforming the Lives of Adolescent Girls and Young Women’, which explores the effect of discriminatory gender norms on opportunities for adolescent girls to promote evidence-based policy and programme change to improve development outcomes for girls and young women.
- Lead author on the report ‘Investing in Youth in International Development Policy’.
- Project manager, qualitative/participative research design and lead author: Voices of Children in Uganda, a study of children and poverty in Uganda, UNICEF Uganda:
- Contributing author, “Turn Down the Heat: Confronting the New Climate Normal”. Latin America and social vulnerabilities resulting from climate change.
- Project leader for the UNICEF Funded child-sensitive evaluation of the Palestinian Cash Transfer Programme, including quantitative and qualitative instrument development and analysis.
- Project leader, development of instruments and report author for the participatory research of youth vulnerabilities to economic and climate change shocks in Mozambique, Ghana and Vietnam.
- Project manager and co-author : UNICEF and Save the Children funded desk based study ‘Critical drivers of change for child-sensitive development’
- Project manager and co-author Children and Social Protection in the Middle East and North Africa, UNICEF MENARO: a mapping study:
- Project leader and co-author for ‘Children and climate change in South Africa’, UNICEF South Africa

March 2007 – December, 2010: Independent Consultant, Social Policy and Economic Development

Sample of projects:

- ‘Regional mapping of child-sensitive social protection in the Middle East and North Africa’ UNICEF MENA Regional Office
- Child-focused social spending analysis in FYR Macedonia, UNICEF Macedonia
- ‘Programmatic agendas of major multilateral development partners toward social policy and public expenditure management in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Expanding the scope for harmonizing UNICEF’s policy engagement ’ Review commissioned by UNICEF CEE-CIS.
- Operational research to promote advocacy and learning in relation to child-rights budget and expenditure analysis at local, national and international levels, Save the Children UK. Provided technical support and capacity building to SCUUK’s country teams in six countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Angola, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and Indonesia) developing strategies to improve financing to social policies, particularly those aimed at achieving Education for All outcomes.

- Analysis of gender and social protection, case studies in Ghana and Mexico – international project commissioned by AUSAID to ODI.
- Team leader developing Save the Children Finland's social protection 3-year programme in Nepal and Rajasthan, India, and contributor to SC's review on social protection and children in South Asia.

Young Lives Policy Advisor, Nov. 2005 – Jan. 2007, SAVE THE CHILDREN UK

Policy Advisor in an international policy – research project on childhood poverty with an emphasis on evidence based policy influencing in four developing countries: Ethiopia, India (Andhra Pradesh State), Peru and Vietnam. Led the child-sensitive budget monitoring component of the project.

Young Lives Policy Officer, Nov. 2004 – Oct. 2005

Undertook analysis of macro policy contexts of the four YL countries (desk based, through stakeholder interviews and in country meetings, and based on research pieces commissioned from local consultants) to determine micro linkages across the different dimensions of childhood poverty to inform the project's research agenda in order to provide an evidence base to improve policies.

Advisor to the Minister of Health, Sept. 2002 – Aug. 2003, Ministry of Health, Mexico

Worked in a team of 6 advisors on two key projects: (1) advancement of bilateral agreements for the provision of health services to Mexican migrants in the US and (2) policy influencing with the Mexican Federal Congress and local governments and councils for the approval of a comprehensive Health Sector Reform, including a health insurance scheme for the poor.

Junior Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Finance, Jan. 2001 – Aug 2002, Ministry of Finance And Public Credit, Mexico

Functions included Investor Relations Officer, research and preparation of presentations on the macro-economic situation and perspectives in Mexico and liaison with missions from International Development Agencies on monitoring visits to IFI-funded programmes in Mexico.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Jones, N. and Perezniето, P. (2015) *'How Does Mixed Methods Research Add Value to Our Understanding of Development?'* in "The Oxford Handbook of Multimethod and Mixed Methods Research Inquiry". Edited by Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber and R. Burke Johnson. Oxford University Press: Oxford

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-multimethod-and-mixed-methods-research-inquiry-9780199933624?cc=mx&lang=en&#>

Perezniето, P., Montes, A. and Routier, S. (2014). 'The Cost and Economic Impact of Violence Against Children' ODI Report commissioned by Childfund Alliance. <http://www.odi.org/publications/8845-violence-against-children-youth-child-rights-development-childfund-alliance>

Jones, N. Abu-Hamad, B. and Perezniето, P. (2015) 'Tackling children's economic and psychosocial vulnerabilities synergistically: How well is the Palestinian National Cash Transfer Programme serving Gazan children? Children and Youth Services Review. 12/2014; 47

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Perezniето, P. and Taylor, G. (2014) 'A review of approaches and methods to measure economic empowerment of women and girls' Gender and Development 06/2014; 22(2)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13552074.2014.920976#.VZq4qfIViko>

World Bank (2014) 'Turn Down the Heat: Confronting the New Climate Normal'. Washington D.C.: World Bank. Latin America and the Caribbean Chapter

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/20595>

- Walker, D., Perezniето, P., Bantebya, G. and Ochen, E. (2014). "Sexual exploitation of adolescent girls in Uganda". ODI Briefing Paper. <http://www.odi.org/publications/8966-uganda-adolescent-girls-social-norms-early-marriage>
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- Perezniето, P. and Hamilton-Harding, J. (2013) 'Investing in Youth in International Development Policy: Making the case', Report for DFID's Youth CSO working group. <http://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/8413.pdf>
- Harper, C. and Perezniето, P (2012). "Learning from Past Financial Crises: How are Children Affected?" in Children in Crisis: Seeking Child-Sensitive Policy Responses. Edited by C. Harper, N. Jones, R. Mendoza, D. Stewart and E. Strand. Macmillan <http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/children-in-crisis-caroline-harper/?K=9780230313972>
- Bagash, T., Perezniето, P. and Dubai, K. (2012) 'Transforming cash transfers: beneficiary and community perspectives on the social welfare fund in Yemen'. Research report for DFID <http://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/8181.pdf>
- Marcus, R., Perezniето, P., Cullen, E. and Carter, P. (2012) 'Critical drivers of change for child-sensitive development' Report for Save the Children and UNICEF <http://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/7636.pdf>
- Marcus, R. and Perezniето P. (2012) 'Children and social protection in the Middle East and North Africa: a mapping exercise'. ODI Working Papers Issue 335. http://www.unicef.org/socialpolicy/files/wp-335_children_social_protection_mena_FINAL.pdf
- Harper, C., Jones, N. Perezniето, P. and McKay, A. (2011) "Promoting Children's Well-being: Policy Lessons from Past and Present Economic Crises". Development Policy Review. Special Issue: Impacts of Economic Crises on Child Well-being. Volume 29, Issue 5, pages 621–641, September 2011 <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-7679.2011.00550.x/abstract>
- Perezniето P., Harper, Clench B., and Coarasa J (2010); The economic impact of school violence: A report for Plan International. ODI Report, October, 2010 <http://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/6289.pdf>
- Perezniето, P. and Campos, M. (2010); Gendered risks, poverty and vulnerability in Mexico; Case study, October 2010 <http://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/6252.pdf>
- Perezniето, P. and Fall, A.S. (2009) Social Protection and Children in West and Central Africa, Case Study Senegal. Report prepared for UNICEF WCARO on behalf of ODI, London. <http://www.odi.org/projects/665-social-protection-children-west-central-africa>
- Perezniето, P., Pomares, J. and Golemac Powell, A. (2009) UNICEF and its multilateral development partners in the CEE/CIS: Towards greater harmonization in social policy engagement; Study commissioned by UNICEF CEE CIS

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Sciences, Oct. 2003 – Sept. 2004, MSc Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries (Distinction)

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, 1996 – 2002, Licenciatura (BA) in Economics

Greengates School, Mexico City, 1993 – 1995, International Baccalaureate