

Fabian E. Soria

Profile

Economist with a strong social orientation, master's degree in Economics and Development Studies, specialized in Population, Poverty and Socio-Economic Development. International experience in research and consulting, monitoring and evaluation including fieldwork experience in developing countries. Experience working in small offices as well as large international teams. Also offers:

- *Strong leadership skills.*
- *Results oriented.*
- *Able to cope with changing, dynamic environment and deadlines.*
- *Experience in coordinating and leading multi-discipline international teams.*
- *Good listening and communication skills.*
- *Bilingual in English and Spanish, conversational German and basic French.*
- *Excellent working knowledge of Windows environment, MS Office, e-mail and internet tools.*
- *Other Software: SPSS, Stata, E-Views.*

Experience

Project Officer

2009-Present

Inter-American Culture and Development Foundation (ICDF) | Washington D.C, United States

Part of the management team to implement cultural projects to promote social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Foundation was created by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and has a close relation with this multi-lateral organization. The Project Officer helps design and manage projects, supervise teams and coordinate activities with local counterparts in the region.

Outcomes Specialist Consultant

2009

CentroNía | Washington DC, United States

As Outcomes Specialist, the main duty within the organization is to prepare and conduct systematic program evaluation activities, and work closely with other program managers to assess their activities. Coordinate work, surveys and teams to support monitoring of demographics, output, and outcome information, as well as performing in-depth data analysis to facilitate the identification of program strengths and the design of strategies to address program challenges. Support proposal writing for grant applications, specially regarding outcomes and evaluation techniques. Administrator of "Efforts to Outcomes" (ETO) Software for Monitoring and Evaluation.

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator for South America

2008

SOS Kinderdorf International -Regional Offices for South America| La Paz, Bolivia

Team leader of South American Research and Evaluation Division in SOS International. Design and implementation of a monitoring and evaluation system at international level. Analysis of social impact of SOS projects at local and national levels, including statistical analysis and reports. Design and implementation of surveys within the organization.

Consultant

2008

Opción Bolivia Consultores (OBC) | La Paz, Bolivia

Impact evaluation of a food-security project for CEPAS-CARITAS and elaboration of a baseline for Pro-Mujer (Micro-Finance institution). Both consulting jobs required fieldwork in several locations in rural areas of Bolivia for data gathering, leading focus groups with beneficiaries and interviews with key informants at community level, as well as implementing a survey and posterior quantitative and qualitative analysis.

Research Assistant

2007

Institute of Social Studies | The Hague, Netherlands

Joined the team to evaluate Poverty Reduction Strategies of Bolivia, Honduras and Nicaragua funded by SIDA. Part-time job at the university during master's degree studies.

Consultant – Fiscal Analyst

2005 –2006

Finance Ministry| La Paz, Bolivia

Macroeconomic Database management and update, report elaboration, economic analysis focused strongly on fiscal expenditure and public investment with multi-lateral government funding.

Junior Consultant

2004 – 2005

Grupo Integral S.R.L. | La Paz, Bolivia

Research Assistant specialized in Socio-economic database statistical and econometric analysis using STATA and national survey data. After full-time internship, associate member and on-call consultant.

Other Positions

Volunteer - Ashoka | Washington DC, United States (2009)

Part-time volunteer for award nominations team. Review of development work and analysis for potential nominees.

Volunteer - Opción Bolivia | La Paz, Bolivia (2002-2005)

Youth volunteer for several years, Project Coordinator during 2003-2004. Achieved re-orientation of volunteer activities including joint work with Habitat for Humanity.

Education and Professional Development

Development Studies (M.A.)

2007

Master's Degree in Population, Poverty and Social Development.
Institute of Social Studies (ISS) | The Hague, Netherlands.

Preparation, Management and Evaluation of Social Projects (Post-Graduate Diploma)

2006

CEEDE-CMLA, University of Beni, University of Chile | La Paz, Bolivia.

Youth Leadership, Democracy and Social Development (Short Course)

2004

Inter-American Institute for Social Development (INDES), with IDB scholarship | Washington DC, USA.

Social Management and Poverty Reduction (Seminar)

2004

Inter-American Institute for Social Development (INDES), MpD | La Paz, Bolivia.

Economics (M.Sc.-B.S.)**

2004

Graduated with honors. Bolivian Catholic University | La Paz, Bolivia.

Publications

“Impact of Community Eco Tourism Projects in Amboro National Park, Bolivia”

(2007) Master’s degree thesis. Focus on link of social, cultural and economic development. Financed by the PRSP project and SIDA at the ISS | The Hague, Netherlands. Available at:

http://inesad.edu.bo/publicaciones_detalle_no52_e.htm

“Factores Determinantes de la Probabilidad de Afiliación al Sistema de Pensiones en Bolivia”

(2006) Investigación y Desarrollo N°6 (*Research and Development Magazine*) | La Paz, Bolivia.

Available at: http://inesad.edu.bo/publicaciones_detalle_no16_e.htm

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(**) *Licenciatura en Economía* is a 5-year University Degree in Economics, equivalent to Bachelor’s plus Master’s Degree