

ONE-PAGE PROFILE

Tariq Husain has worked in the field of development for 23 years, including 16 years as a consultant. The central theme in his work is people-centred development—organizing people to do more for themselves, enabling private and public agencies to engage people in decision-making, and advocating humane approaches in all walks of life. His special expertise is in mobilizing resources, evaluating their impact, helping institutions adapt to change, and institutionalizing change in line with international standards (e.g., ISO 10013). Mr Husain is the author of 15 international publications and about 30 published articles on national issues.

Institutional Experience

Employment experience with the Ford Foundation and the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme. Consulting experience with several of the major organisations in the international development community, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Wheat and Maize Improvement Centre, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, IUCN—The World Conservation Union, International Institute for Environment and Development, International Water Management Institute, Regional Community Forestry Training Centre and Mekong River Commission Secretariat (Bangkok); the bilateral aid agencies of Switzerland, United States, Britain, Netherlands, Norway, Japan and Germany; national planning agencies, development projects, NGOs and international consulting firms.

High-level Contributions

Two national reports for World Summits—the Pakistan Country Report for the World Summit on Social Development (1995) and the National Progression Report for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002); Pakistan progress report on the MDGs (2003); state-of-the-art evaluation policies of IFAD (2003) and UNDP (2005); multi-agency change management for the United Nations Human Development Initiative in Myanmar (1999-2000); IFAD evaluations of decentralization in Eastern Africa (2004) and of IFAD operations in the Asia-Pacific Region (2005-2006). Represented Pakistan in the South Asian sub-regional consultation and the New York Prepcom for the Social Summit. Completed diverse assignments for the UNDP-assisted South Asia Poverty Alleviation Programme (1996-1999).

Geographical Experience

Most of Pakistan—half the districts of the country, all four provinces, AJK and the Northern Areas—and 16 other countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Italy, Laos, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, the United States and Viet Nam).

Sectoral Experience

Agricultural research and extension, water management, irrigation economics, social forestry, community infrastructure, the social sectors, biodiversity and environment, microfinance and the informal economy.

Academic Qualifications

MA and PhD (economics), University of Chicago. BA (economics, Middle Eastern Studies), Columbia University, New York (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa). Cambridge 'A' Levels, Aitchison College, Lahore.