

## Curriculum vitae

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### Professional Experience

A. May 2016 onwards: Working as a **Researcher** for Frameworks.

### Livelihoods- Value Chains, Enterprises and Business Development

1. **Part of the team for the “Identification of commodities and Value chain analysis”** in 4 blocks of 2 district of Uttar Pradesh for **Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Vikas Pariyojana** for strengthening **Value Chain Systems** for women farmers.

### Project Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Assessments

1. **Part of the team for the Endline study of HSBC foundation** supported “Entrepreneurship for Empowerment” Project for **Development Alternatives** in 3 states namely Haryana, UP & UK.
2. **Part of the team for the Impact Assessment** of MAST project in Rewari for **American India Foundation**.
3. **Part of the team for the Impact Evaluation** of Sarva Mangal Family Trust supported “Market Aligned Skill Training (MAST)” Project for **American – India Foundation** across 3 locations – Panvel in Maharashtra, Mudhra in Gujarat and Rural Mysuru in Karnataka. The assignment covered undertaking **baseline, mid term evaluation, endline** and **final impact evaluation**.
4. **Part of the team for the Impact Evaluation** of **Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative** supported project on SRI interventions in 2 blocks of Nawadah district of **Bihar** for **PRAN organization**.
5. **Part of the team for the Baseline** study for “**Entrepreneurship for Empowerment**” project across 3 clusters (Uttarakhand, NCR and UP) for **Development Alternatives**.
6. **Part of the team for the Rapid assessment** of Agriculture in 2 blocks (Manawar, Dhar and Petlawad, Jhabua) of Madhya Pradesh for **TRIF**.

### Research and Study

1. **Part of the team for PwC** for study on “School Management Committee- Status, Functioning and Challenges” in 400 SMCs across 10 districts of Madhya Pradesh for **UNICEF**.
2. **Part of the team for “Community and Resource Mapping”** for **ACG Cares Foundation** in 5 locations of Pithampur region.

**CAPI Designing & Survey Data Collection**

S. No	Client Name	Project Name	Location	Brief Description
1	BASIX	Project Impact Analysis of ATMA Program	Nagaland, Chattisgarh, A.P., Gujarat, U.P., Odisha	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The project was to carry out an impact analysis of ATMA program across samples states. Sample size of 1500 respondents across the study area</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
2	Intellectap	Survey of Demand and Supply side in case of informal lending.	W.B., Odisha, U.P., M.P., Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, A.P., TN, Karnataka	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The study was commissioned by SIDBI to look at the informal sector for demand and supply of credit. For this livelihood clusters were identified and covered across the 10 states. Structured interviews with 7500 respondents from demand side (Manufacturing and Services) and supply side (informal lenders)</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
3	ICRISAT	Impact evaluation of ICRISAT and JSW supported project in Palghar district of Maharashtra.	6 villages in Palghar district	<p><b>About the Project:</b> ICRISAT with support from JSW implemented a project on watershed and plus activities in 6 villages of Palghar district. The project was to undertake an impact evaluation of the same.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning and analysis</li> <li>• Helped in compiling impact evaluation report</li> </ul>
4	Development Alternatives	Baseline for "Entrepreneurship for Empowerment" Project	Uttarakhand, NCR, UP	<p><b>About the Project:</b> Development Alternatives implemented a project titled Entrepreneurship for Empowerment in 3 locations. The study was to undertake a baseline for the same. Structured interviews of about 600 potential and seasoned Entrepreneurs across 3 clusters.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning and analysis</li> <li>• Helped in compiling the baseline report</li> </ul>

5	American India Foundation	Baseline and Endline for Market Aligned Skill Training project.	Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana	<p><b>About the Project:</b> AIF has been implementing a project on skill development especially for women coming from marginalized communities. The project is titled “Market Aligned Skill Training (MAST)”. The assignment covers the entire evaluation of the project for 3 years covering more than 1500 candidates.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning and analysis</li> <li>• Helped in compiling the Mid -term evaluation of the project</li> </ul>
6	PwC/UNICEF/ Department of School Education, Madhya Pradesh	Evaluation of the functioning of School Management Committees in Madhya Pradesh	10 Districts of MP	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The project was to undertake Evaluation of the functioning of School Management Committees in Madhya Pradesh. For this sample SMCs were covered across 10 districts of MP. Structured interviews of 2000 respondents across 10 districts of M.P. was done.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning and primary processing</li> </ul>
7	PwC/ Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra	Evaluation of Grant-in-aid Voluntary Agencies running Ashram Schools in Maharashtra	Maharashtra	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The project was to undertake evaluation of Grant-in-aid Voluntary Agencies running Ashram Schools in Maharashtra. For this, sample ashram shalas were covered for the study. Structured Interviews of 780 respondents and 156 FGD's across 11 districts of Maharashtra was done.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning and primary processing</li> </ul>
8	PwC/ Madhya Pradesh State Skill Development Mission	Primary Survey for Demand Analysis of Skill Training requirement for micro enterprises in Madhya Pradesh	MP	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The project was to undertake primary survey for Demand Analysis of Skill Training requirement for micro enterprises in Madhya Pradesh. For this, sample locations were identified. Manufacturing and services sectors were covered. Structured Interviews of 600 respondents across 12 industrial sectors in 10 districts of M.P. was done.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>

9	M2i Consulting	Impact assessment of MFI Clients	MP, UP, Bihar, Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>About the Project:</b> Prime M2i Consulting Pvt. Ltd were engaged to undertake an impact assessment of MFI clients across sample states. 1000 MFI Clients were interviewed.</li> </ul> <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
10	Intellectap	Survey of youth (unemployed, in the job and looking for job) to understand their skills and aspirations	U.K., Maharashtra, W.B., A.P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>About the Project:</b> The project covered Survey of youth (unemployed, in the job and looking for job) to understand their skills and aspirations. Sample size for the study was 400.</li> </ul> <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
11	Intellectap	Baseline survey for Dairy	Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>About the Project:</b> The focus of the project was to undertake a baseline of the dairy farmers in Odisha. Structured interviews of 225 dairy farmers linked with dairy and 25 kirana stores across 15 villages in Puri.</li> </ul> <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
12	M2i Consulting	Assessment of clients and Non-clients of MFI for product development	WB, Chhattisgarh, MP, Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>About the Project:</b> The project was to undertake an assessment of clients and non-clients of MFI for product development. Survey of 500 clients and non-clients of MFIs.</li> </ul> <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
13	BASIX Consulting	Baseline and Endline Study of 5 MFi partners	MP, UP, WB, Gujarat, Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>About the Project:</b> The project was to undertake baseline and endline study for 5 MFI client partners. Survey of 1400 clients and non-clients</li> </ul> <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>

14	M2i Consulting	Baseline and Endline Survey of 5 MFI partners	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The project was to undertake baseline and endline study for 5 MFI client partners. Survey of about 2100 MFI clients in both urban and rural location on Water and Sanitation.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
15	PwC	Impact Assessment of CSR activities supported by Lupin Foundation.	Rajasthan and Maharashtra	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The study covered impact assessment of CSR activities supported by Lupin Foundation. This encompassed data collection from beneficiary and non-beneficiary households across the sampled locations/ villages. Survey of 800 beneficiaries across 7 blocks in 2 districts from 2 states.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
16	M2i Consulting	Baseline Survey for MFI project.	Rajasthan	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The project was to undertake baseline study for 1 MFI client partners. Survey of about 2000 clients and other stakeholders across 60 villages.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
17	PwC	Conducting Survey of Business Correspondents and beneficiaries in MP	M.P.	<p><b>About the Project:</b> The focus of the study was to undertake an impact assessment business correspondents and beneficiaries in MP. For this, 10 districts were covered. Survey of 2100 sample comprising of Business correspondents and their clients</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>
18	M2i Consulting	Market Research for Microfinance Product Development	Bihar, Uttarakhand	<p><b>About the Project:</b> This was a market study to develop a micro finance product. Survey of 1000 prospective clients</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning</li> </ul>

19	ACG Worldwide	Socio-economic study of 10 villages	M.P.	<p><b>About the Project:</b> ACG worldwide wanted to undertake a detailed socio-economic study of the villages in Indore SEZ near their plant. Socio-economic study- Survey of sample households across 10 villages</p> <p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting the format to CAPI using mWater</li> <li>• Data Collection and monitoring</li> <li>• Data Cleaning and analysis</li> <li>• Helped in Report Drafting</li> </ul>
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**B. July 2010 to April 2012:** Worked as an **Assistant Professor** at BBS College of Engineering & Technology, Allahabad.

- Taught Microwave engineering, Satellite communications & AIC for Bachelor of Technology course
- Assisted students in performing safe laboratory experiments
- Actively served as organising committee member for Sports meet, Annual Function and Fresher's induction program
- Organised football tournament

**C. June 2008 to July 2010:** Worked as a **Project Engineer** at G.S. Enterprises, New Delhi.

- Project Management and Clients Need Assessment in Himachal Pradesh
- Coordinated with team for timely completion of project
- Supervised projects on-site and managed fire-fighting equipment set-ups in designated power plants
- Designed and provided effective and efficient solutions by analysing needs of project clients

#### **Educational Qualifications:**

Course	Year	Board/University	Subject of Specialisation	Percentage
<b>M.Phil</b>	2016	Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, M.P	Natural Resource Management	70.4%
<b>M.Tech</b>	2014	SHIATS – Deemed University	Communication Systems	72%
<b>B.Tech</b>	2008	BBSCET, Allahabad, <b>UPTU</b>	Electronics & Communication	66.6%
<b>Class 12<sup>th</sup></b>	2002	<b>ISC</b> (Boy's High School & College, Allahabad)	Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, English, Hindi	74.0%
<b>Class 10<sup>th</sup></b>	2000	<b>ICSE</b> (Boy's High School, Allahabad)	Science	78.0%

➤ **M.Phil Dissertation** (Guides- Dr. Jigyasa Bisaria, Dr. Bhaskar Sinha (IIFM, Bhopal))

Studied and analysed "Dynamics of Climate Change vulnerability in Sikkim" by comparing changes in vulnerability of Gram Panchayats over a decade. The base study consisted of data sets of 2001 and 2005 while the current study is of datasets of 2011. Climate vulnerability index for each GPU was calculated and compared to vulnerability index of similar matching GPUs data. The study provided insights on sensitivity and adaptive capacity of the GPUs over a 10-year period.

**Skills and Tools acquired**

- mWater [For survey data collection]
- MS Office
- MATLAB

**Languages known:** Hindi and English

**Training and Certifications:**

- Training on “Participatory management of Natural resource, Livelihood development and Climate change adaptation” conducted by RECOFTC – The Center for People & Forests, Thailand (2016)
- Short Term Course Study in ‘Sustainable Energy’ certified by IARC Centre for United Nations (2015)
- Apprenticeship in ITI Naini, Allahabad on Telephone Assembly & Testing from 15-06-2007 to 26-07-2007