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SUMMARY

Christoph is an expert for development projects in fragile and conflict affected states and for transitions from short to medium and long-term development. He has extensive experience with approaches and procedures of German Financial Cooperation. Christoph conducts conceptual studies, feasibility studies, peace and conflict assessments and evaluations. As a consultant for joyn-coop he inter alia developed methods and approaches to rapidly select and appraise NGO projects, prepared strategic studies on engagement in fragile states and conducted remote evaluations for inaccessible project areas by using online tools and managing local consultants. Christoph holds a Magister Degree in political science, law and comparative religious studies from the University of Munich.

EDUCATION

Magister Artium in Political Science, Law and Comparative Religious Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München, focus on fragile and conflict affected states, international and human rights law, sociology of religions and economics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

joyn-coop: **Consultant** (since 01/2014)

Selection of projects:

- **Support to the African Peace and Security Architecture (as team lead)**. Mid Term Review of a project to support the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) in the field of Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD): Report with recommendations for further implementation of the project, based on interviews at AUC, interviews at the implementing REC and field visits.
Client: African Union Commission (AUC) and KfW Development Bank
- **Feasibility Study Darfur (as team lead)**. Identification of NGO projects in Sudan's Darfur region in the sectors of agriculture and livelihoods: needs assessment via a participatory workshop with NGOs, in-depth assessment of two project proposals in Sudan and preparation of a decision making basis for the client.
Client: KfW Development Bank
- **Partnership for Prospects Initiative**. Preparation of 16 fast-tracked NGO, UN and state government projects in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq that focus on livelihood activities for host communities, refugees and IDPs (of which 6 as team lead). Developed overarching monitoring framework to measure employment effects, assessed partners' capacities, internal control systems and procurement procedures.
Client: KfW Development Bank
- **Setting-up a Regional Refugee Program in East Africa (co-team lead)**. Assisting UNHCR in preparing a regional programme proposal ready to be funded by Financial Cooperation for Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda.
Client: KfW Development Bank
- **Evaluation Study Syria**. Evaluation of a Microfinance Institution in Syria, with a focus on the adaptation of the Bank to the violent conflict. Development of online tools to conduct employee satisfaction surveys and management of local consultants to conduct focus group discussions and interviews with clients, as well as quality audits of the Bank.
Client: KfW Development Bank

- **Crisis response in Eastern Africa.** Development of a regional concept for crisis response and identification of NGO partners for implementation in Eastern Africa in the sectors of food security, infrastructure, investments and refugee / IDP support.
Client: KfW Development Bank
- **Feasibility Study South Sudan.** Identification of NGO projects in South Sudan in the sectors of food security, education and health: in-depth assessment of two project proposals in South Sudan and preparation of a decision-making basis for the client.
Client: KfW Development Bank
- **Crisis Facility Eastern Africa.** Analysis of potential institutional options (foundation, trust fund or regional organization as executing agency) for a new KfW crisis approach for Eastern Africa in order to facilitate the cooperation with NGO partners.
Client: KfW Development Bank
- **Context Analysis Rwanda.** Analysis of the current conflict and fragility situation in Rwanda (Peace and Conflict Assessment) for the GIZ project "Macro-economic advice for poverty reduction in Rwanda".
Client: GIZ Rwanda

LANGUAGES

German (native tongue), English (business fluent), Spanish (good knowledge) and French (basic skills).

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia
Americas: USA
Europe: Germany, United Kingdom, Ukraine
Middle East: Lebanon, Jordan

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships: German State Scholarship for academic excellence, awarded by Cusanuswerk (2009-2013)