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OVERVIEW

Independent consultant with over 15 years of experience advising governments, UN agencies (particularly UNICEF), the EU and development partners on social policy, social protection reform, public finance for children and shock-responsive systems. Proven track record of turning complex policy challenges into operational solutions that strengthen systems and deliver results for vulnerable populations.

CORE EXPERTISE

Social protection system reform	Public finance for children
Shock-responsive social protection	Fiscal space and budget analysis
Humanitarian cash transfers	M&E frameworks, manuals and SOPs
Child-sensitive social policy	Capacity development and training

GEOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

Western Balkans (Serbia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina) | Türkiye | Ukraine | Eastern Caribbean (Anguilla, BVI, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos) | Zimbabwe

SELECTED RECENT ENGAGEMENTS

- Kosovo (2023–ongoing): Developing the country's first Shock-Responsive Social Protection Guideline for the Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers; SRSP capacity building for government and civil society.
- Serbia (ongoing): Leading a Public Finance assessment of municipal capacities for climate-related public works and child-focused investments; PFM training manual for Parliament.
- Türkiye (2025): Readiness assessment of the national social protection system for delivering humanitarian cash transfers, with a UNICEF cash preparedness action plan.
- Caribbean (2021–2025): M&E frameworks, operational manuals and programme assessments for SRSP across multiple SIDS, including for ECHO-funded regional programmes.
- Ukraine (2022): Emergency deployment to design and implement humanitarian cash assistance reaching ~50,000 households, including a hybrid delivery model and online registration platform.
- North Macedonia (2014–2021): As UNICEF Chief of Social Policy, led social protection reform including legislation, child benefit expansion, disability assessment reform, and fiscal space advocacy.

KEY PARTNERS AND CLIENTS

UNICEF (country offices, regional offices and HQ) | Governments of Serbia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Türkiye and Caribbean SIDS | World Bank (collaborative analytical work) | OSCE/ODIHR | European Commission (ECHO-funded programmes) | Columbia University

EDUCATION

MSc International Development – University of Portsmouth, UK
Political Science Master equivalent – Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje
IMF PFMx Certification | OPM Public Finance for Children | WB Global Course on Social Safety Nets

LANGUAGES

Macedonian (native) | English (fluent) | Serbian/Croatian (fluent) | German (intermediate)