

# Muhammad Tahir Ali

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## Education

<b>Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska Lincoln, United States</b> Recipient of Fulbright Scholarship	2017 - 2022
<b>M.Sc. in Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan</b> Recipient of LUMS scholarship (partial tuition waiver)	2007 - 2010
<b>B.Sc. (Hons) in Economics, International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan</b> Recipient of academic distinction certificate and Merit Scholarship	2003 - 2007

## Work Experience

<b>Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) Specialist, VTT Global, Pakistan</b> • Worked with Business Development team to develop proposals • Developed research instruments for various evaluation studies in education, health and governance • Conducted several training sessions of data collection teams on research instruments • Coordinated with the operational team for effective and timely implementation of evaluation tools in the field • Supervised data management • Analyzed collected and contributed to report writing.	July 2016- July 2017
<b>Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) Manager, USAID Dairy Project, Pakistan</b> • Developed creative solutions to cut feedback time from 30 days to 2 days • Worked on periodic submission of 30-60-90 work-plan • Hired and trained Monitoring & Evaluation staff of 20 in head office and three regional offices • Drafted project extension proposal • Designed project evaluation strategy and research instruments • Conducted six surveys over the period of three years • Worked with external consultants on the project evaluations as per requirements of USAID • Joined as Data Specialist. Promoted to Manager in September 2013.	June 2013- July 2016
<b>Freelance evaluation consultant</b> • <b>Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)/ Waseda University (Tokyo), Pakistan [4 months]</b> ◦ Designed and implemented an evaluation survey of 200 farmers in 3 districts to gauge improvements in the governance of irrigation system after reforms supported by JICA's multi-million-dollar project ◦ Analyzed data using MS Excel and Stata and contributed to the evaluation report. • <b>PETS-DAI-DFID Project, Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI), Pakistan [4 months]</b> ◦ Implemented budget tracking, a tool of social accountability, in two districts of Punjab province. ◦ Collected, managed and analyzed school-level data on school funds and expenditures ◦ Contributed two chapters in the draft report • <b>Stata and Social Accountability Workshops for SAHI, SDPI, and CESSSED, Pakistan</b>	September 2012- March 2013
<b>Research Assistant, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan</b> • Worked on three projects in the domain of education and militancy • Co-authored one policy paper and one journal paper • Worked in a team of four researchers to develop research proposals and research instruments • Assisted team lead in training for data enumeration teams • Analyzed primary data and contributed in report writing.	July 2011- June 2012
<b>Teaching and Academic Research</b> • <b>Visiting Lecturer, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Pakistan</b> • <b>Research Assistant, Qatar University, Qatar</b> • <b>Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan</b>	January 2010- December 2012

## Training and Certifications

- E-learning course on Social Accountability Tools and Practices, World Bank [Eight weeks]
- Executive Course on Agribusiness Management, Lahore University of Management Sciences [One year]
- Summit on financial inclusion in Kenya, International Development Designs (IDDS)-MIT [Two weeks]
- Workshop on Agricultural Value Chain, ILRI [One week]
- Workshop on Stata, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics [One week].

## IT and Language Skills

- **Data analysis software:** Proficient user of Stata and Excel. Basic understanding of SAS, MATLAB and Mathematica
- **Office software:** Proficient user of PowerPoint and Word. Good knowledge of MS Project
- **Languages:** English (Proficient), Urdu (Proficient), Punjabi (Proficient), Hindi (conversational), Arabic (basic).