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Education(mm/yy)

8/1988	Ph.D, Biostatistics, Cornell University, USA.
5/1986	M.Sc., Applied Statistics, Cornell University, USA.
8/1981	M.Sc., Math. Statistics, Stanford University, USA.
7/1979	B.Sc., Mathematics. , Birzeit University, Palestine

Work experience

6/1979- 7/1980	<i>Lecturer of Math.:</i> Birzeit University, Palestine.
10/1981-8/1983	<i>Lecturer of Statistics and Math.:</i> Birzeit University, Palestine.
1/1984-7/1988	<i>Research Assistant and Lecturer of statistics:</i> Cornell University, USA.
9/1988-9/1991	<i>Assistant Professor:</i> Birzeit University, Palestine.
10/1991-12/1993	<i>Deputy President: Technical & Advisory Committees, TAC. (President: Prof. Sari Nusaibeh).</i> TAC was a consortium of experts, based in Jerusalem. It was composed of more than 350 Palestinian experts. Its main functions and duties included; 1. Drafting position papers for the Palestinian delegations to the negotiations between Israel and PLO in Washington D.C., and the Multilateral Working groups on Economics, Environment, Water, Refugees, and Security. 2. Acting as a counterpart and official host for all official delegation and Government representatives visiting West Bank and Gaza Strip. 3. Supervising the compilation and prioritization of the projects identified for the World Bank as potential priority projects for support. 4. Recommending priority projects for implementation in West Bank and Gaza Strip to the PLO and the Donor community. 5. Drafting Organizational structures and work programs for the emerging Palestinian National Authority Ministries.
11/1993-12/1994	<i>Deputy Managing Director (Acting MD): Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction, PECDAR. (Ahmad Qurrie, better known as Abu-Ala: Managing Director).</i> PECDAR was established in October, 1993 in coordination with the donor countries. The main purpose and function of PECDAR was the implementation of an Emergency Rehabilitation Program of assistance to the Palestinian population of West Bank and Gaza Strip. The program used the works of TAC, and was set up with technical support from the World Bank. The program was financed in part by A consultative Group of Donor countries who pledged US \$ 2.4 billions in October 1993 to be spent over a five-year period.
3/1993-3/2005	<i>Founder & President: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS).</i> PCBS is in charge of the establishment of the Palestinian Statistical System. Its routine work involves the production of official statistics in more than 29 subject matter areas. Its annual budget is US\$ 4.5-5 m. PCBS has 350 regular employees, and a monthly average of 120 temporary field workers.
10/2003-11/2003	Bureau Chief, Prime Minister's Office (PM, HE Mr. Ahmad Qurrie)

11/2003-2/2005	Cabinet Secretary, Palestinian Council of Ministers (PA's Cabinet) & Bureau Chief, Prime Minister's Office (PM, HE Mr. Ahmad Qurrie)
2/2005-present	Minister of Labour, Palestinian Authority (PM, HE Mr. Ahmad Qurrie) Minister of Social Affairs, Palestinian Authority (PM, HE Mr. Ahmad Qurrie)

Official Statistics Experience

1. Founder of the Forum for Integrity of official statistics in the Arab World
2. Member of ISI, ASA, and the Biometric Society
3. Member of the Steering Committee for the MEDIN Initiative on Official Statistics for Children (supported by UNICEF)
4. Member of the Statistical Bureau of the ESCWA Region
5. Member of the Steering Committee of PARIS21
6. Member of the Organizing committee of the IAOS-2000 Conference on Development, Human Rights, and Statistics.
7. Scores of international involvements in forums dealing with advancement of statistics as “a public good”.
8. National Director of the Palestinian population and housing census

Publications

1988-1996
1978-1995
1994-

- Research papers on statistical modeling of skin cancer.
Reports on the demographic and health statistics of West Bank and Gaza
- Several articles/presentations on official Statistics as a “Public Good”:**
- Role of Official Statistics in Situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict
 - Portrait of Statistical Data on Palestinian Refugees
 - User-Producer Dialogue in Service of Statistics
 - National Innovations in resource mobilization for census taking
 - Conducting Census Under Adverse Conditions; Challenges and Lessons Learned
 - Evaluation of Census Data: Experiences from Palestine
 - Dissemination Strategy for Census Data: Acceptance of results
 - Evaluation of Census Data: Coverage Evaluation
 - Towards a more involved Statistics in the Arab World: A Suggested Framework for An Agenda of Change
 - User-Producer Dialogue in Service of Statistics
 - How to Move Statistics from Negligence to Transparency
 - Stages of Institution-building in Statistical Agencies
 - Statistics as “public affair”: how do we satisfy the expectations of the press?
 - Nation Building and Statistics
 - Monitoring the Implementation of CRC: A Palestinian Experience
 - Towards a System for Monitoring the Impact of Crises Conditions on Palestinian Vulnerable Groups and the Economy
 - Mobilizing Resources for Statistical Systems
 - Statistics In A new Country (Challenges and Problems)
 - Strategic planning and the development of national statistical programs: Institutional constraints and scarcity of resources
 - Palestinian Experience of Statistical Development in Relation to the Social Summit Goals and Guideline
 - Towards A Data Access Initiative for the MENA Region
 - The Role of a Statistical Office in Participatory Poverty Assessment
 - Role of Statistics in Situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict

Other Activities

- Towards A transparent and Responsive Governance in the Palestinian Authority

Have been involved in many activities in several fields since 1973;

1. Member of the Board of Trustees for Al-Quds Open University.
2. Member of the Board of Trustees (Secretary) of the Palestinian Economic Policy Research Institute, MAS.
3. Member of the steering committee of the Policy Research Initiative for Palestine, PRIP.
4. Member of the Board of Trustees for the Cultural Child Center, Nablus.
5. Member of the Council for Higher Education
6. Member of the Higher Council for Children and Motherhood (First Lady Suha Arafat, president).
7. Personal Representative of the President of Palestine to the Special United Nations General Assembly Session on Children, and Head of the National Team.
8. Member of the Central Election Commission (CEC). The CEC was in charge of planning and implementing the first ever general and political elections in West bank and Gaza Strip (January 1996).
9. Member of the Presidential Commission Supervising the Bethlehem-2000 project. (The commission is headed by H.E. president Yaser Arafat, and is composed of several ministers).
10. Member of the Presidential Commission on the well-being of the Palestinian refugee camps. (The commission is headed by H.E. president Yaser Arafat, and is composed of the director of the refugees affairs department of PLO and several ministers).
11. Member of the Palestinian National Council
12. Member of Student's Council at Birzeit University (1977-1979).
13. Secretary of Birzeit University Labor Union (1981-1982), and then President of Birzeit University Labor Union (1989-1990).
14. Member of the Palestinian Writer's Association (since 1981)

Other Assignments: (Middle East Peace Process)

Since the beginning of the Madrid peace process in 1991, I have been given several assignments relating to the process. Among these;

1. Member of the Palestinian delegation to the bilateral negotiations. Madrid and Washington D.C.
2. Member of the Palestinian delegations to the Multilateral Working Groups on Water and Refugees.
3. Member of the Palestinian steering committee in charge of the Economic Negotiations, which was held in Paris (produced the Paris Protocols with Israel).
4. Member of the Palestinian team to the *secret* negotiations leading to the OSLO-2 interim agreement.
5. Member of the Palestinian steering committee in charge of the OSLO-2 Negotiations with Israel and, then, implementation of the agreement.

Personal Info.

Marital status: Married, 2 boys & 2 girls
 Nationality: Palestinian
 Age: Born in 1954
 Languages: Arabic (Mother), English (fluent)

Hobbies

- Literary writing, including Poetry, short stories, and critique.
- Have published two poetry books and two short story books, in addition to scores of stories, poems, articles,