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Citizenships: Thai and British

Experience

Senior Advocacy Specialist

August 2021 – Present

Fortify Rights, Remote – Bangkok-based

- Supporting advocacy and engagement with policymakers, diplomats, journalists, and other key stakeholders.
- Working with our Specialists, Directors, and Executive Team to expand advocacy capacity, monitor and analyze human rights developments, and contribute to strategic outputs.
- Providing advocacy-focused technical support to partners.
- Developing and maintaining positive relationships with strategic stakeholders and allies.
- Serving as a spokesperson to communicate credible information on human rights situations.

Impact Monitoring and Learning Specialist

March 2019 – August 2021

Fortify Rights, Remote – Bangkok-based

- Developing and managing the team's monitoring, evaluation, and learning systems
- Providing regular performance analysis.
- Working with partners to improve their monitoring, evaluation, and learning capacities.
- Supporting the annual development of the team's strategic framework and quarterly development of workplans.
- Contributing to donor reporting, proposals, and communications.

International Relations Specialist

August 2017 – February 2019

Thailand Collaboration for Change, Khon Thai Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand

- Identifying and capitalizing on opportunities for collaboration between Thai civil society and international organisations and agencies in Thailand, focusing on anti-corruption, education, and the environment.
- Working to strengthen Thai civil society by partnering with resource providers.
- Developing and maintaining positive relations with UN agencies, embassies, INGOs and multinational corporations.
- Leading the development of collaborative strategies, platforms, and action plans.

Assistant Reporting Officer, External Relations

September 2015 – July 2017

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Beirut, Lebanon

- Assisting in preparing proposals and reports for key donors including the European Union and Japan.
- Obtaining, analyzing, and presenting accurate data on UNHCR operations and funding.
- Providing logistical support for donor visits.

Consultant, Labour Migration

July 2014 – August 2015

International Organization for Migration (IOM), Dili, Timor-Leste

- Leading a consultative process to develop a National Action Plan for Labour Migration to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Timor-Leste to manage labour migration.
- Making recommendations on policy mechanisms and legislative frameworks to better protect migrant rights.
- Developing concept notes and project proposals.

Intern, Child Rights Division

September 2013 – February 2014

Human Rights Watch, London, U.K.

- Conducting research on detention of migrant children in Thailand and globally.
- Drafting sections of the report.
- Translating documents (Thai > English) and transcribing interviews.

Education

Graduate Diploma, Law (Commendation), University of Law, London, U.K.	2018 – 2020
Masters, Human Rights and Humanitarian Action, Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris, France	2011 – 2013
Bachelors, Politics (Honours), School of Oriental and African Studies, London, U.K.	2008 – 2011

Volunteering

Mentor, Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative	2022 – 2023
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Publications

[“The ICC’s Action on the Rohingya is Historic, but the Court Should Go Further on Myanmar”](#), The Diplomat, December 9, 2024

[“Thailand’s New Leader Faces a Time of Crisis and Opportunity”](#), The Diplomat, October 8, 2024

[“Thailand’s Anti-Torture Bill Could Finally End Refugee Push-Backs”](#), SEA Globe, September 13, 2022

[“Thailand’s Myanmar Policy is Costing Communities on Both Sides of the Border”](#), The Diplomat, July 18, 2022

[“Dangerous Data: Telenor’s Irresponsible Exit from Myanmar may put Customers’ Lives at Risk”](#), with Lucy Purdon, South China Morning Post, Dec 9, 2021

[“Show Us Your Credentials: The Battle for Myanmar at the UN”](#), The Diplomat, Sep 13, 2021

[“Environment and Migration: the 2011 Floods in Thailand”](#), in *The State of Environmental Migration 2011*, Paris and Geneva: and l’Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales / International Organization for Migration, 2012.

References

Ms. Pia Paguio, Associate Head, Donor Relations and Resource Mobilization Service, UNHCR, paguio@unhcr.org

Ms. Yuko Hamada, Senior Monitoring and Partnership Officer, IOM, YHAMADA@iom.int

Ms. Alice Farmer, Legal Officer, U.S. Protection, UNHCR, FARMERA@unhcr.org