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★ Work Experience

- JANUARY - February / 2025
Consultant – Wadi NGO, part time
Nursery Management & Water Harvesting

- January 2024 – February 2025
Consultant - GEBAL EGYPT, part time
Environmental Consultant and Trainer

- February 2019 – December 2024
Natural Resources Management Officer/ WADI for Sustainable Ecosystems
Development (WADI NGO) Jordan
 - **Restoration of Arid Ecosystems:** Led projects to restore arid ecosystems through the planting and monitoring of native species, achieving a 90% success rate in Wadi Rum and an 85% success rate in other areas of the Jordanian desert.
 - **Native Plant Nurseries Management:** Oversee the establishment, operation, and maintenance of 6 native plant nurseries across Jordan, successfully producing over 1,400,000 native seedlings.
 - **Community Training and Empowerment:** Delivered comprehensive training to over 3,000 beneficiaries, with a special focus on women and girls, covering native seed collection, nursery management, and out-planting techniques. Empowered local communities to participate in ecosystem restoration projects through hands-on workshops and capacity-building programs.
 - **Reporting and Presentations:** Prepared detailed reports and presentations outlining project progress, plans for upcoming seasons, and challenges encountered, along with proposed mitigation strategies.
 - **Project Management and Partnerships:** Managed restoration projects across Jordan, including partnerships with:
 - Wadi Rum (Mitsubishi Corporation & Disi Women Co.), Majedyah (ICARDA), Sharhabeel – North Shounah (ICARDA & FAO), Sabha (HF), Khashafyah (GAM), Azraq

(MoA), Madaba (Carob Farm), Tal Alromman (RBG), Jerash (Private Sector), and WADI Nursery in SALT.

➤ NOVEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2019

Field Technical Support Officer- Driver / Sustainable Environment and Economic Development project (SEED project), funded by USAID and implemented by USFS/IP / Jordan

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- Inspect and follow-up on the day-to-day nursery activities and provide guidance to the nursery staff on how to tackle different issues.
 - Provide all aspects of technical field support to WADI natural resources manager and other project team members as needed. Give examples of technical support – specific tasks
 - Provide technical support and routine follow-up to WADI Project network of established nurseries.
 - Worked on various projects for a variety of clients in Wadi Rum (Mitsubishi& Disi Women Co.)/ Majedyah (ICARDA) / Sabha (HF) / Khashafyah (GAM) / Azraq (MoA)/ Jerash/ Tal Alromman (RBG).

➤ DECEMBER 2012 – MAY 2016

Office Assistant- Driver / Peace Corps US Embassy/ Jordan

Logistics Coordination: Provide comprehensive logistical support to American volunteers stationed across Jordanian villages, ensuring smooth operations and timely assistance for their community development initiatives.

- **Training & Community Relations:**

Assist in organizing and facilitating training sessions and meetings between Peace Corps volunteers and local communities

Support cross-cultural communication and community engagement activities

Help maintain positive relationships with local stakeholders and community leaders

- **Fleet Management:**

Monitor and maintain the organization's vehicle fleet through authorized agents

Ensure timely maintenance schedules and safety compliance

Maintain detailed vehicle maintenance records and usage logs

Coordinate transportation schedules for volunteers and staff

- **Administrative Support:**

Assist in office operations and administrative tasks

Support documentation and reporting requirements

Help coordinate volunteer movements and schedules

Maintain communication between offices, volunteers, and local communities.

- SEPTEMBER 2009 – FEBRYARY 2012

Owner/Private business) Household Appliances and Cosmetics (/ Jordan

Managed an independent retail business specializing in household appliances and cosmetics, oversaw core business operations including:
Inventory management and supplier relations, financial operations and budgeting,
Customer service and sales, Store layout and merchandising.

- JULY 2002 – SEPTEMBER 2009

Sales Supervisor/ALAQSA Company / Jordan

Supervised sales operations and team performance, Managed customer relationships and sales targets, coordinated inventory control and product displays, Ensured high standards of customer service.

Education

- High secondary school / Agricultural/ Graduation/ Jordan- June 2022

Certificates: -

1. Seminar on **Sustainable Energy Technology for Developing Countries**, held in Chengdu, China, from May 22 to June 11, 2025.
2. **Comprehensive first aid course**- Egypt- September 2024
3. **USFS NGO Network Leadership Study Tour** – US Forest Services – USA – October 12-20, 2023.
4. **Environmental and Natural Resources Economics**- a course of study offered by **DoaneX**, an online learning initiative of Doane University -Valid Certificate ID **92ccaf7831b64296842cd51734ce96a4**
5. **Green Cities Study Tour 2020- roof top garden & hydroponic systems / USFS Middle East & North Africa, Cairo/Egypt, January 29-February 6, 2020**
6. **Participated in the Technical training course** held in Chengdu- China (Sustainable Agriculture and Building a Food Security System in the Light of Global Climate Change in Jordan) online. Ministry of Chinese Affairs and The Biogas Research Institute of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural- December 29- January 25/ 2022.
7. **Distinguished participant in the technical training course** held in Chengdu- China (Sustainable Agriculture and Building a Food Security System in the Light of Global Climate Change in Jordan, Ministry of Chinese Affairs and The Biogas Research Institute of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural- December 29- January 25/ 2022.
8. **Certificate of Completion 2020 i-Tree International Academy**- US Forest Service's International Programs & Northern Research Station, and Davey Tree Expert Company- December 16, 2020

9. **Global Nursery Cohort Study Tour**, SER2019, Cape Town, South Africa, September 2019
10. On the job and peer-to-peer **training on the value chain of seedling production including seed collection, cleaning, storage, preparation, sowing**, day-to-day care. 2017 & 2018
11. **Certificate of Appreciation - PEACE CORPS/ US** - March 2016
12. **International Computer Driving License (ICDL)**, Pioneers Academy – 2015.
13. **Supply Chain Management**, Pioneers Academy – 2015.
14. **Certificate of Appreciation - PEACE CORPS/ US** - May 2015
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21. **Certificate of Appreciation - PEACE CORPS/ US** - May 2015

Skills

Working under pressure
 Medium Maintenance
 Field person

Driving all kinds of cars and trucks
 Use of computer and Microsoft Office software

Environmental Passion & Impact

- Committed to ecological restoration and reforestation of arid regions to combat climate change, Focus on community engagement and sustainable environmental solutions
 - References upon request
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