

Shehzad AHMAD

Senior Advisor



ABOUT

Shehzad is an audit and finance with 25 years of international experience in audit, accounting and internal control assessments mostly acquired in the domain of projects funded by international donor organisations (mostly the EU and the UN), with a strong focus on external aid programmes. In this context, Shehzad has performed more than 200 engagements under the successive EU INTPA/DEVCO FWC's in 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2023 in circa 70 countries for various International Funding Institutions, the experience ranges from differing sized organisations such as small local NGOs to major development banks and UN agencies, to a vast array of funded projects and programmes.

Shehzad also has extensive experience with finance management (PEFA & PFM Methodology).

Nationality: Pakistan / UK

Date of birth: 26/07/1979

SKILLS

EU grants and funding mechanisms, EU Pillar Assessment, Grants Auditing & Verification, Internal Control Assessments and Systems.

Extensive international experience gained more specifically in least developed and developing countries (mostly Africa and Asia).

Specific knowledge of EU funding programmes (incl. NDICI-Global Europe, HUMA, IPA, CSFP, EDF).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since May 2015: Self-employed (Audit) – London / UK – Karachi / Pakistan. Leading and executing audit and control engagements, as a freelancer/ subcontractor to big4 audit firms (incl. KPMG UK, Deloitte Belgium and KPMG Spain) in the field of project funded or managed by the EU and by other International Organisations (UN) in the context of EU external aid (mostly verifications under the successive INTPA Audit framework contracts and HQ and HPC under the ECHO Audit Framework Contract). 250+ engagements conducted.

October 2013 – April 2015: Grant Thornton UK (Audit & Consulting) – London / UK. Manager. Contracted expert to the Director of Internal Audit of the Department of Transport of the UK.

December 2012 – September 2013: Transport for London (Public Body) – London / UK. Internal Auditor.

August 2011 – August 2012: BDO UK / Afghanistan Supreme Audit Authority (Governmental body) – Kabul / Afghanistan. Contracted Internal Control Expert. Internal controls, Public Finance Management capacity, PEFA and PFM reviews performed on behalf of the World Bank Group.

September 2005 – July 2011: Moore Stephens (Audit) – London / UK. Lead Auditor in charge of execution of audit assignments in the context of EU-funded (INTPA), UN-funded projects (UNFPA) and for other donors (SIDA, DANIDA).

April 2001 – August 2005: Ferguson Maidment & AB Group (Audit and Accountancy) – London / UK. Auditor.

EDUCATION

2004: Professional Accountancy Certificate (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) - London / UK)

2000: Postgraduate Professional Qualification in Accounting and Finance (Association of Certified Chartered Accountant (ACCA) – London / UK).

CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

2000: Fellow Member of the ACCA (UK)

LANGUAGES

Urdu: C2 - Native

English: C2 – Native/ Fully Proficient

Hindi: B2 – Independent User