

Curriculum Vitae

Proposed role in the project:

Category:

Staff of:

1. **Family name:** VAN RIESSSEN
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3. **Date of birth:** 16 May 1955
4. **Passport holder:** Dutch
5. **Residence:** Nepal
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7. **Education:**

Institution [Date from - Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Wageningen Agricultural University, Netherlands, 06/1979-10/1981	MSc Land and Water Management; Specialism: irrigation, soil conservation & their socio-institutional aspects
Wageningen Agricultural University, Netherlands, 08/1973-08/1978	BSc Land and Water Management

8. **Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Dutch	Mother tongue	Mother tongue	Mother tongue
English	1	1	1
French	2(rusty)	2(rusty)	3(rusty)
Nepali	2	2	4
German	3(rusty)	3(rusty)	3(rusty)
Bangla	4	4	5

9. **Membership of professional bodies:** Networks like INPIM-Nepal, Nedworc, Wageningen UR LIW Course Advisory Group, various nature conservation groups
10. **Other skills:** Wide range of software applications. Experienced citizen scientist ornithologist.
11. **Present position:** Independent Consultant
12. **Years within the firm:** -
13. **Key qualifications:** (Relevant to the project)

All round rural development specialist with more than 30 years experience in Asia as team leader, adviser, sociologist, engineer, planner, evaluator and researcher. Expertise:

- Expertise in programme development and multi-sector multi- actor project cycle management
- Expertise in irrigation and WASH, operation and maintenance, also renewable energy management
- In-depth knowledge of social and poverty issues, gender equity, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction
- Design, implementation and evaluation expertise in rural development, food security, agriculture, value chain development, disaster risk reduction.
- In-depth experience working with government, private sector and NGOs at village, regional and national levels

14. **Specific experience in the region:**

Country	Date: from-to
Nepal	1982-date
Sri Lanka	04-08/2010, 10-11/2017, 10-12/2019
Bangladesh	03-05/2013, 01, 10-11/2009; 11/2008; 06-07 & 01-03/2006; 04/2005; 06-07 & 09-10/2004; 01-03/2002; 03/2001; 10/2000, 08/1994-09/2000
Vietnam	01-02/2004/ 04-06/2003; 02-03/2003; 08-10/2002;
India/ Bangladesh	02-03/2001
Asia	02/1999-03/2001
Bhutan	10-12/1999; 09-10/1986
Laos	07-08/2017
Ethiopia	11/2011-1/2012

15. Professional experience:

Date from - Date to	Location	Company & reference person (name & contact details)	Position	Description
10-12/2019	Sri Lanka	ILO, Rebecca N-Moore, napiermoore@ilo.org	Evaluation Team Leader	(ILO) Evaluate Jobs for Peace and Resilience, an exploratory programme that in Sri Lanka worked on drought resilience in the North and flood resilience in the south (linked to Decent Work in the rural economy)
8-9/2019	Nepal	FAO, Ben.Vickers@fao.org	GEF International Consultant	(FAO) Preparing enhanced Project Identification Form (PIF) for Enhancing capacity for sustainable management of forests, land and biodiversity in the Eastern hills (Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE), FECOFUN, Bird Conservation Nepal)
2-6/2019	Nepal	Particip-NIRAS, pirkko.poutiainen@particip-niras.eu	Evaluation Team Leader	(Gov. of Finland) Mid-Term Evaluation of Rural Village Water Resource Management Project: WASH, O&M, water resource development (incl. irrigation, energy) and livelihoods (home gardens/value chains), governance
10/2018-2/2019	Worldwide	ILO-Geneva, athmer@ilo.org	Social & Environmental Safeguards Specialist	(ILO) Write the environmental and social safeguards framework for world-wide infrastructure programme (EIIP-Employment-intensive Investment Programme), with guidelines for applying safeguards in each project stage
12/2011-2018	Nepal	Various projects, firms, INGOs, institutes	Project Adviser (Technical and M&E)	(EC, DFID, ADB, WB, INGOs) Assistance with proposals, backstopping and manuals for WASH, value chain development, food security, earthquake relief, governance, disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation
10-12/2017	Sri Lanka	ILO-Bangkok, johannessen@ilo.org	Water Sector Specialist	(ILO) Assess drought impact and resilience from recent droughts on water-dependent cash crop farmers in value chain programme. Assess climate change impact and develop strategy for increased drought resilience.
4-11/2017	Nepal	Finnish Consulting Group, samuli.leminen@fcgasia.sg	WASH Study Team Leader	(World Bank) Monitoring and Evaluation study focused on functionality and sustainability of old and new WASH schemes under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project (90-scheme survey)
7-8/2017	Laos	ILO-Bangkok, athmer@ilo.org	Water sector Specialist	(ILO) Assess and develop opportunities for water sector interventions supportive of decent employment and value chain development programme in remote southern Laos
10/2016-1/2017	Nepal	Finnish Consulting Group, samuli.leminen@fcgasia.sg	Team Leader	(Government of Finland, Worldwide Fund for Nature Conservation) Final Evaluation Koshi River Basin Manag. Programme: Water resource use, climate change adaptation, institutions, agriculture, WASH, social equity
6/2013 – 11/2015	Nepal	IMC Worldwide, michael.green@rapnepal.com	Team Leader Socio-Economic Development	(DFID) Lead SED component of Rural Access Programme (RAP3) in Far-West and Karnali: 270 road building groups, value chain development (goats, vegetables, legumes, fruit, NTFP, spices), irrigation and renewable energy schemes (micro-hydro, solar, stoves, water mills) with INGOs, private sector and government
11/2013 - 5/2014	Bangladesh	UNDP, robert.stoelman@undp.org	Team Leader (Rural Development)	(UNDP) EU-funded Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF). Assess achievements of community empowerment programme in 3000 communities and develop economic empowerment exit strategies
3-6/2013	Bangladesh	UNDP, robert.stoelman@undp.org	Planner/Facilitator	(UNDP, EU-funded) MDG Acceleration Plan facilitation for three districts of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Guide district teams to facilitate design exercises and stakeholder planning workshops (poverty reduction, education)
2-5/2013	Nepal	FCG, Auli.Keinanen@fcg.fi	WASH Study Team Leader	(Worldbank) Identification of Options to Increase Sustainable Access to WASH Services on basis of elaborate 200-scheme survey, analysis of data for 38,000 schemes and stakeholder workshops
08/2010-1/2013	Nepal	SAMES, Nepal, H. Islam, hedayetul.sames@yahoo.com	Institutional Specialist	(ADB) Institutional assessment and strengthening for Department of Water Induced Disaster Prevention aimed at enhanced department performance, increased flood risk reduction and enhanced cooperation with other actors
6/2012-10/2012	Nepal	FCG, Auli.Keinanen@fcg.fi	WASH Team Leader	(Government of Finland) Formulation of Second Phase of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project West Nepal. Focus on WASH infrastructure services development, exit strategy, local governance, participatory processes.
6/2012-7/2012	Nepal	SNV-Nepal, rneefjes@snvworld.org	M&E Specialist	(SNV) Design and coordinate baseline study for rural WASH programme. Review and revise indicators, design baseline study, coordinate data processing, write final report.
3/2012-5/2012	Nepal	FAO TCIN, Divina. b.thierry@ifad.org	Targeting & Institutions Specialist	(IFAD) Design of Nepal Improved Seeds for Farmers Project (goats, dairy, cereals, vegetables): targeting, gender and social inclusion; project area selection, set-up, local governance, planning and implementation process.
11/2011-01/2012	Ethiopia	SNV, Ethiopia, Jan Vloet, jvloet@snvworld.org	M&E Specialist	(SNV/DGIS) Facilitate evaluation of 4 pro-poor value chain development programs (1. honey, 2. milk, 3. oil seeds, and 4. cereal, meat, vegetables), and finalise reports for submission to donor (DGIS).

09/2011-01/2012	Nepal	SNV, Nepal, Rem Neefjes, rneefjes@snvworld.org	M&E Specialist	(SNV/DGIS) Facilitate evaluation of 8 programs: WASH (2), Renewable Energy (3), Social Inclusion Research(1), and value chain development(3) for tea, cardamom, chiuri, apple, vegetable seed, domesticated forest products
08/2010-02/2011	Nepal	Danish Red Cross, Anders Skjelmoose, ans@drk.dk	Evaluation Team Leader	(DANIDA) Evaluation of Community Development Programme (CDP), a Nepal Red Cross programme in hill and plains districts: health, WASH, horticulture, hydropower, income generation and organizational development
01/2010-09/2010	Nepal	Asian Development Bank, hwoldring@adb.org	Social Development & Safeguards	(ADB) Preparation HIMALI High Mountain Agribusiness and Livelihood Improvement Project (livestock, agriculture, NTFP). Responsible in design for gender equity, social inclusion, stakeholder participation
04/2010-08/2010	Sri Lanka	Danish Red Cross, John Entwistle, joed@drk.dk	Evaluation Team Leader	(DRC) End-of-Project Evaluation Community Based Disaster Management Program and Community Based Nutrition and Health Program implemented by Sri Lanka Red Cross in two Tsunami-affected eastern districts
10/2009-11/2009	Bangladesh	Transtec, Be, F. Bonollo, FBonollo@transtec.be	Team Leader	(EC) Phase III evaluation for the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility, a large multi-actor multi-sector peace building and economic development program implemented by UNDP, NGOs and government
08/2009-03/2010	Nepal	Finnish CG Group, Auli.Keinanen@fcg.fi	Poverty & Social Dev. Specialist	(ADB) Preparatory TA for Community Irrigation Program, an agriculture-based poverty reduction project. Responsible for targeting, service delivery approach and implementation process for poor communities
02/2009-06/2009	Nepal	Mission East, alessandra.radaelli@miseast.org	Rural Livelihoods Adviser	(MisEast) Development of sustainable agriculture and irrigation project implementation manual for food security projects in poor remote mountain areas (Karnali); NGO staff training
3/2009	Nepal	Danish Red Cross, Dk drcprep@mos.com.np	Evaluation Specialist	(DipECHO) Evaluate Community Multi-hazard Disaster Risk Reduction Program in urban and rural areas implemented by Nepal Red Cross Society (focus on earthquake and floods)
11/2008-01/2009	Bangladesh	Cardno Agrisystems, UK, Michael Gutteridge	Rural Development Specialist	(EC) Formulation of a Euro 24m food security program for ultra poor households in North West Bangladesh to be implemented by NGOs. Responsible for target group approach, agriculture and economic development aspects
09/2008-10/2008	Nepal	Finnish CG, Auli.Keinanen@fcg.fi	Social Safeguards Specialist	(ADB) Emerging Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Project preparation. Responsible for making approaches and service delivery models effective in social inclusion, gender equity and poverty reduction.
05/2008-08/2008	Nepal	Mission East, Dk Alessandra Radaelli	Rural Livelihoods Adviser	(MisEast) Review and backstopping for sustainable agriculture/NTFP and irrigation NGO program in remote mountain districts of Karnali zone. Develop agricultural extension approach and training material.
08/2006-03/2008	Nepal	Mercy Corps, US, John Stephens	Country Representative	(USAID; DipECHO; Phoenix Fund) country programme management; developed and managed projects for flood disaster risk reduction and disaster relief, youth peace building, youth livelihoods, value chain development
05/2006-06/2006	Nepal	Mercy Corps, US, John Stephens	Rural Development Consultant	(MC) Assessment of issues and potential intervention areas related to migration/refugees to India of poor and conflict-affected rural communities in Nepal
01/2006-03/2006	Bangladesh	Agrisystems, UK Michael Gutteridge	Team Leader	(EC) Phase II evaluation & Phase III formulation for the (UNDP-implemented) Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility, a peace building and (agriculture/livestock/forestry-based) economic development program
06/2005	Nepal	UMN/CDS, Nepal, Bal Krishna Maharjan	Rural Development Consultant	(Interact Sweden) Evaluation for local NGOs of Resource Management for Interdependency Development Programme; livelihoods and agriculture development for poor marginalised communities in Ramechhap district
01/2005-02/2005	Nepal	SOGREAH, France, Bernard Yon	Team Leader/Water Management Specialist	(EC) Appraisal (socio-economic, technical, environmental) of feasibility of Sikta, a large irrigation project proposal, and alternative irrigation and rural development proposals in conflict-affected Mid-Western Terai
06/2004-7/2006	Bangladesh	Northwest HC, Canada, Knut Oberhagemann	Social Development Adviser	(ADB) Jamuna Meghna River Erosion Mitigation Project. Intermittent. Development and backstopping of livelihoods development component and resettlement for erosion-affected poor
05/2004-06/2004	Nepal	DHV, Netherlands, John de Bresser	Social & Environment Specialist	(Worldbank) ToT and workshops for road engineers, contractors, local authorities & NGOs on social & environmental aspects of sustainable integrated road development
01/2004-02/2004	Vietnam	URS, UK, Dee Hartvigsen	Community Irrigation Specialist	(EC) Cao Bang Bac Kan Rural Development Project, a mountain agriculture, forestry and infrastructure development project. Review and advice for support programme for irrigation Water User Associations
12/2003	Nepal	ILO, Nepal, Peter Dalglis	Rural Dev. Planner	(ILO) International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour; Formulate rural anti-child trafficking projects
06/2003	Nepal	SNV NL, van Schoubroeck	Planner	(DGIS) Biodiversity Sector Project Siwalik-Terai, a forestry project. Restructure project set-up and prodoc
04/2003-06/2003	Vietnam	URS, UK, Dee Hartvigsen	Irrigation & Water Supply Specialist	(EC) Cao Bang Bac Kan Rural Development Project, a mountain agriculture, forestry and infrastructure development project. Agricultural, social and engineering backstopping irrigation and water supply component.

02/2003-03/2003	Vietnam	CDP, Netherlands, Piet Jan Zijlstra	Institutional Specialist	(SNV/ Netherlands Embassy) Institutional analysis and implementation set-up proposal for five proposed disaster mitigation projects (flood control and irrigation schemes) in central coastal Vietnam
08/2002-10/2002	Vietnam	URS, UK, Dee Hartvigsen	Community Irrigation Specialist	(EC) Cao Bang Bac Kan Rural Development Project; mountain agriculture, forestry and infrastructure development. Support improvement of targeting, design, O&M, WUA support of irrigation component.
05/2002-06/2002	Nepal	Arcadis Euroconsult, NL, Jos Houterman	Team Leader/ Rural Development	(EC) Final Evaluation Gulmi Arghakhanchi Rural Development Programme. Responsible for team coordination, development approach, agriculture, marketing, infrastructure, irrigation, soil conservation and conflict prevention
01/2002-03/2002	Bangladesh	GFA, Germany, Paul vd Poel, ppoel@gfa-terra.de	Team Leader / Water Mgt Specialist	(EC) Chittagong Hill Tracts Water Sector Programming Mission. Strategy proposal for EC development co-operation in CHT region; matching EC, country policy priorities and the area's economic and peace building needs
04/2001-09/2001	Nepal	NRI/CDP, Netherlands, Piet Jan Zijlstra	Socio-institutional Specialist	(EC) Bagmati Integrated Watershed Management Project, renewable natural resources development in five hill districts. Review and backstopping of people's participation, community organisations, local government, NGOs
02/2001-03/2001	India/B'desh	CDP, Netherlands, Piet Jan Zijlstra	Team Leader	(Ireland Aid) Donor Evaluation of sixteen urban and rural development grants (HIV/AIDS care, agriculture to cyclone risk management) to three INGOs (Concern, Christian Aid, GOAL) and their local partner NGOs
07/2000-03/2001	Bangladesh	CDP, Netherlands	Social & Indigenous People Specialist	(ADB) Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Development Plan. Mapping of indigenous people stakeholders and their post-conflict priorities, NGO assessments, consultation processes, social assessment for project proposals
10/1999-12/1999	Bhutan	CDP, Netherlands	Community Irrigation Specialist	(SNV/IFAD) Second Eastern Zone Agricultural Project; agriculture and livestock development. Review of national water sector policies and strategies; formulation of approach and workplan for irrigation component
1999-2001	Asia	CDP, Netherlands	South Asia Repres.	(CDP) Responsible for acquisition, proposal writing and support to projects and consultants in the region
10/1998-06/2000	Bangladesh	CDP, Netherlands	Institutional Development	(DGIS) Compartmentalisation Pilot Project. Review of pilot for integrated floodplain water management and flood control concept. Support development of policies and joint government-community O&M system
09/1998-02/1999	Bangladesh	CDP, Netherlands	Team Leader	(DGIS) Coastal Char Pre-feasibility Study, a multidisciplinary regional plan study for protection of five unprotected coastal development projects. Team coordination, agriculture, cyclone protection and social aspects.
03/1994-09/1998	Bangladesh, Netherlands	CDP- Consultants for Development Programs, Netherlands	Team Leader	(DGIS) Char Development and Settlement Project, coastal development. Management and approach development for water management, flood/ cyclone protection, WASH, DRR plans, landless settlement, agriculture & fisheries (including tender bid preparation and project preparation)
09/1992-04/1993	Netherlands	DGIS (Development Cooperation Ministry), NL	Consultant	(DGIS) Evaluation Study of the Bangladesh Flood Action Plan (FAP). Responsible for subjects of engineering, agriculture, fishery and environment
09/1991-03/1992	Nepal	SNV, Netherlands	Project formulator	(DGIS) Mechi Hill Development Programme-II. Coordinate studies, consultations, workshops & documents. Formulate and negotiate second phase project document
01/1987-09/1991	Nepal	SNV, Netherlands	Team Leader	(DGIS) Mechi (Hill Irrigation & Related Development) Programme with irrigation, WASH and agriculture through government. Management, approach development, technical supervision, monitoring and reporting
09/1986-10/1986	Bhutan	SNV, Netherlands	Technical specialist	(SNV) Country programme Identification Mission. Assess cooperation opportunities
08/1985-12/1986	Nepal	SNV, Netherlands	Formulator/ SNV Staff	(SNV) Appraise and prepare Mechi Programme. Support Country Office with other appraisals, evaluations.
08/1984-07/1985	Nepal	SNV, Netherlands	Project Engineer	(ILO/UNDP/WFP-World Food Programme) Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, Far West. Assist and supervise field team in planning & rehabilitation of 69 flood-damaged irrigation systems through food for work
09/1982-08/1984	Nepal	SNV (Netherlands Development Organisation)	Project Engineer	(ILO/DGIS) Terrace Irrigation Project, Far West Nepal. Assist and coordinate Regional Directorate irrigation team in planning, design, farmer mobilisation & construction work

16. Other relevant information (e.g. Publications)

- Sabbatical to write Birds of the Bagmati and Taudaha Area, Nepal, 2003-2016 (book); continue work on the same area's conservation efforts and supervision of student studies
- Support to earthquake response and recovery programmes in Dolkha, Dhading, Rasuwa, Gorkha as volunteer in Nepal (2015, 2016)
- Various: assistance and supervision to Wageningen Agricultural University students (BSc, PhD), University Assistant, Wageningen (4m, 1982), Mali and India: MSc student studies