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I worked in the field of international social work and international social development for the past 15+ years, participating in international projects with the Anglia Polytechnic University/Cambridge, UK, University of Umea - Sweden, Hogeschool Sittard/the Netherlands. I also coordinated an international site of the AU International Development Program for 5 years, and taught intensive courses in International Development, in Ukraine, Italy, Japan, Kenya and South Africa.

I worked as UNICEF consultant, in Romania, on studies focusing on violence against women/domestic violence (1998-2000), and was part of an evaluation team conducting a comprehensive external evaluation on the UNICEF Family Education Program in Romania (2000). Most recent UNICEF collaboration involved working on a UNICEF study on social protection, in Ghana (2011).

I also developed a career in higher education, and intend to continue working with students involved in international development and social work. One of the courses I teach has a study-abroad component attached - part of which I conducted educational trips into the Dominican Republic and Haiti for the past 4 years, with over 40 graduate students participating in these trips to date. Over the past 3 years I developed a collaboration with the Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs, teaching a Community Participation in Emergency Response course in Barcelona (2010, 2011) to humanitarian aid workers from around the world.

My goal is to get more involved and address women's issues as they affect development, globally. My special interest in this area is violence against women, and respectively comparative policies addressing violence against women. Also, I am interested in studying the composite issues affecting women asylum seekers/refugees, that are also victims of intimate partner violence. I am currently working on an article focusing on undocumented women victims of IPV in one specific region in the US.