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Professional profile

Giorgia is a consultant in Itad's Fragile and Conflict-Affected States Practice where she brings over 10 years of experience in international development and in the humanitarian sector. Her main areas of expertise and interest include qualitative research and analysis, monitoring and evaluation, conflict analysis and conflict-sensitive approaches to peacebuilding and development as well as state building, security sector reform and civil society development in FCAS, particularly in the Middle East.

Giorgia is currently a team member of the Itad-Altai MEL Units for the UK Government's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) in the Middle East and in Eastern Africa, providing monitoring, evaluation, research and learning support across a number of CSSF programmes, and Project Manager on the high-profile Evaluation of Sida Strategic Partnership for Humanitarian Assistance. Recent work includes being a core team member on the Evaluation of the UK support to the Palestinian Authority Security Sector and on the Evaluation of the Internal Security Programme in Jordan, also for the UK Government.

Before joining Itad, Giorgia worked for a variety of organisations operating in the field of international development and humanitarian aid, including the European Commission, OSCE/ODIHR, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a consulting company in Italy. She holds a MA in Conflict, Security and Development from King's College London.

Nationality Italian

Languages Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fair), Arabic (basic)

Country experience Albania, Belgium, Ethiopia, Kenya, Jordan, Norway, OPT, Sweden, United Kingdom

Education

2011	Advanced Diploma in Project Management for International Development University of Parma, Italy in cooperation with the NGO CESTAS.
2010 - 2011	Advanced Diploma in Effective Electoral Assistance ISPI International Relations School, Milan, and Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance, Brussels.
2007 – 2008	MA Conflict, Security and Development King's College London, UK.
2000 – 2006	Laurea degree in International Relations and Diplomacy (cum Laude) University of Bologna – Forlì Campus, Italy

Employment

2017 – Present	Consultant Itad, UK
2014 - 2017	Business Development Officer and Research Assistant Itad, UK
2012 - 2014	Business Development Administrator and Research Assistant Itad, UK
2011 - 2012	Business Development Assistant Soges SpA, Italy
2011	OSCE / ODIHR Short Term Observer, Administrative elections, Albania Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and OSCE/ODIHR
2010	International aid/cooperation assistant (intérimaire), Horn of Africa Cluster European Commission, Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO), Brussels.
2009 - 2010	Blue Book Trainee, occupied Palestinian Territory (oPT) and Lebanon Desk European Commission, Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO), Brussels
2006	Intern Consulate General of Italy, Jerusalem

Project experience

2019 – Present	Evaluation of Sida's strategic partnership for Humanitarian Assistance Role: Project Manager and Core Team Support Client: Sida Location: UK, Sweden and South Sudan Sida is currently working with a variety of humanitarian strategic partners to deliver its humanitarian assistance worldwide. Itad has been contracted to undertake an evaluation of Sida's current strategic partners as well as five new organisations Sida may enter into a future strategic partnership with. The objective of the evaluation is to assess the competency of the current strategic partners and the new organisations; their reliability to deliver high quality humanitarian assistance across a range of contexts;
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and their ability to be adaptive and flexible and, thus, offer Sida added strategic value beyond the delivery of specific humanitarian assistance. The evaluation will generate evidence on the organisations' performance to enable Sida to make decisions in relation to its forthcoming Humanitarian Strategy 2021–2025. Giorgia is supporting the core team with the document review and will participate in one country visit (South Sudan) and support with data analysis and drafting of the final report. She is also the key focal point in Itad for day-to-day management of the evaluation and is working closely with the team leader on evaluation planning and delivery.

2019 - date

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Global Mine Action Programme (GMAP) 2

Role: Consultant | Client: DFID | Location: UK (desk based)

Itad has been retained by DFID to monitor and evaluate the Global Mine Action Programme 2 (GMAP2). We successfully delivered the M&E contract for GMAP1, providing continuous reliable and robust monitoring and evaluation services to DFID from 2016 to 2018. GMAP2 continues the work of reducing the humanitarian and development impact of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). The expected results include making safe 150 km² land, enabling 800,000 people to live their lives free from the threat of mines and helping 100,000 adults and children to understand the dangers of landmines. GMAP2 will build the capacity of regional and national demining authorities based on their priorities, including improving information and risk management systems and increase the effectiveness of local management. Giorgia recently co-led the Yemen country study of the formative evaluation of GMAP 2 which looked at strategic relevance, delivery arrangements and likelihood of effectiveness of the programme in Yemen. She also contributed to a research piece that seeks to better understand the linkages between mine action and longer-term development change.

2016 - date

Middle East CSSF Monitoring Evaluation and Learning

Role: Consultant / M&E Support | Client: UK Government | Location: UK, Jordan and OPT

Itad has been contracted by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to lead a consortium to deliver Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) services for the CSSF in the Middle East. The CSSF is a multi-year funding mechanism which supports the UK Government's work in addressing conflict and fragility globally.

Giorgia is a team member of the Itad-Altai MEL Unit and provides ongoing technical inputs to various monitoring, evaluation and research assignments. She is currently working with the Middle East Peace Process programme team to update and improve their project and programme-level results frameworks. She recently was a core team member on the Evaluation of the UK support to the Palestinian Authority Security Sector and on the Evaluation of the Internal Security Programme in Jordan.

2015 - ongoing

Provision of Monitoring & Evaluation Services for the Conflict, Stability & Security Fund in Eastern Africa

Role: Consultant / M&E Support | Client: UK Government | Location: UK, Kenya and Ethiopia

Itad has been contracted by the UK FCO to deliver monitoring and evaluation services across UK CSSF programmes in East Africa.

Giorgia's work to date includes, among other things: producing a research piece on military capabilities of African national forces and peacekeeping missions to inform policy discussions and decision on UK military engagement in the region; updating programmes' results frameworks; drafting short case stories on UK political access and influence initiatives in the region; supporting a review of achievements and lessons from CSSF-funded activities to tackle illegal wildlife trade in East Africa; supporting the development of an innovative M&E system for the British Peace Support Team to assess the value of its training activities; conducting research on illegal charcoal trade in Somalia to inform evaluation design.

2017

Evaluation of UNHCR's role as Cluster Lead Agency for the Global Protection Cluster

Role: Online Survey Coordinator and Analyst | Client: UNHCR | Location: UK (desk based)

Itad conducted an evaluation of UNHCR's role in leading the Global Protection Cluster (GPC), focussing on UNHCR's performance as Cluster Lead Agency (CLA) at both global and country levels. The evaluation focused on exploring how the protection clusters at country level are supported by the GPC, and what lessons can be learned by UNHCR from its role as CLA in the field. The evaluation examined the achievements and challenges of the cluster at global and field level with regard to coordination, capacity building, support to the field and mainstreaming protection, and looked at achievements against the 2012-15 GPC strategy as well as provide recommendations of relevance to the current 2016-19 strategy. Giorgia coordinated this survey in three languages (English, French and Spanish) targeted at all active protection clusters and undertook an analysis of the results that helped strengthen the evidence base.

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- 2017** **Independent Evaluation Manager for the Mobilising for Development Programme (M4D) in Nigeria, 2017**
Role: Research Assistant | Client: DFID | Location: UK (desk based)
The overarching objective of M4D is to help increase progress towards the MDGs in Nigeria. In order to achieve this, M4D aims to make policy-makers and service providers more accountable and responsive to citizens. Itad was contracted by GRM on behalf of DFID to manage the impact evaluation of the programme. Giorgia supported the evaluation team with the analysis of in-depth interviews and focus group discussions' write-ups for a case study on people with disabilities.
- 2015** **Independent Evaluation of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH)**
Role: Research Assistant | Client: Norad | Location: UK and Norway
This was the first ever evaluation of the TIPH and the purpose was to assess the performance of the TIPH against the objectives in the mandate, addressing outcomes and possible impact, and to put forward recommendations on how to improve the performance of the TIPH within the scope of the mandate. Giorgia analysed over 30 Periodic Reports produced by TIPH between 2006 and 2014 which contain data on incidents and violations by Israelis and Palestinians in Hebron and produced a detailed analysis of the trends on the ground over the period under scrutiny. This analysis was included in the final report as an annex.
- 2015** **State Accountability and Voice Initiative (SAVI) in Nigeria**
Role: Research Assistant | Client: DFID | Location: UK (desk based)
Giorgia provided support to the team by analysing and quality assuring the findings of focus group discussions held in the state of Zamfara on topics like state governments' inclusiveness and responsiveness, CSOs accountability and transparency, media freedom and professionalism. This work was used by the team to write a report summarising the main findings from the SAVI Governance Index end-line Assessments conducted in Zamfara State in August 2015.
- 2014** **Evaluation of Danish Humanitarian Strategy 2012-2015**
Role: Online Survey Coordinator and Analyst | Client: Danida | Location: UK (desk based)
The purpose of the evaluation was to document results achieved by the Danish Strategy for Humanitarian Action during the 2012-2015 strategy period, as well as to learn lessons of what works and why with respect to implementation modalities, programme design and delivery, and linking relief and development in order to inform future strategy development. Giorgia coordinated a survey to collect additional data from Denmark's partners in the priority crises that were not included as case studies in the evaluation and conducted an analysis of the results that was integrated in the final report.
- 2013 - 2014** **Joint Evaluation of Budget Support in Mozambique**
Role: Research Assistant | Client: European Commission | Location: UK (desk based)
The objective of this evaluation was to assess to what extent the General Budget Support and Sector Budget Support in Mozambique achieved its expected results. The evaluation focused on the impact of budget support on governance and reform, economic growth and poverty reduction. Giorgia carried reviewed and summarised all the financing agreements signed by the 19 Programme Aid Partners (PAPs) and the Government of Mozambique, covering the period 2005 -2012. These summaries were included in the final report as an annex.
- 2013** **Evaluation of the Norwegian Aid Administration's systems and practices to ensure Evaluability of Norwegian Grants**
Role: Online Survey Coordinator | Client: Norad | Location: UK (desk based)
Giorgia supported the Team Leader in the preparation and coordination of a survey of planning and managing for results in grant management in the Norwegian Aid Administration, aimed at grant management staff in the Norwegian MFA, embassies and Norad. The main focus of the survey was on how and to what extent the current regulations and practices ensured evaluability of the interventions, including results measurement. The results of the survey were used for the final evaluation report. Giorgia supported the Team Leader in the preparation and coordination of a survey of planning and managing for results in grant management in the Norwegian Aid Administration, aimed at grant management staff in the Norwegian MFA, embassies and Norad. The main focus of the survey was on how and to what extent the current regulations and practices ensured evaluability of the interventions, including results measurement. The results of the survey were used for the final evaluation report.