

Senior Consultant

Professional profile

Jason has over 12 years of experience in international development, with a special focus on conflict, security, resilience and governance in fragile and conflict-affected environments. In particular, he has expertise in monitoring, evaluation, research, learning, knowledge management, and communications, working with on a number of large, high-value projects for bilateral and multilateral donors, developing expert skills in MEL to decipher programme influence and impact. He is highly skilled in creating, co-constructing and brokering development knowledge in order to influence policy and practice.

At present, Jason is the Learning Lead for the evaluation of FCO's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund's contracts as well as for the Monitoring and Evaluation of DFID's Global Mine Action II (GMAP II) Programme. He is also the Project Manager for the Strategy Communications Syria (CSSF) evaluation. Prior to this he also led a project in Nepal focusing on armed violence, leading the dissemination of project outputs through national Government, Media, UN, and NGO channels, as well as all 75 districts in Nepal. He has also recently the Learning and Advocacy Expert for a DFID-funded project on preparedness, response and resilience where he documented and analysed the project's learning to ensure that evidence was communicated to key audiences, as well as being the Knowledge and Learning Lead on a number of other DFID-funded programmes such as the DFID-ESRC Impact Initiative, the Global Open Knowledge Hub, the State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability programme in Nigeria, and a programme on mitigating violence.

Originally trained as a journalist, he has highly developed communication skills and is an expert in translating complex issues to varied audiences. Examples of his articles include a forthcoming paper on resilience to Hurricane Irma, a paper on humanitarian capacity in resilience, and a number of articles on conflict and violence. Jason is also an expert in capacity building, with experience in strengthening partners skills in research and analysis, strategic communications and mobilising learning.

Nationality British and Italian

Languages English (mother tongue), French (conversational), Italian (conversational), Hindi (conversational), Spanish (basic), Bangla (basic)

Country experience Bangladesh, Dutch Caribbean, Egypt, India, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Uganda

Education

2007	Postgrad. Dip., Peace & Reconciliation University of Coventry
1999	MA, Journalism Studies University of Westminster
1993	BA (Hons), English Literature University of Leeds

Employment

2018 - Present	Senior Consultant Itad Ltd., UK
2018	Research Associate King's College London (Centre for Integrated Research on Risk and Resilience), UK
2017 - 2018	Learning & Advocacy Officer (Humanitarian Team) Christian Aid, UK
2008 - 2016	Knowledge and Project Specialist (Governance, Conflict and Security) Institute of Development Studies, The University of Sussex, UK

Project experience

2018 - Present	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Global Mine Action II (GMAP II) Programme Role: Learning Lead Client: DFID Location: Multi-country Itad was contracted by DFID to provide Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) services to the GMAP and was later contracted for second programme. The purpose of GMAP II was to reduce the humanitarian and development impact of landmines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW). Jason is responsible for leading the learning for the project.
2018 - Present	CSSF East Africa, Middle East and North Africa Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Role: Learning Lead Client: FCO Location: Syria, Somaliland and UK

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Itad has been contracted by the FCO to lead a consortium to deliver MEL services for the CSSF in the Middle East and North Africa. The CSSF is a multi-year funding mechanism which supports the UK Government's work in addressing conflict and fragility globally. Jason is the learning lead across all three contracts and the Project Manager for the Strategy Communications project in Syria.

- 2018** **Building Back Better to Meet the SDGs**
Role: Researcher & Author | Client: King's College London | Location: UK
Lead author for academic paper looking at how resilience building can contribute to meeting the SDG goals – paper currently in peer review for journal publication.
- 2018** **Preparing for Extreme and Rare events in Coastal regions Programme**
Role: Lead Researcher | Client: EU | Location: Caribbean
Led research on civil society perspective on building resilient communities in Sint Maarten (Caribbean), as part of the EU-funded PEARL (Preparing for Extreme and Rare events in Coastal regions) programme.
- 2017 - 2018** **Linking Preparedness, Response and Resilience Project**
Role: Learning & Advocacy | Client: DFID | Location: UK
Captured, documented and analysed project learning and ensured evidence generated was communicated to target audiences to maximise uptake and impact. This involved writing core project outputs; organising, planning and facilitating learning events; and representing the project on panels at key external conferences. Heavily involved in the final analysis of the programme and donor reporting – wrote the Value for Money report and helping to design evaluation questionnaires. Conducted (and designed) the final project partner learning interviews and led on the attendant knowledge paper that was produced.
- 2015 - 2016** **DFID-ESRC Impact Initiative**
Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: DFID | Location: UK
Key support involved research synthesis, policy analysis, and employing a range of MEL tools and approaches to decipher behaviour change and impact
- 2013 - 2016** **Global Open Knowledge Hub**
Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: DFID | Location: UK
Key support involved research synthesis, policy analysis, and employing a range of MEL tools and approaches to decipher behaviour change and impact
- 2013** **State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability**
Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: DFID | Location: Nigeria
Content Management
- 2013** **Democratisation, Decentralisation and Local Government Network**
Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: SDC | Location: UK
Led on research uptake, stakeholder analysis and engagement.
- 2012 - 2016** **Addressing and Mitigating Violence**
Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: DFID | Location: UK
Co-led MEL on high-value, multi-country programme. Stakeholder analysis and engagement, research uptake and employed a range of qualitative and quantitative methods (surveys, questionnaires, data analysis) in order to capture learning, behaviour change, impact and influence.
- 2012 - 2013** **Democratic Policing of 2013 Kenya General Elections**
Role: Project Lead | Client: DFID | Location: Kenya
Built partner capacity in communications and led on research uptake and learning.
- 2012 - 2013** **Soul Beat Africa (Democratic Governance Portal)**
Role: Project Lead | Client: DFID | Location: Multi-country
Built partner capacity in communications and led on research uptake and learning.
- 2012 - 2013** **Right to Information in South Asia**
Role: Project Lead | Client: DFID | Location: Multi-country

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Built partner capacity in communications and led on research uptake and learning.

2011 - 2012

Armed Violence in Nepal

Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: DFID | Location: Nepal

Lead and initiated and designed project – activities included capacity building; research uptake and learning; research synthesis and policy analysis; workshop and launch event design; stakeholder analysis and engagement.

2011

Governance Assessment Portal

Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: UNDP | Location: UK

Research analysis and content management.

2010

Horizon Scanning (Non-conflict armed violence)

Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: CIDA | Location: UK

Research synthesis, policy analysis, research uptake.

2008 - 2013

Mobilising Knowledge for Development

Role: Knowledge and Learning Specialist | Client: DFID | Location: UK

Supported in-country knowledge intermediaries to increase knowledge sharing capacity. Included training in key MEL tools and project design and delivery, research synthesis, Research Uptake, Policy Analysis, Capacity Building (supporting Knowledge Intermediaries), Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement.

Selected publications

- UNESCO-IHE. (2018) Hurricane Irma Special Report: From Risk to Resilience - A Fact Finding and Needs Assessment Report in the Aftermath of Hurricane Irma on Sint Maarten. Delft: UNESCO-IHE. Forthcoming. (Contributing author).
- Collodi, J. et al (2018) How can the process of co-production support learning? Experiences from within a consortium project to build humanitarian capacity in preparedness and resilience; London: START Network
- Collodi, J. et al (2016) Reducing Violence in a Time of Global Uncertainty; Brighton: IDS
- Collodi, J. (2016) Addressing and Mitigating Violence: Uptake Strategy, Year Four Update; Brighton: IDS
- Collodi, J. (2014) External Stresses in West Africa: Cross-border Violence and Cocaine Trafficking; Brighton: IDS
- Collodi, J. et al (2013) Addressing and Mitigating Violence: Uptake Strategy; Brighton: IDS
- Mejia Acosta, A. and Collodi, J. (2013) Innovative Thinking and Practice in Local Governance; Brighton: IDS
- Collodi, J.; M'Cormack, F. (2010) Non-Conflict Armed Violence: Rethinking Models of Conflict and Conflict Resolution; Brighton: IDS
- Collodi, J.; M'Cormack, F. (2009) Population Growth, Environment and Food Security: What Does the Future Hold?; Brighton: IDS