

## Consultant

### Professional profile

Elisa Sandri is a consultant with substantial experience in monitoring, evaluation and research in the humanitarian sector and international development, with particular expertise on migration, forced displacement and humanitarian assistance. She is a MEL and research expert with experience designing and implementing evaluations using mixed methods, specialising in qualitative and participatory approaches. As an evaluator, she has worked with a range of clients like IOM, WFP, DFID and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Cross-cutting her work is a focus on the application of Ethics principles in evaluation, an area in which she has developed an extensive guidance, building on Itad's Ethics principles.

Elisa previously worked as a researcher for the Norwegian Refugee Council, the University of Sussex, Sport England and Mekong Migration Network. She has published peer-reviewed articles, conference papers and a book chapter based on her research on informal humanitarian aid for refugees in Northern France. She is a Research Associate at the University of Sussex and she regularly serves as a peer reviewer for academic journals that focus on forced migration. She is a trustee of the Hummingbird Refugee Project.

Elisa has an MA with distinction in Anthropology of Development from the University of Sussex and a BA in Social Anthropology from SOAS.

**Nationality** Italian

**Languages** English (fluent), Italian (fluent), French, Spanish

**Country experience** Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Kenya, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, UK, Vietnam

### Education

**2015 - 2016** **MA Anthropology of Development and Social Transformation (Distinction)**  
University of Sussex

**2009 - 2012** **BA Social Anthropology**  
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

### Employment

**2019 - Present** **Consultant**  
Itad Ltd, UK

**2016 - 2019** **Independent Consultant**  
Various Clients, Global

**2016** **Research and Advocacy Assistant**  
Mekong Migration Network, South East Asia

**2015 - Present** **Volunteer and Trustee**  
The Hummingbird Refugee Project, UK

**2015** **Research Assistant**  
Norwegian Refugee Council, Desk-based

**2013** **Intern**  
Oxfam, UK

### Project experience

**2020-2021** **Impact Evaluation of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Horn of Africa**

**Role:** Deputy Project Manager and evaluator | **Client:** IOM | **Location:** Horn of Africa

Itad has been contracted to conduct this flagship evaluation of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative in the Horn of Africa to assess the impact of reintegration activities with migrant returnees and to build M&E capacity of IOM. Activities performed included: leading qualitative research in Ethiopia; design of literature review approach; liaising with IOM on contractual and budget matters and ensuring the smooth delivery of the project.

**2019 - 2020** **Evaluation of the Agreement between the State and FMO**

**Role:** Evaluator | **Client:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs (The Netherlands) | **Location:** Global

Itad has been contracted to conduct an evaluation of FMO's policies, processes and practices to achieve development impact, additionality and mobilisation of private finance through its investments in developing countries including FCAS. Activities performed included: Contribution to the development of methodology

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for evaluation of FMO investments globally; lead case studies of investments in two countries; contribution to final report.

2017 - 2019

### **Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED and BRACED X)**

Role: Evaluator | Client: DFID | Location: Global

Itad was contracted by DFID to work with a consortium of partners as the Knowledge Manager (KM) for DFID's Building Resilience and Adapting to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) Programme. Activities included: case study field visits and collection of high-quality data for final report, writing of case study report with collected data, light-touch synthesis for relevant outcome indicators for the DFID Annual Review, quarterly policy reporting with implementing partners, triangulation of case study evidence with ODI's inputs.

2019

### **Impact Evaluation of the Samarth-Nepal Market Development Programme**

Role: Research Assistant | Client: DFID | Location: Nepal

Itad has been contracted to deliver an independent ex-post evaluation of Samarth-NMDP to enrich the global knowledge base of the effectiveness of market systems programmes. Activities included coding fieldwork notes and interviews using a coding framework, analysis of the coded data and production of a series of short synthesis documents highlighting key patterns in the data.

2018

### **Moving through school to Higher Education**

Role: Researcher | Client: University of Sussex | Location: UK

The research focused on the refugee students' experiences of arriving in, and moving through, the education system in the UK. Activities included: Research design, data collection, writing of final report, policy brief, coordination of Advisory Group with local stakeholders and project partners, recruitment, training and coordination of research assistants.

2017 - 2018

### **Refugee Integration Project**

Role: Research Officer | Client: Sport England | Location: UK

Monitoring and evaluation of the Refugee Integration Project at the Brighton Table Tennis Club. Activities included: Quantitative and qualitative research design, using participatory methods, data collection and data analysis, writing of mid-term and final reports, recruitment, training and management of researchers, presentation of research results to a variety of audiences.

2017 - 2018

### **Evaluation Management Unit for West Africa Food Markets Pilot Programme**

Role: Research Assistant | Client: DFID | Location: Desk-based

Activities included: Coding fieldwork notes for case studies, writing and editing case study reports for six case studies.

2017 - 2018

### **Strategic Evaluation of the World Food Programme's Support for Enhanced Resilience**

Role: Research Assistant | Client: WFP | Location: Desk-based

Activities included: Desk reviews, organising and managing a document library, interview analysis and collation of interview summaries for further analysis.

2015

### **Education in Emergency**

Role: Research Assistant | Client: Norwegian Refugee Council | Location: Desk-based

Research and M&E on Education in Emergency programme implemented by the Norwegian Refugee Council in Gambella (Ethiopia). Activities included: Desk research on ethnographic literature, writing briefs

## Selected publications

- Sandri, E. (2017) 'Volunteer Humanitarianism': Volunteers and Humanitarian Aid in the Jungle Refugee Camp of Calais, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 44(1): 65-80
- Sandri, E. and Bugoni, F. (2018) "Makeshift Humanitarians", *Humanitarian Action and Ethics*. Smith, J. & Ahmad, J. (eds.). London: Zed Books
- Doidge, M. and Sandri, E., 'Friends that last a lifetime': The Importance of Emotions Amongst Volunteers Working with Refugees in Calais, *British Journal of Sociology* [published online],
- Morrice, L. and Sandri, E. (2018) Improving Education for Refugee Background Students, University of Sussex, SLN:COP Innovation Fund