

Byron Pakula, Principal Consultant

Overview of Expertise

Byron has gathered a broad array of professional experience working for government, private and not for profit sectors internationally and in Australia for over 17 years. He has worked across much of Asia as a program manager, evaluator and consultant. Byron specialises in design, monitoring and evaluation, with emphasis on strategic reviews, organisational performance management systems, value for money, program design and impact evaluation. Byron has worked in sectors including economic development, agriculture, natural resource management, disaster preparedness, humanitarian response, education and across multi-sector programs. Byron has consulted for around eight years, worked for NGOs for over seven years including as a Country Director, and has also worked in the research and public policy field within Bangladesh for the Centre for Policy Dialogue and the Victorian Department of Primary Industries.

Qualifications & Training

- 2010 Postgraduate Certificate of International Environmental Law and International Relations, Macquarie University.
- 2005 Masters of International Development, Monash University.
- 2002 Bachelor of Commerce (Economics, Honours). University of Melbourne.

Project Experience

Strategic Advisory Services

Byron's most recent strategic advisory services for design, monitoring, evaluation and learning:

- PNG Economic and Social Infrastructure Program – Clear Horizon MEL Director, Cardno and DFAT PNG, 2019-current.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Specialists (Education) – Clear Horizon Team Leader, Myanmar, DFAT, 2018-current.
- Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Director for *Skills Employment and Migration* – Clear Horizon MEL Director, Nepal, Louis-Berger and DFID, 2018-current.
- Quality and Investment Support Service – Clear Horizon Team Leader, Nauru, DFAT, 2017-Current.
- Monitoring and Evaluation House – Clear Horizon MEL Advisor, Timor Leste, DFAT, 2017-current.
- Quality and Investment Support Service – Clear Horizon Team Leader, ASEAN and Mekong, DFAT, 2016-current.
- Quality and Investment Support Service – Clear Horizon Team Leader, Australian Embassy Indonesia, DFAT, 2016-current.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Support Service for *Partnership for Knowledge-Based Poverty Reduction and Local Solutions to Poverty*, World Bank Indonesia, 2017-current

- Australian-Asian Partnership Against Trafficking In Persons – Trusted M&E Advisor, Cardno / DFAT, 2016-current

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Systems

Byron has lead the development of the following MEL systems for partners, including recently:

- ASEAN-Australia Smart Cities Trust Fund, Design Peer Review, DFAT, 2019.
- Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program (SIAP2), ADB (design review and MEL), 2019.
- Myanmar Education Quality Investment Program, Cardno/DFAT, 2018 (review and quality assurance only).
- Investing in Women, M&E Framework Review, Abt JTA / DFAT, 2018.
- The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South East Asia, 2017-18.
- Public Financial Management, Cardno / DFAT Timor Leste, 2017 (review and QA only).
- TOMAK, Adam Smith International / DFAT Timor Leste, 2017 (review and QA only).
- Partnership for Human Development, Abt JTA / DFAT Timor Leste, 2017 (review and QA).
- Developing Results Measurement System for Pulse Lab Jakarta, UNDP, 2016-17.
- Pacific Policing Development Program, Attorney General's Office, 2017.

Research, Reviews and Evaluations

Byron has undertaken research, reviews and evaluations across a spectrum of development sectors:

- Australia NGO Cooperating Partners, Data Quality and M&E Review, DFAT 2017-18.
- Australia-Indonesia Partnership Rural (AIP-Rural), Peer review of Design, DFAT, 2017.
- Infrastructure Strategic Review; Education Strategic Review; and Public Sector Reform Strategic Review, DFAT Nauru, 2018 (ongoing).
- Economic and Inclusive Growth Options Paper, DFAT ASEAN Bangkok, 2017.
- Evaluation of Cross Cutting Issues (Gender, Environment and Human Rights), New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2016.
- Evaluation of Strengthening Pacific Partnership and Vakameasina: Worker Training Initiative, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2016.
- Baseline of World Bank's Jordan Emergency Services and Social Resilience Project, World Bank / UK Department of Foreign Investment and Development, 2015
- Comprehensive Food Security and Monitoring Exercise in Jordan during the Syrian Crisis, World Food Program, 2015
- Evaluating the Effect of the Syrian Refugee Crisis on the Stability and Resilience in Jordanian Host Communities, Foreign Commonwealth Office, 2014
- Assessment of the Needs and Humanitarian Situation within Syria: Thematic Situational Analysis Report (Monthly), UNOCHA, 2014
- Prioritising Community Support Projects from the Syrian Refugee Crisis on the Stability and Resilience in Jordanian Host Communities, Foreign Commonwealth Office, 2014
- Rapid Multi Sector Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Host Communities of Kurdistan Regional of Iraq, UNHCR, 2013

- Evaluation of Building Resilience Through Asset Creation and Enhancement program of WFP, UK Department of Foreign Investment and Development / World Food Program, 2013.
- Lessons Learned: Extending Socio Economic Mapping into Local Governance to Mitigate Conflict, USAID Office of Transition Initiatives / United States Institute of Peace / ACTED, 2012
- Assessment and Evaluation of DIPECHO funded Building Resilience of Rural Communities to Disasters in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, European Commission and ACTED, 2012
- Socio Economic Mapping of Tensions and Disputes in Southern Kyrgyzstan, USAID Office of Transition Initiatives / IMPACT Initiatives, 2011
- Biosecurity: Wicked Problems, Wicked Solutions, Wicked Evaluations, Australasian Evaluation Society, 2010
- Evaluation of Community Recovery & Shelter Reconstruction Partnership, International Federation of the Red Cross / UN Habitat, Sri Lanka 2007
- Evaluation of the Indirect Impacts of Tsunami-Aid from Foreign Development Agencies in Sri Lanka, *Discussion Paper*, Oxfam Australia, Sri Lanka, March 2006
- Economic and Policy Background Paper on Regional Integration in Preparation of South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation, Dhaka Bangladesh, 2005

Positions held

Feb 2016–Current	Principal Consultant, Clear Horizon.
Jun 2011–Sep 2015	Country Director, ACTED (Jordan, Kyrgyzstan)..
Jun 2011–Sep 2015	Global Assessment and Evaluation Specialist, IMPACT Initiatives.
Sep 2007–Jun 2011	Senior Consultant, Roberts Evaluation.
Jun 2006–Jul 2007	Planning Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting Delegate, Australian Red Cross (Sri Lanka).
Jun 2005–Jun 2006	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Oxfam Australia (Sri Lanka).
Jun 2004–Mar 2005	Economist and Policy Researcher / Australian Youth Ambassador for Development, Centre for Policy Dialogue (Bangladesh).
Jan 2003–Jun 2004	Economist, Victorian Department of Primary Industries.

Memberships

Australasian Evaluation Society.