

Profiles

UNITAR Hiroshima South Sudan Fellowship on
Entrepreneurship and Project Planning – 2018 Cycle



Fellows (in alphabetical order by first name)



Rita Chol JAL (Ms.)

Second Secretary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Ms. Jal completed Primary School to bachelor's degree in Kenya. Currently, she is working in the Protocol and Training Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as a Second Secretary under the Ministry.

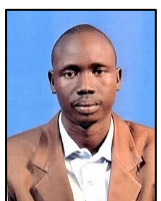


Akim John Michael Taban MOGGA (Mr.)

Human Resource Officer

Ministry of Labour, Public Service and Human Resource Development

Mr. Mogga acquired Diploma in Human Resource Management from (NIMSa-UG) in 2009. He has been working in the Ministry of Labour, Public Service and Human Resource Development as a Human Resource Officer for 9 years. He does not have any professional membership, but he is hopeful to get such opportunity in the future.



James Mangar Agok MARIAL (Mr.)

Police Officer

Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration, Ministry of Interior

Mr. Marial completed primary school in Yei River State in 2002 and secondary school in Kampala, Uganda in 2006. He completed bachelor's in mass communication and Journalism in 2015. Currently, he is working as a Police Officer at the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration.



Agak Kuol LUAL (Mr.)

Assistant Inspector of Budget

Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning

Mr. Lual had completed high schools and formal education in Kenya. He completed Diploma in Public Relations in 2015 from University of Bahr El-Ghazal, South Sudan. He also completed B.Sc. in Economics. He has been working as Assistant Inspector of Budget in Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning since 2007.



Latjor Kueth Jal DAR (Mr.)

Legal Counsellor

Business Registry Department, Ministry of Justice

Mr. Dar had graduated from Al-neelain University in South Sudan in 2003. He previously worked in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. He has been working as a Legal Counsellor and Legal Advisor for state Legislative Assembly at Business Registry Department for the legal requirement for the registration of the companies for 4 years.



Aliandro Lotok PAUL (Mr.)

Assignment Editor

South Sudan Broadcasting Corporation (SSBC), Ministry of Information

Mr. Paul accomplished BA in communication in 2016. He also has Diploma in Communication and Public Relations. Currently, he is working as an Assignment Editor at South Sudan Broadcasting Corporation (SSBC). Prior to join SSBC, he served Equatoria Community in Kenya as a Chairperson (2006-2007) and South Sudan's Students Association in Kenya as a President (2016-2017). He has been writing, reporting, editing and anchoring in addition to his regular tenure and he is interested in training and developing new journalists in South Sudan.



Linda Ragaya Samson BARIPA (Ms.)

Tutor

Amadi Rural Development Institute, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security

Ms. Baripa accomplished bachelor's degree in Sociology and Political Science from Catholic University in Nairobi in 2007. She works as the Tutor in Amadi Rural Development Institute. Additionally, she is affiliated as the secretary in the Church Council and Assistant Chairperson in the Development Committee. She teaches and empowers women leaders in small business, handicrafts, health and hygiene and WASH and gender related programs.



Ponieta George Lumori WANI (Ms.)
Public Health Officer
Department of HIV/AIDS, State Ministry of Health

Ms. Wani accomplished graduate from Ahfad University for Women, School of Health Sciences, Department of Public Health. Currently, she is working as a Public Health Officer in the State Ministry of Health, particularly on the issues of public health and HIV/AIDS. She focuses in public awareness and helping the community to protect themselves from the HIV/AIDS through preventive measures, counseling and testing.



Tombe Charles ZACHARIA (Mr.)
Associate Lecturer
University of Juba & Anti-corruption Commission

Mr. Zacharia completed a master's degree in Local Governance and Human Rights from Uganda Martyrs University in Uganda. Currently, he is working in Anti-Corruption Commission for corruption preventive services. He also holds an Associate Lecturer position in the University of Juba. He is also experienced in organizing, conducting and facilitating workshops, seminars, conferences and public lectures.



Flora Edward JADA (Ms.)
Environmental Officer
Department of Environment and Solid Waste Management, Juba City Council

Ms. Jada completed a Diploma in Natural Resources Management from the University of Juba, the College of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, Department of Natural Resources Management in 2013. She has been working as an Environmental officer in the Department of Environment and Solid Waste Management for 4 years.



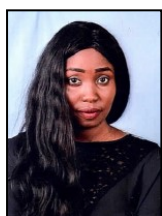
Margaret Victor Keri WANI (Ms.)
Secretary and Office Assistant
Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO)

Ms. Wani accomplished Bachelor's degree of Laws (LLB) from University of Juba in 2015. Prior to join the CEPO, she worked with South Sudan Human Rights Documentation Initiative (SSHRDI) as an Interviewer and also in the Rotract Club of University of Juba as an Assistant Treasurer. She also worked as a Legal Assistant at the Gabriel Law Firm.



Awate Betty Sebit MIKAYA (Ms.)
Finance Officer
Eve Organization for Women Development

Ms. Mikaya completed Diploma in Banking and Finance and also holds a Certificate in Business Administration from Kampala International University, Uganda. She has been managing accounts and reconciling the reports to the donors and partners with accountability. Prior to join this organization, she worked as finance officer in Norwegian Peoples Aid in Yei for 3 years.



Monica Nyakenya Keah RUACH (Ms.)
GBV Project Assistant
Universal Intervention and Development Organization (UNIDO)

Ms Ruach is committed and open-minded person eager to learn new things that are helpful to the society. She completed her secondary education and learned computer application. She has been actively participating in youth forums and community interactions for Peace and Reconciliation in South Sudan. Currently, she is working as a GBV project assistant for the UNIDO.



Maker Thiongkol Manyang THUC (Augustine) (Mr.)
Humanitarian Worker
Universal Intervention and Development Organization (UNIDO)

Mr. Thuc (Augustine) completed his secondary education in Uganda. He obtained a Diploma in business administration (General Management) at Methodist University, Kenya. He also completed bachelor's degree in Business Administration there. Prior to joining the UNIDO, he worked in various institutions within South Sudan in the field of management, business, administrative and leadership.



Bulis Nguak Deng MATHET (Mr.)

Deputy Secretary

User Committee for Aweil Civic Engagement, Help Restore Youth South Sudan

Mr. Mathet accomplished bachelor's in law (LLB) from University of Juba. He worked as a legal officer for the project of Access to Justice and Rule of Law (2015-2016), Program Manager for Department of Governance and Stabilization (2017-2018), also engaged in many projects related to Peace Building, Community Peace and Social Cohesion. Currently, He is a Deputy Secretary of User Committee for Aweil Civic Engagement Center funded by USAID and run by Democracy International (DI).

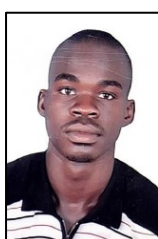


Rose Keji Benjamin LUKENYI (Ms.)

Reporter

Juba Monitor Newspaper

Ms. Luyenki Benjamin graduated with a Diploma in Communication and Public Relation from the University of Juba in 2017. She also obtained a Diploma in Finance Management from Makerere Business Institute (MBI), Uganda. She is a journalist working in the Juba Monitor Newspaper since 2016. She also worked at SSBC TV. She is a single mother with a boy and a girl.



Tukube Emmanuel Henry KENYI (Mr.)

Field Facilitator/Extension Specialist

South Sudan Agricultural Producers Union (SSAPU)

Mr. Kenyi completed Bachelor of Science in agriculture and Diploma in crop production and management. Currently, he is working in SSAPU as field facilitator/extension specialist. Prior to hold this position, he worked as Agronomist/Associate Business Advisor (ABA) in Technoserve South Sudan Yei and Food Security and Livelihood Officer in Zoa South Sudan, Lainya.



Liya Charles Batali BARABA (Ms.)

Finance Assistant

South Sudan Women Entrepreneurs Association

Ms. Baraba completed basic education from Uganda and acquired Diploma in Accounting. She is currently working as a Finance Assistant for South Sudan Women Entrepreneurs Association and also undertaking some financial training organized by the Association as per the request. She initially joined the Association as an intern and later employed as a staff. She is learning business management skills.



Santa Jima Justin ALI (Ms.)

Lecturer

College of Law, University of Juba

Ms. Ali recently completed master's degree in law. She currently works as a Lecturer in the University of Juba, College of Law. She also works as an Advocate and Legal Consultant at the law firm since 2008



Peter Kuot Jel AKOON (Mr.)

Managing Director & Lecturer

University of Juba

Mr. Akoon completed Master of Science in Global Management in 2016 and Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration in 2013. He accomplished Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering as well. He worked as Managing Director in Equator Guest House (2008-2012) in Juba prior to the current position of Lecturer and Managing Director. He also worked as Resident Engineer for Road Construction, World Food Programme.

Coaches and Mentors



Emmanuel Ayume BENJAMIN (Mr.)
Head of Diplomatic Affairs
Office of the President

Mr. Benjamin is the Head of Diplomatic Affairs in the Office of the President. He previously was the Head of the Consular Section in the Government of South Sudan Mission to Belgium and the European Union in Brussels. He graduated with a B. ED. (SC) from the University of Juba, and a M.S. in Educational and Training System Design from the University of Twente, Netherlands. He completed his GCE at the University of London.



Marial Luk Lueth DUANY (Mr.)
Deputy Director
Ministry of Education

Mr. Duany graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Teacher Education from Kyambogo University, Uganda, and has a Certificate in Education Management and Administration from KCA University, Kenya. He began working for the Ministry of Education in 2005 and is currently a deputy director.



Christina Pita LUKUDU (Ms.)
Legal Practitioner
Ministry of Justice

Ms. Lukudu graduated with a Bachelors of Law (LLB) from Khartoum University. She acquired her Bar Examination Certificate from the Bar Association of Khartoum, Sudan. She is working as a legal practitioner, drafter and prosecutor in the National Ministry of Justice, Sudan. She has been working on human rights, women and child rights, issues surrounding violence against women, and in legislative drafting with a specific focus on gender sensitive legislation for more than six years.



Shadrach Chol Buoi MAGOK
Diplomat
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Mr. Magok has Bachelor of Art degree in Economics from Kampala International University, Republic of Uganda. Currently he is working as a Diplomat, with the rank of third secretary, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of South Sudan. He is also a member of the Council of National Youth Union.



Veronica Igale MONOJA
Executive Director
Chambers of Women Entrepreneurs – Education Foundation for Children

Ms. Monoja has a Master of Arts in International Relations, with a focus on Peace and Conflict, from the United States International University – Africa. Currently she is executive director of Education Foundation for Children.

South Sudan Mentors and Resource Persons



Viana Victor Leju KATO (Ms.)

First Secretary and Deputy Director
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Ms. Kato is the First Secretary and the Deputy Director in the Office of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. She graduated with honours in Rural Extension, Education, and Development from Ahfad University for Women, Sudan, and holds a M.A. in Managing Peace and Security in Africa from the Institute of Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.



Grace John Kenyi GERI (Ms.)

Program Assistant
Community Empowerment for Progress Organization

Ms. Geri holds a Diploma in Community Studies and Rural Development from Juba University. She is currently working as a Program Assistant for Advocacy and Lobby in the Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO). She is the chairperson for the youth group national platform for peace and reconciliation. She has experience managing projects such as a UN Women project on empowering war-affected women and girls and projects enhancing non-state actors' capacity for development in South Sudan.



Hakim Monykuer AWUOK (Mr.)

Deputy Director of Resolutions
Ministry of Cabinet Affairs

Mr. Awuok holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Kampala International University, Uganda. He is currently a member of the African Association of Public Administration and Management. He has 12 years of work experience with the Government of South Sudan. He served with the Ministry of Education and Instructions. Currently he is a deputy director of resolutions in the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs.



Rose John Mabu PANZA (Ms.)

Lecturer
University of Juba

Ms. Panza attended the Catholic University of South Sudan and received a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Economics and Business Administration. She earned M.A. Degree in Secondary Education at Indiana University in the United States. Currently, she serves as a Lecturer at the University of Juba in the department of English Language. Additionally, Rose worked as a primary school teacher before joining the University. She also attended several business-oriented courses, including ones on entrepreneurship. She received an award for a business plan proposal in her final year at the Catholic University of South Sudan.

International Mentors



Musa KAMAWI (Mr.)

Human Resources Director

Ministry of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Mr. Kamawi has a Master's in Public Administration from IMS Peshawar University, augmenting his degree in Political Science. He currently acts as human resources director at the Ministry of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He is the first and only UNITAR Honorary Faculty Member selected from Afghanistan in 2011. Presentations delivered in this role have included those focused on the Role of Human Resources Management in the Public Sector, as well as those examining project implementation in Afghanistan, using real-world examples. He has delivered numerous training workshops and seminars, as well as mentoring and training professionals from both the private and public sectors. He has received several notable awards and certificates throughout his career, including recognition from the Minister of Finance and the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. As a graduate of the programme, and having served as Fellow, Coach, and Afghan Resource Person, he has a unique insight into the structure and development of the programme over time. He has developed several glossaries for the Fellowship Programme and continues to be a strong supporter of UNITAR within the region.



Murtaza NOORI (Mr.)

Senior Administrator / Finance Manager

Afghanistan Rural Access Project (ARAP)

Mr. Noori completed an Executive master's in business administration in 2013 at the Indian School of Business Management and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Peshawar University in 2008. He has about 10 years of experience in administration, finance, procurement, and HR for community-based development projects. He currently works as senior administrator and finance manager at the Afghanistan Rural Access Project (ARAP). His working experience includes administrator of human resources and finance coordinator for the UNOPS National Emergency Rural Access Project (NERAP).



Sabahuddin SOKOUT (Mr.)

Training Associate

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Hiroshima Office

Mr. Sokout is the UNITAR Training Associate and Focal Point in Afghanistan. Prior to this, he was administration and finance officer at the Baz Construction Unit for Rehabilitation of Afghanistan (BCURA) and liaison officer of foreign affairs in the Academy of Science of Afghanistan. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics of Kabul University in 1997. He has taken part in many training courses on computers, accounting, planning, and environmental issues. As a 2005 Cycle Fellow, he worked on the project to develop a questionnaire for conducting a benchmark survey for irrigation projects in four provinces for the BCURA. He joined the UNITAR Hiroshima Fellowship for Afghanistan as a Fellow in 2005, as a Coach in 2006 and 2007, and as an Afghan Resource Person in 2008.



Freshta YOUSUFI

Monitoring and Evaluation Deputy Director

Afghanistan Land Authority

Ms. Yousufi is a Monitoring and Evaluation Deputy Director for the Afghanistan Land Authority. Previously, she worked as an International Training Coordinator / Trainer for the Higher Education Project. She is currently studying a undergraduate program at the American University of Afghanistan. She also holds an International Certificate in Supply Management with The Chartered Institute of Supply Management.

**Mina NAIKMAL (Ms.)**

Human Resources Specialist-FSP project, Internal Audit Directorate
Ministry of Finance

Ms. Naikmal graduated with B.A. degree in Science from Kabul University in 2012, currently MBA student with American University of Afghanistan and a Diploma in Project Management Professionals (PMP). She has been working with Ministry of Finance since March 2016 in technical positions currently as Human Resources Specialist. She has more than Seven-year work experience with both governmental and non-governmental sectors. She is voluntarily supporting the Women for Peace and Participation Organization, to boost the role and participation of Afghan women in peace development.

**Hamdullah HAMDARD (Mr.)**

Technical Adviser for Urban Development High Council
Ministry of Urban Development Affairs

Mr. Hamdard got his Master's Degree in Public Policy from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan in 2015 and Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Faculty of Economics, Kabul University in 2009. He was one of the UNITAR Fellows in 2012 that inspired the whole batch with his active participation and constructive contribution to the program. He currently works full time as Technical Adviser for Urban Development High Council with Ministry of Urban Development Affairs, and previously worked as Sr. Policy Advisor with USAID Promote: Women in the Economy in Kabul, Afghanistan. Besides, he has been working as Resource Person (Faculty Member) for Afghanistan with UNITAR since January 2017 and International Mentor with UNITAR since June 2018. Moreover, Mr. HAMDARD is Deputy Political Committee of ADALAT PARTY in Afghanistan. He joined the political party after completion of his graduate studies in Japan and on his return to Kabul in September 2015. He has represented ADALAT PARTY in various conferences such as Peace Conference held in Kabul Intercontinental Hotel in 2017. Mr. Hamdard is also active as Policy, Good Governance and Political Affairs Analyst with both national and international media in Afghanistan.

**Habibullah AZMAT (Mr.)**

Human Resources department of National Procurement Authority (NPA) Administrative
Office of the President

Habibullah Azmat holds Master degree in Development Policies and Practices from Graduate institute of Geneva, Switzerland and has done his bachelors from BUIITEMS university Pakistan majoring in human resource management. He has been working with different organizations in the field of human resources management. Currently Mr Azmat is leading the Human Resources department of National Procurement Authority (NPA) Administrative Office of the President (AOP). He has been affiliated with UNITAR fellowship program since 2014 and has served in different capacities.

UNITAR Hiroshima Office Staff



Mihoko KUMAMOTO (Ms.)

Director

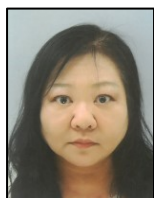
Ms. Kumamoto has over 18 years of professional experience in the development cooperation field and has been with the United Nations for 13 years. Ms. Kumamoto started her career at Kyushu Electric Power Company in Japan where she coordinated training programmes and while there, she discovered that her passion was in helping people to help themselves, specifically through human development and development cooperation. After six years, Ms. Kumamoto left the company and moved to New York to earn her Masters in Economic Development at Columbia University. In 2001, she joined the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and served its Vietnam Country Office as Junior Professional Officer. In 2003, she moved to the Bureau for Development Programme of UNDP Headquarters in New York and led various signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2011, Ms. Kumamoto worked for UNDP Multi-Country Office for Samoa, the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau as Assistant Resident Representative for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, the Environment and Climate Change. After the assignment, she re-joined UNDP Headquarters, and in 2012, Ms. Kumamoto moved to Jakarta to serve UNDP Indonesia as a Senior Advisor. Ms. Kumamoto holds a bachelor's Degree in Psychology from West Virginia University and a Master's Degree in International Affairs from Columbia University. She is a PhD candidate at Kyoto University on climate change and sustainable development.



Berin MCKENZIE (Mr.)

Senior Specialist

Mr. McKenzie graduated with a B.A. degree in Japanese from New Zealand's Canterbury University in 1998, and a B.A. (Hons.) and M.A. in International Relations from the Department of Political Studies at Auckland University. His M.A. Thesis examined multilateral initiatives as pursued by Japan in regard to its policy towards the People's Republic of China. Fluent in Japanese, Mr. McKenzie was employed in a Japanese local government role prior to joining UNITAR in August 2008. Berin manages programme development and implementation, as well as monitoring and evaluation at the UNITAR Hiroshima Office and has also acted as a Mentor to participants in the UNITAR Fellowship for Afghanistan programme. He is also an Association for Talent Development (ATD) Accredited Master Trainer, and Master Instructional Designer.



Junko SHIMAZU (Ms.)

Training Associate

Ms. Shimazu has a B.A. Degree in Arts and Science from Temple University, USA and M.A. Degree in Intercultural Communications from the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation at Hiroshima University. Prior to joining UNITAR, she worked as an interpreter between Japanese and English for 10 years. Ms. Shimazu joined the UNITAR Hiroshima Office in September 2012.



Shamsul Hadi SHAMS (Mr.)

Training Associate

Mr. Shams graduated from Hiroshima University in 2012 with a PhD in International Development and Cooperation (Development Science Division). He received his M.A. in Political Science and International Relations from the International University Islamabad in 2006 and a B.A. in Natural Sciences in 2004 from the University of Peshawar, Pakistan. His doctoral dissertation focused on the impacts of reconstruction strategy on the viability of intra-Afghan conflict settlement, in Afghanistan. His research interests include Afghanistan post-conflict reconstruction and recovery, governance reforms, capacity development, state building processes and conflict resolution. He presented his research in academic conferences in Japan, United States and Canada in the past several years. He joined UNITAR Hiroshima Office in 2012.



Nigel GAN (Mr.)

Training Associate

Mr. Gan graduated with a Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Sydney in 2009, and a Master's in International Cooperation Studies from Hiroshima University. He worked for several years as an Information Management Advisor in Executive Services Branch at the Department of Justice, Victoria, Australia, focusing on privacy and freedom of information policy development, implementation and training. Prior to joining UNITAR in 2015, he worked as a Digital Media Consultant at the British Embassy, Tokyo; and for the Fukuyama City Board of Education as part of the JET Programme.



Rika SHIBATA (Ms.)
Assistant Administrator

Ms. Shibata has a B.A. Degree in Clinical Psychology at Kawasaki University of medical welfare. She has worked with Hiroshima International Centre as a programme officer from 2009 to 2017 and coordinated the training of Hiroshima prefecture and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) related to governance and education for peace in Hiroshima. She joined UNITAR Hiroshima Office from October 2017 as an Assistant Administrator and working close for South Sudan and Iraq programmes.



Yoko MORITA
Assistant Administrator

Ms. Morita graduated with a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Ritsumeikan University; and a Master's degree in Strategic Communication from Washington State University. She also studied Theatre at the City University of New York as an Undergraduate student. Following working as a writer at Chugoku Shimbun Newspapers for a few years, she worked as an administrative assistant at the Japan Patent Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; and worked as a PR consultant for the Foreign Press Center/ Japan. She joined the UNITAR Hiroshima Office in December 2017.



Kenta MATSUOKA (Mr.)
Expert

Mr. Matsuoka has a B.A. Degree in Arts from Kyoto University of Foreign Studies. After graduation, he worked as a cram school teacher, teaching English to high school students for two years, before starting working at the Hiroshima Prefectural Government in 2014. Working in the Art and Culture Division, his main responsibilities were to manage the Kenbiten, the Annual Competition of Art in Hiroshima Prefecture, and to supervise the Hiroshima Culture Promotion Foundation. He has been seconded to the UNITAR Hiroshima Office since April 2017 to strengthen the partnership between UNITAR and the Prefectural Government.



Annelise GISEBURT (Ms.)
Fellow

Ms. Giseburt received a BA degree from Oberlin College in 2016; she majored in English and East Asia Studies. While in college, Annelise interned with the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington. She joined the UNITAR Hiroshima Office in September 2016 as the first Fellow sent through the partnership between UNITAR and Oberlin Shansi.



Harmond Pedrosa MARTE
Intern

Mr. Marte is currently a Graduate Student of the Peace and Coexistence at the Graduate School of International Development and Cooperation (IDEC), Hiroshima University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of the Philippines and has earned credits in master's in international studies in the same University. He worked as an Associate for MSCI Hong Kong Ltd. His research interests include women and gender studies, indigenous peoples' studies and corporate social responsibilities.



Shree Kumar Maharjan (Mr.)
Intern

Mr. Maharjan is a Nepalese currently doing PhD in the Graduate School of International Development and Cooperation (IDEC) Hiroshima University. He is a student of Cultural Creation Course under the Taoyaka Programme of the University, who has been focusing his research in factors affecting climate change adaptation in agriculture in Nepal. He has been engaged in different research and development activities from the local to regional level. He joined the UNITAR Hiroshima Office in June 2018 as an intern.

**Kalika Kastein (Ms.)****Intern**

Kalika Kastein is an intern with UNITAR Hiroshima Office and is currently a Rotary Peace Fellow working towards her Masters in Peace Studies from International Christian University in Tokyo. She holds a Master of Science in Education from Johns Hopkins University. As a certified teacher in the state of Hawai'i (U.S.A.) in both Elementary Education and Special Education, she has been teaching and working in educational organizations working towards peace and equity for over five years. Her roles have been diverse, from public school classroom teacher to Field Director for an educational NGO. She also served with the Peace Corps in Cameroon. She has lived and worked in South Korea, Cameroon, India, and Micronesia.

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