

CURRIVULAM VITAE UPALI PANNILAGE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2007 to date:** Reading for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD);
University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
- 2004:** Master of Philosophy in Development Sociology;
University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
- 1998:** Post Graduate Diploma in Community Development;
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1991:** B. A (Hons) Sociology Special;
University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Senior Lecturer *December 2009 to date*
Department of Sociology, University of Ruhuna, Matara, Sri Lanka

Current responsibilities includes coordination of course units and teaching the undergraduate, diploma and masters students on the social research methodologies, community development, rural sociology , project planning, sociology of development, gender, governance, conflict management and development studies.

I am also serves as the Programme Coordinator to the M.A. in Conflict, Peace and Development Studies of the University of Ruhuna,
and

Subject Coordinator (Sociology) to the distance and external education unit at the University of Ruhuna.

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Team Leader/Head of the Infrastructure Services Programme

Practical Action Regional Office- Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan
September 1999 to November 2009

Practical Action (Formerly known as ITDG) is a UK based International development agency working in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

My responsibilities as the Head of the Infrastructure Services Programme included, overall management of the programme: planning, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of the whole infrastructure services programme in the South Asia region and contributing to the international Infrastructure Programme at group level internationally.

Except for the project work, I was managing the Infrastructure Services programme budgets which includes monitoring of budgets, writing proposals, donor liaising and reporting to the donor agencies. Administrative work of the programme includes resourcing, recruiting, retaining, appraising, capacity building of the team members, in order to make sure of smooth functioning of the programme.

I was also contributed to Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka programme of Practical Action which is the key management and decision making body for the Sri Lanka programme. As a member of the Executive Committee; I was responsible to provide strategic thinking for the organization in strategic planning, business planning and making of other standards, policies and rules & regulations for the organization.

Further, as a member of the international Infrastructure Services programme, I was responsible to provide my inputs to the development of international programme at group level. There I was managing the investigatory work of the Governance and development and overall programme of Orissa state in India.

International Project Manager - Transport

Practical Action, Sri Lanka
April 2003 - March 2006- Part time

Responsibilities in this position included; overall supervision of the international transport programme funded by European Commission. This programme consisted sub projects in 06 countries: Peru, Kenya, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. I was responsible for overall monitoring of the whole international

projects in order to make sure that country level work is delivering up to the quality of organizational standards as well as to the requirements of the donor.

Projects Manager/ Social Scientist

Intermediate Technology Development Group
December 1992 August 1999

Mainly responsible for developing, planning & coordination of the implementation of Projects/Programmes in Sri Lanka within the country strategy, Contributing to the development of relevant international strategies, Designing & managing programme researches, surveys & evaluations and Planning, monitoring & administration of the country programme budgets

I was also a part of the Research and Policy programme of Practical Action; which led me to provide inputs to various research and investigatory work of the organization. As a part of this, I managed the investigatory work of Practical Action with the Communities Affected by Conflict, where I was involved in investigating, organizing, capacity building of the war affected communities and also creating awareness among the staff members on the conflict and conflict resolution.

Project Coordinator - Village Granaries

Sarvodaya Economic Enterprises Development Service (SEEDS)
December 1991; November 1992

I was accountable for;

- Implementation, monitoring & evaluation of participatory methods in organising village communities to collectively meet their economic needs through technology interventions & small enterprise development
- Motivate village groups for community development activities
- Develop relevant skills of village groups.

TRAINING OBTAINED

Institution	Subject	Year
Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) , India	Trainers and Facilitators on Organisational Development	2000
Asia Community Health Action Network, Andra	Training of Trainers (TOT) - Participatory Strategic	1998

Institution	Subject	Year
Pradesh, India	Planning and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)	
Programme for Alternative Training, Sri Lanka	TOT on Alternative Training	1997-1998
Development Resource & Training Centre, Bhubaneswar, India	TOT and Facilitators	1996
South Asia Partnership, Sri Lanka	Participatory Training Methodologies	1995
British Council Language Centre, Colombo	General English Certificate	1996

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching and Supervision of Research Projects

- Have conducted lectures on the social research methods for the undergraduate students of the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna
- Served as a visiting lecturer on social research methods for the undergraduate students of the faculty of Science University of Ruhuna
- Delivered lectures on research methodologies and thesis writing for the students of Masters Degree on conflict, peace and development studies.
- I have also supervised ten Master level research theses and twelve bachelor level research dissertations during last three years of my academic carrier.

Involvement in Research Assignments

- Rural Accessibility" Foot path and Tracks (**Research Team Member**), for IT Transport Ltd, UK – 2003.
- Rural transport and poverty (**Research team leader**) research conducted by the Lanka Forum on Rural Transport Development, Sri Lanka – 2002 to 2003.

- Participatory Development Planning for Village Self Help Learning Initiative (VSHLI) of Mahaweli Development Authority/ World Bank in Sri Lanka (**Co-researcher/ sociologist of the research team**); 2002.
- Feasibility of Intermediate Motor Cycle based transport for improving access to health facilities of rural poor (**Research Team Leader**), for IT Transport Ltd, UK – 2002.
- Accessibility Needs of tribal communities of Orissa, India (**Member of the Research Team**) Research conducted by the Orissa Regional Forum on Rural Transport Development, India – 2001.
- Socio-economic and technical feasibility of small scale Gem Mining in Sri Lanka (**Research Team Leader**), undertaken for IT Consultants, UK – 2000.
- An Evaluation of *Janasaviya* Poverty Alleviation Programme (**Co-Researcher**) Under the guidance of Mr. Sarathchandra Gamlath , Department of Sociology, University of Ruhuna – 1991.
- An evaluation of the Rural Loan Fund projects of Matara district Integrated Rural Development Project implemented through Thrift and Credit Co-operative Societies (**Research Assistant**) Under the guidance of Prof. R.M. Ranaweera Banda, Department of Sociology, University of Ruhuna – 1991.
- Socio-economic survey on Rural Employment Generation in Sri Lanka (**Research Assistant**) Under the guidance of Prof. A.K.G. Jayasinghe, Department of Sociology, University of Ruhuna, 1991
- Strategies to control Coral Mining in South Western Coast of Sri Lanka (**Research Assistant**) Under the Guidance of Prof. R.M. Ranaweera Banda , Department of Sociology, University of Ruhuna – 1990.

Academic Research Conducted

- Transnational processes in an age of globalization: A sociological study of Cultural impacts of globalization on rural Sri Lanka – On going research for the degree on Doctor of Philosophy – Ongoing Since 2007 to date
- Role of women in rural development: a comparative study of a Gender Neutral and a Gender Specific Programme in Sri Lanka. Research thesis for the Master of Philosophy at University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka – 2004.
- Role of Social Mobilising in Community Development: final year research dissertation for the post graduate diploma in Community Development University of Colombo, Sri Lanka – 1999.
- A Sociological Study of Suicide: A research dissertation for the final year exam of the B.A degree on sociology special, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka – 1992.

Other Research Conducted

- **Pannilage U. and Chandradasa A. M. (2011)** A study on the salary disparities among male and female daily labourers in informal agricultural sector in Moneragala and Hambantota Districts in Sri Lanka- -Study conducted for CARE International, Sri Lanka.
 - **Pannilage U. (2011)** A study on development of livelihood opportunities for the people with disabilities in Ampara District. A Study conducted for the Development with Disabled Network.
 - **Pannilage U. (2010)** A baseline study on creating enabling environment for the integrated total wellbeing of children by addressing their mental health needs and rights - Conducted for the Basic Needs Sri Lanka.
 - **Pannilage U. (2002)** Effect of Climate Change on harnessing off grid micro hydro power generation in Sri Lanka- Research conducted for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources - Sri Lanka.
 - **Pannilage U. and Wettasinghe K. (1998)** Transport Issues in Cashew Growing and Producing community in Sri Lanka – Research Conducted for the International Forum on Rural Transport Development- UK.
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EVALUATIONS

- **Pannilage U. (2011)** An Evaluation of the Horticulture Therapy Project Jointly Implemented by the Basic Needs Sri Lanka and National Institute For Mental Health.
 - **Pannilage U. (2011)** An evaluation of the participatory integrated development programme of the Eastern United Women Development Organisation in Trincomalee District.
 - **Pannilage U. and Hamangoda D. A. (2010)** An Evaluation of the National Fisheries Movement in Sri Lanka.
 - **Pannilage U. and Hamangoda D. A. (2000)** Evaluation of the Participatory Integrated Area Development Strategy (PIADS) in the Puthalam District of Sri Lanka.
 - **Abeysekera S. and Pannilage U. (2000)** Evaluation of Devasarana Development Centre in Kurunegala , Sri Lanka.
 - **Fernando A. and Pannilage U. (1999)** Evaluation of Women’s Development Foundation- Kurunegala, Sri Lanka.
 - **Jeans A. and Pannilage U. (1998)** An Evaluation of the cycle based Transport Project of Intermediate Technology Development Group.
 - **Pannilage U. (1994)** A Rural Transport Option: A study of the Cycle - Based transport project of Intermediate Technology Sri Lanka (ITSL) and the socio-economic impact on users.
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PUBLICATIONS

Books and Chapters in Books Published

- **Pannilage U. (2012)** Disability, Poverty and Social Exclusion, Development with Disabled Network, Colombo.
- **Pannilage U. (2012)** 'Role of transport infrastructure in changing gender relations in rural Sri Lanka' *in Gender, Roads and Mobility in Asia*, Practical Action Publishing Ltd, UK.
- **Pannilage U.** Role of Women in Rural Development – Publication based on the MPhil research – in print.
- **Pannilage U. and De Silva Prajapa** (edited) (2008) Community Based Rural Transport Interventions, Practical Action, Sri Lanka.
- **Pannilage U. and Wettasinghe K. (2002)** Cash Crops and Transport: Cashew growing and processing, *in "Balancing the load" Women Gender and Transport*, Zed Books, London and New York.
- **Pannilage U. (1997)** A Case Study of the Weboda North Metal Workers Co-operative Society, *in "Fire in the Forge"* IT Publications.
- **Pannilage U. (2008)** Community Participation in Transport Infrastructure Management *in Community Based Rural Transport Interventions*, Practical Action, Sri Lanka.

Papers and Abstracts Published

- **Pannilage U. (2010)** Access and mobility of rural women; Role of transport infrastructure in changing gender relations – Paper presented at the international workshop on Gender, Economic Integration, and Cross-border Road Infrastructure Development: Poverty and Mobility in the Context of Asia, at AIT Conference Center, Thailand.
- **Pannilage U. (2003)** Capacity Building for Effective Delivery of Infrastructure Services– Paper presented at the forum on Pro-poor Delivery of Rural Infrastructure Services: The challenge of decentralization, organised by ILO, ASIST-AP, Bangkok – November 2003.
- **Pannilage U. (2010)** Women's Participation in Rural Development – Paper presented at the 12th International conference on Sri Lankan Studies, Organised by Open University of Sri Lanka
- **Pannilage U. (2004)** Community governance in Rural development – Paper presented at the 09th international conference on Sri Lankan studies organised by University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.

- **Pannilage U (2000)** Community Participation in Village Roads Construction and Maintenance. Paper presented at the international seminar on Accessibility Planning & Rural Development organized by the Brilla Institute for Technology & Science in Rajasthan, India.
- **Pannilage U. (1996)** Strategies for Integrating Cycle Based Transport Modes in the Rural Transport System of Sri Lanka: Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference and Exhibition "Cycles: an Option for the 21st Century" in Havana, Cuba.

MEMBERSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Institute	Position	Year
Development with Disabled Network	Member of the Executive Committee	2011 to date
GAMANA (Guarantee) Ltd.	Chairman	2009 to date
	Member of the Board of Directors	1998 -2006
Lanka Forum on Rural Transport Development	Member of the Director Board/ Executive committee	1999 to date
Programme for Alternative Training in Sri Lanka	Member of the Trainers network	1998 to date
Sustainable Transport Action Network (SUSTRAN) in Asia and Pacific	Member	2000 -2007
UNDP Network for Best Practices of Social Mobilising	Member	2001
Techno Action (Organisation dealing on technology & development) in Kandy, Sri Lanka	Advisory Board Member	2000-2001
International Centre for the Training of Rural Leaders, in Embilipitiya, Sri Lanka	Member of the Trainers Network	1997 - 2001

Institute	Position	Year
Giruwapattu Community Development Square, Hambantota, Sri Lanka	Member of the Advisory Board	1995 - 2005
Sociological Association - University of Ruhuna	President	1991
Sociological Association - University of Ruhuna	Secretary	1990

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS PARTICIPATED

Name of the workshop	Country and Year	Participation
International workshop on Gender, Economic Integration, and Cross-border Road Infrastructure Development: Poverty and Mobility in the Context of Asia	2010, Thailand	Paper presenter
12 th International conference on Sri Lankan studies	2010, Sri Lanka	Paper presenter
Global Agro Industries Forum	2008, Delhi, India	One of the panelists of a round table discussion
South Asia Regional Workshop on Sustaining Rural Livelihoods: Access & Mobility - Community Based Initiatives	2006, Bhubaneswar, India	Paper presenter
South East Asia Community Access Programme	2006, Cambodia 2007, Vietnam and 2008 in Laos	Invited guest
Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Dubai International Award of UN-HABITAT	2006, China	Participated as a expert of the selection panel
World Urban Forum 2006	2006, Vancouver, Canada	Participated as a invited

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		guest
International workshop on Community Participation in Transport Management- Making Rural Sustainability Happen	2005, Cajamarca-Peru	Keynote speaker
International workshop on the social benefits in transport planning	2004, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Invited speaker
09 th International conference on Sri Lankan studies	2004, Sri Lanka	Paper presenter
Forum on Pro-poor Delivery of Infrastructure Services	2003, Bangkok, Thailand	Paper presenter
International Conference on Sustainable Development and Management of Natural Resources	2003, Thirichirappalli, India	Paper presenter
International workshop on <i>Pradan Mandree Gram Saba Yojana</i> (PMGSY)	2002, Orissa, India	Invited guest
International Conference on Community Driven Development	2002, Sri Lanka	Invitee
International Conference on Sustainable transport and Clean Air	2001, Indonesia	Invitee
International Seminar on Accessibility Planning and Rural Development	2000, Rajasthan, India	Paper presenter
International IMT (Intermediate Means of Transport) Expert's meeting	1999, Kenya	Paper presenter
Regional workshop on Intermediate Means of Transport	1999, Sri Lanka	Participant
Regional seminar on "Balancing the load"- access mobility and gender	1999, Sri Lanka	Paper presenter
International conference on "Cycles: an option for the 21 st century"	1996, Cuba	Paper presenter

PAPERS PRESENTED

- **Pannilage U. (2010)** Access and mobility of rural women; Role of transport infrastructure in changing gender relations – Paper presented at the international workshop on Gender, Economic Integration, and Cross-border Road Infrastructure Development: Poverty and Mobility in the Context of Asia, at AIT Conference Center, Thailand.
- **Pannilage U. (2010)** Women’s Participation in Rural Development – Paper presented at the 12th International conference on Sri Lankan studies organised by Open University of Sri Lanka.
- **Pannilage U. (2005)** Community Participation in Transport Management- Key note presentation at the International Workshop on Community Participation in Transport Management: Making rural sustainability happen, Cajamarca, Peru.
- **Pannilage U. (2004)** Community governance in Rural development – Paper presented at the 09th international conference on Sri Lankan studies organised by University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.
- **Pannilage U. (2003)** Strengthening communities and their organisations for sustainable livelihoods – paper presented at the international conference on Sustainable Development & Management of Natural Resources organized by Holy Cross College, in Thirichirappally, India.
- **Pannilage U. (2003)** Capacity Building for Pro-poor Delivery of Infrastructure Development – Paper presented at the forum on Pro-poor Delivery of Infrastructure Development organised by ILO, Bangkok – November 2003. Published in “Pro-poor delivery of infrastructure services”, an ILO Publication.
- **Pannilage U. (2000)** Community Participation in Village Roads Construction and Maintenance. Paper presented at the international seminar on Accessibility Planning & Rural Development organized by the Brilla Institute for Technology & Science in Rajasthan, India.
- **Pannilage U. and Wettasinghe K. (1999)** Gender Issues in Non Transport Interventions - Case study from the cashew processors in Sri Lanka. Presented at the Regional Seminar on Balancing the Load, in Sri Lanka – 1999; published in “Balancing the load” Women Gender and Transport, IFRTD (International Forum for Rural Transport Development), London.
- **Pannilage U. (1999)** Intermediate Modes of Transport (IMT) in the Asian Region, Paper presented at the IMT Experts meeting, organized by the World Bank, Rural Travel and Transport Programme, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Pannilage U. (1996)** Strategies for Integrating Cycle Based Transport Modes in the Rural Transport System of Sri Lanka: Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference and Exhibition “Cycles: an Option for the 21st Century” in Havana, Cuba.

- **Pannilage U. (1996)** Strategies to mobilize communities - ITDG South Asia Social mobilization strategy- Presented at the ITDG annual planning session 1996.
 - **Pannilage U. Fernando P. (1995)** The Rural Transport Policy Study: Findings for National Policy.
 - **Pannilage U. and Wettasinghe K. (1994)** Gender Issues in ITSL Projects Presented at ITSL Annual planning session 1995.
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