

ADAM BURKE



DATE OF BIRTH 1 May 1972

NATIONALITY British

LANGUAGES English (mother tongue)
Thai (advanced)
Spanish, French (intermediate)
Indonesian/Malay (basic)

CONTACT 98, Plus 38 Condo, Sukhumvit Soi 38, Bangkok 10110, Thailand
Tel: +66 (0)81 8274716
and 12 Reynolds Close, London, NW11 7EA, UK
Tel: +44 (0)7957 914049

EMAIL adamitobur@yahoo.com, adam.burke@thepolicypractice.com

EXPERTISE

- Development specialist focusing on social and governance issues affecting vulnerable people.
- Experience of many social development fields: migration, service delivery, accountability, civil society support, and a range of child-focused programmes.
- Practical and theoretical understanding of conflict, peace processes and post-conflict environments. Conducted policy studies and strategic analyses of conflict and aid provision, the political and social impact of aid flows, and social accountability.
- Inputs as adviser and consultant on appraisal, monitoring, evaluation, planning and strategic programme design, background and research studies, project management. Experience with NGOs, governments, donors, and UN agencies.
- Worked in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Laos, Philippines, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mexico, Honduras, Bolivia. Based mostly in Southeast Asia since 1999.
- Broad practical experience of leading and working with teams, facilitating meetings, building capacity, supporting institutional change.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Current Researching for PhD on development and internal conflict at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London University

1995 - 1996 MA Anthropology of Development, SOAS, London University

1991 - 1994 BA (Hons) Geography, Oxford University

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2007 - 2011	Consultancies, research, and lecturing. Associate of The Policy Practice.
2006 - 2007	Research and teaching in development studies department, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London University
2005 - 2006	Reintegration Adviser, Aceh Monitoring Mission; and Conflict and Aid Adviser, DFID, both in Aceh, Indonesia
2005	Reconstruction and Peacebuilding Adviser, DFID (UK Department for International Development), Aceh, Indonesia
2002 - 2005	Freelance development research and consultancy for NGOs, UN, and aid agencies in South and Southeast Asia
1999 - 2002	Social Development Adviser, DFID SE Asia, Bangkok
1996 - 1999	Communications and Media for Development, DFID, London
1995	Researcher and community worker, Ayuda en Acción Bolivia (Actionaid)
1994 - 1995	Researcher and Media Office Administrator, Actionaid, London

KEY EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Aid and Conflict Adviser, The Asia Foundation (from January 2011)

- Aid to Subnational Conflict Areas action research project. Substantive input into the overall conceptual framework and research design, and strategic advice on Thailand field research.

Research Study on Political Risk (from November 2010)

- Design and implementation of study aiming to understand and develop guidance on how politics affect donor projects, with The World Bank's East Asia Pacific office.

Evaluation of ILO migration project (September-December 2010)

- Mid-term evaluation of project on labour exploitation and cyclical migration from the Philippines and Thailand to Europe.

Civil society support project design, Pakistan (April - May 2010)

- Responsible for finalisation of design of large DFID- funded civil society support fund. Focusing on improving the voice of citizens and the accountability of government.

Research study on politics, institutions and conflict in Thailand (January 2010)

- Background paper for PACTA, regional peacebuilding NGO.

Course convener and lecturer, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand (Oct 2009 – Feb 2010)

- Conflict and Peacebuilding course, MA International Development Studies, Political Science Faculty. Also guest lecturer in Economics Faculty, 2009 and 2010.

Design of regional child participation proposal, Save the Children (Nov 2009)

- Working with regional office in Bangkok to design multi-country proposal for EU funding.
- Also facilitated planning session on aid trends for SCUK directors' retreat, Thailand.

Development and stabilisation strategy development, Pakistan (August 2009)

- Providing social inputs into the Government of Pakistan's Strategy for rebuilding Malakand Division, North West Frontier Province. Working for the UK alongside the UN and other donors. Facilitated meetings, coordinated and integrated civil society perspectives, supported design of future programming.

Follow-up to Social sustainability review of Multi-Donor Fund, Aceh (May 2009)

- Facilitating project workshops in Aceh in response to the social sustainability review.

Conflict Sensitivity Training, DFID, UK (February 2009)

- Presenting and facilitating training workshop for DFID's Conflict Advisers and other key staff.

Social Sustainability Review of Multi-Donor Fund, Aceh, Indonesia (July-September 2008)

- Evaluation of social and conflict impact of pooled donor fund for post-tsunami reconstruction. Responsible in particular for conflict-related aspects.

Project design for Kashmir earthquake reconstruction programme, DFID, Pakistan (April 2008)

- Focus on designing social and governance elements of \$50 million phase of support.

Evaluation of child trafficking support, DFID (March 2008)

- Donor evaluation of ILO IPEC Regional Southeast Asian child trafficking project.

Evaluator, Foundation for Rural Youth Project on HIV/AIDS amongst migrant labour in Bangkok, Thailand (May 2007)

- Final evaluation of UK National Lottery funded programme in Thailand. In partnership with the UK NGO *Childhope* and Thai NGO *Foundation for Rural Youth*. Responsible for all stages of the evaluation.

Research study on international development agencies and peacebuilding in Aceh, Indonesia (part time, October 2006 - July 2007)

- Planning and drafting analysis of international aid agencies' involvement in peacebuilding during the peace process in Aceh, 2005-6, for planned publication as refereed monograph. Funded by the Conflict and Development Program of the World Bank in Indonesia.

Child labour programme design, Thailand and Cambodia (July-Aug 2006 & June-Aug 2004)

- 2006: Design of \$5 million ILO national child labour programme for Thailand. Focusing particularly on migrant communities and other disadvantaged groups, supporting central and provincial government, NGOs. Tasks include analysis and diagnosis, devising budget and administrative arrangements, consultative design process, facilitating local inputs.
- 2004: Responsible for similar programme in Cambodia with government and local civil society bodies, aiming to build domestic pressure for change. Tasks include analysis and diagnosis, devising budget and administrative arrangements, consultations, facilitating local inputs.

Reintegration Adviser, Aceh Monitoring Mission, Aceh, Indonesia (August 2005 - June 2006)

- Key advisory post in European Union / ASEAN body mandated to broker continued negotiations and oversee implementation of 2005 peace agreement.
- Involved participation in high level peace meetings, building government and former rebel support for reintegration aspects of the peace process, training monitoring teams, engaging civil society, providing direct advice to head of mission, formulating common approaches with international aid agencies in support of sustainable peace.

Reconstruction and peacebuilding Adviser, Aceh, Indonesia (March-August 2005)

- Working initially with Department for International Development (DFID), advising donors on conflict sensitivity for post-tsunami reconstruction efforts in Aceh. Based in multi-donor office in Aceh, working closely with the Government of Indonesia, UN system, World Bank, and NGOs. Included engaging with coordination mechanisms and a range of partner agencies, researching and publishing study of reconstruction work in a conflict environment.

Study of Conflict and Aid, Sri Lanka (February-March 2005)

- Lead researcher and writer for inter-agency appraisal of how aid donors have operated in a conflict affected environment. Part of strategic conflict assessment by the World Bank, SIDA, DFID, and The Asia Foundation.

Evaluation of rural education project, Kratie province, Cambodia (January 2005)

- Field evaluation of local NGO and community involvement in school improvements in a rural Cambodian province.

Co-author, study of poverty, children, and the Millennium Development Goals in Southeast Asia, Save the Children (late 2004 and 2005)

- Research and writing policy and advocacy report for Save the Children, aiming to link the NGO's experience on the ground with efforts to mobilize and promote upstream policy change.

Review of Transparency International Bangladesh (November-December 2004)

- Social development specialist on multi-donor review of five-year, \$7 million, civil society anti-corruption programme. Responsible for appraising poverty focus, gender issues, social relevance, and advocacy strategies. Involvement in appraisal of management issues, assessment of progress, and future recommendations. Donor agencies involved: DFID (UK), SIDA (Sweden), DANIDA (Denmark) and NORAD (Norway).

Evaluation of UN Southeast Asia regional drug use and trafficking research project (October-November 2004)

- Responsible for evaluating all aspects of three-country ILO child labour action research programme in South East Asia. Making recommendations for future work with existing NGO partners, and extending reach to promote local and national government involvement.

UNICEF Child soldiers conference (May 2004)

- Supporting a regional NGO and UN meeting to galvanise action against the use of child soldiers.

Increasing accountability in Cambodia (February 2004)

- Research across Cambodia to propose options for donors (World Bank and DFID) to improve accountability through supporting civil society's engagement with the state.
- Led research design, anchored national inputs, coordinated across donor agencies, appraised existing material and recommended future action in final report.

Save the Children UK: strategy and project design for regional rights-based programming (2004)

- Ongoing inputs identifying strategic approaches, designing projects and building funding partnerships in SE Asia for leading international children's NGO. Includes appraisal of options for improving regional collaboration to link grassroots experience with upstream change, and designing potential disaster preparedness support.
- Facilitated regional convention on child trafficking and presented livelihoods guidance paper.

Conflict and civil society assessments, Burma (April and August 2003)

- Working with DFID on a new country strategy. A range of inputs over several months, looking at the role of civil and local government in meeting essential needs and promoting change, as well as mapping donor and international NGO involvement. Included interviews in Myanmar and Thailand with relevant stakeholders, desk research, presentations and contributions to workshops.

Poverty and Policy Adviser, DFID (UK Department for International Development), Vietnam (Part-time during 2003-4)

- Specific tasks included: devising strategy to promote downward accountability, and finding opportunities to strengthen the voice of poor women and men; appraising the scope for supporting mass media to promote transparency; implementing poverty reduction strategies through provincial planning, monitoring, and funding for common frameworks; designing poverty research capacity-building programme supporting national staff development. Working in partnership with national and provincial government, UNDP, the World Bank, and others.

UN ILO-IPEC advocacy to tackle trafficking of children and women (February and July 2003)

- Providing advice on working with media and communicating for advocacy and public awareness. Promoting national staff capacity through training and participation in strategizing. Missions to country offices, building co-operation with UN and government counterparts. Focus on

networking, and mainstreaming trafficking into policy. Produced guidelines, gave presentations, facilitated workshops in Vietnam and Bangkok.

Coordinator and researcher, aid policy research for DFID (December 2002 - November 2003)

- Applied research on development aid and social and political change. Draws on Southeast Asian experience, with particular focus on Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and East Timor. Responsible for overall direction of study, managing specialist inputs and budgets, and communicating findings. Study focuses on the primacy of government in Southeast Asia, and on lessons for how donors can appropriately support domestic drivers for change.

Team leader, civil society and peacebuilding project design, Sri Lanka (October-November 2002)

- Design of major joint GTZ (German donor agency) and DFID programme to build long-term support for peace. Responsibilities: defining a strategy for engagement with civil society bodies; managing team inputs and participatory process; addressing ethnic, gender, institutional and other issues; workplans, staffing, and outputs; devising suitable and viable accountability mechanisms including upward reporting, external checks and balances, donor monitoring.

Synthesis study on Migration, Actionaid Asia (September-October 2002)

- Background desk research study on key migration issues across Asia, including international labour migration as well as domestic flows, from a human rights perspective. Research identified potential advocacy and programme opportunities.

Social Development Adviser, DFID (March 1999 - July 2002)

- Based in Bangkok office, with specific inputs on programmes in Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, and regionally. Policy and donor coordination responsibilities.
- Building conflict sensitivity of DFID bilateral programme in Sri Lanka. Included involvement in strategic conflict analyses and research, field missions and monitoring of support for UNICEF, UNHCR, ICRC, Save the Children, Oxfam, liaison with other aid agencies, diplomatic missions, civil groups and academics, government.
- Social development input into new DFID Cambodia programme, covering local governance, health, education, HIV/AIDS and other sectors.
- Work on education sector in Vietnam, including focus on primary education for minority groups.
- Programme development and management responsibilities for regional programmes on child labour and civil society capacity building.

Communications and social accountability in Pakistan (February 1999)

- Proposing strategic direction for media and participatory initiatives to improve citizen awareness of authorities' commitments to service delivery. Involved discussion and negotiation with stakeholders at all levels.

Social Development Officer, DFID (September 1996 - January 1999)

- Media and Communications in social development. Programme advisory inputs and extensive field visits in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Latin America, including on violence against women in South Africa, sustainable livelihoods in Chiapas (Mexico), and agricultural extension policy for small farmers in Bangladesh. Produced field guide, steered policy development with emphasis on participatory communication and grassroots media.

Child livelihoods researcher, Actionaid (August 1994 – August 1995)

- Voluntary research work on children's livelihoods, first on Nepal research project, then in La Paz, Bolivia.

SELECTED RECENT REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

"An insider's view of donor support for the peace process" In J Goodhand, B Korf and J Spencer (eds): *Caught in the Peace Trap? Conflict, aid and peacebuilding in Sri Lanka* (Written with Anthea Mulakala; London: Routledge, 2011.

Rebuilding and peacebuilding: practical dilemmas and policy objectives in Aceh, Journal of Conflict, Security and Development 8:1, 2008

Aceh: Reconstruction in a Conflict Environment. Views from civil society, donors and NGOs, Indonesian Social Development Paper 8, Jakarta: Multi-donor Indonesia Decentralisation Support Facility, 2005 (co-authored with Afnan)

Donors and Peacebuilding. Volume Two of the Sri Lanka Strategic Conflict Assessment 2005, Colombo: The Asia Foundation, World Bank, DFID, the Netherlands Embassy and SIDA, 2005 (with Anthea Mulakala)

An Alternative Progress Report on the Millennium Development Goals in Southeast and East Asia, London: Save the Children, 2005. (with Bill Tod)

Practical Guide to Media, Communications and Social Development, London: DFID, 1999

Unpublished guides and reports for donors include *Altered States: the Role of Donors in Social and Political Change*. This output of a DFID aid policy study focuses on Southeast Asia, with case study on aid provision to Thailand, 1955-80. A wide range of other material produced for aid organisations is available on request

OTHER INFORMATION

Seminars and lectures: Presented research and policy papers in many locations: Chatham House (Royal Institute of International Affairs, London); SOAS, LSE, and King's College (all London University); Oxford University; DFID; US State Department, East-West Center (both Washington DC); Chulalongkorn University, Prince of Songkhla University Pattani Campus, King Prajadhipok Institute (all in Thailand); Donor Forum for Sri Lanka; Cambodia Donor Consultative Group; World Bank Indonesia; Asian Development Bank in Manila; and others.

Vocational training courses attended: participatory development; gender and rights; international trade; economics; negotiating and influencing; facilitation and presentations; project management and planning; management skills; violence and conflict management.

Last updated – 9 February 2011