

Curriculum Vitae

- 1. FAMILY NAME:** KERVYN
2. FIRST NAMES: Bernard
3. DATE OF BIRTH: 8 Jan 52
4. NATIONALITY: Belgium



- 5. EDUCATION:** From (9/72) to (6/76).
Licencié et Maître en Administration & Gestion (MBA),
Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium). With mention:
"Distinction"

Complementary training:
1987 Journalistic writing, IDC, Paris
1988 Industrial Marketing, at ISA, Jouy en Josas, France
1989 Industnat, Strategies for industrial marketing, INSEAD,
France

7. LANGUAGES SKILLS:

	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Speaking</u>	<u>Writing</u>
French	5	5	
English	5	5	
Bengali	3	1	
Vietnamese	4	5	4
Flemish	2	2	
Khmer	1	2	1

8. OTHER SKILLS:

Computer: Word, Excel, Access, Thunderbird, FireFox, Power Point, DreamWeaver, Joomla , Adobe Premiere Pro etc.

9. PRESENT POSITION:

Representative for the NGO Mekong Plus for Vietnam & Cambodia
Acting director for Mekong Quilts, social enterprise.

10. YEARS WITH THE NGO:

Mekong Plus: since 1994 (co-founder), but also held positions with other organizations during the period: Enfants et Développement, Oxfam, Coopération par l'Education et la Culture, Louvain Développement, Cooperazione E Sviluppo etc. Consultancies namely for Danida.

11. KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

Team building and training
Organization & Project strategy and management
Community Development
Fair trade & social enterprises
Communication on development issues for the Western public & media.

13. SPECIFIC COUNTRY EXPERIENCE:

Viet Nam from 1/1993 till now
Cambodia from 2007 till now
Europe from 8/1985 to 12/1992
Bangladesh from 4/1977 to 8/1985

14. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE RECORD:

2011 Acting director of **Mekong Quilts**, social enterprise

2010 Set up **Mekong Creations**, social enterprise

2009 Board member of **Mekong-Quilts**, in charge of Cambodia and expansion

2008 Helped set up the Vietnamese NGO Anh Duong ("sun ray"): assistance in **strategy development, fund raising, creation & development.**

2004 Helped set up the Vietnamese NGO *Thiện Chí* ("good will"): assistance in **strategy development, fund raising, creation & development**

2004 Evaluation of the Danida (Danish government cooperation) Fishing development program, **micro finance component.**

2002-2006

Representative for Louvain-Développement (Belgian NGO) in Cambodia and Vietnam: **human development** with a focus on mental health.

1995-1998:

Organization of **seminars** on microfinance: 1 seminar in Phan Thiết, 4 seminars in Ho Chí Minh City, 2 seminars in Đức Linh & Tân Linh (Binh Thuận), each attracting 40-100 people from various areas and various organizations.

1995-2000

For the Pediatric Center (Dr. Duong Quynh Hoa), identification, appraisal, design, team training and management of community development projects in 27 communes of Dinh Quan & Đức Linh region (Viet Nam). The main component was the savings/credit program for poor women (income <100\$ per annum), with 6300 members and 2 billion dong in savings. A massive effort has been done to train several thousands of people every year. My function is therefore mainly to **train the trainers** and monitor their performances.

1994-present

Co-founder and local representative of the European NGO Viet Nam Plus now Mekong Plus. Mekong Plus supports community development projects in Viet Nam & Cambodia with a major emphasis on human development. **Training** and **innovative** techniques like participatory methods, cultural tools like **theatre** are used extensively.

May 1998

Team leader of the **evaluation** team of Oxfam Belgium's 500.000\$ emergency program in Bac Lieu and Ca Mau after the cyclone Linda.

Oct. 1997 - Sept. 1998

Evaluation of the project: STRENGTHENING OF DIVERSIFIED FARMING SYSTEM, supported by CESVI and the EU, implemented by the Cuu Long Rice Research Institute (Can Tho, Viet Nam).

Nov.-Dec. 1997

Team Leader for the **evaluation** of the Danish Refugee Council project in Kien Giang (Viet Nam): education, credit, community development, project management, and project strategy.

Feb. - July 1997

Credit specialist for the Micro enterprise Promotion Project of CECI and CIDA, in 3 provinces of Viet Nam. The mission consisted in the identification of problems and bottlenecks in credit for the development of the project, and proposing solutions for medium size new businesses, in partnership with the Agriculture Extension Centers in the 3 provinces. The projects covers 3 very different regions of the country (Thai Nguyen, Tra Vinh, and Song Be, Dong Nai).

1993-1996

Identification, appraisal, design, team building and management of the Bình Thuận **Community Development** project in partnership with the Bình Thuận Children Protection and Care Committee (CPCC). This project focused on the ethnic minorities in the mountains (>90% illiterate, income<70\$). The main project component, besides training of teachers in participatory pedagogy, primary health programs, was the savings/credit program for women. This project was one of the first in the country to prove ethnic minorities can save and reimburse their loans as well, when not better, than the Kinh ethnic group. This project had a budget of 2,5 million \$, and a staff of up to 25 locals, plus one Australian education specialist. The main focus being human development, my main function has been to recruit and **train** appropriate people and monitor the progress made by training the beneficiaries.

1988-1992

Product Manager, General Electric Medical, for Europe and the Middle-East (based in Paris). As such leader of the business team (research, production, marketing, sales) for mammography & mobile products. This included **training** the sales department staff, the production of marketing and training documents etc.

1985-1988

Journalist, head of the Communication department, board member, of Frères des Hommes, INGO based in Paris, freelance for various large media.

1977-1985

In Bangladesh, in charge of several integrated development projects, whose largest component was gender, landless and very small farmers associations, together with local NGOs: Gonoshastaya Kendra (=people's Health Centre, of the famous Dr.Zafrullah Chowdhury) and Nijera Kori (=Let's do it ourselves, Women's organization). Membership in the projects specifically supervised, in Bogra and Faridpur districts, amounted to more than 10.000 members. No credit was provided, but large savings were mobilized to increase and stabilize the income of the poorest. I was acting as **program coordinator** and **trainer**. Total staff included 4 expatriates and 20 local staff.

Team leader for several emergency relief operations in different parts of the country.

Participated as **trainer** with ITECO (Belgium) (preparation before departure in development projects).

15. OTHERS: hobbies :

Sailing (Champion in the North Sea race, Vaurien class, 1974), swimming, cycling, classical music.

16. REFERENCES :

- Doctor Nguyễn Thị Minh Nguyệt in Can Tho: ntknguyet@ctu.edu.vn & Tel: 0903807942
- Peter Kaufmann: nfok@earthlink.net
- Doctor Lê Đại Trí, skcdltri@hcm.vnn.vn. Tel: 072 822437 & 0913 876138
- Doctor Zafrullah Chowdhury, Gono Shastaya Kendra, Bangladesh
- Mister Abdus Sabur in Bangkok, sabur@arf-int.org
- Mr.Dominique MOORKENS, CEO Alcopa S.A.,

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17. Gratifications

Commandeur de l'ordre de la Couronne, decorated by the King of Belgium
(2015)

Laureate of the Fonds Plantin, 2015

18. ADDRESS :

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