

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## **ALEXANDRU S. BALINT**

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### ***PERSONAL PROFILE:***

INGO Country Office Chief Executive and Programme Manager (14 years overseas humanitarian experience) with extensive people, commodities and service management experience in the Middle East (Turkey, Iraq, Iran), Eastern Europe (Romania, Bulgaria) and Africa (Sudan, Tunisia) and Pakistan in relief, emergency management, and development programmes. Private sector business and banking experience, business coaching, project financing.

PhD Candidate, University of Montpelleir, France.

### ***EDUCATION:***

Master of Sciences in Administration/International Development -MSA/ID/ Specialization in Emergency Management; Andrews University, Michigan, USA, 2013.

B.Th., University of Bucharest, Romania, 2002.

### ***Other Trainings:***

- Project Cycle Management & Sustainable Development Training with Emphasis on sustainable development and EU (FPA) training. Germany 1999
- Disaster Response and Preparedness (APLI 2005), MOW 2004 & 2012
- Project Manager Degree for EU grants, Romanian Business School, 2010

### ***KNOWLWDGE of LANGUAGES:***

- English
- French
- German
- Hungarian
- Turkish
- Romanian

### ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:***

***January 2017-present:***

**Head of Social Partnerships, Corporate Partnerships Unit:**  
coordinating venture philanthropy, social enterprise, private sector engagement, social innovative initiative, strategic alliances for economic development.

***December 2015-2016:***

**Sr. Manager for Social Partnerships/ Associate Director Emergency Management Unit, ADRA International, Silver Spring, MD, USA.**  
Responsible for global social & corporate alliances and partnerships, material acquisition and relief management and disaster response.

- 2011-November 2015:** **ADRA Tunisia & Libya Country Director:** Established and officially registered the Tunisian country office, developed portfolios and strategies in Livelihoods, Professional Training, Health and Social Enterprise; established partnerships with GoT (MOH & MOL), UNHCR and other NGOs and continues to grow the national capacity and programs. Launched and branded *ADRA Jobs*—a program that empowers Tunisian job-seekers and equips them with soft (life) skills and offers them professional training; established a strategic partnership with the Ministry of Labor aimed at tackling unemployment. Established IGS (*International General Services*), a social enterprise aimed at providing employment to refugees (initiative funded by UNHCR & ADRA I).
- 2014-present:** **Maghreb Region Finance Director** of behalf the MENA Union of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Countries currently receiving financial administration and support: Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.
- 2010-2011** **Program Director, ADRA Pakistan:** Started the flood response operations, developed the program and prepared proposals for large grants, managed projects financed by ADRA and the German Government (Health/WASH). Established partnerships with local CBOs, NGOS and MOH. Led considerable logistics operation, commodity management and distribution of NFI and medical supplies/services.
- 2004-present** **ADRA EURO AFRICA Disaster Response Team Member** (participated in operation in Iraq, Sudan, Bulgaria, Iran, Turkey, Romania, Pakistan & Philippines; also active in coaching ADRA Romania Local office and its members on issues related to disaster response, project monitoring and evaluations, needs assessment, implementation, etc) Rapid Assessment member and proposal writer for emergency relief (all clusters, with advanced experience mainly in WASH, Health and Shelter) Participated in ERT Europe Training exercise as ERC in 2013 and was part of the Control Team during the ERT MENA Training in 2014.
- 2009-2010** **DTD Team, Senior Financial Advisor**, actively consulting with a local financial firm involved in financial consultancy, market analysis, feasibility studies, financial analysis, project financing, etc.
- 2010** **Business Development Director, Corporate & Investments Department of Volksbank Romania/VB Services;** involved in asset management, distressed assets, investment strategy planning, etc.
- January 2010** **Founding member of the Romanian Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, appointed as Secretary General.** Negotiated partnership with HKTC, one of the largest trader in the world and participated in commercial and business events planning; Established also a platform of cooperation between 7 other chambers; written proposals for EU grants participated in various project and business development committees.
- 2003-2008** **Executive Country Director, ADRA Turkey.**

**Activities:** Registering ADRA as an official NGO; Senior Member of ADRA Europe Disaster Response & Rapid Assessment Team (Regional Relief Team)

Led major relief operations in Iraq after 2003 war (operations ended in 2005 due to security reasons) and managed relief projects in Iraq on behalf of ADRA Turkey in partnership with ADRA Germany & the German Government; supplying over 45 tons of medicines to the entire Western Ninewa Province.

Seconded to ADRA Denmark (2005) as Executive Water and Sanitation Project Director in Darfur, Sudan (EU funded); managed to restructure and complete successfully a project that was months behind schedule; Implemented small-scale development projects targeting street children and underprivileged children (over 500 beneficiaries; 2006); Joined a special committee of Turkish experts for the conceptualization a program aimed at reducing child labor in Turkey (20,000 families) and secured funding for this initiative (2007)

**Volume of operations managed:** since 1999 until 2006 ADRA Turkey implemented projects valued at more that 4.5 million USD and provided humanitarian assistance to more than half a million people in need.

**2002- Mar 2001**

**Associate Director, ADRA Turkey**

**Activities:** Supervision of projects, grant writing, negotiation and reporting. Assisting in staff management by coordinating office services, such as personnel, budget preparation and control, records control and special management activities.

**Jan 2000 - Mar 2001**

**Management Assistant, ADRA Turkey**

**Activities:** Organizing, managing and implementing relief, construction rehabilitation and development projects financed by the German and Swiss Governments, ECHO and other agencies

Conducted feasibility studies, recruited experts and ensured the success and sustainability of program implementation.

Written project proposals, monitored supervised, prepared interim and final reports;

**Aug 1999 – Jan 2000**

**Administrative Assistant, ADRA Turkey**

**Activities:** Managed relief projects in the aftermath of 1999 earthquakes that hit Turkey

**PERSONAL DATA:**

Born on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1978, in Zalau, Romania.

Marital Status: married

Dependents: 2 children

Citizenship: Romanian & Hungarian.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS:**

- General Management skills
- Emergency Management
- Administrative skills
- Leadership and Personnel Management
- Negotiating skills
- Team work skills

References:

Joerg Fehr, ADRA Euro Africa Regional Vice President

Donovan Cleary, MENA Union CFO/Treasurer

Ovidiu Silaghi, Romanian Former Minister of Tourism and Small Enterprises