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The goals of this project as outlined by the Department of State are:

- To examine the management of Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the United States, the rules that govern them, and best practices in capacity building and stakeholder engagement;

- To examine the interaction between politics, development, and faith in the NGO sector, and the role of international policy making to address key issues of development;

- To examine the role of faith based development organizations in conflict resolution and post conflict reconciliation, and their role in peace building and community cohesion, specifically for large Muslim populations living in a Western culture; and

- To examine the role of education in development, how NGOs raise educational attainment among disadvantaged communities;
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Name: Mr. Mohamed Amjad MOHAMED SALEEM

Present Position: Head of Communications, The Cordoba Foundation

Previous Positions:
Country Director for Sri Lanka Field Office, Muslim Aid 2005-2009
Country Director for Bangladesh Field Office, Muslim Aid 2006-2008
Project Engineer, Halcrow Water Services 2000-2005

Education/Training:
Ph.D. (candidate), Ethno-Political Studies, University of Exeter, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, United Kingdom
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M.Eng, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Imperial College University of London, United Kingdom, 2000

Memberships:
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*Professional Background:* While working for the international relief organization Muslim Aid, Mr. Saleem was tasked with establishing an office in Sri Lanka to assist in the post tsunami reconstruction efforts. This included overseeing projects in housing, water supply, and new enterprise creation. During his tenure in Sri Lanka, Mr. Saleem’s stewardship eventually led to Muslim Aid being awarded a certificate from the government in recognition of their work done, specifically their coordinated effort in the north of the country after conflict broke out. Mr. Saleem was also a part of the development process for a landmark global partnership with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which is recognized as one of the first interfaith humanitarian partnerships in the world. While performing these services in Sri Lanka, Mr. Saleem was asked to be a part of the pilot phase of an emergency response coordination effort to create a Muslim Aid Global Emergency Response Team. This team would go on to respond to emergencies in Sudan, Pakistan, Myanmar and Bangladesh. Mr. Saleem eventually took over the responsibilities of the Bangladesh field office, in conjunction with his ever expanding role in Sri Lanka, and revamped the office to address issues facing a 21st century Bangladesh. Mr. Saleem currently works as the Head of Communications at the Cordoba Foundation; an organization dedicated to advocating for dialog and understanding to bridge the differences and find common ground amongst people from different cultures and sects of society.