



Brief Resume

Professor K. Seeta Prabhu, M.A. PhD

Prof. K. Seeta Prabhu, M.A Ph.D, a leading exponent of the human development approach and Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs), has over 40 years of experience in academia and development practice.

Currently, Seeta is **Visiting Professor and Senior Advisor (SDGs)** at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, in which capacity she is **supporting a TISS-UN-Government of Maharashtra project on Localising SDGs at the sub-district level** in 27 backward talukas of Maharashtra. She is also Visiting Faculty at the Indian School for Development Management (ISDM), **Member of the Editorial team for the Journal of Human Development**, Member of the Governing board of the Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow, and Advisor to Habitat Forum, INHAF. She is Co-Chair for the **Task Force 3 – ‘LiFE, Resilience and Values for Wellbeing’** of the India Think 20 initiative as part of India’s G20 presidency.

August 2013- August 2019: Seeta was **Tata Chair Professor** at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and **Programme Director of the Prime Minister’s Rural Development Fellows (PMRDF) Scheme** of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India (2015-2017).

- As Director of the PMRDF programme, she monitored the implementation of rural development programmes in 111 remote conflict affected districts in which the over 300 Fellows were placed. She **supervised the teaching of the two years Masters Programme on Development Practice** and the preparation of over **120 Master’s dissertations**. The experiences of the Fellows were also documented in two volumes **Making Development Happen: Transformational Change in Rural India Volumes I and II**, co-edited with Prof. S. Parasuraman (2021, 2020) and published by Orient Blackswan and Tata Institute of Social Sciences.
- As Tata Chair Professor, she co-authored with Sandhya Iyer a book **Human Development in an Unequal World**, published by Oxford University Press in 2019 that provides a comprehensive analysis of the human development approach and its applications in public policy. The book is currently used as an important resource for teaching human development in Universities in India and abroad.

November 2000 - March 2013: Seeta was **Head of the Human Development Resource Centre, United Nations Development Programme, New Delhi**.

- **At the national level**, she spearheaded the globally acclaimed initiative supporting along with the national Planning Commission and provincial governments, the preparation of **26 provincial Human Development Reports and over 80 district level reports** and their implementation in policy. **Two of the sub-national HDRs were awarded the prestigious National Human Development Report awards**
 - 2004 - West Bengal HDR for Excellence in Quality of Analysis and
 - 2007 - Chhattisgarh HDR for Excellence in Participatory Processes
- **At the regional level**, rendered technical and advisory services on human development to national governments of **Afghanistan, Indonesia and Mongolia and conducted** training on human development to university teachers and government officers. A key resource person for regional trainings on human development for the Asia Pacific region.
- **At the global level**, Seeta has been a resource person on human development teaching and training for UNDP staff and successfully led the development of an **online course on human development** in collaboration with the Human Development Report Office and the Learning Resource Centre, UNDP. She provided support to the **design and also delivered sessions on human development at training courses organised by the Human Development Report Office and Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) at the University of Oxford.**
- Seeta also made substantive contribution to the teaching of human development at the University level in India and abroad. She has been a Consultant to international organizations such as the ILO, Reserve Bank of India, DFID, and Senior Advisor and Governing Board member of several organizations including the Indian Council for Social Science Research, Institute for Livelihood and Training, BASIX group.

December 1979 to October 2000, Seeta was a faculty member at the Department of Economics, University of Mumbai and also **Professor of Development Economics** teaching Development Economics and Economics of Social Infrastructure to graduate students.

Select Publications

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