**KABERI DUTTA** Email: duttakaberi@gmail.com

An interdisciplinary researcher and academic with about 15 years of experience in the field of health, environment and education. Focus of work on vulnerable and marginal communities like environmental refugees, sex workers, slum dwellers and religious minorities in areas of man-animal conflicts, HIV/AIDS control, maternity health and education.

**EDUCATION:**

2016 – Doctoral researcher, University of Heidelberg, Anthropology dept. South Asia Institute, Germany

2017 – Fellow of Heidelberg Graduate School for the Humanities (HGGS),

University of Heidelberg

2013-15 MA Health and Society in South Asia, University of Heidelberg Grade: 1,3

 *Thesis: “Puffed rice to potato chips: Malnutrition & changing food culture in rural India”*

1999 MA Media Studies & Journalism, University of Calcutta

1998 BA Journalism, University of Calcutta

1996 P.G Certificate in Science Journalism & Media Practice, The Science Association of Bengal, Sponsored by N.C.S.T.C, Govt. of India

1997 BSc (Honours) Zoology, University of Calcutta

**HONOURS**

2017 – LGF Doctoral Fellowship, Graduate Academy, University of Heidelberg

2015 – DAAD, Scholarship for International Students, University of Heidelberg

2014 – Scholarship of International Students, University of Heidelberg

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Programme Manager, Vikramshila Education Resource Society**, a Kolkata-based NGO and partner of USAIDS September 2009 – May 2012, Location**:** New Delhi and Kolkata, India,

Planning, implementing, monitoring and supervising:

USAID project on introducing formal education into the religious education system in Madrasas

Key Objectives:

* + - Improve the quality and make education more meaningful as well as employable for the pupils
		- Helping them to get absorbed in the mainstream education
		- Provide formal education to Muslim girls (without infringing upon their religious training and education)
		- Offer them equal opportunities with quality education and an opportunity to get into the mainstream

Network with various Minority groups and their leaders, with development agencies, with different state and federal departments to replicate this model nationally

**Communication Consultant & Network Coordinator**, **Population Services International (PSI)**,

November 2006 – August 2009*:*Location: Mumbai

Responsibilities**:**

* Supervisor of a project on sex workers, developing communication strategies to build awareness about HIV/AIDS among the high-risk population and to mitigate transmission of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Training sex workers, interpersonal communicators and peer educators for effective delivery.
* Planning, implementing and supervising women’s health projects, a social marketing initiatives of promoting IUCD, oral contraceptive pills and condoms across Mumbai suburban district with particular emphasis on Dharavi slums, one of world’s largest
* Networking with private doctors, nursing homes, organising training camps across the city. Establishing family planning clinic franchises with doctors through MoUs
* Mobilising vulnerable communities to participate in the family planning programmes in Dharavi

**District Coordinator**, **Sarva Siksha Mission (World’s largest federal education programme*),***

**Government of West Bengal**

March 2003 – June 2005, Location: Kolkata

Responsibilities**:**

Community Mobilization and Alternative Schooling under the Ministry of Human Resource Development(MHRD)

Monitoring alternative schooling programme

SuperviseMedia Relation & Documentation

Designing effective models of alternative schools for children from special communities like sex workers and destitute, which required interacting with respective communities, understand their problems

**Researcher and Assistant Director**, August 2002 – February 2003, **Enadu Television (ETV)** Children’s cell,

Responsibilities: Conceptualising and directing television serials and shows. Supervising the entire range of post-production activities like editing and mixing. Coordinating with various agencies for the shootings

**Reporter, Rainbow Productions Ltd** November 2001 — July 2002, Kolkata, India

Responsibilities: Covering lifestyle, entertainment, sports and society along with generating special stories. Editing in-house productions and agency feeds to prepare news capsules.

**Reporter-Anchor, Calcutta Television Network (CTVN)** August 2000 – October 2001, Kolkata India

Responsibilities:

Conducting various live infotainment programmes

Covering current affairs as a journalist

**Freelance work:**

**Researcher:** Publication titled “Science Communication in Bengali” (1996), National Council of Education Research & Training, Govt. of India

**Contributor:** Leading magazines published by Anandbazar Group, India’s leading media outlet

**Coordinator:**  **National Children’s Science Congress, West Bengal,**

**Science Communication Forum:** Campaigns against Food Adulteration, conducting workshops on science and society with issues such as large dams and displacement of people

Conducting survey programme for Asian Development Bank in association with Kolkata Municipal Corporation for the Rehabilitation programme of the canal bank dwellers in Kolkata

Compiled an Anthology on Science Journalism in Bengal, historically and sociologically tracing it from early 13th Century to 21st Century.