



SIMI KAMAL

PAKISTAN

Current position: Chairperson, Hisaar Foundation, Pakistan

Simi Kamal is Chairperson of the Hisaar Foundation, Pakistan. Educated at the University of Cambridge, she has 37 years of experience in the water sector, environment, climate change, food security, women's empowerment, gender equality, inclusive development and poverty alleviation.

Starting her career in England, she has traveled to over 50 countries on assignments, for conferences, and to serve on boards, committees and networks. Her professional experience includes work across Pakistan, and also in the South Asia, Asia-Pacific, Middle East, Europe and Africa regions. Her experience ranges from grassroots institutions and projects to major national and international programs and multi-million dollar grant programs. She is the founder of several private and nonprofit organizations as well as national and international networks, programs and initiatives.

Kamal's professional interests include research, analysis, policy, strategy, program development, and implementation. She is the author and co-author of over 180 research and evaluation reports, and has led over 200 assignments and postings as team leader and lead consultant. In the last 10 years, she has led multi-sector national programs in Pakistan. She is the author of numerous handbooks and training modules, several book chapters, and over 450 articles and papers published and presented nationally and internationally. She is a fundraiser and campaigner for human rights, women's rights and the rational use of water, and is the recipient of several national and international awards.

Kamal joined the IWMI Board of Governors in February 2018.