

International Development NGO Director

Name: **Lara Puglielli**

Profession: **International Development NGO Director**

Number of years in this line of work: **10**

Native Language: **English**

Other Language(s): **Spanish**

1) What languages do you know? How did you learn them?

Native English speaker, and Spanish Fluency. Have also studied and spoken Kiswah studying French, German and Spanish in middle and high school, added Russian in abroad experience in Austria. Living and working immersion in Bulgaria/Macedon

2) What is your profession?

International Development NGO professional. I've had various positions in Catholic international development organizations that works in 99 countries worldwide. I've Auditor, Program Manager, Country Representative to currently, Director for Staff &

3) Describe a "typical" day as a (your job). How do you use your language

When based overseas, a typical day could include project planning meetings, propos resources management activities, all conducted with mostly staff from country of of partner organizations to negotiate terms of working together on projects or with loc them informed and supportive of program activities; could include visits to project s participants to monitor whether the project is having a positive impact. Being able t benefiting from our projects makes communication a heck of lot richer.

4) What do you enjoy about it?

I enjoy being able to connect with people all over the world, at all levels of society, at human family -- education for kids, growing crops and income-earning opportunitie families, how people feel about their government and whether public policies reflect etc.

5) What language do you think in?

English. When I lived in Nicaragua, sometimes I ran meetings in Spanish in my slee

6) What do you think helped you the most in mastering the foreign/second

Having to speak it every day, immersion.

7) What opportunities have knowing another language provided in your career or otherwise?

Working proficiency in at least one of French, Spanish or Portuguese apart from En hired to work overseas for my organization. Without one of these, I wouldn't have ev are enough people in the job market who do speak one of these languages.

8) If you had the time to learn another language now, what language would you choose?

French or Portuguese would broaden my posting opportunities, but my beyond work Italy someday, and therefore I'd like to learn Italian. If I were younger, I'd say Chine significant state actor in the world.

9) How do you think your life would have turned out if you had never learned a second language?

I can't imagine that possibility. I would not have been true to myself and the talents . language.

10) In your opinion, are there more career opportunities for people who speak a second language?

Yes, and more and more. Spanish in the U.S. is increasingly becoming a necessity.

11) What do you think you would be doing if you weren't working with an international organization?

For some time I considered law school, human rights or international law.

12) What advice would you give to somebody who wants to be an International Development professional? Are there any specific languages they should learn?

As mentioned above, working proficiency in Spanish, French or Portuguese is curren languages such as Arabic, Creole, Tagalog, Hindi, Bahasa, Kiswahili are also a boni