



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA - NEW YORK, USA

BIO DATA

Barbara Atherly, Consul General

Barbara Atherly was appointed Guyana's Consul General in New York on August 2, 2016. Prior to her appointment, she worked as an International Public Servant with the United Nations Children's Fund for twenty (20) years; fourteen of those years were spent serving in various posting around the world. Mrs. Atherly separated from the UN as head of the Education Section in Syria Country Office. Working in an active war environment she managed the Back to Learning Campaign and the Self-Learning programme for millions of children inside of Syria.

Barbara began her long standing career in UNICEF when she joined the Guyana office in 1996 as a national officer in the education section. As a national officer (1996 – 2002) she pioneered the Escuela Nueva (EN) initiative – that promoted the shift away from the chalk and talk method of teaching to a participatory form of education which placed children at the center of their learning process. During this same period Barbara also launched the Managing Social and Sensitive Issues (MSSI) in the classroom initiative with the Ministry of Education. In 2000 the programme merged into the Health and Family Life Programme which is now included into the schools' curriculum.

In 2002 Barbara joined the Herat Zonal Office in Afghanistan as an international education professional staff where she served for three years. She later joined the India Country Office as an Emergency Specialist where she was responsible for the Tsunami Recovery Programme in southern India. While in India she also served on emergency missions to UNICEF education sections in Pakistan and Bangladesh. She served as

Education Specialist of UNICEF Mozambique during the period June 2008 to August 2013 where she was responsible for improving the quality of the education programme.

Before joining UNICEF, Barbara worked at the Guyana Management Institute as a Research/Lecturer and also with the Government of Guyana/Inter-American Development Bank on the Primary Education Improvement Project. She holds a Bachelors of Social Science, a Masters in Applied Social Sciences and a Trained Teachers' Certificate.

Apart from her education practice, Barbara has contributed significantly at the community level. She was a member of the Guyana Hospital Management Committee and provided over 21 years of service with Lions International in various capacities including that of Past President and Treasurer; Barbara served on various church boards of the Anglican Dioceses in Guyana and Mozambique.