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Since 1994, Dr. Joshi has been with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Currently her focus is on developing new modalities for programme implementation to promote energy efficiency in buildings and small scale industries and decentralised power generation in rural areas.

In the past, she has contributed to developing and managing SDC's Global Environment Programme in India. The global environmental programme focussed on CFC phase out in the refrigeration sector and energy efficiency improvements in the small and micro enterprise sectors such as –foundry, glass, brick and wood based enterprises. Other programme development and management experience includes – Renewable energy services; Rural Energy and Housing; Human and Institutional Development; Post cyclone Orissa relief and rehabilitation programme, SDC's India Country programmes.

She has a B Sc from Karnataka University, a Masters and PhD in Physics from Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai and Kanpur respectively.

Has been a researcher for the first fifteen years of career out of which ten years were at TERI. Large part of the research work can be divided into five broad areas- Biomass based cooking stoves and indoor air pollution , Biomass resources, Rural energy planning and Implementation issues, Air pollution issues.

She has a special interest in interdisciplinary actions to support policy and practice relevant to solving problems that face the poorer sections of society.