



Health and Internal Displacement

4 and 11 February 2021

Meeting Background

The workshop is convened by the Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) and the Internal Displacement Research Programme (IDRP) at the School of Advanced Study, University of London.

In 2020, over 45 million people live displaced within their own countries due to armed conflict. These internally displaced persons (IDPs) have distinct vulnerabilities from refugees who leave the country. Acute health challenges arise for IDPs where the health system is already overwhelmed. Yet, despite its profound impact in these low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), medical and health research on internal displacement remains fragmentary. Indeed, even the High-Level Panel (HLP) appointed this year by the UN Secretary-General (UNSG) to seek solutions to the global crisis of internal displacement lacks a focus on the crucial issue of IDP health.

Convening researchers from the medical and health sciences, this workshop takes a first step toward building an integrated research community to engage this challenge. Its objectives are to:

- Identify key research findings and knowledge gaps on health and internal displacement;
- Stimulate renewed research interest and collaborations in this field through networking;
- Publish findings on the state of the art and future directions for research;
- Produce targeted briefs to feed into practice/policy processes, including the UNSG HLP;
- Disseminate materials to raise public awareness, including via social media platforms.

As a starting point, the workshop addresses internal displacement driven by conflict, but recognising that future work will be needed on displacement in the context of other disasters. Indeed, even for conflict-IDPs, the time-limited discussions will need to focus on current topical themes.

Themes to be discussed:

1. General approaches to understanding IDP health.
2. Non-communicable diseases, mental health, and sexual/reproductive health in the IDP context.
3. Communicable diseases and internal displacement.
4. COVID-19 and its impact on the IDP population.

Workshop advisory panel:

Professor David Cantor, Refugee Law Initiative and the Internal Displacement Research Programme, University of London

Professor Bayard Roberts, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Dr Jina Swartz FMedSci, Neuroscience, Respiratory/ Immunology, Global Clinical Development, MSD



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Day One, 4 February: What do we know about IDP health and what is missing?

Times in GMT	
12.50-13.00	Participants join meeting
13:00-13.10	Welcome and roundtable structure/objectives <i>Dr Jina Swartz FMedSci, MSD</i>
13:10-13.30	Key Points The Internal Displacement and IDP protection context (10 mins) <i>Professor David Cantor, IDRP</i> IDPs, conflict and health (10 mins) <i>Professor Bayard Roberts, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine</i>
13:30-15:30	Discussion series
	Discussion points This session will focus on the following four themes: 1. General approaches to understanding IDP health (30 mins) <i>Chair: Professor Bayard Roberts</i> 2. Non-communicable diseases, mental health, and sexual/reproductive health in the IDP context (30 mins) <i>Chair: Professor David Cantor</i> 3. Communicable diseases and internal displacement (30 mins) <i>Chair: Dr Jina Swartz FMedSci</i> 4. COVID-19 and its impact on the IDP population (30 mins) <i>Chair: Professor Bayard Roberts</i> Questions in relation to each theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What key publications are missing from the evidence in the discussion paper? • What are the key findings that can be advanced for each theme? • What are the main gaps in our knowledge in relation to each theme? General questions to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any additional themes relating to IDP health that we should consider addressing? • Any input on structure of the paper, i.e. grouping of themes <i>etc.</i>?
15.30-16.00	Round-up and review
15.30-15.45	<i>Professor David Cantor</i> Key themes emerging and agreement on areas for amendment of the paper
15.45-16.00	Closing words <i>Dr Jina Swartz FMedSci</i> Closing words, thanks and setting up themes for Day 2

Day Two, 11 February: Next steps for promoting and disseminating research on IDP health

Times in GMT	
12.50-13.00	Participants join meeting
13.00-13.10	Welcome and day 2 structure/objectives <i>Dr Jina Swartz FMedSci</i>
13.10-13.30	Presentation and debate on redrafted discussion paper <i>Professor David Cantor</i>
13:30-14.30	Policy implications <i>Moderator: Professor Bayard Roberts</i> Distilling policy/wider implications from research (discussion paper) (30 mins) Agreeing strategy for disseminating policy/wider policy implications (30 mins)
14.30-15.55	Research next steps <i>Moderator: Dr Jina Swartz FMedSci</i> Developing the network and jointly publishing discussion paper (30 mins) Identifying research gaps, potential collaborations, projects and funding sources (55 mins)
15.55-16.00	Closing words, thanks and continued contact <i>Dr Jina Swartz FMedSci</i>

Workshop Advisory Panel Biographies

Professor David James Cantor

Director of the Refugee Law Initiative and the Internal Displacement Research Programme, at the School of Advanced Study, University of London, UK



Biography

Professor David James Cantor, PhD, is Director of the Refugee Law Initiative and the Internal Displacement Research Programme, at the School of Advanced Study, University of London, UK. David engages in a broad range of individual and collaborative research on the legal and practical protection of refugees and internally displaced persons and he has published widely in books and peer-review journals. His extensive field research across Latin America, including in Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico, won the *Times Higher Education* Research of the Year Award in 2017-18. He has advised and trained governments from Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe and Latin America. He founded the first and only distance-learning MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies, with over 300 students from humanitarian practice all over the world, and set up and directs the new University of London intercollegiate refugee law clinic. Throughout the 2000s, he practised before the UK courts as a Legal Officer for an NGO law centre, the Refugee Legal Centre, and was recently seconded part-time to the UNHCR Americas Bureau as its Principal Advisor. David is current Editor-in-Chief of the Refugee Survey Quarterly journal and the Brill International Refugee Law book series, which he established. His most recent research articles are '*Environment, Mobility, and International Law: A New Approach in the Americas*' (2021) and '*Internal Displacement, Internal Migration, and Refugee Flows: Connecting the Dots*' (2020, with Jacob Ochieng Apollo).

Professor Bayard Roberts

Professor of Health Systems and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



Biography

Bayard Roberts is Professor of Health Systems and Policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Bayard has a public health background, with a focus on forced migration – particularly mental health and non-communicable diseases. He has led a number of research studies on humanitarian health needs and responses, including with IDPs in Uganda, South Sudan, Ukraine and Georgia. His current projects on humanitarian health needs and responses include RECAP, GOAL and CHANGE. He is Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Conflict and Health*, and is on the Editorial Board of the *Refugee Survey Quarterly*.

Workshop Advisory Panel Biographies

Dr Jina Elise Swartz FMedSci

Therapeutic Area Head - Neuroscience, Respiratory and Immunology in Global Clinical Development, MSD



Biography

Dr Jina Swartz trained in Internal Medicine and Neurology in South Africa, where she obtained her MBBCh (MD) degree cum laude, followed by an MSc Medicine (in Neurology). Within Neurology, she has special interest in neurodegenerative disorders (Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, spinocerebellar degenerations), cerebrovascular disease, infectious neurology, epilepsy, pain, multiple sclerosis and neurogenetics. Following the award of a post-doctoral research fellowship in 1998, she completed a PhD at the University of Cambridge's Institute for Medical Research, exploring molecular mechanisms of neurodegeneration in Huntington's disease and trinucleotide disorders. She was elected to the Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2020.

Jina's has twenty years' experience in research and drug development, working at pharmaceutical companies including GlaxoSmithKline, Eisai, Signant (previously Bracket) and Takeda, at increasing levels of seniority and responsibility, Dr Swartz has held leadership roles in either Neuroscience Translational Medicine or Global Clinical Development over this time frame. Her current position is Therapeutic Area Head Neuroscience, Respiratory and Immunology in Global Clinical Development at Merck Sharp and Dohme, as an international expert in developing therapies for neurological disorders and refractory chronic cough.

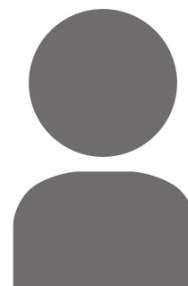
Although her research focus is largely in neurodegeneration/immunology, she has special interest in health issues in refugees and IDPs, stemming from clinical work performed in rural South Africa amongst Mozambiquan refugees and mobile local populations displaced by political and socioeconomic factors. She also worked previously as a doctor at the Medical Foundation for Care of Victims of Torture in London.

She is also an Honorary Consultant at Imperial College London, where she ran clinics at the West London Cognitive Disorders Treatment and Research Unit and invited Lecturer on the MSc Pharmacology course, Kings College London. She serves as a Board Member at Ataxia UK and an External Advisory Board Member for Sheffield Translational Neuroscience Centre for Chronic Neurological Disorders.

Participant Biographies

Tolulope Babawarun

Centre for Population and Reproductive Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria



Biography

Ms Babawarun is trained epidemiologist and works as senior programs coordinator at the Centre for Population and Reproductive Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. Her main interest is to contribute to the improvement of the health of women and youths especially with regards to their reproductive and sexual health through research. She has worked on a vast range of research projects on breast cancer, improving pregnancy outcomes, HIV and sexual/gender-based violence among marginalised and displaced persons.

Dr Zulfiqar A. Bhutta FRS

Co-Director, SickKids Centre for Global Child Health, The Hospital for Sick Children, Distinguished University Professor & Founding Director Institute for Global Health & Development, The Aga Khan University, South Central Asia, East Africa & United Kingdom, Karachi, Pakistan



Biography

Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta is the Inaugural Robert Harding Chair in Global Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children, Co-Director and Director of Research at the SickKids Centre for Global Child Health, and Founding Director of both the Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health, and Institute of Global Health and Development at Aga Khan University. Dr. Bhutta is a Distinguished National Professor of the Government of Pakistan, co-Chair of the Maternal and Child Health oversight committee of World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region, and the Coalition of Centres in Global Child Health Chairman. He is a leading voice for health professionals supporting integrated maternal, newborn and child health globally.

Dr. Bhutta leads large research groups in Toronto, Karachi and Nairobi with special interests in scaling up evidence-based, community setting interventions and implementation of RMNCAH&N interventions in humanitarian contexts. Dr. Bhutta obtained his MBBS from the University of Peshawar and his PhD from the Karolinska Institute. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Pakistan Academy of Sciences. In 2020 he was awarded the honour of Fellow of the Royal Society.

Participant Biographies

Professor Karl Blanchet

Director of the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, and Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva



Biography

Professor Karl Blanchet is the Director of the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, and Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva.

Professor Blanchet has been working in health systems research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine since 2010 and was appointed as the co-director of the Health in Humanitarian Crises Centre in 2016. He has a management and public health background and brings to us extensive experience in humanitarian contexts as a relief worker and a researcher.

Professor Blanchet's research focuses on resilience issues in global health, specifically in post-conflict and conflict-affected countries. He has developed innovative research approaches based on complexity science and system thinking, and is currently focused on developing and testing people-centred methodological approaches for refugee populations in the Middle East.

Professor Gilbert Burnham

Professor of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore



Biography

Gilbert Burnham is professor of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore where he served as the first director of the Center for Humanitarian Health. He has worked extensively with conflict-affected and displaced populations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Albania, Malawi and Uganda. Professor Burnham has worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross and universities in Japan, Korea, Singapore, Lebanon and Afghanistan to establish educational programs for humanitarian health.

Participant Biographies

JohnBosco Chika Chukwuorji

Lecturer & Clinical Psychologist, Department of Psychology,
University of Nigeria, Nsukka



Biography

JohnBosco Chika Chukwuorji, is a lecturer in psychology at University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu state, Nigeria. He holds a B.Sc. degree Psychology and MSc degree in Clinical Psychology. He was a Fulbright scholar/faculty affiliate at Cleveland State University, Cleveland Ohio in 2019-2020 where he carried out the lab work for his PhD thesis. He has reviewed over 205 manuscripts for reputable journals. He has been editor of the Nigerian Journal of Psychological Research since 2015 and was appointed Editor of Socioscope (a quarterly news magazine of the Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Nigeria, Nsukka) in 2020. He also got the 2017 Early Career Scholar Grant for the 12th African Regional Workshop of International Society for Studies in Behavioural Development (ISSBD) at University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. In April 2018, he was in University of Potchefstroom, South Africa as an invited speaker for the first African Positive Psychology Conference (APPC 2018). He researches mental health status and services for vulnerable populations such as internally displaced persons. Mr Chukwuorji has written 64 published journal articles, 4 book chapters and 2 published conference proceedings. His research has covered such topics like psychological wellbeing, meaning in life, posttraumatic growth, psychotraumatology, emotion regulation, and affective disorders.

Professor Nihaya Daoud

Professor of Public Health, Department of Public Health, at
Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Founder and Director
of the Center for Health Promotion and Health Equity



Biography

Prof. Nihaya Daoud is a social epidemiologist and a professor in public health. She is at the Public School of Health at Ben Gurion University of the Negev and founder and director of the Center for Health Equity and Health Promotion. Prof. Daoud is a co-founder of the Fellow up Committee for Health of Palestinians in Israel, and the founder and director of the Public Health Associations for Palestinians in Israel. Her research focuses on understanding health inequity and policies for narrowing these inequities among minority and low-income groups. She conducted national and international research for understanding the intersectionality of historical, political, social and economic pathways on health inequity. Her research among Palestinian citizens in Israel explores the root causes of health inequalities, including discrimination, residential segregation and violence. Her research on internal displacement among Palestinians was among few that examined the long-term impacts on health. Other related research on house demolitions, lack of legal status and multiple forms of discrimination pointed to poor health and lack of access to healthcare services. Prof. Daoud was awarded with several grants. Among these a current ISF grant for studying racial separation of mothers at hospitals' maternity wards. A research on masculinity that oppose violence against women received an EU Gender-Net grant and is conducted with three EU countries. Other recent grants focus on access to mental health services among Palestinians in Israel and women victims of partner violence following the mental health reform.

Participant Biographies

Dr Winifred Ekezie

Research Associate , University of Leicester



Biography

Dr Winifred Ekezie is an epidemiologist with research interests in human displacement, migration, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, community engagement, risk analysis and sustainable interventions. She has a Bachelor's degree in Microbiology, a Master's in Public Health and a PhD in Epidemiology and Public Health. Winifred's research on internal displacement has focused on primary healthcare services for conflict-induced internally displaced populations (IDPs) in low- and middle- income countries and healthcare management for conflict-induced camp-dwelling IDPs in Northern Nigeria. Her research was motivated by a passion for health protection for seldom heard groups, especially concerning vaccination coverage and communication. Winifred also has work experience in monitoring and evaluation of primary healthcare services including adolescent, maternal and child healthcare; and proven expertise in health promotion, systematic reviews, and policy evaluation. She is currently a Research Associate at the University of Leicester working on research related to community engagement, health communication, and inequalities amongst ethnic minorities and seldom heard groups in the United Kingdom. She is also a part of the Vienna Vaccine Safety Initiative (VIVI), an international scientific think tank committed to promoting science-informed infectious diseases and vaccine safety research and communication, where she contributes to research on vaccine accessibility among disadvantaged and migrant communities in Europe.

Dr Abdulkarim Ekzayez

King's College London



Biography

Dr Ekzayez is a medical doctor and an epidemiologist. He received his MD from Aleppo University and his MSc from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is the former head of the health response for Save the Children in Syria. Currently his work at King's College focuses on building the capacity to research health in conflict in the middle east. His research focuses on the public health impacts of conflict, as well as challenges around the protection of healthcare in conflict.

Participant Biographies

Dr John E. Eze

Department of Psychology, University of Nigeria, Nsukka,
Enugu state, Nigeria



Biography

Dr John E. Eze trained as a Clinical Psychologist in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and holds a PhD degree in clinical psychology. He has served as the National treasurer of Nigerian Psychological Association (NPA) and National Assistant Secretary of the Nigeria Association of Clinical Psychologists (NACP). He is the Assistant Editor-in-chief of the Nigerian Journal of Clinical Psychology.

Dr Nina G. Gloriani

Chairperson, Department of Science and Technology
Vaccine Expert Panel for COVID19



Biography

Dr. Nina Gloriani is a medical doctor with a public health background, and post graduate training in microbial immunology and medical biotechnology. In the past she has served as Dean of the College of Public Health (CPH), UP Manila, the Director of SEAMEO-TROPED Regional Center for Public Health, Hospital Administration, Environmental and Occupational Health, Director of the Institute of Biotechnology and Molecular Biology of the National Institutes of Health-Philippines, and as Chairman of the Department of Medical Microbiology of CPH. She established the Microbial Immunology Research Group which addressed sero-epidemiologic and molecular studies on infectious disease agents such as hepatitis A, B, C and E, HIV, herpes and hantaan viruses. From 2010-2015, Dr Nina led and implemented a five-year JICA and DOST-PCHRD funded program for the prevention and control of leptospirosis in the Philippines, a comprehensive program for identifying various strains of leptospirae in the Philippines, environmental, behavioral, socio economic and other risk factors for transmission, burden of disease studies, development of diagnostic reagents, health promotion and education and vaccine development wherein her team developed the Leptovax vaccine against 4 Leptospirae serogroups/ serovars prevalent in the Philippines. Dr Nina Gloriani currently serves as the Chairperson of the DOST Expert Vaccine Panel on COVID19 Vaccine Clinical Trials, and is also a Member of the WHO Scientific Steering Committee for COVID19 Solidarity Vaccines Trial. She continues to chair the National Certification Committee for Poliomyelitis Eradication in the Philippines.

Participant Biographies

Professor Edvard Hauff

Institute of Clinical Medicine, Division of Mental Health and Addiction, University of Oslo



Biography

Edvard Hauff MD, PhD, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Oslo and in private practice as a Consultant Psychiatrist. He wrote his doctoral thesis on a longitudinal study of the mental health of Vietnamese refugees in Norway. One of his main professional interests is the development of community mental health services and psychosocial rehabilitation in low-income countries, and since 1993 he has been involved in training psychiatrists and establishing mental health services in Cambodia, where he is also Honorary Professor at the University of Health Sciences. He has also conducted a 5-year project on capacity building in the field of mental health in South Sudan. Previously he was the Director of Psychosocial Centre for Refugees at the University of Oslo. He has for many years conducted research, worked clinically and served as an international consultant in the field of forced migration, IDPs and mental health. His research work on IDPS has been conducted in Indonesia, Sudan and Nepal. He is the founding member of the University of Oslo and Oslo University Hospital joint research group on Traumatic Stress, Forced Migration and Global Mental health. He has on several occasions served as a WHO short-term consultant.

Cagri (Chara) Hurmuzlu

Coordination Officer (Internal Displacement), Internal Displacement Section, Division of International Protection, UNHCR



Biography

Cagri (Chara) Hurmuzlu has close to 15 years of experience working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), international and national non-governmental organizations, and academia focusing on the protection of refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons. Since 2008, Cagri has managed field operations in complex emergency situations in Nepal, Yemen, Tunisia, Myanmar, Jordan and Turkey.

Participant Biographies

Cecilia Jimenez-Damary

UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs), Davao City, Philippines



Biography

Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (Philippines), LL.M. in Public International Law (King's College London, UK); MDC in International Organizations-MBA (University of Geneva, Switzerland); LL.B. (Ateneo de Manila, Philippines); B.Sc. in Foreign Service (University of the Philippines). Cecilia Jimenez-Damary is a human rights lawyer specialised in forced displacement and migration. Ms. Jimenez-Damary has over two decades of experience in NGO human rights advocacy for the Asia-Pacific region and also has teaching experience as an adjunct professor of international human rights and humanitarian law. Ms. Jimenez-Damary previously acted as Senior Legal Adviser and Trainer with the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in Geneva; as the National Director of the IDP Project of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines; and more recently as the government representative to the Philippine Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission. Ms. Jimenez-Damary was appointed Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons by the Human Rights Council in September 2016 and assumed the mandate on 1 November 2016.

Dr Claude Masumbuko Kasereka

Department of Surgery, Université Catholique de Graben, Butembo, DR Congo



Biography

My background is a physician working in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a region where there is chronic insecurity due to human longstanding human conflict and leading to Internally Displaced People. I am involved in academic life as a member of the Faculty of Medicine at the Université Catholique du Graben (UCG). I am a second year PhD student at the University of Alberta (U of A) in Edmonton, Canada, with the purpose of acquiring rigorous training in research methodology (clinical epidemiology) that will greatly increase my ability to provide leadership, build capacity, and conduct innovative high-quality research in my country of origin, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). I founded the non-profit Association For Health innovation in Africa (AFHIA) and remain its Chief Medical Officer (CMO). AFHIA is based in DRC and recently expanded to Uganda, where it is now a licensed charity. AFHIA's mission is to promote health in the African context through research and innovation. I have authored publications in various domains, including malaria in internally displaced persons camps, Prevention of COVID-19 in internally displaced persons camps in war-torn North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo: a mixed-methods study.

Participant Biographies

Professor Riyadh K Lafta

Professor, Chair of Family and Community Medicine Department, College of Medicine, Mustansiriyah University, Iraq. Affiliated Professor, Global Health Department, University of Washington, Seattle, USA



Biography

Graduated from Baghdad Medical School 1984, Board degree in Family and Community Medicine 1994. Assistant Prof. 2001, Professor in Epidemiology 2006, Head of Family and Community Medicine Department, Mustansiriya Medical School 2017. Worked as a consultant with the United Nation from 2005 through 2012. Led many health projects with Stony Brooke University, Simon Fraser, and Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Affiliated Prof., Global Health Department, University of Washington/Seattle, USA since 2011 to present, published more than 120 articles in different branches of Medicine with more focus on effect of violence, war, and armed conflicts on health.

Dr Derebe Madoro

Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dilla University, Dilla, Ethiopia



Biography

Dr Derebe Madoro has been working as psychiatry lecturer, clinician, counsellor and researcher in Dilla University, Ethiopia. I hold Msc degree in integrated clinical and community mental health from the university of Gondar, Ethiopia. I have seven years working experience as lecturer and clinician in University of Gondar and Dilla University respectively. I have different training certifications like: Grant writing, TOT in mental health GAP (mh-GAP), effective teaching skill, mental health counselling, mental health and psychosocial support and leadership, management and governance.

I'm interested in mental health research like mental health and displacement, substance use, children and maternal mental health. My published thesis on "post-traumatic stress disorder and associated factors among IDP" and have on-going research works on similar area. In my role, I'm providing an efficient, enthusiastic and strong service. Strong work ethics and communication skills, positive attitude and team work skills, adaptability and problem solving skills and strong leadership ability are my specific skills. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the gym and regular runs around the city.

Participant Biographies

Professor Nino Makhashvili

Associate Professor, Head of Mental Health Resource Center, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia. Director of Foundation Global Initiative on Psychiatry -Tbilisi (GIP-Tbilisi)



Biography

By background I am a psychiatrist and over the years have worked in in-patient and outpatient mental health clinics in Georgia. Since the mid-90's I have been involved in psychosocial support to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), prisoners, victims of interpersonal violence, torture, etc. Nowadays, with the GIP-T team, I work on structural changes of the mental health care systems in countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia, also in Ukraine. My research interests include the mental health of war-affected populations, the epidemiology of common mental disorders, systems of mental health services, human rights in mental health. Together with my team I am involved in deinstitutionalization processes in my region, community-based service development, lobbying of trauma-informed and trauma-specific services, also am active in prison mental health and forensic psychiatry. Recently I was nominated and elected as a Honorary Member of World Psychiatric Association (WPA). As a member of WPA section on 'Psychological Consequences of Torture and Trauma' and WPA Task-force on 'Minimizing Coercion in Psychiatry' I advocate for trauma-free mental health care. Over the years, I have served as a member of the Consultative Council on Mental Health at the Parliament of Georgia; Mental Health Policy Advisory Board at Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Georgia; National Inter-Agency Coordination Council on Criminal Justice Reform at the Ministry of Justice; I am a member of advisory board to NPM, at Public Defender Office, Georgia.

Dr Kennedy Ongwae

Chief of Health and Nutrition, Health and Nutrition, Department for UNICEF Yemen



Biography

Dr Ongwae is the Chief of Health and Nutrition for UNICEF Yemen. He has a history of working in the non-profit organization management industry and holds a PhD in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University.

Participant Biographies

Professor Alfonso J. Rodríguez-Morales

Public Health and Infection Research and Incubator Group,
Faculty of Health Sciences, Universidad Tecnológica de
Pereira, Pereira, Risaralda, Colombia



Biography

Professor Rodriguez-Morales (MD, MSc, DTM&H, FRSTMH(Lon), FFTM RCPS(Glasg), FACE, HonDSc) is an Expert in Tropical and Emerging Diseases, particularly in Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Diseases. His research interests have focused on Zika, chikungunya, and other emerging arboviruses, coordinating the Colombian Collaborative Network on Zika and chikungunya (RECOLZIKA), where he has extensively used GIS for assessment and mapping of those arboviral diseases. Also the health and infectious diseases occurrence and impact on refugees and internally displaced populations in Latin America. Currently is chairing the Latin American Network of Coronavirus Disease 2019 Research (LANCOVID). He is President of the Travel Medicine Committee of the Pan American Infectious Diseases Association (API), as well as Vice President of the Colombian Infectious Diseases Association (ACIN) (2019-2021). He is a member of the Committee on Tropical Medicine, Zoonoses and Travel Medicine of ACIN. He is part of the Executive Board of the Latin American Society for Travel Medicine (SLAMVI). Member, Council (2020-2026), International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID). He has been recognized as Senior Researcher by the National Agency of Science in Colombia, Colciencias. He is Professor of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira (UTP) in Pereira, and Professor of the Faculty of Medicine of the Fundación Universitaria Autónoma de las Américas, Pereira. Professor of the Universidad Científica del Sur, Lima, Perú. He is Co-Director of the Public Health and Infection Research Group, UTP, classified A1 by Colciencias, Ministry of Sciences.

Dr Bukola Salami

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Nursing, University of
Alberta



Biography

Dr Bukola Salami is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta. Her research program focuses on policies and practices shaping migrants health. She has been involved in around 50 funded research projects. She is the lead on 20 of these projects with funding from national and international agencies. In 2020, she created the Black Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program at the University of Alberta. She founded and leads an African migrant child research network of 30 scholars from 4 continent. She has trained over 40 students, many of whom have received awards, including the Canadian Vanier Award and the International Development Research Center Doctoral Award. Dr Salami has received several awards for research excellence and community engagement including the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame, one of the highest research award in nursing.

Participant Biographies

Professor Freddie Sengooba

Makerere University, Kampala



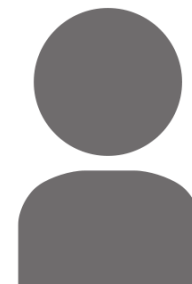
Biography

Professor Ssengooba is Associate Professor of Health Economics and Health Systems Management. He is the Chair of Health Policy Planning & Management (HPPM) department and Director SPEED Project and the Center for Health Policy and Systems Development (CHPSD) at Makerere University School of Public Health.

Professor Ssengooba has led a multi-disciplinary team undertaking Health Systems Assessment for Uganda, National Maternal Health Review and consultative study to operationalize national plans such as safe male circumcision for HIV prevention, reproductive health and health workforce and financing reforms. Dr Ssengooba is well embedded in the national and regional health and development discourses, think-tank taskforces and as advisory boards for health agencies like National Planning Authority, WHO-Afro, Wellcome Trust, KEMRI and Health Systems Global.

Dr Taiwo Lateef Sheikh

President, Association of Psychiatrists in Nigeria,
Department of Clinical Services, Federal Neuro-psychiatric
Hospital, Kaduna, Nigeria



Biography

Dr Taiwo Lateef Sheikh, MB.BS.(ABU) M.Sc.(ABU) FWACPsych. M.Cert.GMH(Harvard), is a Neuro-Psychiatrist and President of the Association of Psychiatrists in Nigeria.

Participant Biographies

Dr Egbert Sondorp

Senior Health Advisor, KIT Royal Tropical Institute



Biography

Dr Egbert Sondorp has 35 years of experience in international health, as field practitioner, manager and academic. A specific area of interest is health in fragile and conflict affected areas. Including field experience in a range of humanitarian settings and refugee health.

He joined the KIT Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam in 2011, as Senior Health Advisor with a focus on Health Systems, with a range of research, consultancy and teaching assignments. A specific area of interest is health in fragile and conflict affected areas.

From 1999-2011, he held a position as Senior Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where he led the Conflict and Health Programme, with a specific remit to forge links between academia and field practitioners. Still engaged as Honorary Lecturer.

Trained as Physician with Public Health degree (MPH, Johns Hopkins), he initially worked in a rural hospital in Botswana. Thereafter he joined MSF (Holland) as Medical Director followed by being Executive Director of the NGO 'HealthNet International' which he co-founded.

Beverley Stringer

Deputy Head of the Manson Unit, Médecins Sans Frontières



Biography

Beverley Stringer is a social anthropologist from SOAS, formally trained as a nurse practitioner, specialising in emergency paediatrics. With extensive field experience working in health and anthropology, she set up and led the Social Science team for the Dutch operational section of MSF from 2017-2020. She is since January 2021 Deputy Head of the Manson unit in MSFUK. She is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Sussex, UK.

Participant Biographies

Professor Richard Sullivan

Conflict & Health Research Group, King's College London



Biography

Richard Sullivan is Professor of Cancer and Global Health at King's College London, Director of the King's Institute of Cancer Policy and co-Director of the Conflict and Health Research Group. We have programs on conflict and health in the Middle East and North Africa (r4hc-mena.org), particularly NW & NE Syria (r4hsss.org), global health security & intelligence and a wide range of clinical domains (women's health to blast trauma). Our global cancer research covers cancer systems strengthening, financing, political economy, global radiotherapy, social welfare and cancer care in conflict. Professor Sullivan qualified in medicine and trained in surgery (urology) gaining his PhD in Biochemistry from University College London. Richard was Clinical Director of Cancer Research UK between 1999 and 2008. He has also worked for many years on biosecurity and counterproliferation issues, including Ebola outbreaks in West Africa and DR Congo. Richard is an NCD advisor to the WHO, a member of the National Cancer Grid of India and civil-military advisor to Save the Children. He has worked in numerous conflict zones since the 1990's on post-conflict health capacity.

Dr Sidika Tekeli-Yesil

Freelancer consultant and independent researcher,
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Biography

Sidika TEKELİ YEŞİL, is a freelancer consultant and an independent researcher originally from Turkey, based in Switzerland. She has a PhD in epidemiology from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (SwissTPH), University Basel/Switzerland, master degree in Public Health from the University of Bielefeld/Germany and Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation from the Istanbul University/Turkey. She had worked at SwissTPH at different time periods and positions beginning from 2006 to 2019. Between 2014 and 2017 she worked in Ankara as an asst. Professor at the Hacettepe University, Institute of Public Health at the department of Epidemiology and Department of Health Management in Disasters, she was the head of the latter. Before joining to the Hacettepe University, she worked as a consultant for nearly four years at the Turkish Ministry of Health (MoH), General Directorate of Emergency Health Services. She was an intern at WHO –EURO Department of Disaster Preparedness and Response, after getting her MPH degree in 2004. Migration Health, Disaster and Emergency Planning in Health Systems, Disaster Awareness and Risk Communication, Disaster Epidemiology are her main topics of interest. Since the Syrian war which started at 2011, she has been involved in several projects about Syrian refugees in Turkey.

Participant Biographies

Mark Yarnell

Research and Report Officer, Secretariat of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement



Biography

Mark joined the Secretariat staff of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement in February 2020 as the Research and Report Officer. Previously he worked at Refugees International, beginning in 2011, where he led field assessments to Somalia, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, the Central African Republic, Mozambique, Zimbabwe as well as conducted research in Burkina Faso, Niger, Bangladesh, and Greece. Mark has testified before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, and the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. He been a guest on multiple media outlets, including NPR, PBS, BBC, CNN International, Al Jazeera, and CBC. Prior to joining RI, Mark was a Stimson Center Congressional Fellow, based in the office of Senator Richard Lugar. He has worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a field officer with Merlin, a medical relief organization, and as a food security consultant for Oxfam. Mark earned a Master of Science in Foreign Service degree from Georgetown University and was a teaching assistant to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. He has Bachelor of Arts from Queen's University in Canada.

Greta Zeender

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Biography

Greta Zeender is the Head of Research and Outcomes at the Secretariat of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement. Prior to this, Greta was UN OCHA's Adviser on Internal Displacement. Before that, she worked as Senior Analyst for the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), represented NRC as Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee of the Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, a network of international humanitarian and human rights NGOs advocating for ending violations against children in conflict areas. She also developed a protection programme in the Democratic Republic of Congo for NRC, conducted training seminars in conflict-affected countries, organised expert seminars and authored articles on the issue of internal displacement. She also lectured on IDP and refugee protection at NYU's Global Affairs Program. Before joining NRC, she worked for the Swiss Development Agency in Switzerland, Romania and Russia. She holds a Masters Degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School in Boston.

Participant Biographies

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Biography

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Biography

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Participant Biographies

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