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## PARTICIPANTS PROFILE





**Name:** Dr. Zahi Abdul Sater

**Country:** Lebanon

**Institution:** Global Health Institute at the American University of Beirut

**Position:** Programs Manager

**Summary:** Dr Zahi Abdul Sater is the Programs Division Manager and Coordinator of the Conflict Medicine Program at the Global Health Institute at the American University of Beirut (AUB-GHI). He is also an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Public Health department at Phoenicia University in Lebanon. He holds a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, with a minor in Cancer Biology, from Indiana University in the United States. Dr. Abdul Sater is interested in global cancer research and in developing innovative approaches to building capacity for medical research in the Middle East and North Africa.



**Name:** Dr. Ghassan Abu Sittah

**Country:** Lebanon

**Institution:** Global Health Institute at the American University of Beirut **Position:** Director of the Conflict Medicine Program

**Summary:** Dr Ghassan Abu-Sittah is a British-Palestinian Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon. He completed his medical education at University of Glasgow in the U.K. He went on to do his postgraduate residency training in London. After completing his Specialist Registrar training in London he underwent 3 fellowships. He did a Fellowship in Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery and a Fellowship in Cleft Surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Kids and a further fellowship in Trauma Reconstruction at the Royal London Hospital. In 2011 he was recruited by the American University of Beirut Medical Center. In 2012 he became Head of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the AUBMC and in 2015 co-founded and became director of the Conflict Medicine Program at Global Health Institute at the American University of Beirut. He continues to be a Senior Clinical Lecturer at Queen Mary University of London. He serves as a reviewer at the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR-UK) and is on the Board of Advisors at its Global Research Group on Burn Trauma. He has published extensively on war injuries including a medical text book, "Reconstructing the War Injured Patient." He has worked as a war surgeon in Iraq, South Lebanon and during the 3 wars in the Gaza Strip. His work was featured by numerous newspapers and media outlets notably La Monde, The Independent, Telegraph, BBC and CNN.



**Name:** Dr. Salim M. Adib

**Country:** Lebanon

**Institution:** American University of Beirut

**Position:** Professor of Public Health

**Summary:** Dr. Salim Adib is a medically-trained epidemiologist, who obtained a Doctorate of Public Health (DrPH) in 1991 at the University of Michigan (Ann-Arbor, USA). He has been involved in various academic activities, research, community service and public consultations in the USA (1986-93) and Kuwait (1995-2002). He has served as the Chairman of the Training Program in Family Medicine at the Saint-Joseph University in Beirut (2005-2010). Between 2010 and 2012, he was the Manager of the Public Health Department of the Emirate of Abu-Dhabi (UAE). In 2013, he served as a Professional International Expert for the NCD Department at the WHO-East Mediterranean Regional Office in Cairo. He is currently a Professor of Public Health Practice at the American University of Beirut. Dr. Adib has been the International Epidemiological Association Council Member for the Middle-East and North Africa region since 2014.



**Name:** Dr. Ibtihal Fadhil

**Country:** Iraq

**Institution:** Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance

**Position:** Founder & Chair

**Summary:** Dr. Fadhil is the Founder and Chair of the Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance, and responsible for building the NCD network and has strengthened the engagement of CSOs at national and regional levels serving in more than 20 countries. Dr. Fadhil, physician and public health specialists, has served at World Health Organization as Regional Adviser, NCD for 9 years, where she has built and strengthened the national cancer registration programs through capacity building and technical support. At WHO, Dr. Fadhil works at building a partnership with IARC to support countries in assessment and strengthen their cancer surveillance programs, developed number of joint publications on cancer profile and cancer epidemiology in the region along with national managers from number of countries in EMR. Prior she has held a various academic and clinical positions during the last 35 years in Iraq, Jordan, New Zealand and Bahrain and UAE.



**Name:** Dr. Deborah Mukherji

**Country:** Lebanon

**Institution:** American University of Beirut

**Position:** Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Department of Hematology Oncology AUBMC

**Summary:** Dr. Deborah Mukherji joined the faculty of the American University of Beirut Medical Center in June 2012 as a medical oncologist and has a special interest in GI and GU oncology. Dr Mukherji completed her advanced specialty training in Medical Oncology at Guys and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust, London UK and was awarded a Post-Graduate Diploma in Oncology from the

Institute of Cancer Research, University of London in 2011. On completion of her advanced specialty training Dr Mukherji joined the Royal Marsden Hospital London where she worked in clinical research and drug development with a focus on prostate cancer. In June 2015 Dr Mukherji was awarded a post-graduate diploma in Global Clinical Research from Harvard Medical School supported by a scholarship from the Dubai-Harvard Foundation. In June 2016 Dr Mukherji was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians UK. Dr Mukherji is a co-investigator on the R4HC project leading the cancer in conflict work-stream at AUB.



**Name:** Dr. Shadi Saleh

**Country:** Lebanon

**Institution:** Global Health Institute at the American University of Beirut

**Position:** Founding Director

**Summary:** Dr. Shadi Saleh is the Founding Director of the Global Health Institute (GHI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB). He is also a Professor of Health Systems and Financing at the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers and commissioned reports. Dr. Saleh is an elected board member of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health. He is a Commissioner in the Lancet Commission on Syria where he co-leads the Health Systems and Rebuilding Thematic Group. He also serves as a World Bank, WHO and UN advisor for health care financing policy and system strengthening projects. Dr. Saleh holds a PhD in Health Policy (minor in health care finance) from the University of Iowa and a Masters of Public Health (health services administration) and a BS from AUB.



**Name:** Dr. Ali Shamseddine

**Country:** Lebanon

**Institution:** American University of Beirut Medical Center

**Position:** Director, Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary Cancer Program, Data Management Unit and Tumor Registry

**Summary:** Dr. Shamseddine is currently Professor of Clinical Medicine and Director of GI/GU Cancer program at AUBMC and previously the Head of Hematology-Oncology Division. He graduated from AUB and he is also fellow of Royal College of Physician (London). Dr. Shamseddine was chairman of the hospital committee on cancer and the Director of the Tumor Registry, and Data Management Unit. He was appointed for the position of VP of the National Cancer Registry (NCR) from 2005-2010. He served as WHO advisor in epidemiology during 2013-2016. He established in 1998 the Lebanese Cancer Epidemiology Group, he was the president of LSMO (2006-2008), and founded the arab collaborative group (ACHOG). He was nominated By ASCO to serve in the expert panel for colorectal cancer guidelines. Dr. Shamseddine published more than 220 papers, and a book reporting the trends in cancer at AUBMC over 20 years (1983–2003). His research interests include epidemiology of cancer in Lebanon and the region and GI/GU cancers.



**Name:** Dr. Richard Sullivan

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Institution:** Kings College

**Position:** Professor

**Summary:** Professor Richard Sullivan's research group studies health systems, particular NCD policy and the impact of conflict on health. He is Professor of Cancer and Global Health at King's College London, and Director of the Institute of Cancer Policy (ICP) and co-Director of the Conflict and Health Research Group. As well as holding a number of Visiting Chairs, Richard is an NCD advisor to the WHO, civil-military advisor to Save the Children, and a member of the National Cancer Grid of India. His research focuses on global cancer policy and planning, and health systems strengthening, particularly conflict ecosystems. He is principle investigator on research programs ranging from automated radiotherapy planning for low resource settings to use of augmented/virtual reality for cancer surgery, through to political economy to build affordable, equitable cancer control plans. Richard has led five Lancet Oncology Commissions and worked on four others. He is currently co-leading Lancet Oncology commissions on the Future of Cancer Research in Europe and Cancer Care in Conflict. In conflict systems, his research teams have major programs in capacity building in conflict medicine across the Middle East and North Africa (r4hc-mena.org), as well as studies of the basic package of health services in Afghanistan, civil-military co-operation in health security, polio eradication and insecurity in Pakistan, and use of intelligence in high security disease outbreaks. Professor Sullivan qualified in medicine and trained in surgery (urology), gaining his PhD from University College London. He was also clinical director of Cancer Research UK between 1999 and 2008. Following a period at the London School of Economics working on complex healthcare systems he moved to King's College London in 2011.



**Name:** Dr. Ali Taher

**Country:** Lebanon

**Institution:** American University of Beirut Medical Center

**Position:** Professor of Medicine, Hematology & Oncology/ Director – Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute

**Summary:** Ali T. Taher, Professor of Medicine at the Division of Hematology & Oncology Department of Internal Medicine, is the Director of the Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute (NKBCI) at AUBMC. He has occupied the position of the Vice Chair for Research at the Department of Internal Medicine, AUBMC and was also the Founding Director Fellowship and Residents Research Program (FRRP), Faculty of Medicine. Prof. Taher is also an adjunct Professor of Hematology & Medical Oncology at Emory School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, USA since 2013. In May 2018 Prof. Taher was granted Tenure in the current rank as full time professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine at AUBMC. He has received numerous awards for his contribution in research and in benign hematology and has been invited to over 200 conferences as a keynote speaker, chairperson and

moderator and has around 450 manuscripts published in leading peer-reviewed international journals.

## Participants



**Name:** Mr. Amid Abu Hmaidan

**Country:** Qatar

**Institution:** Ministry of Public Health

**Position:** Manager, Qatar National Cancer Registry (QNCR)

**Summary:** Amid Abu Hmaidan is currently the Manager of the Qatar National Cancer Registry, and the project manager of the strategic project of the creation of Qatar Cancer Information Center QCIC. He holds a degree in clinical informatics from French Universities, and had the chance to work on clinical data management for clinical trials in Paris at the research center of Sanofi. Amid has solid experience in building cancer registries, hospital and national ones, in addition to general and disease-specific ones as well, in Jordan, UAE and Qatar.



**Name:** Ms. Khadija Abu Khader

**Country:** Palestine

**Institution:** Palestinian National Institute of Public Health

**Position:** Public Health Officer

**Summary:** Ms. Khadija holds a bachelor degree in nursing from the Al Quds University (1995-1999) and a master of community and public health from the Birzeit University (2006-2008). She was the national coordinator of Inclusive Education for Students with Impaired Vision Program and is currently a public health officer at the Palestinian National Institute of Public Health.



**Name:** Dr. Feras Al Jerf

**Country:** Syria

**Institution:** Cancer Registrar

**Position:** Cancer Registrar

**Summary:** Dr. Al Jerf holds an MPH from the Center for Public Health Studies/Ministry of Health cooperated with World Health organization(WHO) from 1997



**Name:** Dr. Najla Al-Lawati

**Country:** Oman

**Institution:** Ministry of Health, Non-communicable disease department

**Position:** Head of surveillance of NCD

**Summary:** Dr. Al-Lawati holds an MD degree from Sultan Qaboos University (2003) and an MPH (Applied epidemiology and statistics) from Curtin University of Technology, Western Australia. She joined the NCD department since 2009 looking after the Oman National Cancer Registry which is a population-based registry. She is actively collecting and analysing the data on cancer cases nationally and preparing the report on Cancer incidence in Oman on an annual basis (cancer incidence in Oman). Additionally, she has attended workshops on cancer registration and has background in CanReg 5 and Stata. Recently published two articles on twenty-year trends of cancer incidence in Oman 1996-2015 and epidemiology of lung cancer in Oman.



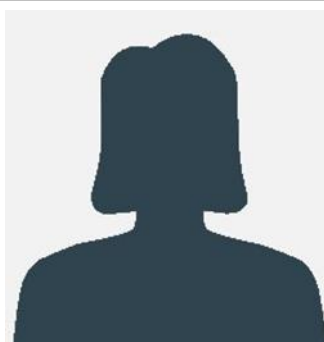
**Name:** Dr. Amal Al Omari

**Country:** Jordan

**Institution:** King Hussein Cancer Center

**Position:** Chief Scientific Officer

**Summary:** Dr. Al-Omari holds a PhD in Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Iowa, USA. She has more than 20 years of experience spanning Research & Development, Academia and Oncology research. Her research experience includes clinical trial design & conduct, grant & protocol writing, pharmacokinetic modeling of antineoplastics, genotyping assays and HPLC/LC-MS method development & validation. In her capacity as the Chief Scientific Officer at King Hussein Cancer Center, she leads the Office of Scientific Affairs & Research which hosts the KHCC's hospital-based Cancer Registry, Center for Research Shared Resources and the Center for Grants and Contracts Management. She also co-chairs KHCC's Research Council. Under the leadership of Dr. Al-Omari, KHCC obtained AAHRPP accreditation in June 2019. The Cancer Registry at KHCC is a high-quality database that captures comprehensive information on each cancer case diagnosed and/or treated at KHCC including follow-up data.



**Name:** Ms. Manal Mohamed Ali

**Country:** Bahrain

**Institution:** Bahrain Cancer Registry

**Position:** Cancer researcher

**Summary:** Ms. Manal currently conducts cancer research at the Bahrain Cancer Registry.



**Name:** Dr. Ali Saeed Alzahrani

**Country:** Saudi Arabia

**Institution:** Gulf Centre for Cancer Control and Prevention

**Position:** Executive Director

**Summary:** Dr. Ali Saeed Alzahrani currently serves in three professional roles: Consultant Endocrinologist, Department of Medicine as well as Scientist and Head, Molecular Endocrinology Section, Department of Molecular Oncology, Research Centre, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, and finally as Professor of Medicine and Endocrinology, Alfaisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He was an editorial board member for the Annals of Saudi Medicine from 2003 to 2007 and went on to be editor-in-chief for the same journal from 2007 to 2010. He is now an international member of the editorial board of the British Journal of Diabetes and Vascular Diseases. Dr. Alzahrani has produced 65 peer-reviewed articles, has delivered over 90 lectures in Saudi Arabia and internationally and has made more than 80 national and international poster and oral presentations at conferences.



**Name:** Dr. Huda Basaleem

**Country:** Yemen

**Institution:** Aden Cancer Registry and Research Center, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Aden

**Position:** Vice Dean, Faculty of Postgraduate Studies, Director, Aden Cancer Registry and Research Center Consultant, Community Medicine and Public Health

**Summary:** Dr. Basaleem is a medical doctor, Vice Dean, Faculty of Postgraduate Studies, consultant in public health and community medicine and Director of Aden Cancer Registry and Research Center, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Aden. She serves as the UNESCO Country Focal Point Bioethics Network on Women's Issues in Arab Region (BiNWIAR) and WHO expert, Eastern Mediterranean Countries on NCDs Surveillance. She is a member of the Ethics Center of Science & Technology and Women Center for Research and Training University of Aden and important scientific and professional organizations. She is an Executive Board Member of Organization for Women for the Developing Countries and a secretary for the General Yemeni Women Association for Science & Technology for the Development. She is a committee member of the International educational activities, National Academies of Science USA, "Educational Institute on Responsible Science" in a team of members from USA, UK and Egypt. Lastly, she is the Editor-In-Chief Yemeni Journal of Medical and Health and a Principal investigator





**Name:** Dr. Karima Bendahou

**Country:** Morocco

**Institution:** Ministry of Health

**Position:** Cancer Registry Manager, Regional Trainer GICR

**Summary:** Dr. Bendahou, was born in Morocco in 1977, graduated from Medical university of Rabat (Morocco) in 2005 and obtained her specialty diploma on Clinical Epidemiology in 2011 from Medical university of Fez (Morocco). In 2009 obtained a Master degree in clinical research from the "Institute of Public Health Epidemiology and Development" (ISPED) at the University Victor-Segalen in Bordeaux, France. Dr. Bendahou has been in charge of the Casablanca Cancer Registry since 2013.



**Name:** Dr. Mokhtar Hamdi-Cherif

**Country:** Algeria

**Institution:** University Setif Algeria

**Position:** Director Cancer Registry

**Summary:** Dr. Cherif is the director of Cancer Registry of Setif in collaboration with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO), Lyon, France since 1988. He is also the regional representative of the Executive Board of the International Association of Cancer Registries of Africa and the National Coordinator of Cancer Registries in Algeria. Lastly, he is the director of Laboratory of Environment and Health in Medicine Faculty, University of Setif.



**Name:** Dr. Mahmoud Daher

**Country:** Palestine

**Institution:** World Health Organization

**Position:** WHO representative in GAZA

**Summary:** Dr. Daher holds an MPH and PhD in public health. In WHO, he was the emergency and humanitarian action coordinator and national public health officer before heading the Gaza Strip sub office.



**Name:** Dr. Amany Elbasmy

**Country:** Kuwait

**Institution:** Kuwait Cancer Registry/GICR

**Position:** Manager/Regional Trainer

**Summary:** Dr. ElBasmy holds a DrPH in Cancer Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the University of Cairo. She was an associate professor of cancer epidemiology and biostatistics in the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Cairo University. She is now the head of epidemiology and cancer registry unit at the Kuwait Cancer Control Center.



**Name:** Dr. Sultan Eser

**Country:** Turkey

**Institution:** Balikesir University, School of Medicine, Department of Public Health

**Position:** Head of Department of Public Health & PI of Regional Hub for Cancer Registration in Northern Africa, Central and Western Asia, WHO/IACR GICR

**Summary:** Dr. Eser was first involved in cancer registry at Izmir Cancer Registry in 1995, when it was founded as the first population-based cancer registry in Turkey. After 2000, she was the core for cancer registration in Turkey and helped to establish and maintain the cancer registries in other provinces which were selected as representatives of their regions. In this process, despite all difficulties, she managed to release high-quality cancer information and filled a great gap in the region. After the implementation of GICR (Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development) Project by IARC (International Agency Research on Cancer), in 1993, Izmir Cancer Registry has become the IARC Regional Hub for cancer registration for Northern Africa, West and Central Asia and she was assigned as the PI of the Hub.



**Name:** Dr. Ibtihal Fadhil

**Country:** Iraq

**Institution:** Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance

Registration in Northern Africa, Central and Western Asia, WHO/IACR GICR

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**Name:** Dr. Heba Fouad

**Country:** Egypt

**Institution:** World Health Organization

Registration in Northern Africa, Central and Western Asia, WHO/IACR GICR

**Position:** Regional Surveillance Officer - Noncommunicable diseases and Mental Health

**Summary:** Dr. Heba is the regional surveillance officer for the Noncommunicable diseases and Mental Health working at the regional office of the World Health Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean; EMRO, Cairo, Egypt. She acquired her bachelor's degree of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) from Alexandria Faculty of Medicine, Egypt, in 1990. In 1993 she joined the Community Medicine Department, Faculty of Medicine, Alexandria University where she acquired the master's degree in occupational health, Alexandria Faculty of Medicine in 1997 and the Doctorate degree in Occupational Health in 2005. Dr. Heba Joined World Health Organization in 2007. On the job, she acquired certificate of tobacco control leadership program, at John Hopkins Bloomberg school of Public Health, Baltimore, USA. She also acquired Postgraduate certificate in International Management from University of Liverpool, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



**Name:** Dr. Mohamed Hsairi

**Country:** Tunisia

**Institution:** Salah Azaiez Institute of Cancer

**Position:** Head of North Tunisian cancer Registry; Professor of Public Health - Faculty of Medicine Tunis

**Summary:** Dr. Hsairi is a Professor of Public Health at the faculty of Medicine of Tunisia, since 2003. He is the head of Department of Epidemiology in Salah Azaiez Institute of cancer, and head of North Tunisian Cancer registry, since 2015. He is a regional Representative of IACR in Africa. Dr. Hsairi is an ex Director of National Institute of Public Health (2012-2014) and ex national coordinator of cancer registries (North Tunisian Cancer registry, Cancer registry of Sousse and cancer registry of Sfax) in Tunisia (1998-2014). He was also a member of ADEL board council and of "Revue santé Publique - France". He is the main Coordinator of the three cancer plans in Tunisia: 2006-2009 cancer plan, 2011-2014 cancer plan, and 2015-2019 cancer plan.



**Name:** Dr. Amal Sami Ibrahim

**Country:** Egypt

**Institution:** National Cancer Registry of Egypt/National Cancer Institute

**Position:** Director/ Professor of Epidemiology

**Summary:** Dr. Ibrahim is the Director of the National Cancer Registry of Egypt and a Professor of Epidemiology at the National Cancer Institute.



**Name:** Dr. Eman Hasan Talib Janahi

**Country:** Bahrain

**Institution:** Ministry of Health, Medical Review Office

**Position:** Medical consultant / Clinical auditor

**Summary:** Dr. Eman began working as physician since 2002. She joined the medical review office in 2011, at the Ministry of Health, which is responsible for cancer registry in the Kingdom of Bahrain. She attended the following courses: "Principles of oncology for Saudi Arabian cancer registry professionals, at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre (Riyadh, Nov. 2011)", "The first MENA region cancer registry workshop at King Hussain Cancer Centre (Jordan, April,2012)", "Cancer registry workshop, Kuwait (Nov,2015)". As part of the registry team, she mainly generates data using the canreg4 program to produce an annual report of cancer incidence and mortality in Kingdom of Bahrain



**Name:** Dr. Kaveh Khoshnood

**Country:** USA

**Institution:** Yale School of Public Health

**Position:** Associate Professor

**Summary:** Dr. Khoshnood is an infectious disease epidemiologist, and his experience is mostly with HIV prevention research among people who use drugs and other at-risk populations, including its ethical aspects. For the past 5 years, his work focused on health of refugees and other displaced populations, including cancer awareness and prevention, mostly in Lebanon. He does not have experience with tumor registries but have reached out to colleagues at Yale School of Public Health and Connecticut Dept. of Public Health tumor registry program (oldest in U.S) with this expertise and they are interested to help ICRIM.



**Name:** Dr. Tezer Kutluk

**Country:** Turkey

**Institution:** Hacettepe University

**Position:** Professor

**Summary:** Dr. Kutluk graduated from Hacettepe University Medical School Turkey in third rank in 1981 and attained a postdoctoral fellow and Fulbright scholar at MDACC, USA (1992-94). He is a leading healthcare executive at Hacettepe University; Vice-Director of Children's Hospital (1997-1998), Director of Oncology Hospital (1999-2007), Director of Children's Hospital (2000-2007) and President of Institute of Child Health (2000-2004), President of Institute of Oncology (2004-2008) & CEO of Hacettepe Hospitals (2008-2011). He was the president of UICC; European Cancer Leagues, Turkish Association for Cancer Research and Control, Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group, Turkish National Pediatric Society. He is an honorary fellow of AAP. Dr. Kutluk gave a speech at the opening session on UNGA for NCDs. He is also an associate Editor of ASCO JGO and the country leader of R4HC Project. He is currently leading the Turkish Pediatric Cancer Registry and is the chair of the data management and Registry Committee at POEM.



**Name:** Ms. Huda Lahham

**Country:** Palestine

**Institution:** Ministry of Health

**Position:** Director of Epidemiological Analysis Department

**Summary:** Huda Lahham was born in Nablus/ Palestine. She has a bachelor's degree in pharmacy and has a master degree in Public Health. She was appointed as the director of the Pharmaceutical Information Department from 2008 to 2012. She studied master's in clinical epidemiology in Australia and became the director of Epidemiological Analysis Department/ Palestinian Ministry of Health. She conducted many research and worked with different groups of patients (e.g., Haemophilia patients). Since 2017, she has overseen the National Cancer Registry/ a population- based cancer registry. She is working to achieve the goal of cancer registries (prevention and control of cancer).



**Name:** Dr. Khitam Mohseen Ali Al-Aubaidy

**Country:** Iraq

**Institution:** Ministry of Health

**Position:** Iraqi Cancer Board

**Summary:** Dr. Mohseen holds an MD from the University of Baghdad, a Higher Diploma in Community Medicine/Field Epidemiology from the College of Medicine at the University of Baghdad, and an M.B.CH.B from the College of Medicine in Iraq. She is a member of: Iraqi Cancer Board at the Ministry of Health, Iraqi Cancer Registry Team: Annual Report of the Iraqi Cancer Registry 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018; Checking and Review Team: Annual Report of the Iraqi Cancer Registry 2015 & 2016; Annual Statistical Report \ Planning and Resources Enhancement Office\Health Statistical Section\ Ministry of Health 2017 and 2018; Checking and Review Team: Biennial Report of the Iraqi Injury Surveillance System\Ministry of Health 2016 & 2017; committee of environmental statistics: Central Statistical Organization at the Ministry of Planning, Iraq, 2019; and Tephinet Reviewer Committee TEPHINET/GHD/BRM Project 2019.



**Name:** Dr. Omar Nimiri

**Country:** Jordan

**Institution:** Ministry of Health

**Position:** Head, Cancer Prevention Dept./ Director, PI Jordan Cancer Registry.

**Summary:** Dr. Nimiri holds a bachelor of medicine and surgery (from Pakistan in 1990), higher diploma in community medicine (from Jordan in 2002), a master level two-year comprehensive postgraduate training program in applied epidemiology (FETP) in collaboration with CDC-USA (from Jordan in 2003-2005), diploma in cancer prevention and control- National Cancer Institute, NIH (from USA in 2006), diplomas in cancer registration and CanReg software, IARC (from France in 2005/2007), diploma in cancer prevention and cancer etiology from the UM School of Public Health in the University of Michigan (2008, USA), and an MPH from the University of Jordan (2017-2019). He was part of the Board in community medicine

(The Arab Board of medical Specialization; Arab league) in 2004. Dr. Nimri is the currently the head of the Cancer Prevention and Control Department in the Ministry of Health in Jordan. He is always a director-PI in the Jordan Cancer Registry. Dr. Nimri is also a member of Izmir Hub Advisory Committee cancer registration (IARC) international, and EUROMED cancer project (CPO.IT) international. Lastly, Dr. Nimri is currently the executive board member in the Jordan Cancer Society.



**Name:** Mr. Wael Shelpai

**Country:** UAE

**Institution:** Ministry of Health

**Position:** Head of National Disease Registries/GICR trainer

**Summary:** Mr. Shelpai is a Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) from NCRA, USA. He is GICR - IARC/WHO Regional Trainer/Expert in Cancer Registration and Data Quality for MENA Region. He received training in Disease-Cancer Registration, Epidemiology and Survival Analysis from WIA Cancer institute, Chennai, India, and he received training in Disease-Cancer Registration and Cancer Epidemiology from IARC / WHO - Cancer Epidemiology Lyon, France. He has received grant support from IARC & UICC to help in Disease-Cancer registry & Epidemiology field development. He is an active member in the NCRA (National Cancer Registry Association) USA since 2006 – present. With 15 years’ of experience, Wael’s CTR certification from NCRA in the US has facilitated his professional growth. In Jordan, he successfully built the Cancer Registry- F/U and disease specific registry, as Cancer Registry Data Analyst, CTR with Cancer registry system experience managing a database with over 20,000 cases. In Qatar, he successfully built the Qatar National Cancer Registry at Ministry of Health-Qatar and he was the Clinical Data Specialist, Clinical Coder for the governmental Ministry of Health. His efforts yielded success in building cancer registry systems, abstracting, coding, quality control, reporting, building and designing IT systems such as: In-House Cancer Registry Software, Follow up System, Disease Specific Registry and Cancer Screening Registry. He has successfully completed the requirements of NCRA’s Continuing Education (CE) Program for the 1/1/2014 – 31/12/2015 CE cycle. For CTR valid through : 31 December 2017.



**Name:** Dr. Wafaa Abdul Munem Al Tajar

**Country:** Syria

**Institution:** World Health Organization

**Position:** Public Health Officer for PHC & Noncommunicable Diseases

**Summary:** Dr. Al Tajar completed her MD degree in Damascus University of Medicine in 1996, then obtained a diploma in clinical laboratory from the Syrian Ministry of Health from 2003 to 2007. She also completed a Master of Public Health from Liverpool School for Tropical Medicine Center for Strategic Health studies in

Damascus in 2010. She took part in the “Regional meeting on Strengthening the Integration and Management of Non-communicable Diseases in Primary Health Care Facilities”, WHO Cairo- Egypt, 8-10 September 2014, as an NCD’s focal point. She also took part in the regional workshop on PHC Measurement & improvement initiative in Cairo on October 2 and 3, 2019. Dr. Al Tajjar currently works as the director of the NCD department in the WHO where she is responsible for collection and analyzing NCDs statistical reports; conducting and participating in training courses on NCDs integration into PHC level, risk approach and prevention policies; preparing and updating new NCD guidelines; coordinating with WHO and stakeholders to implement health strategies and lastly oversees cancer registry, data entry and capacity building activities.