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Country	In-hospital Deaths and Cases Doubling Time	Cumulative Deaths Trend
Jordan	22	100
Libya	21	100
Lebanon	21	100
Tanzania	21	100
Honduras	21	100
Syria	21	100
Pakistan	20	100
Iraq	20	100
Oman	20	100
Bahrain	20	100
Algeria	20	100
Saudi Arabia	20	100
Venezuela	20	100
Egypt	20	100
Kuwait	20	100
Morocco	20	100
Qatar	20	100
Sudan	20	100
Qibouti	20	100
United Arab Emirates	20	100
Somalia	20	100



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Message from the Founding Director



Dear Lens Readers,

The Global Health Institute (GHI) celebrated its third year anniversary this past quarter. This year was unprecedented with a global pandemic and a multifold crisis in Lebanon. Facing these unpredictable challenges, we worked relentlessly with our partners to engage in initiatives that would support communities and generate contextualized global health knowledge and capacity building. **'Together for Global Health'** is our motto for the upcoming year. It is based on our belief that real impact in global health cannot happen without a collective and dedicated effort.

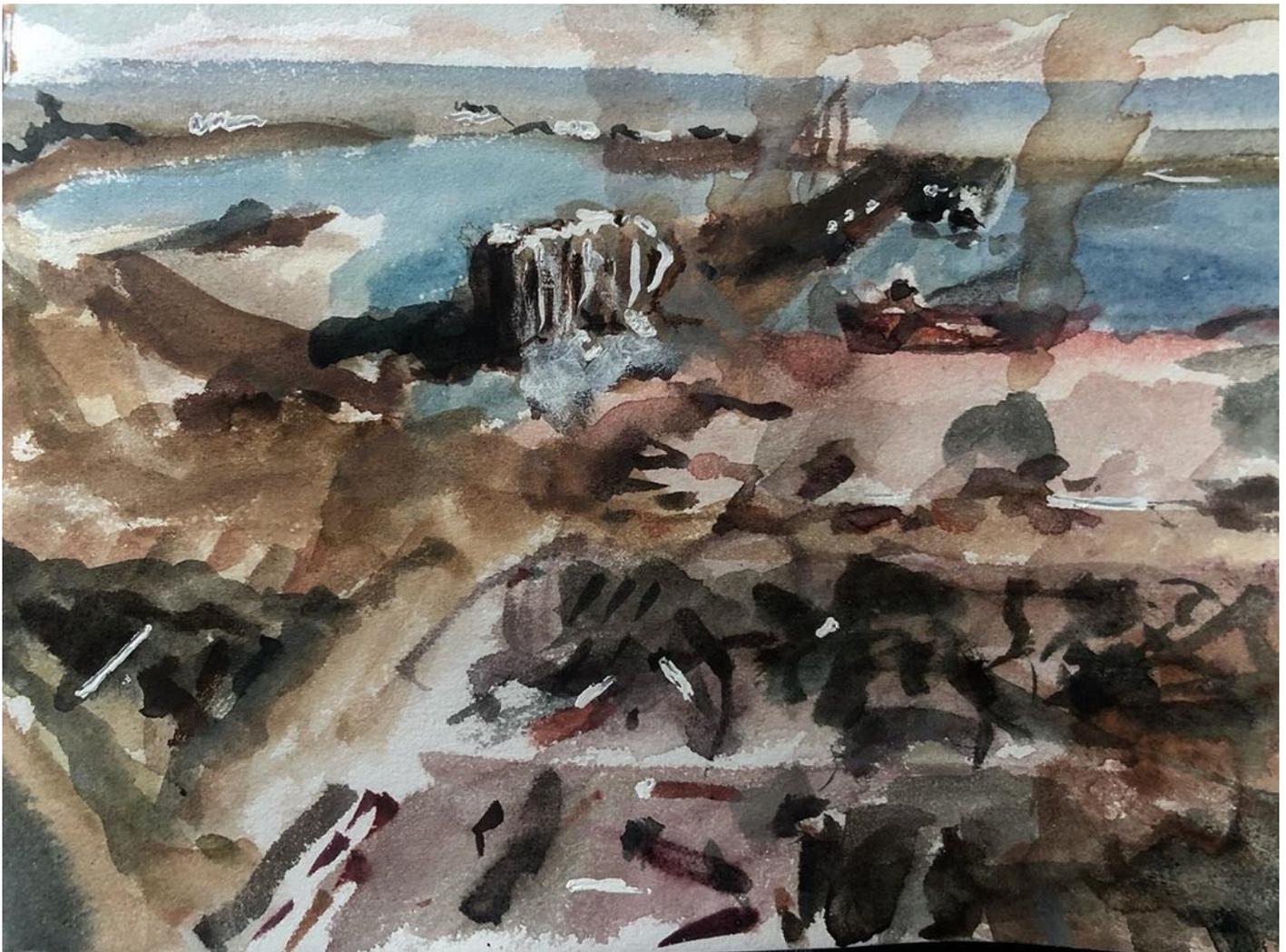
On August 4th, Lebanon witnessed an unprecedented national catastrophe 'the Beirut Explosion' that caused significant loss in life and property. What was more devastating is the emotional and psychological scar it left among many Lebanese who were already facing many other challenges, yet always optimistic (or realistic) about the future. The GHI team responded to the blast through three main initiatives 1) **Beirut Port Explosion Missing Persons Database** that provided a much-needed support to locate missing persons from the explosion through an interactive platform and a secured hotline 2) **Beirut Explosion Support Program (BESUP)** that coordinated the role of NGOs responding to the explosion crisis at the level of different scopes such as meal supplies, reconstructions, medical services and others and, at a later stage, 3) **COVID Beirut Blast Initiatives (COBI)** which entailed the distribution of masks and hand sanitizers to the volunteers, healthcare workers and members of civil society working on the explosion site to ensure safety from the COVID19 pandemic through the reconstruction phase.

As the MENA region remains at a critical stage in containing the pandemic, the GHI team continued to consolidate efforts to curb the outbreak through the pre-established [COVID-19 initiatives](#), providing valuable resources for both healthcare professionals and health consumers.

This quarter also witnessed GHI's latest initiative, **'South of Global Health'**, which is a blog tackling global health issues of the Global South. The GHI publication webpage was also launched this quarter, giving open access to all the GHI's scholarly articles, blogs and gray literature related to global health research including eHealth, refugee health, conflict medicine and eLearning capacity building.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the LENS and we invite you to navigate through our website, more particularly the [COVID19](#), [Beirut Blast](#), [Blog](#) and [publication](#) pages. Looking forward to your continuous engagement!

Shadi Saleh



Diana Al Halabi, "Beirut August 4th", Watercolor on cotton paper, 14.8x21cm, 2020

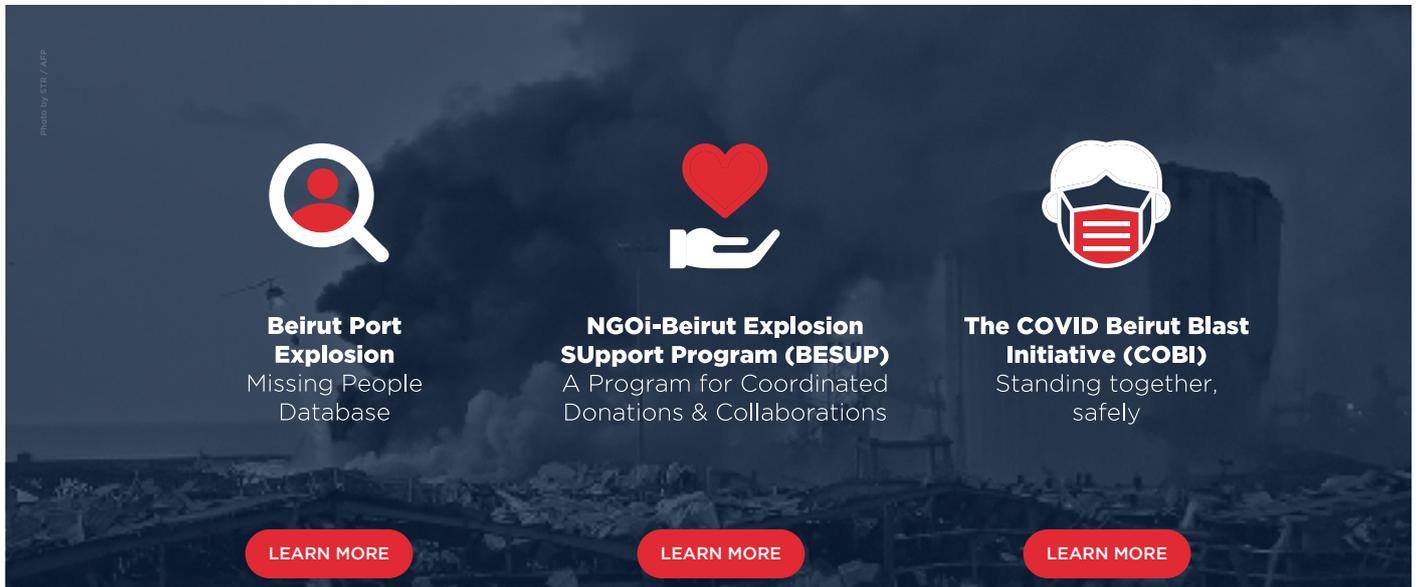
Diana AL-Halabi is a Lebanese interdisciplinary artist based in the Netherlands, she works mainly with painting. Her work revolves around notions of violence, punishment and upbringings. Through her feminist auto ethnographic research, she links the oppression of the patriarch in the nuclear family to the oppression of the state. She deems it necessary to work around the notion of class within the nuclear family unit itself. Her recent projects illustrate the disciplinary apparatuses chosen when the paternal authority is fascinated by dictatorship.

This painting has been auctioned for 500€ as part of a fundraising initiative to help people in Beirut after the blast.

Beirut Explosion Initiatives

GHI launches Key Initiatives in Response to the Beirut Blast

August 2020



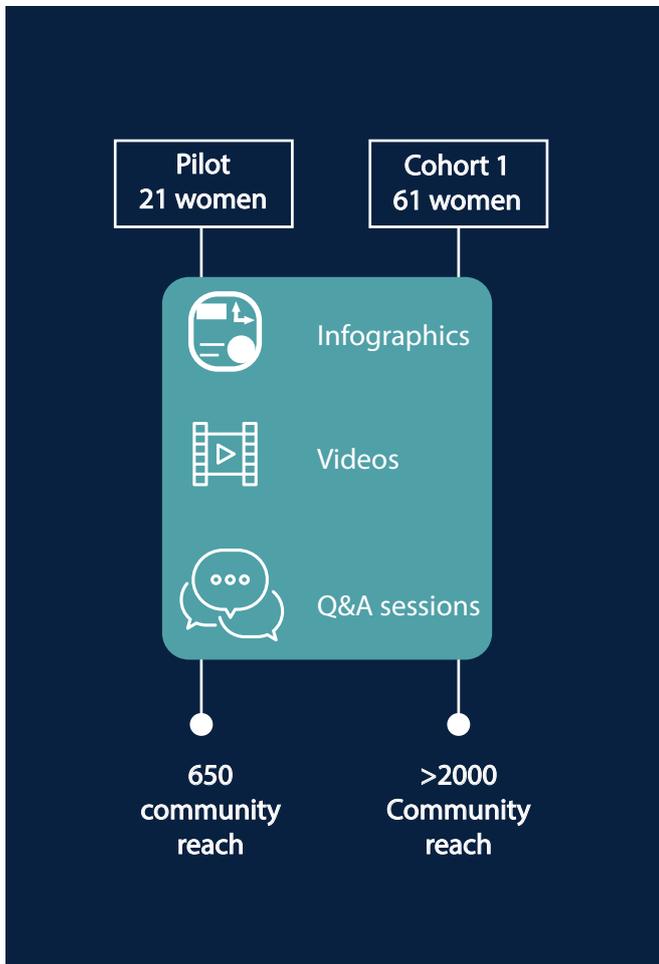
In response to the tragic explosion that struck the country's capital on August 4, 2020, the Global Health Institute launched an emergency response plan to support Lebanese citizens as they work tirelessly to repair Beirut and their livelihoods. The response plan included three main initiatives:

- 1) the 'Beirut Port Explosion Missing Persons Database' to consolidate efforts in locating missing persons from the explosion.
- 2) the Beirut Explosion Support Program (BESUP) to coordinate the role of NGOs responding to the blast in order to enhance collaboration and minimize duplication.
- 3) the COVID Beirut Blast Initiatives (COBI) to encourage safety from the eminent COVID-19 pandemic through the difficult transitory period post-Beirut blast era.



COVID-19 Initiatives Updates

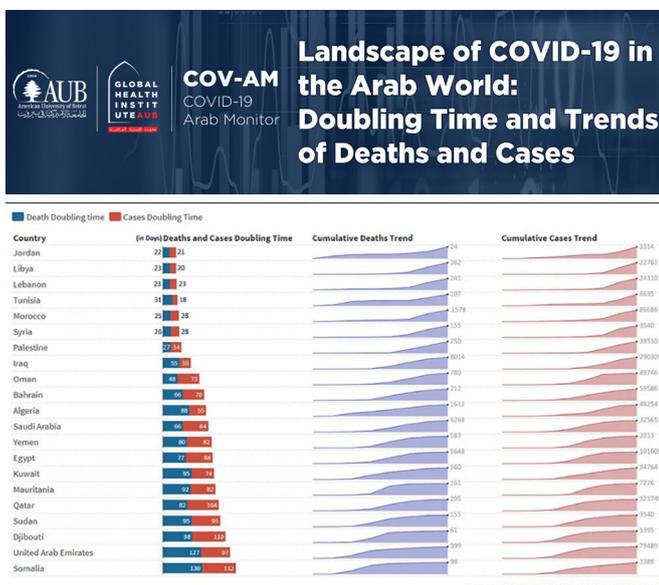
COVID-19 Refugee Support Program (CRSP)



The CRSP concluded its first pilot, which included 21 Syrian refugee women from Akkar. The trained community health workers were fully equipped with tailored and contextualized COVID-19 information that allowed them to serve as reliable information resources for their community. After the success of this first pilot in Akkar, the CRSP project has been expanded across Lebanon with a new cohort of community healthcare workers.

To date, 61 Syrian refugee women received training on COVID-19, with continuous follow up and support, weekly contextualized and evidence based information on COVID-19 and bi-weekly Q&A sessions. The community healthcare workers (CHWs) disseminate this information and conduct mobile outreach to their communities, reaching over 2000 community members so far. The CHWs are acting as the reference points in their underserved communities for credible information about COVID-19.

COVID-19 Arab Monitor (COV-AM)



COVAM has expanded its outputs exponentially in the last three months. Numerous visualizations were published touching on the continuing spread COVID-19 disease in the Arab World. The visualizations highlighted the disparity in cases/deaths doubling time, testing capacity and COVID-19 specific policies within the Arab region. Many visualizations also focused on the local evolution of COVID-19 in Lebanon. As Lebanon approaches its healthcare system capacity, decision making based on data and evidence is of paramount importance to ensure the proper management of the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Initiatives Updates

COVID-19 NGOi Network (CONNECT)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Beirut blast, NGOi launched special initiatives including the COVID-19 NGOi Network (CONNECT) and the Beirut Explosion Support Program (BESUP). Through these initiatives, NGOi organized a series of webinars addressed to NGOs involved in responding to the pandemic and the blast. During the webinars, renowned speakers discussed several topics including crisis and risks management, rapid needs assessments and online branding among others.

 <p>Oct 2020</p> <p>Crisis & Risks Management for NGOs: Lessons Learnt from the Beirut Blast</p> <p>f t in</p>	 <p>Sep 2020</p> <p>NGOs' Response to COVID-19 Among Vulnerable Populations & in Refugee Settings: Challenges, Gaps, and the Way Forward</p> <p>f t in</p>	 <p>Aug 2020</p> <p>How to Conduct Rapid Needs Assessment for Data-Based Programs in Times of Crisis</p> <p>f t in</p>
 <p>Jul 2020</p> <p>Online Branding & Outreach as the New Norm to Strengthen NGO-Donor Relationship</p> <p>f t in</p>	 <p>Jul 2020</p> <p>The Power of Joint Proposals: Essentials of NGOs' Collaboration for COVID-19 Related Proposals Submissions</p> <p>f t in</p>	 <p>Jun 2020</p> <p>The Impact of COVID19 on NGOs' Programming and Implementation: Considerations for Programs Adaptation</p> <p>f t in</p>

WEBINAR RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE HERE

Highlights

GHI Celebrates its Third Year Anniversary

July 2020



In recognition of the third year of the establishment of the Global Health Institute, the GHI team gathered to commemorate another challenging year under the motto 'Together for Global Health'. Despite all difficulties and the imposed telework due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the GHI achieved several endeavors focused on eLearning capacity building, research on refugee health, eHealth, conflict medicine and community-based initiatives with a focus on COVID-19. The growing team reflected on the past year's challenges and accomplishments and set up a new action plan for the upcoming year.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

GHI Launches the 'South of Global Health' Blog

July 2020



GHI proudly announced the launching of its blog 'South of Global Health' on July 2020. The blog tackles the Global South's most pressing health issues across multiple intersectional themes. The blog intends to serve as an outlet for health-related issues affecting and originating from the most vulnerable regions of the developing world. It additionally intends to address the interplay between politics, economics, human rights, policy, conflict, technology, and health. South of Global Health has an open and ongoing Call for Articles, and encourages submissions in the form of opinion pieces, op-eds and commentary.

Submit your blog entries to ghi@aub.edu.lb

[READ ON THE BLOG](#)

Highlights

Launching of the GHI Publications Webpage

July 2020

The Global Health Institute launched the GHI's publications webpage, which serves as a credible reference for the global health community. The webpage has an open access to GHI's original research, including 38 publications (scholarly articles, blogs and grey literature), generated by the GHI research team and partners. The page is easy to navigate with filters to facilitate the search by date and by type of publication. Viewers can also select publications related to the GHI's division of their interest (conflict medicine, refugee health, eHealth and academy). The publications explore the latest on global health with a focus on the MENA region.



[VISIT THE PUBLICATIONS WEBPAGE](#)

E-SAHHA PROGRAM ESP

E-Sahha Program Co-Director, Dr. Shadi Saleh, Guest Speaker at the Global Health Conference of the Americas

October 2020



ESP co-director Dr. Shadi Saleh delivered a lecture titled: “iCloud electronic health records in refugees and displaced populations” at the Global Health Virtual Conference of the Americas 2020, organized by the Global Health Consortium at Florida International University’s Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work. During his session, Dr. Saleh discussed contextualized digital health solutions for refugees and displaced populations with a focus on Sijilli as an example of such solutions.

ESP Project, Sijilli, Featured as A Scalable Model of Cloud-Based Electronic Health Records for Migrating Populations in Low-Resource Settings in the Journal of Medical Internet Research

October 2020

Sijilli: A Scalable Model of Cloud-Based Electronic Health Records for Migrating Populations in Low-Resource Settings

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Noha Hachach^{1,3}, MPH  ; Amlan Dasgupta⁴, MSc

The Sijilli project’s team of the E-Sahha Program at GHI published last August a viewpoint titled: “Sijilli: A Scalable Model of Cloud-Based Electronic Health Records for Migrating Populations in Low-Resource Settings” in the Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR).

The viewpoint, authored by Saleh et al., describes in details the innovative model adopted in Sijilli, highlighting its conception, design and implementation, as well as clinical and technical

development. The published piece emphasizes on the multilayer security of the Sijilli model as well as its contextualized design.

This viewpoint is part of the knowledge dissemination plan of the Sijilli project, which includes a series of other publications that are currently under review or preparation. The Sijilli project serves as a model to securely collect and maintain health data of displaced individuals throughout their displacement journey and beyond. To date, more than 10,000 Syrian refugees across Lebanon—the country with the highest proportion of refugees per capita worldwide—have a Sijilli Electronic Health Record. The project was led by the GHI in partnership with Epic Systems Corporation, and in collaboration with a network of non-governmental organizations working with refugees.

[READ THE FULL VIEWPOINT](#)

E-Sahha Program Coordinator, Nour El Arnaout, Presenting at the Global Digital Development Forum

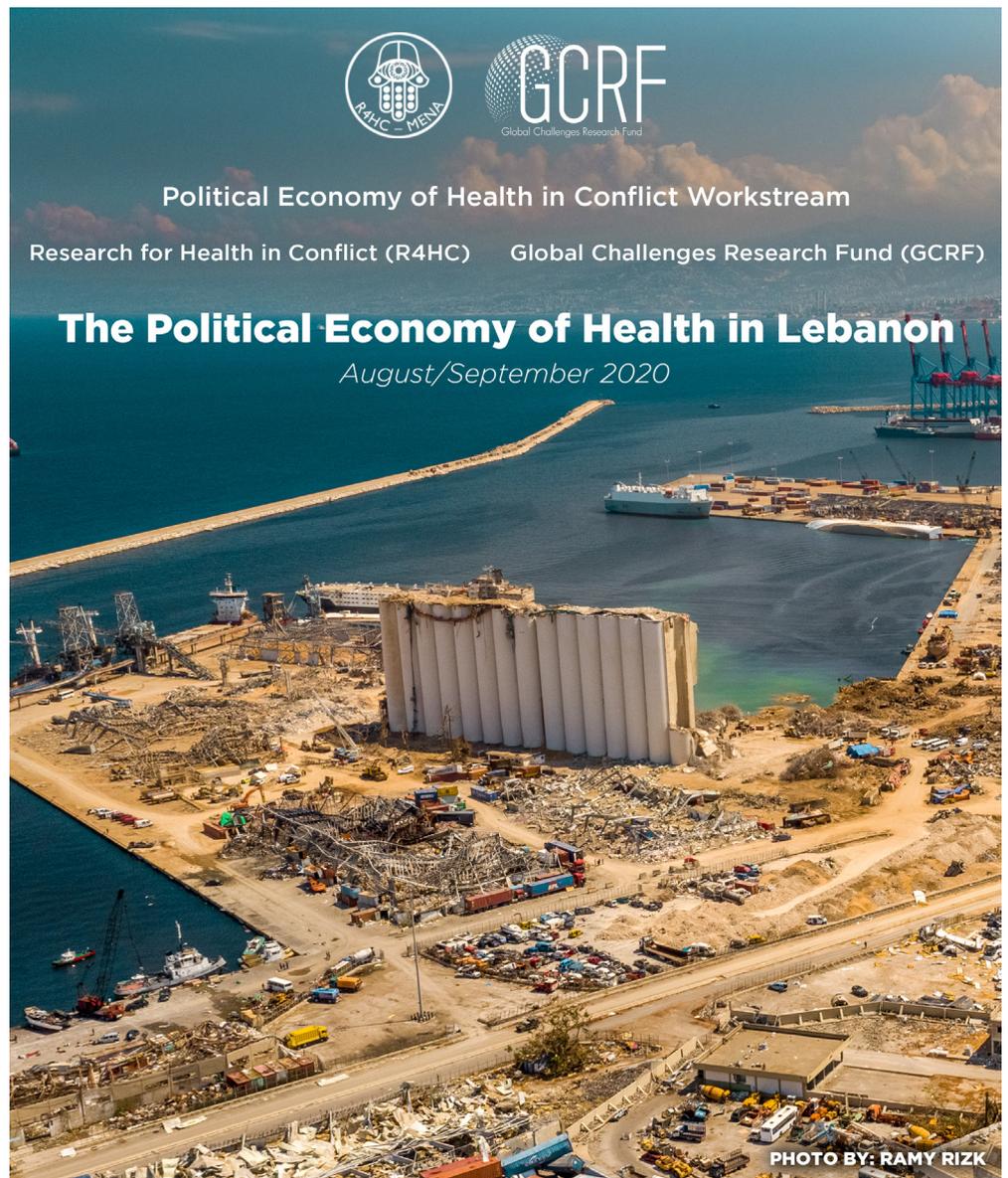
May 2020

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface with five participants in a grid view. The participants are Ousmane Ly, Jai Ganesh Udayasankaran, Nour El Arnaout, Patricia Michael, and Ana Riviere. To the right of the grid is a chat window with messages from Dora Maradiaga, @riviere, and Edna Soomre. Below the grid is a blue banner for the breakout session. The banner text reads: 'Breakout: If only?! Digital Health Enablers for Pandemics', 'May 7, 2020 | 6:00am - 7:00am NZST', and a paragraph describing the session's purpose. At the bottom of the banner, it lists the speakers: Patricia Michael, Ana Riviere-Cinnamon, Jai Ganesh Udayasankaran, Ousmane Ly, and Nour El Arnaout.

ESP coordinator, Nour El Arnaout, presented on digital health technologies in Middle East and North Africa (MENA) & refugee settings in a virtual interactive breakout session on digital ecosystem maturity and pandemic preparedness, that took place as part of the Global Digital Development Forum. El Arnaout’s contribution focused on digital health solutions targeting COVID-19 in the MENA and discussed enablers and barriers for the implementation of such solutions in low-resource settings, with a focus on refugee settings.

**Political Economy of Health in Lebanon Report Gets
Published**

September 2020



The Political Economy of Health in Conflict research team published a 50-page report in September entitled 'Political Economy of Health in Lebanon'. The report shows how the health and wellbeing of a nation cut across religious and political boundaries have had a negative effect on the Lebanese health and social welfare system. In a country where 85% of the health sector is private, over two million Lebanese cannot realistically afford to seek medical care; refugees fair even worse. This staggering figure has severe social and economic consequences on establishing a stable state. The report will be continually updated given the dynamic on-the-ground events in Lebanon to provide academics, journalists and policy makers with evidence and background knowledge on a key public service that has been overlooked. It will form the foundation of any international aid attempts to reform the Lebanese state and more importantly build a stable, healthy and just society.

CMP Research Fellow Participates in a Webinar on COVID-19 in Lebanon, Syria and Palestine

October 2020



CMP Research Fellow, Dr. Nassim El Achi, contributed to a webinar on 'COVID-19 in Syria, Palestine and Lebanon' which was part of a webinar series on Global Health Security and Pandemics organized

by the Mile End Institute at Queen Mary University of London. Nassim discussed how the political, economic and cultural environment along with the status of the Lebanese health system shaped the response to the pandemic between February and May 2020 while giving more focus on the situation of the refugees in the country.

CMP-PROTECT Participates and Presents a Poster at the 16th World Congress on Public Health

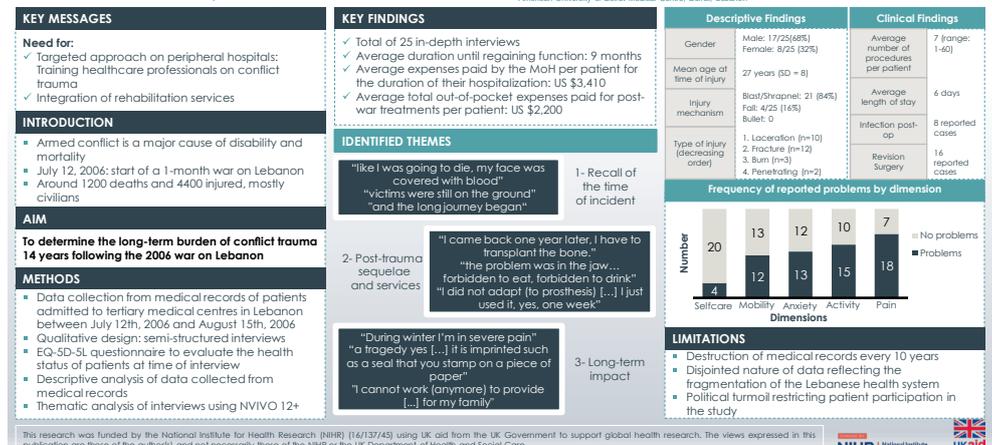
October 2020



The Long-term Burden of War Injuries in LMICs: Case of the July 2006 War on Lebanon

Elsa Kabetsil¹, Marilynne Menassa¹, Nassim El Achi¹, Gladys Honein-AbouHaidar^{1,2}, Rima Abdul Khalek³, Bachar Chaya⁴, Ahmad Elamine⁵, Ghassan Abu-Sittah^{1,4}

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CMP researchers from the NIHR Global Health Research Group on Post Conflict Trauma (PrOTeCT) have presented their poster entitled "The Long-term Burden of War Injuries in LMICs: Case of the July 2006 War on Lebanon" at the 16th World Congress on Public Health (WCPH2020). The project presented in this poster highlights the physical, psychological and financial sequelae experienced by injured civilians during and post war. It also emphasized the need for the integration of rehabilitation services and for targeted approaches on peripheral hospitals to train healthcare professionals on conflict medicine.

The event was held virtually between October 12th and 16th, and was organized by the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA), Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SIIt) and the European Public Health Association (EUPHA).



The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) research team at GHI has launched the “Co-Voices” bespoke Web application in collaboration with the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) at Queen Margaret University (QMU) which entails the “Photo voice” qualitative approach.



The research study explores what kind of stressors and coping mechanisms individuals have experienced during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic in Lebanon. Further, the study seeks to explore community understanding of COVID-19 messages and trust in the health and social care system in Lebanon.

Photo voice is one of several qualitative methods utilized in community-based participatory research, as it is a participatory method that has community participants use photography, and stories about their photographs, to identify and represent issues of importance to them during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOBILE UNIVERSITY FOR HEALTH MUH

Roll Out of the Second Phase of the Mobile University for Health

September 2020



The Mobile University for Health (MUH) launched its second phase of the project in September 2020 in Bar Elias – West Bekaa, Lebanon. The MUH is an initiative of the GHI Academy, aiming at building the capacity of women in refugee settings and host communities through specialized certificates in global health.

The second phase targets 12 women from the Syrian refugee community and the host community of Bar Elias. This phase includes training on three certificates focusing on communicable diseases, mental health and women's health. Learners started their training on women's health in the facilities of the Lebanese NGO Intaliqui – Arabic for "set yourself free" – which empowers marginalized women from Beirut to the Bekaa Valley. Through these intensive trainings, MUH seeks to help these women to become active and productive members of their communities.

HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA HLD

Humanitarian Leadership Diploma Wrap Up

September 2020



The Humanitarian Leadership Diploma (HLD) empowers the humanitarian workforce in the MENA region by providing contextualized knowledge and skills to address humanitarian disasters. The diploma equips junior to mid-level managers in the humanitarian workforce with the relevant tools, based on the identification of the key competencies needed in the region.

By August 2020, seven courses were delivered through the GHI's online learning platform GHLAD, during which the learners virtually interacted and shared thoughts and ideas about humanitarian situations within the context of the course. The last course of the diploma "Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination" was rolled out in September 2020. This course provides participants with the fundamentals which govern international humanitarian response and the ability to translate them into their practice according to the specific features of the context.

CREEW Fellowship Program Launches the “COVID-19 in Conflict Testimonials Series”

July 2020

The Center for Research and Education on the Ecology of War recently concluded a testimonial series on COVID in conflict. CREEW fellows from the field were invited to share their insights on how the COVID-19 pandemic was impacting their communities. Fragile or non-existent health infrastructure due to protracted conflict, targeting of health facilities, overcrowded conditions, limited testing capabilities and low adherence to safety measures are only some of the challenges our fellows from Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Yemen and Sudan highlighted.

On another note, CREEW fellows’ research projects are in the data collection phase. They have overcome great difficulty due to the lockdowns and travel restrictions imposed by the pandemic, not to mention the challenging task of conducting research in a conflict setting. The results and findings of their studies will be a reference for health workers and policy workers on best practices to address the rising danger of antimicrobial resistance in conflict settings.



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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INITIATIVE NGOi

Makhzoumi Foundation Became an AUB-Certified NGO through NGOi's Organizational Certification

October 2020



Makhzoumi Foundation received the NGOi platinum organizational certification after successfully fulfilling the requirements of the NGOi organizational certification process. The Foundation received its award during a ceremony held at AUB in presence of the Foundation's management team and NGOi's leadership.

The NGOi **'Organizational Certification'** service is a voluntary and non-governmental review process that assesses the governance and administrative structures as well as operational principles of the NGOs using evidence-based criteria.

NGOi Builds Capacity of Civil Society Organizations' Staff on Strategic Communication and Transparency, in Partnership with ACTED and Supported by the European Union

September 2020



As part of its capacity building service, the Non-Governmental Organizations Initiative (NGOi) offered last September a 4-day course on "Strategic Communication and Transparency for NGOs". The training was offered to staff from 15 civil society organizations (CSOs), as part of the 'Ta'cir- Towards an Active Participation of Civil Society Reform Process' project, funded by the European Union and implemented by ACTED.

The course was characterized by its dynamic approach of delivery that enhanced the learning experience of the attendees through group work and case studies based on real events and examples, while maintaining all COVID-19 precautions.

NGOi Launches the Self-Assessment Platform in Both English and Arabic

June 2020

NGOi Self-Assessment Report



Standard	Score	Status	Recommendations
 GOVERNANCE & STRATEGIC PLANNING Documented governance approach, mechanism for accountability, mission, vision, and strategic plan	1.43/5	✗	Learn More
 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Adoption of filing systems, auditing approach, and cost estimation and budgeting	3.5/5	✓	Learn More
 RISK MANAGEMENT & COMPLIANCE Availability of an organizational risk management system and policy	2/5	✗	Learn More
 LEGAL MATTERS MANAGEMENT Existence of legal documents submitted to concerned authorities	3.1/5	✓	Learn More
 COMMUNITY CENTRICITY In-depth understanding of community needs and use of tools to assess the impact of implemented projects on the community	1.88/5	✗	Learn More
 STAFF & VOLUNTEERS MANAGEMENT Presence of internal management policies and procedures on staff-related processes	1.41/5	✗	Learn More
 PROGRAM & PROJECT MANAGEMENT Adherence to phases of project's life cycle (i.e. planning, execution, monitoring, and evaluation)	1.15/5	✗	Learn More
 RESOURCES & ASSETS MANAGEMENT Availability of a management system for assets and resources	0/5	✗	Learn More
 PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT & WRITING Ability to identify funding opportunities and strong proposal planning capacities while providing adequate documentation to donors	0.75/5	✗	Learn More
 COMMUNICATION & REPORTING Communication of information and updates about the organization to different stakeholders and establishment of a culture of transparency	0.94/5	✗	Learn More
TOTAL	1.07 /5	✗	

To support NGOs in identifying their operational gaps and areas in need for improvement, the NGOi self-assessment platform was launched last June. The platform, hosted on the NGOi website, enables NGOs in Lebanon and the region to undergo a user-friendly detailed online self-assessment survey based on 10 standards set by NGOi for the assessment of organizational structures, procedures, and processes. Upon the completion of the self-assessment, a detailed scoring for each standard is provided, with corresponding performance improvement and capacity building recommendations depending on the scores obtained. The platform is now available in both English and Arabic and accessible to all NGOs around the world.

[ACCESS THE SELF-ASSESSMENT PLATFORM](#)

CORE EXPERT PROFILE

Fouad M. Fouad MD

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Co-Director
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Dr. Fouad is Associate Professor of Public Health Practice at the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB and Co-Director of the Refugee Health Program at GHI. His current research focuses on the forced displaced population with a special interest in the Syrian refugee crisis, as well as the impact of this crisis on the health and well-being of the Syrian population. Dr. Fouad is also Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator on several projects related to health in protracted and armed conflicts. He served as a commissioner in two Lancet Commissions: the AUB-Lancet Commission on Syria and the crises in global governance, health and aid and the UCL-Lancet Commission on Migration and Health. Dr. Fouad is author of more than 70 articles, Op-eds and reports published in top journals including the Lancet, PloS, BMJ, Conflict and Health, SS&M and NYT. He is currently the Country Principle Investigator of a project on “Health System Research in Fragile and Shock-Prone (FASP) settings”.

His personal experience as both a medical doctor and a displaced person has led Dr. Fouad to a unique understanding of the physical and psychological trauma that displacement has on refugees.

Dr. Fouad is also a poet. He has published a collection of poetry in Arabic and English. His poems were translated and have appeared in different poetry magazines. His last poetry book “Once Upon a Time in Aleppo” was published at Hippocrates Press in London in 2020. His sessions on Poetry for the University for Seniors at AUB are always among the most sought-after among the Ufs’ members.

“Facing the global uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, the political instability and the economic crises, public health workers have to work together through tumultuous times to formulate strategy in the face of this uncertainty.”

Dr Fouad M Fouad

GHI Welcomes New Staff



Dalia Al Mohtar, BS

Research Assistant, Conflict Medicine Program

Dalia is the Research Assistant for the Conflict Medicine Program. She graduated from the University of Balamand in 2018 with a BS in Public Health and Development Sciences and then completed her internship at the Saint George Hospital University Medical Center in Ashrafieh in Occupational Health and Safety. In the past year, Dalia worked at AUBMC Medical Dean's Office as a Research Assistant in addition to her secretarial work assisting the Dean's Office in day-to-day operations. Dalia is also a volunteer in the Lebanese Red Cross Youth Sector in Center Aley holding the Secretary post and a trainer in the Environment Program in Spears.



Lea Asmar, BS

Designer/Communication Associate, Communication and Public Relations Department

Lea Asmar is the Graphic Designer and Communication Associate at the Global Health Institute, working with the communication team on managing GHI's social media accounts, creating engaging content on all platforms in addition to planning and upgrading the GHI communication strategy plan. Holding a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Architecture from the Lebanese University, Lea shifted of her career from interior architecture to graphic design with a 5-year experience in branding and social media.



Theresa Farhat, PhD

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Conflict Medicine Program

Theresa Farhat is the Post-doctoral Research Fellow for the Conflict Medicine Program. She received her PhD in Human Genetics from McGill University in Canada, her M.S. in Biochemistry from the American University of Beirut and her B.S. degree in Biology from Saint Joseph University in Lebanon. Her doctoral research investigated molecular mechanisms regulating bone cell-specific gene expression and osteoblast genesis and her work has been published. After her PhD, Theresa did post-doctoral work in the Department of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Physiological Sciences at the American University of Beirut working on identifying biomarkers and pathways that could be of diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic value for Diabetic Nephropathy complication.



Dayana Brome, MS

Research Assistant, GHI Academy

Dayana Brome is a Research Assistant for the GHI Academy. She holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Haigazian University. Dayana gained her research experience working as a Research Assistant in multiple research projects among local and international scholars including cross-cultural social psychology, clinical psychology and health care. She was also a graduate Research Assistant in the department of Psychology at Haigazian University. Dayana co-authored on a published paper entitled "Assessment of workplace bullying: reliability and validity of an Arabic version of the Negative Acts Questionnaire-Revised (NAQ-R)."

GHI Welcomes New Interns



Ricardo Diab

Notre Dame University, Lebanon

Ricardo Diab holds a BA in International Affairs and Diplomacy from the faculty of Law and Political Science at Notre Dame University-Louaize in Lebanon. His experience mainly stems from having participated and organized multiple Model United Nations Conferences around Lebanon. His research is focused on migration and diaspora, refugees, asylum studies and conflict resolution. Ricardo joined the GHI internship program to better understand the role of health diplomacy in improving global health particularly in conflict areas.



Karim Jazzar

American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Karim Jazzar holds a BS in Computer and Communications Engineering from the American University of Beirut. During his years of study, Karim took several software development courses and attended multiple game development and web development workshops. Karim joined the GHI internship program to learn about integrating technology into health.



Maya AlMoussa

Harvard University, Massachusetts

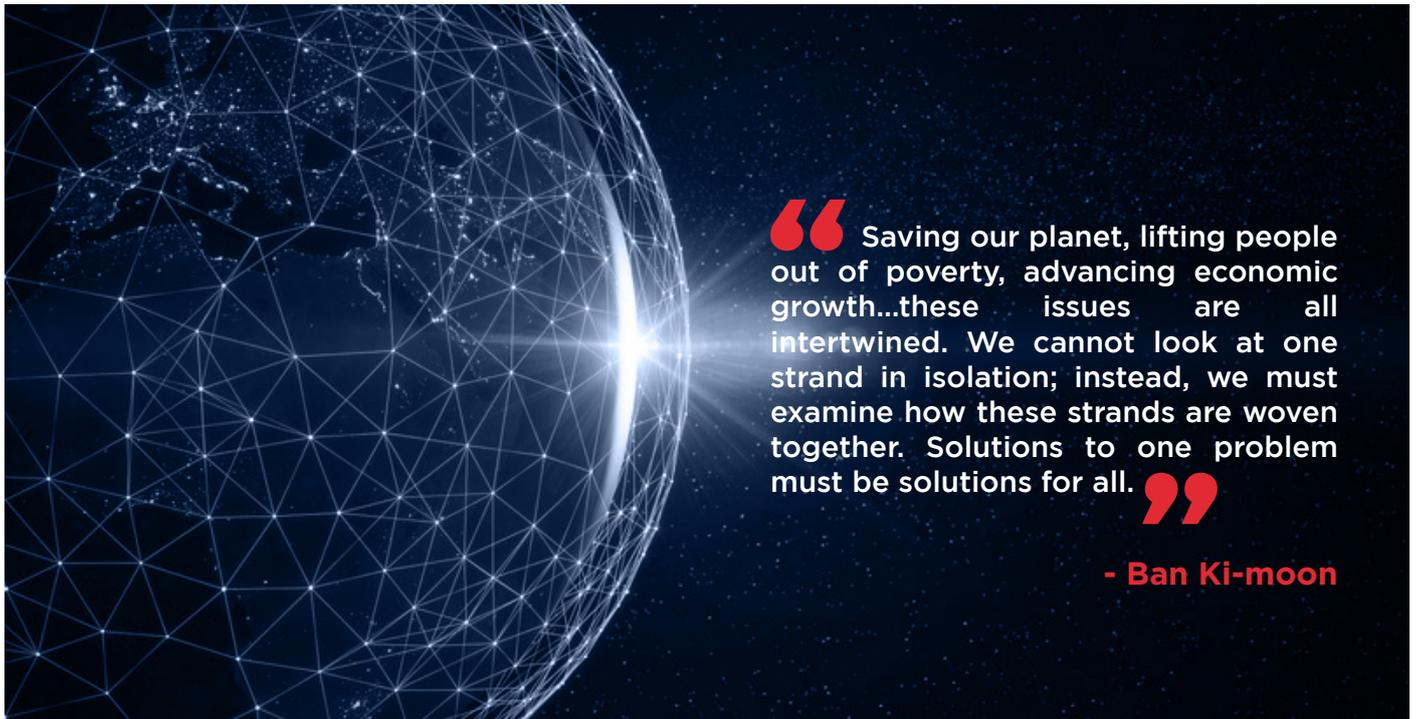
Maya AlMoussa a rising senior at Harvard University studying Molecular and Cellular Biology with a focus in Global Health. Maya has been involved in several public and humanitarian health projects such as performing comparative analysis research on barriers to healthcare access for refugees. She is part of the Harvard Undergraduate UNICEF Club on campus and works on organizing several humanitarian initiatives. Maya joined the GHI internship program to gain a better understanding of the role she could play in the field of global health, more specifically in the MENA region.



The internship program at the Global Health Institute (GHI) aims to enhance global health knowledge and exposure and nurture skills of young individuals interested in embarking on a study, research, or career path in global health.

[APPLY TO THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM](#)

Words in the LENS



“ Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth...these issues are all intertwined. We cannot look at one strand in isolation; instead, we must examine how these strands are woven together. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all. ”

- Ban Ki-moon



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