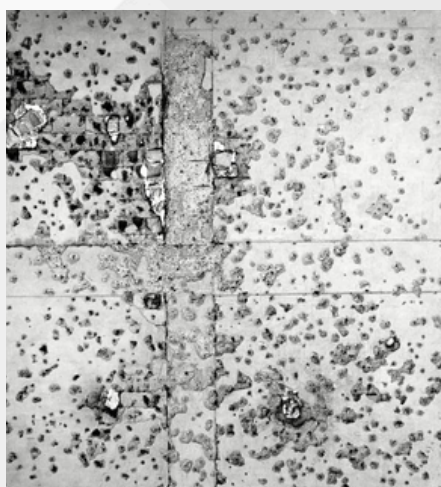




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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR



Dear LENS readers,

Over the past year, we have confronted numerous global health challenges, from the current conflict in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and the escalating impacts of climate change and infectious diseases. Addressing these multifaceted issues demands a concerted effort from global health entities, including the Global Health Institute (GHI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB).

Despite the complexities of the conflict-ridden MENA region, GHI remains steadfast in its

mission to bring scientific rigor, innovation, and compassion into our efforts to tackle the unique health challenges that arise in these adverse circumstances. At the core of our efforts in that realm has been the work that our Conflict Medicine Program (CMP) is engaged in.

During this past year, we finalized and pilot tested the Certificate in Conflict Medicine (CCM), jointly developed by the CMP and our Academy Division with the support of experts from the region, to equip healthcare professionals with the knowledge and skills required to address the unique healthcare needs of conflict-affected populations. We also offered twenty CCM fully funded scholarships to healthcare professionals and students from Lebanon. By fostering local expertise, we aim to support skill building among healthcare professionals to support much needed services now and hopefully with the near end of the war.

It was that commitment that also drove us to jointly convene, with our long-standing partners at Imperial College London, a stakeholder convention in London to address trauma in conflict settings. The event brought together over 30 international organizations, including researchers, healthcare professionals, humanitarians, engineers, and policymakers. This convention underscored the importance of global collaboration in advancing conflict medicine and improving healthcare outcomes for those affected by war.

As part of the CMP, we are committed to making a significant impact in the MENA region, through the iProtect project, which addresses the health challenges arising from conflict. Our initiative focuses on gathering critical data and fostering collaborations to inform policy and practice in conflict medicine. Currently, we are developing evidence-based interventions aimed specifically at the needs of children with war-related amputations in Iraq, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health. By generating comprehensive research, we aspire to create sustainable, long-term solutions that effectively address the health needs of affected populations, ultimately alleviating suffering and improving health outcomes in the region.

Despite the challenging time Lebanon is passing through, GHI recently launched its new flagship and pioneering program on climate change and health, the Cli-Health Program (CHP), in collaboration with the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship and the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI), with the support of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Ford Foundation. This program explores the critical intersection of climate change, health, and social justice in the MENA region, with a focus on vulnerable communities and critical issues such as gender dynamics and social equity. Through CHP, we aim to strengthen the climate resilience of communities, healthcare systems, and organizations, while addressing both immediate and long-term health and environmental challenges.

Although a considerable focus has been on the current situation in the region, GHI's other key portfolios were as active as ever. Through our NGOi framework activities, we engaged in a strategic partnership with the European Union for a groundbreaking project titled "Empowering Civil Society and Youth for Inclusive Digital Transformation." Over the next 30 months, this project will build the capacities of 10 Lebanese youth-led civil society organizations (CSOs), equipping them with the tools and knowledge needed to advocate effectively and influence policymaking. This collaboration highlights our commitment to empowering young leaders, promoting inclusivity, and advancing digital transformation in the region.

Additionally, we celebrated the fifth anniversary of the NGOi, in April, in an event that brought together over 150 attendees from the civil society sector, including local and international NGOs, member organizations, partners, and experts from the region. The regional expansion of NGOi's portfolio persisted over the past year with the institutional strengthening program successfully supporting 15 CSOs in Iraq, Kuwait, and Morocco as part of the Arab Alliance for Civil Society Organization Development (AACCSOD) second cycle. Building on the success of the inaugural cycle in Egypt, Tunisia, and Jordan, AACCSOD remains dedicated to enhancing and fortifying 60 CSOs across the Arab World over the next few years and hundreds of civil society professionals through capacity building and skills development.

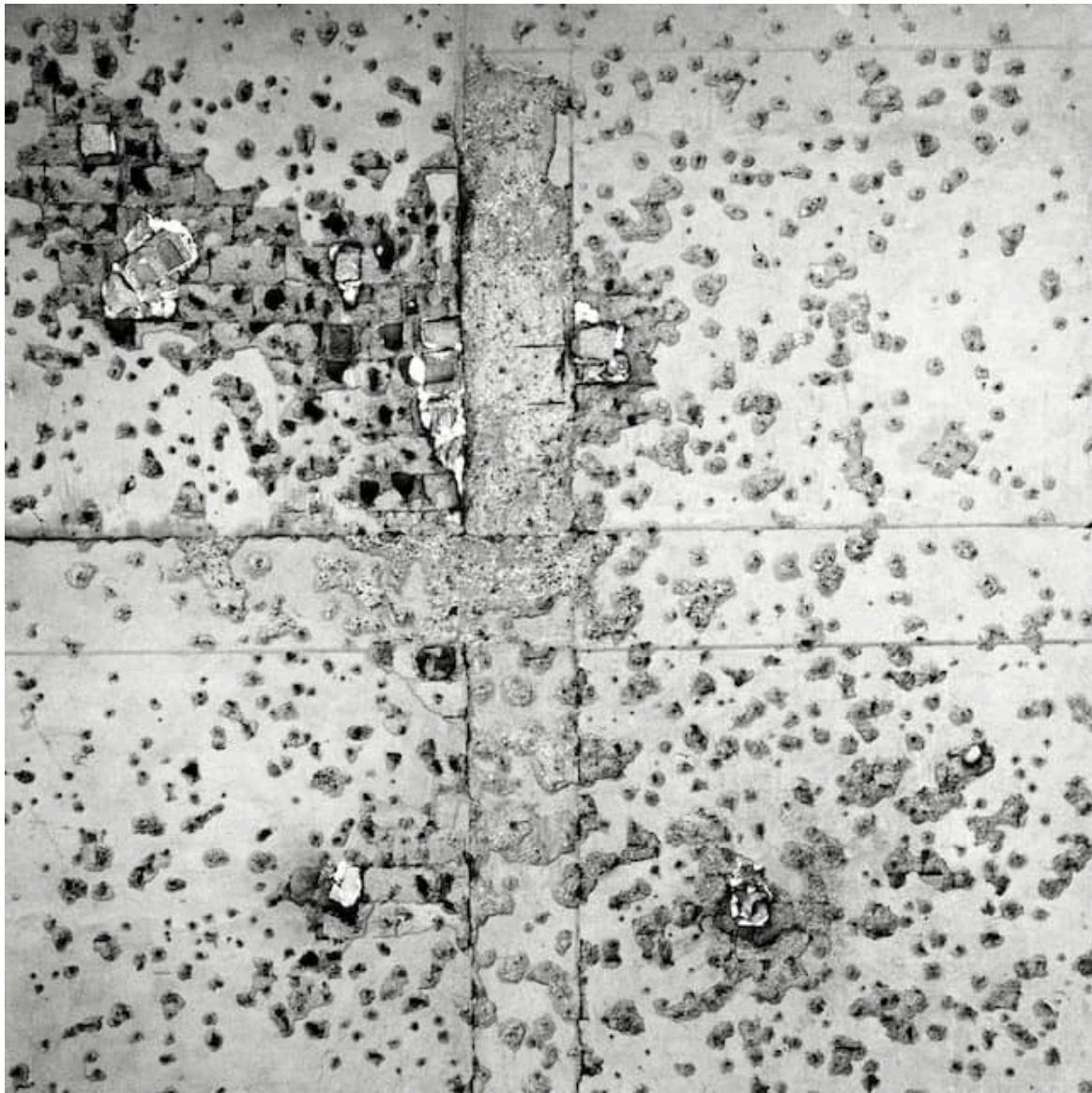
As always, I encourage you to engage with us, share your insights, and join us in our mission to shape a brighter future for the MENA region and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shadi Saleh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'S'.

GLOBAL HEALTH IN THE ARTS



ART IN THE LENS



Giles Duley, London (1971)

Mosul - A City of Ghosts; September 2019; Documentary photography

Courtesy of the artist

Duley is a photographer, writer, chef and presenter, born in London. His work focuses on the long-term humanitarian impact of conflict. He started his career as a music photographer, then changed his focus to documentary work, in 2004. Although documenting challenging, and at times, horrific situations, Giles captures the strength of those who fight adversity rather than succumb. His photographs draw the viewer to the subject, creating intimacy and empathy for lives.

His work has taken him to Iraq, Afghanistan, South Sudan, DR Congo, Angola, Bangladesh, Kenya, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Colombia, Vietnam and Nigeria among others. In 2015 he started his Legacy of War project, which looks to explore common themes of conflict. In 2019, he visited Mosul in Iraq, where he documented the devastated places and created a series of photographs.

Duley is CEO and Founder of the NGO Legacy of War Foundation and international charity supporting communities and individuals as they rebuild their lives after conflict. He is a campaigner for the rights of both refugees and those living with disability.

**FEATURED
STORIES**



HIGHLIGHTS



GHI Launches Its New Flagship Climate-Health Program to Tackle Climate Change and Health Challenges in MENA



CMP Convenes PROTECT Stakeholder Convention in London to Address Trauma in Conflict Settings



GHI Launches a New Project to Scale Responsible AI-Based Health Innovations in the MENA Region



RHP Hosts the Global Forum on Refugee Health to Tackle Critical Challenges and Develop Collaborative Solutions

GHI DISTRIBUTES

100+ Hygiene Kits to displaced families

across Beirut



HIGHLIGHTED STORIES

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October, 2024



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



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Through a virtual event attended by more than 100 representatives from funding agencies, academia, UN organizations, governmental units, and civil society, the Global Health Institute (GHI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) launched its new flagship program on climate change and health, despite the challenging time Lebanon is passing through.

Launched on October 23, 2024, the Cli-Health Program (CHP) is a pioneering initiative of GHI focused on exploring the nexus of climate change, health, and social justice in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

“*The Cli-Health Program launch marks a significant step toward a more integrated approach to climate and health, paving the way for future initiatives and collaborations.*”

[Read the full press release](#)

[Watch the full recording video](#)

The program is in collaboration with the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship and the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI), with the support of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) and the Ford Foundation.

The event featured opening remarks by AUB's president, Dr. Fadlo Khuri and GHI's founding director, Dr. Shadi Saleh, in addition to keynote speeches from funders and supporters of the program. Participants were introduced to the Cli-Health Program through a detailed presentation about its scope, objectives, and key projects. The event also included a panel discussion among key experts in the field of climate science, health systems, policy, gender, and social justice.



AUB GHI Provides On-Ground Support to Displaced Families in Beirut Amid Ongoing Conflict

October, 2024



In response to the escalating conflict in Lebanon, GHI has stepped up its humanitarian efforts to support displaced families affected by the crisis. As part of their ongoing commitment to aid those in need, the GHI team has distributed over 100 hygiene kits to displaced families currently sheltering in schools across Beirut.

The ongoing conflict has led to a dramatic rise in displacement, with thousands of families forced to leave their homes and find temporary accommodations. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, GHI has mobilized its resources to provide essential supplies to affected populations, ensuring they have access to basic hygiene and sanitation.

The hygiene kits included essential items such as soap, disinfectants, masks, and other basic sanitary supplies, tailored to meet the immediate needs of displaced individuals and families especially women and girls. This initiative is part of a broader response by GHI to provide not only material support but also awareness about disease and outbreak prevention and protect the mental health and well-being of people in conflict-affected areas.

GHI Empowers Lebanese Healthcare Workers with Fully Funded CCM Scholarships

October, 2024

GHI recently launched its Scholarship Program for Conflict Medicine, providing 20 fully funded scholarships for the online Certificate in Conflict Medicine. This initiative was developed in response to the ongoing conflict in Lebanon, which has severely impacted healthcare systems and placed immense pressure on healthcare professionals.

The Certificate in Conflict Medicine, designed by leading experts specifically for the region, aims to equip healthcare workers with essential skills to navigate the complexities of medical care during crises. The self-paced format allows participants to enhance their competencies while balancing their professional responsibilities. The program addresses the urgent need for advanced training, enabling healthcare professionals to respond effectively to emergencies and deliver critical care in challenging environments.

GHI remains committed to supporting healthcare workers in Lebanon, focusing on initiatives that strengthen their capacity to provide care amidst ongoing challenges.



CMP in Partnership with Imperial Convenes ProTeCT Stakeholder Convention in London to Address Trauma in Conflict Settings

May, 2024



The Global Health Institute (GHI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB), in partnership with the Centre for Injury Studies (CIS) at Imperial College London (ICL), hosted the ProTeCT Stakeholder Convention in London. This two-day event, titled “Engineering Health Solutions in Conflict,” gathered over 30 international organizations, including researchers, healthcare professionals, humanitarians, engineers, and policymakers.

The convention focused on developing long-term solutions for trauma care in conflict settings, with opening remarks from Dr. Fadlo Khuri, President of AUB, emphasizing the need for sustained partnerships to address challenges in the MENA region. Dr. Shadi Saleh, Founding Director at GHI, and Professor Ian Walmsley, Provost at ICL, echoed the importance of collaborative efforts in this emerging field.



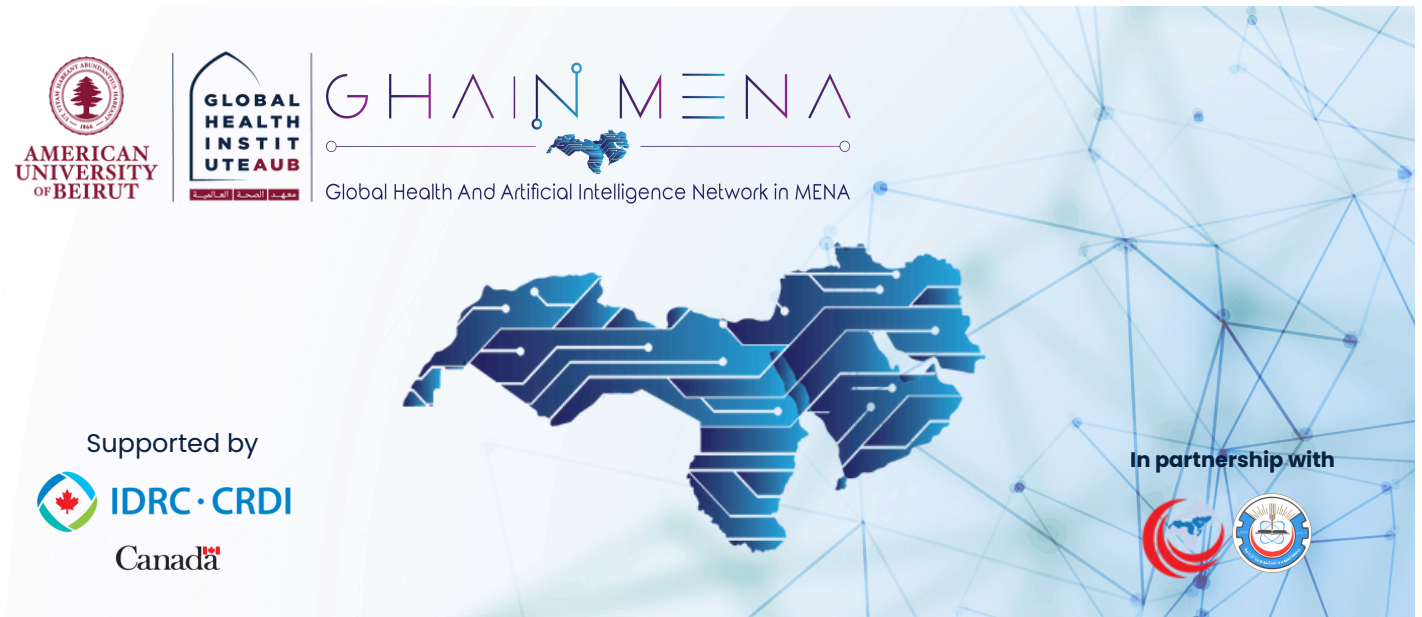
Key sessions explored the multidisciplinary approaches required to address trauma, including advancements in biomedical engineering and the need for better data sharing. The event also featured a photography exhibition by Giles Duley, whose work illustrated the impact of conflict on people and communities.

The ProTeCT Stakeholder Convention highlighted the importance of international collaboration in advancing conflict medicine and improving healthcare outcomes for those affected by war.

[Read the full press release](#)

GHI Launches a New Project to Scale Responsible AI-Based Health Innovations in the MENA Region

July, 2024



The Global Health Institute continues to be the leading hub for advancing responsible AI in global health across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region through its pioneering Global Health and Artificial Intelligence Network (GHAIN MENA) initiative.

Building on this effort, GHI launched a new project, supported by IDRC as part of the center’s AI for development (AI4D) program and UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office partnership initiative. The project is dedicated to support the scalability and sustainability of responsible AI innovations that improve sexual and reproductive health trajectories and outcomes in the region.

Along with collaborators from the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) and the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), this project will support grantees of the GHAIN MENA hub to scale up and sustain their research projects using responsible AI in Global Health.

GHAIN MENA

is a 3-year project led by the E-Sahha Program at GHI. Supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), GHAIN MENA aims to empower researchers from different institutions of the MENA region to design and implement responsible AI-based digital health interventions through partnerships, tailored capacity building, and a sub-granting scheme.

[Learn more about GHAIN MENA](#)

The Refugee Health Program Hosts a Global Forum on Refugee Health to Tackle Critical Challenges and Develop Collaborative Solutions

July, 2024



The Refugee Health Program (RHP) at AUB GHI hosted the Global Forum on Refugee Health, titled, “A Global Crisis in Need of Local Solutions: Bridging the Research to Policy and Practice Gap”, on July 23rd, 2024.

This forum offered a unique platform for policymakers, researchers, and humanitarian practitioners to collectively address the gap between research, policy and practice in refugee health.

“*The forum featured over 165 registrants, including representatives from more than 70 international NGOs and UN agencies, over 33 local NGOs, and more than 20 academic institutions; with participants from over 18 countries globally, including Egypt, Jordan, Italy, United Kingdom, United States, Brazil, Canada, Somalia, Kenya, Morocco, among others.*”



Representatives from Elrha, the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters in Geneva, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO), the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), and the American University of Beirut (AUB) participated in this forum. They shared global perspectives on research uptake and contributed to a moderated panel discussion focused on identifying challenges and solutions to enhance research uptake in humanitarian settings, with the ultimate goal of improving refugee health.



[Read the full press release](#)

GHI Co-Organizes a Meeting in Jordan to Advance Mobile Healthcare Solutions for Gaza

July, 2024



In collaboration with Harvard CMES, Harvard Medical School, Carnegie Endowment, and Taawon (Welfare Association), GHI supported a pivotal stakeholder technical meeting on community-based mobile healthcare delivery solutions for Gaza. The meeting, held in Jordan, focused on developing practical solutions to improve healthcare delivery for populations affected by the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

GHI's delegation, including Founding Director Dr. Shadi Saleh, Director of the Conflict Medicine Program Dr. Ghassan Abu Sitta FRCS (Plast), and Associate Director Nour El Arnaout, engaged in strategic discussions with key field-based actors such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), Oxfam, and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). The dialogue centered on strategizing next steps and potential interventions to enhance care delivery for displaced populations in Gaza, as well as mechanisms for deploying and monitoring the effectiveness of these interventions.

Additionally, Dr. Shadi Saleh shared insights into GHI's flagship initiatives, highlighting those that provide practical, mobile, community-based solutions aimed at improving healthcare delivery and capacity building in Gaza. These initiatives are designed to address the significant challenges posed by the severely compromised healthcare infrastructure in the region.

Strengthening Global Health Partnerships: GHI Meets with WHO Lebanon Leadership

May, 2024



GHI's Founding Director, Dr. Shadi Saleh and the executive team, held a meeting with WHO Lebanon's leadership, including Dr. Abdinasser Abubakar, WHO Country Representative for Lebanon, and Dr. Alissar Rady, Team Lead at WHO Lebanon, at their offices. This significant meeting focused on discussing GHI's pivotal contributions to global health and exploring new avenues for collaboration.

The discussions aimed to enhance the representation and influence of the MENA region within the global health dialogue. Both teams shared their visions for advancing health initiatives and improving outcomes on a global scale.

This collaborative effort underscores GHI's commitment to amplifying voices from the MENA region and reinforcing partnerships that drive progress in global health.



NGOi Celebrates its Fifth Anniversary with More than 150 attendees from the Civil Society Sector

May, 2024

On the occasion of its 5th anniversary, NGOi organized a celebration event on May 29, 2024. The gathering took place at the American University of Beirut, in the presence of the president Dr. Fadlo Khuri and NGOi's Founding Director Dr. Shadi Saleh. It brought together more than 150 attendees from organizations from the civil society sector, including local and international NGOs, NGOi member organizations from the region in addition to partners & experts working with NGOi.

The event served as a space to network and socialize with other organizations and experts, to celebrate NGOi's significant milestones achieved over the past 5 years, and to exchange experiences and knowledge. Members of the NGOi network showcased their work as posters in a "Members' Gallery Walk". NGOi also handed in to attendees tote bags that featured products from different member organizations.

“ *In the upcoming year, NGOi remains committed to bring new opportunities and services of growth and development to the NGO sector in the MENA region, and to make learning opportunities accessible for all individuals interested in the non-profit sector.* ”



[Watch the full event](#)

[See how to become a member](#)

GHI's Summer Retreat: A blend of Strategic Growth and Team Bonding

August, 2024



GHI's annual summer retreat recently concluded, featuring a day of strategic discussions and team-building activities. Led by Dr. Shadi Saleh, the retreat focused on important organizational updates and facilitated engaging conversations.

The team also enjoyed various bonding exercises, enhancing cohesion and collaboration. The retreat was a success, leaving GHI'ers energized and ready for future challenges.



**NEW
APPOINTMENT**

Nour El Arnaout

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

Mrs. Nour El Arnaout Appointed New Associate Director of the Global Health Institute at AUB

August, 2024

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Nour El Arnaout has been appointed as the new Associate Director of the Global Health Institute (GHI) at AUB.

Nour has been pivotal in the Institute's development, playing a crucial role in leading key programs and expanding its impact and reach across the MENA region.

This appointment reaffirms GHI's commitment to advancing women in leadership.

MAIN UPDATES



GHI PROGRAMS

E-SAHHA PROGRAM ESP

The GHAIN MENA Project Featured Globally through ESP Team Participation in Global Conferences



Supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the E-Sahha Program (ESP) team presented the Global Health and Artificial Intelligence Network in the Middle East and North Africa region (GHAIN MENA) model in the Women Deliver conference held in Kigali, Rwanda. The ESP participation was through a panel discussion that focused on the potential of research in driving responsible development and effective deployment of AI innovations, with a specific emphasis on enhancing sexual, maternal, and reproductive health and rights, while concurrently strengthening healthcare systems in LMICs.

The GHAIN MENA project was also featured in a panel discussion facilitated by IDRC at the Canadian Conference on Global Health. The ESP team discussed approaches to leveraging responsible AI to enhance health outcomes and key context considerations when implementing AI-based solutions.



Additionally, the ESP team participated in a face-to-face meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya for members of the AI for Global Health (AI4GH) network, funded by IDRC. The meeting convened delegates from different AI hubs and teams in LMICs, fostering a collaborative environment to address updates, challenges, identify opportunities for synergy, and strategize on ways to enhance visibility.

[Learn more about GAIN MENA](#)

ESP Publishes a New Article on Maternal Health Outcomes in Context of Fragility

A new scholarly article titled 'Maternal health outcomes in the context of fragility: a retrospective study from Lebanon' was recently published in December 2023 in the journal of Conflict and Health. The paper featured baseline data collected as part of the Gamification, Artificial Intelligence and mHealth Network for Maternal Health Improvement (GAIN MHI) project and examined the maternal health outcomes among disadvantaged Lebanese and refugee pregnant women accessing antenatal care services at primary healthcare centers in Lebanon.

[Read the Paper here](#)

ESP Shares Lessons Learnt from its AI-based Digital Health Solutions for Vulnerable Populations in Lebanon and MENA

July, 2024



As part of its commitment to sharing knowledge and experience on digital health, the ESP team represented by GHI's Associate Director Nour El Arnaout presented lessons learnt and field-based considerations for the implementation of digital and AI-based interventions in Lebanon and the MENA region. The presentation was part of an event held by EMERGENT Lebanon, an initiative of the Artificial Intelligence for Pandemic, Epidemic, Preparedness and Response (AI4PEP) Network, a global IDRC-funded initiative on [AI for Global Health](#).

The presentation highlighted on how GHI's AI and digital health projects are strategically designed to tackle health challenges among vulnerable populations in the MENA region while considering factors that affect the effectiveness of such interventions including context, gender, and other social determinants.

[Learn more about GHI's digital health projects](#)

GHI Launches a New Webinar Series on Advancing Responsible Artificial Intelligence in Global Health



As part of GHAIN MENA, GHI has launched a new webinar series dedicated to advancing the responsible deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) in global health. The series features a range of esteemed speakers and experts who offer profound insights and diverse perspectives on the topic.

The series kicked off with a webinar titled "Artificial Intelligence for Health: Gender Considerations for Applications in the MENA", which provided an in-depth overview of gender-specific issues and considerations in AI applications within the region. Following this, the second webinar, "Harnessing a Responsible Approach to Artificial Intelligence: Why Inclusion, Ethics, and Local Leadership Are Essential for Impact at Scale," delved into the importance of inclusive practices, ethical standards, and local leadership in scaling AI's impact effectively.

These webinars reflect GHI's commitment to advancing responsible AI practices in Global Health.

[Watch GHAIN MENA Webinar 1](#)

[Watch GHAIN MENA Webinar 2](#)

Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program EPaPP

GHI Holds the PEPP MENA Forum 2024 Dedicated to Advancing Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness in the MENA Region

April, 2024



The Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program (EPaPP) at the Global Health Institute at AUB, hosted a two-day event titled “PEPP MENA Forum 2024: Priority Setting in the Context of Fragility”, an inaugural regional forum. The forum took place on April 22nd and 23rd, 2024, at the AUB campus, bringing together distinguished policymakers, global health experts, scholars, industry leaders, and participants from various humanitarian and global health community sectors to discuss challenges and opportunities for advancing epidemic and pandemic preparedness in the MENA region.

The forum featured keynote speakers, including Dr. Shadi Saleh, Founding Director of GHI, and Dr. Wessam El Beih, Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and Dr. Souha Kanj, Head of the Infectious Diseases Division at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC), who addressed the region’s preparedness and response challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the research and training needs for effective preparedness in the MENA.

A major highlight of the forum was the launch and live demonstration of the EPaPP initiatives, namely the Preparedness Stakeholder Map (PSM) and the Preparedness Collaboration Portal (PCP) by Dr. Zahi Abdul Sater, Senior Advisor for Partnership and Innovation at GHI, and Ms. Sarah Ibrahim, Program Manager of EPaPP at GHI.

The event featured a breakout session, offering a dynamic platform for stakeholders to share their experiences and collectively identify key priority areas for research, training, policy, and equality to enhance preparedness in the region. It concluded with a session for oral presentations followed by a poster exhibition to showcase innovative epidemic and pandemic preparedness initiatives and abstracts in the region.



[Watch the full event | Day 1](#)

[Watch the full event | Day 2](#)

[Read the full press release](#)

Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program EPaPP

EPaPP Team Highlights Innovations at CUGH Conference 2024

March, 2024

The Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program (EPaPP) team at GHI participated in the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) conference in Los Angeles, in March 2024. The team showcased key initiatives under the program, including the online interactive Preparedness Stakeholder Map and the Preparedness Collaboration Portal. The presentation also detailed the context-aware development process of the Certificate in Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness, a certificate specifically tailored to address the unique preparedness needs of the Arab World.



EPaPP Continues to Advance Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness in the Arab World



EPaPP convened its first Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, in January 2024, to strategize key goals for the upcoming year. The discussions produced a roadmap for a series of events, webinars and workshops to collaboratively progress towards better preparedness.

During this year, the program has developed the **Preparedness Stakeholder Map (PSM)**, an innovative online interactive stakeholder-mapping tool that provides a dynamic view of the pandemic preparedness landscape in the Arab World, allowing users to navigate the intricate network of stakeholders in the region. With over 2,500 multi-sectoral stakeholders identified at local, national, and regional levels, the online interactive stakeholder-mapping tool paves the way for a more coordinated and inclusive epidemic and pandemic preparedness across the Arab world.

EPaPP also developed the online **Preparedness Collaboration Portal (PCP)**, a cutting-edge online tool featuring over 10,300 individuals publishing on epidemic and pandemic preparedness in the Arab World. The portal will foster collaboration among policymakers, researchers, health practitioners, and other sectors, thereby enhancing a multi-sectoral approach to preparedness.

In addition to the development of the innovative tools, EPaPP is addressing the educational and training needs of the region through a four-course contextualized and tailored certificate. The **Certificate in Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness (CEPP)** is being developed through a context-aware process informed by a training needs assessment survey with 95 regional stakeholders and a Delphi study with eight regional experts.

[More about EPaPP](#)

Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program

EPaPP

EPaPP Hosts a Webinar on Antimicrobial Resistance Challenges for Displaced Populations in MENA

June, 2024

The Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program (EPaPP) is hosting a series of webinars aimed at enhancing preparedness for critical health threats. The first webinar in the series, titled "Antimicrobial Resistance Among Displaced Populations in the Middle East and North Africa Region", was successfully conducted on June 13, 2024.

With over 300 registrants from 50 countries, the event highlighted antimicrobial resistance (AMR) among displaced populations as a pressing issue in the region. Esteemed speakers, Dr. Souha Kanj, Head of the Infectious Diseases Division at the American University of Beirut Medical Center, and Dr. Antoine Abou Fayad, Assistant Professor in the Department of Experimental Pathology, Immunology & Microbiology at the American University of Beirut, shared their expertise on the critical challenge of AMR's impact on displaced populations and explored strategies for mitigating risks in vulnerable communities.

The graphic features a dark red background with logos for the American University of Beirut, Global Health Institute Utraub, and EPaPP. A white button with a play icon says "ONLINE WEBINAR | WATCH NOW". Below, the title "Antimicrobial Resistance Among Displaced Populations in the Middle East and North Africa Region" is displayed. A laptop screen shows a presentation slide titled "Multidrug resistant WHO priority pathogens in the countries of the Arab league" with six maps of the region. At the bottom, statistics are shown: "300+ Registrants" and "50 Countries".

[Watch the full webinar](#)

CMP Team Advances iPrOTeCT Collaboration with Iraq's Ministry of Health

June, 2024

The Conflict Medicine Program (CMP) team, under the Injury and POsT Conflict Trauma (iPrOTeCT) initiative, recently held an online meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Health in Iraq and the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani (AUIS) to advance their collaborative research efforts.



The meeting focused on presenting their research aimed at understanding the biopsychosocial burden of lower-limb amputation on war-injured children and aligning project goals for the implementation of this project in Iraq. This collaboration with AUIS and Iraq's Ministry of Health marks a significant step forward in research that seeks to improve healthcare outcomes for conflict-affected populations in the MENA region.

CMP Publishes Research on War Injury Burdens and Limb Salvage in Conflict Zones

December, 2023 and April, 2024

The CMP has recently published two key studies that provide important insights into the impact of war injuries and the effectiveness of medical interventions in conflict settings.

The first study, "Long-term Burden of War Injuries Among Civilians in LMICs: Case of the July 2006 War in Lebanon," was published in *Frontiers in Public Health*. It examines the ongoing physical, psychological, and financial challenges faced by civilians injured in the 2006 war in Lebanon. The findings highlight the need for better emergency preparedness and specific training for healthcare workers dealing with conflict-related trauma.

The second study, published in *Conflict and Health* and titled "The Integration of Ortho-Plastic Limb Salvage Teams in the Humanitarian Response to Violence-Related Open Tibial Fractures: Evaluating Outcomes in the Gaza Strip," looks at the role of ortho-plastic teams in treating severe open tibial fractures caused by gunshots in Gaza. The study reviews cases from March 2018 to October 2020, and highlights the severity and complexity of such injuries, emphasizing their significant impact on patients and the healthcare system.

These publications reflect CMP's ongoing efforts to improve healthcare strategies for those affected by conflict, focusing on practical solutions and evidence-based practices.

[More about CMP](#)

RHP Team Kicks Off SEEK Project in Partnership with WHO

May, 2024



In 2023, the RHP team established a partnership with two community-based Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) in Beqaa for the implementation of the Self-Efficacy and Knowledge (SEEK) Trial, with support from Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health.

As part of the project, 18 female data collectors completed an intensive two-day training on the data collection tools that would be used with local refugee women. The trial has successfully enrolled 485 eligible participants, who completed the baseline assessment and received free hygiene kits and optional obstetric and gynecological consultations. To ensure community participation and engagement in the research, a validation workshop with PHC stakeholders was also conducted to assess the relevance of the baseline findings to the PHCs' work.

Shortly after, the team hosted a comprehensive 20-day training led by SRH and mental health experts, for nine paraprofessionals from the Syrian refugee community. This training prepared them to effectively deliver the 8-week intervention package at the PHCs.



The SEEK Trial is a community-based randomized controlled trial designed to evaluate the impact of a low-intensity, low-resource integrated intervention package for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Psychosocial Support (PSS), developed by the World Health Organization (WHO). The trial aims to improve the utilization of family planning and SRH services, as well as enhance overall well-being among Syrian adolescent girls and young women refugees.

Stay tuned for updates on the SEEK Trial as the RHP team continues to positively impact the community.

[More about RHP](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING COMPONENT

GHI Explores with Key Experts Global Health Capacity Building from a Southern Perspective

April, 2024



GHI's Academy Division hosted an event titled "The Landscape of Capacity Building in Global Health: Perspectives on Global South Challenges and Potential Contribution." The event was held on April 3, 2024, at AUB campus, bringing together valued speakers and participants from different sectors of the humanitarian and global health community.

Esteemed organizations were represented through various panelists and speakers including the International Development Research Center (IDRC), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC), the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET), and AUB, among others. Panelists shared insights and lessons learned from capacity building efforts in the MENA region.

Overall, the key points discussed in this event revolved around the importance of contextualized, collaborative, and innovative capacity building initiatives in Global Health in empowering the Global South and amplifying its voice within the Global Health dialogue. A particular focus was directed to the body of evidence that demonstrates the positive impact of GHI's capacity building programs on empowering learners and increasing their access to education.

The event attracted interest with 101 participants registering from 17 countries such as Lebanon, Iraq, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Canada, Jordan, among others.



[Watch the full event](#)

[Read the full press release](#)

HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA HLD

Over 900 Learners Enrolled in one or more Courses of the Humanitarian Leadership Diploma



Since its launch, more than 900 learners enrolled in one or more courses of the Humanitarian Leadership Diploma (HLD). Learners enrolled in the HLD span over various countries such as Ireland, Slovakia, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Lebanon, among others, highlighting its wide reach.

Developed by the Academy Division, the Humanitarian Leadership Diploma (HLD) builds the capacity of humanitarian workers by equipping them with the leadership skills needed to effectively manage humanitarian projects, becoming agents of change.

HLD is designed for humanitarian workers and others considering a career change. It consists of eight online self-paced courses that are delivered through GHI's online learning platform, the Global Health Learning and Development (GHLAD) platform. It offers the flexibility for learners to study at their own pace, regardless of their location.

See what the learners had to say about the diploma:

“ The courses objectives were clearly stated and presented. It exceeded my expectations, especially considering my background in the humanitarian field and my aspirations to work in emergency response.
- **Mireille Moukarzel**

I acquired a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter through the courses offered. I highly recommend the diploma to others and I eagerly look forward to participating in future courses held by GHI.
- **Yasmin Hankir**

The courses content directly addressed my specific needs. I have acquired valuable skills and competencies that I can apply in my work from this diploma.
- **Aya Hatoum**

[Register for the full Diploma](#)

CERTIFICATE IN CONFLICT MEDICINE CCM

More than 340 Learners Enrolled in the Certificate in Conflict Medicine



The Certificate in Conflict Medicine (CCM) has enrolled more than 340 learners, since its launch, from a variety of countries, including Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, Switzerland, Yemen, Syria, Jordan, and the United States.

Designed for healthcare professionals such as medical, nursing, and pharmacy students, the CCM offers four online self-paced courses through the Global Health Learning and Development (GHLAD) platform. It includes three core courses and one elective specialty course, allowing learners to choose from three different topics.

The Academy Division developed the Certificate in Conflict Medicine (CCM), which aims to empower healthcare practitioners by advancing their skills in conducting research and delivering medical care that is contextualized to the settings of conflict and fragility.

See what the learners had to say about the certificate:

“ As a physician residing in a conflict area, this certificate enlightened me on numerous aspects that I was oblivious to. It has increased my knowledge on how conflict impacts people's lives.
- **Emad Abo bakr - Yemen**

This certificate shed light on valuable information related to medical care in conflict areas; a field that is often neglected in such settings.
- **Maryam Raad - Yemen**

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CREEW Holds a Webinar About Bridging Research and Practice in Conflict with a Focus on the Nexus of Climate, Health and Preparedness

July, 2024



CREEW recently hosted the webinar “Bridging Research and Practice in Conflict | The Nexus of Climate, Health and Preparedness”. It was held on July 15, 2024, and it featured a discussion about the intersection between climate change and health impacts, emphasizing how research can guide preparedness strategies in conflict settings.

The event also provided an overview of the CREEW 2025 fellowship program sponsored by GHI where the team detailed the application processes.

The webinar attracted significant interest with 119 participants registering from 30 different countries such as Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, among others.

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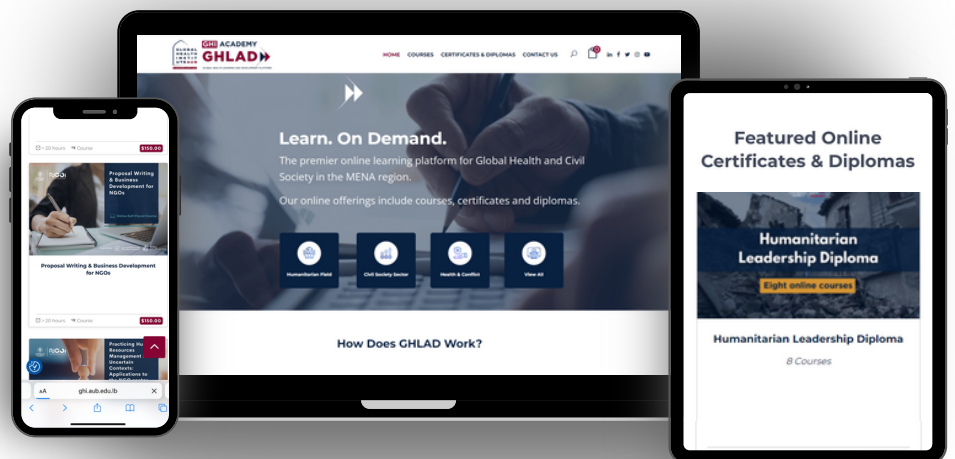
GLOBAL HEALTH LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM GHLAD

Over 3065 Learners from 71 Countries Have Registered on GHLAD

To date, over 3065 learners from 71 countries have registered on GHLAD and benefited from 46 offerings including a Certificate in Conflict Medicine (CCM) and a Humanitarian Leadership Diploma (HLD).

The Academy Division offers its online self-paced capacity building initiatives through its online learning platform the Global Health Learning and Development (GHLAD) Platform. GHLAD provides contextualized training and continuing education in Global Health using smart and accessible learning modalities across three sectors: humanitarian, health and conflict, and civil society.

This online self-paced modality offers the flexibility for learners who registered on GHLAD to learn at their own pace, regardless of the geographical location.



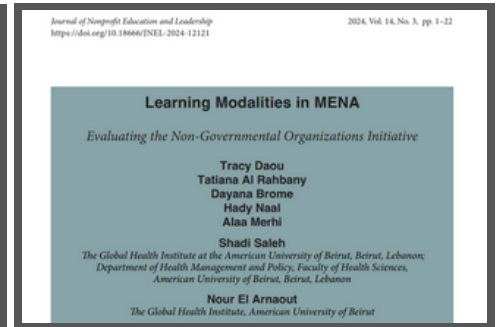
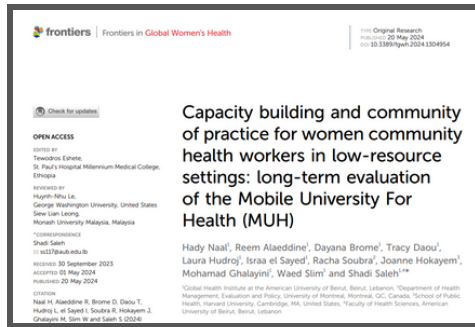
Check out the online courses on GHLAD

EVALUATION OF CAPACITY BUILDING COMPONENT

eCAP

eCAP Team Publishes New Research and Showcases Work at Major Conferences

The eCAP team has published two articles, one on “The evaluation of the Full 4-Year Implementation of the Mobile University for Health” published in *Frontiers in Global Women’s Health* journal, and another on “The Evaluation of the Learning Experiences and Learning Outcomes of Humanitarian Workers Who Enrolled in NGO’s Online and In-Person Capacity Building Offerings” published in the journal of non-profit education and leadership.



Also, in March 2024, eCAP team presented an evaluation of the Mobile University for Health initiative at the Consortium of Universities in Global health (CUGH) conference held in Los Angeles. This presentation was conducted under a session that focused on efforts conducted globally to decolonize global health and empower local communities.

Locally, eCAP team participated in a GHI-hosted conference in March 2024 at the American University of Beirut to present the development and outcomes of the 5-year eCAP project. This conference was attended by local and international experts on capacity building and health system strengthening.



Check out more publications

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NGOi Launches its Operations in Morocco, Kuwait and Iraq

February, 2024



The Arab Alliance for CSO Development (AACCSOD), a five-year flagship program of the AUB NGOi, expanded its reach to three new Arab countries, launching its operations in Morocco, Kuwait, and Iraq in November of 2023. This brings the current number of countries of AACCSOD operations to six covering Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Kuwait, and Iraq. AACCSOD provides services to CSOs across the Arab world, aiming to upskill and institutionally strengthen the CSO sector.

With the aim to standardize the operations of AACCSOD across all countries, NGOi organized a workshop at AUB, bringing together national experts who will be engaged with the program over the coming years in the three new countries of operations. The national experts will support and guide fifteen CSOs in Morocco, Kuwait, and Iraq throughout their institutional strengthening journey.

The training aimed to introduce the national experts to their role and responsibilities as part of the AACCSOD program and to onboard and align them with AACCSOD strategy.

[Listen to the Regional & National Experts about their engagement](#)

NGOi Builds the Capacity of Local Youth-led CSOs as Part of the EU-Funded Project “Empowering Civil Society and Youth for Inclusive Digital Transformation”

August, 2024



In alignment with its commitment to institutionally support and empower grassroots organizations, NGOi concluded a series of four capacity building trainings as part of a new project titled “Empowering Civil Society and Youth for Inclusive Digital Transformation”, supported by the European Union (EU). The project is being implemented over 30 months, through a consortium including NGOi, ACTED, Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT) Lebanon, and École Supérieure des Affaires (ESA). The project aims to enhance the ability of ten Lebanese youth-led and/or youth-focused CSOs to be influential development actors in Lebanon through strengthening their institutional, operational, and digital capacities.

Within the project framework, a total of 40 team members from the ten selected local CSOs have concluded a series of 4 in-person tailored capacity building trainings on ‘Proposal Writing and Business Development for NGOs’, ‘Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning for NGOs’, ‘Budgeting, Financial Management and Risk Mitigation Strategies for NGOs’, and ‘Project and Program Management for NGOs’ between April and August of 2024.

Throughout this series of essential courses, CSO representatives learned how to write effective proposals, design, manage, monitor and evaluate their own projects and corresponding budgets. After completing these courses, these organizations were well-equipped to develop and pitch their projects within the scope of this partnership with EU and ACTED.

[Learn more about this project](#)

Two NGOs in Lebanon and Egypt Become ‘AUB-Certified’ Through NGOi’s Organizational Certification

July, 2023 - 2024



Masar Lebanon and Amalna Heya Masr for Community Development in Egypt became AUB-certified as they were awarded the NGOi Organizational Certification.

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Both Masar Lebanon and Amalna Heya Masr for Community Development underwent an organizational development process with NGOi supported by the Asfari Foundation and Ford Foundation following which both fulfilled the requirements of NGOi's organizational certification.

NGOi's Organizational Certification is valid for 2 years, after which the certified organization can choose to undergo a re-certification.



Learn more about how to become an AUB-certified NGO

NGOi Builds the Capacity of more than 190 NGO Staff Through 4 Courses on Operational Management of NGOs

June, 2023 – April, 2024



As part of its 2023-2024 training schedule, NGOi offered three in-person and online synchronous courses from June 2023 to April 2024 to NGOs staff in the MENA region on 'Digital Communication and Social Media Marketing', 'Proposal Writing and Business Development' and 'Project and Program Management for NGOs'.

More than 190 individuals from 140 organizations in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Yemen and Syria engaged in interactive team-based work sessions and discussions through the different NGOi courses offered.



See what the learners had to say about the course:

“ This class helped me greatly develop my skills - it cleared so many things for me and made my writing easier and my writing skills much better. I will definitely recommend this class to everyone because it was extremely helpful.
- **Mira Kocache, about the course 'Proposal Writing and Business Development for NGOs'**

It gave me an insight of how to succeed in a project before its onset, initiation, and all the needed steps and milestones. Also, effective methods to work in a team, budgeting, and proper communication skills. I recommend the course as it gives an overall practical perspective of program management.
- **Lubna Noueihed, about the course 'Project and Program Management'**

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[Check out NGOi Courses](#)

NGOi Attends the Ford Foundation's 'Weaving Resilience' Meeting in Brazil

April, 2024

In an attempt to reflect the efforts invested in CSO development in the MENA region, NGOi participated in the Weaving Resilience Network annual meeting held by the Ford Foundation in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Represented by its Associate Director Nour El Arnaout and Senior Coordination Officer Alaa Merhi, the NGOi delegation participated in the 5-day global meeting as the only MENA hub dedicated to institutional strengthening of civil society.

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The NGOi team showcased the work being done as part of its flagship program AACSD, highlighting the different context-specific considerations for CSOs operating in the MENA region, and the impact of the program on the CSOs, their beneficiaries, and the overall communities they serve.

The NGOi team also engaged in discussions with other hubs from Africa, Latin America, Central America, and Indonesia on how to promote a more resilient civil society in the Global South.

[Know more about AACSD](#)

Six Self-Paced Courses on NGO Management Are Released on GHLAD

NGOi released new online self-paced courses on GHI's online learning platform "GHLAD". Among other courses, 'Practicing Human Resources Management in Uncertain Contexts: Applications to the NGO Sector' and 'Proposal Writing and Business Development for NGOs' are currently open for enrollment in English, Arabic and French languages of instruction.

The highly-requested course on 'Proposal Writing and Business is designed to equip its learners with the knowledge and skills needed to write competitive proposals and detailed budgets. The course on 'Practicing Human Resources Management in Uncertain Contexts: Applications to the NGO Sector' is designed for professionals in the NGO sector, providing a comprehensive understanding of human resource management in this field.

NGOi continuously expands its collection of course tailored for NGOs. View the full list of available courses on GHLAD.

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BLOG



"SOUTH OF GLOBAL HEALTH" BLOG

GHI's blog, "South of Global Health" encompasses more than 40 published articles on a variety of intersectional health-related issues. Since its inception, the blog has published articles on refugee health needs, health in conflict, mental and telemental health, gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual reproductive health, communicable and non-communicable diseases and health systems. Submitting scholars hail from the American University of Beirut, War Child Holland, Medical Aid for Palestinians, University of Chester, German University of Cairo, Syria Public Health Network, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Lancet Migration, University of Cambridge, University College London and the Research for Health in Conflict Group.

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South of Global Health blog has an open and ongoing Call for Blog Entries. It accepts pieces between 500 and 1000 words, and adopts footnotes in IEEE as its referencing style.

Kindly submit all entries at ghi@aub.edu.lb with the subject "South of Global Health Blog Entry".

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Dr. Ghassan M. Matar (GMM) is currently a Professor and Chairperson in the Department of Experimental Pathology, Immunology & Microbiology, Co-Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDR) and Director WHO Collaborating Center for Reference and Research on Bacterial Pathogens at the Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon.

Professor Matar was a post-doctoral fellow (Fulbright) at the Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) and Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, USA and Research Microbiologist at the Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, CDC. He served as American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Ambassador to Lebanon and member/Chairperson of the ASM Ambassador Leadership Circle. He also served as resource advisor in the WHO-Advisory Group on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Agents (AGISAR). GMM's Laboratory is also a PulseNet Laboratory certified by CDC/NAMRU3.

To present he published 140 articles in refereed international journals and presented 150 abstracts in international, regional and local conferences. He received funding from various extramural sources including CDC (BAA)WHO EMRO, US Dept. of Defense (DOD), WHO-AGISAR, Lebanese Ministry of Health (MoPH) and pharmaceutical companies.

Professor Matar's research interests include: 1) Molecular epidemiology of foodborne pathogens (PulseNet), 2) Molecular mechanisms of resistance to antimicrobial agents in pathogenic bacteria, 3) Combating antimicrobial resistance by combination therapy and betalactamase inhibitors and 4) Genetic basis of biofilm production in *P. aeruginosa* isolated from patients with nosocomial infections and potential inhibition of biofilm formation by Micafungin and natural products in in vitro and in vivo studies.

“ One of the critical things that conflict medicine teaches you is to develop resilience and adaptability to work in those circumstances. ”

Dr. Ghassan Matar

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GHI WELCOMES NEW STAFF



Fatima Mansour, Bsc

Research Assistant, Conflict Medicine Program (CMP)

"I am committed to advancing research in conflict affected regions."

Fatima graduated with a Bachelor's in Psychology from the American University of Beirut. She is a dedicated researcher who places a strong emphasis on mental health. Her contributions to various projects have been acknowledged through conference presentations and publications in esteemed journals. Currently serving as a Research Assistant for the CMP at the Global Health Institute, Fatima showcases her unwavering dedication in advancing research within challenging contexts.



Zeinab Awad, MPH

Program Manager, Cli-Health Program (CHP)

"An enthusiastic public health researcher who works towards equitable health and healthcare access for all through articulating evidence and influencing policies."

Zeinab holds a master's degree in public health with a concentration in Health Management and Policy from the American University of Beirut. Her work in CHP focuses on exploring the nexus of climate change, health, and social justice in the MENA region through strengthening climate resilience of communities and health systems, generating and translating local climate health knowledge, and supporting evidence-based climate mitigation policies for improved health.



Rim Alaeddine, MSc

Research Associate, Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program (EPaPP)

"I am committed to utilizing the power of research to drive meaningful change in the way we address global health challenges."

Rim completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at the American University of Beirut, with a minor in Public Health and International Law, and then enrolled in a Master's program at the University of Edinburgh. She has been involved in research projects addressing the struggles of vulnerable populations, specifically refugees, both in Lebanon and the United Kingdom. Her work in the humanitarian field enhanced her understanding of the community as well as the global health issues in the area.



Nisrine El Hadi, Pharm.D, MPH

Manager, Academy Division

"My passion is building the capacities of healthcare worker and community members on global health topics."

Nisrine holds a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Lebanese American University and a Masters of Public Health with a focus on Health Management and Policy Development from the American University of Beirut. She worked as an instructor in multiple academic institutions, and was involved in teaching and coordinating a variety of courses. Nisrine worked as a consultant with various organizations on several projects that revolved around implementation research about complex health system problems that Lebanon has been facing. She is currently managing the Academy Division, GHI's capacity building arm.

Meet the GHI team

GHI WELCOMES NEW INTERNS



Jana Haddad

Bachelor's Degree in Global Health and Biology, University of Toronto, Canada

Jana's interest in Global Health, and on a greater scale, advancing the cause of health equity, are what drove her to pursue the internship at GHI. Her experience as an intern, provided her with valuable insights on the multifaceted challenges of addressing global health disparities, specifically within the MENA region. During her time at GHI, she worked in collaboration with the Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Program (EPaPP) team, to research and bridge gaps in knowledge on relevant stakeholders involved in epidemic/pandemic preparedness.



Aseel Hamdan

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

While pursuing her BA in Psychology with a minor in International Law at the American University of Beirut, Aseel completed a seven-month internship with GHI. During her internship, she contributed to the translation and design of presentations for mental and sexual health awareness training sessions for paraprofessionals, as part of the Self-Efficacy and Knowledge (SEEK) trial project. Aseel also assisted in coordinating logistics and supporting data collection efforts with Syrian refugee women at Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) in the Beqaa region.



Alya Bakhos

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Catholic University of Lyon, France

Alya completed a two-month internship at the GHI Refugee Health Program. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at the Catholic University of Lyon, in France. During her internship at GHI, Alya provided research support for publications related to SEEK trial and assisted with logistical preparations for the project's intervention delivery.



Reem Aridi

Bachelor's Degree in Public Health, Modern University for Business and Science, Lebanon

Rim joined the GHI internship program to broaden her expertise in health issues, climate change, and the challenges faced by vulnerable populations. She is a public health enthusiast with a strong belief in the power of research and data. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health from the Modern University for Business and Science in Lebanon.



Dima Mrad

Bachelor's Degree in Biology, Lebanese American University, Lebanon

Dima is an undergraduate biology student at the Lebanese American University with a strong interest in public health. She joined the GHI internship program to gain experience in global health initiatives. During her internship, Dima worked with the Academy division, focusing on promoting capacity-building programs that align with the Academy's mission to foster global health leadership and contextualize knowledge to address health challenges.

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“ There cannot be health without peace, and there cannot be peace without health. ”

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus -
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