



# ISSOP

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY for  
SOCIAL PEDIATRICS and CHILD HEALTH

## Children in Armed Conflict: Rights, Health, and Wellbeing



## 2019 Annual Meeting



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# Thank You

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On behalf of our entire ISSOP organization, I would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank-you” for the passion, commitment, leadership, knowledge and creativity of our Scientific Committee. The members: Barbara Rubio, Nick Spencer, Mohamed Fouad Mohamed, Joop de Jong, Ayesha Kadir, Bernard Gerbaka, Joseph Haddad, Tony Waterson, Jean Bowyer, Shanti Raman, and Raul Mercer—together worked hundreds of hours to ensure this conference fulfills its promise of mobilizing child health professionals to address the profound impact of armed violence on children. On behalf of the Committee, we would like to thank Gina Cordahi, Maya Abou Khouzam and the entire American University of Beirut staff; the staff of St. Joseph University; Partnership for Child Health colleagues Lisa Maldonado, Eva Goldhagen, Jill Storey and RayKay Santa; and all the many others throughout the world for their amazing leadership, support, patience and perseverance--all of which was necessary to make this conference happen.

# Our Mission

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The International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP) ([www.ISSOP.org](http://www.ISSOP.org)) is the only global pediatric society grounded in the principles and practice of Social Pediatrics and Child Rights. Since our founding in 1977, we have focused on addressing critical global issues impacting the health and well-being of children. We work with public, private and academic sector national and global pediatric and child serving organizations, such that we reach tens of thousands of professionals worldwide. Our annual meetings focus on engaging and mobilizing colleagues in strategic responses to specific challenges facing children.

Our global advocacy endeavors are supported by our Position Statements (<https://www.issop.org/category/contents/issop-position-statements/>), publications and bimonthly e-Bulletins (<https://www.issop.org/category/e-bulletin-item/>) that frame the context of our work. These, together with our educational programs and collaborative initiatives with other organizations and societies establish our relevance to the global health and well-being of children and families—in particular those marginalized by social and environmental health determinants.

The decision to hold our Annual meeting this year in Beirut arose from our advocacy work on children on the move over the past several years. This resulted in the publication of our Position Statement on Migrant Child Health (<https://www.issop.org/2017/02/19/issop-position-statement-8migrantchildhealth>) and our Budapest Declaration (<https://www.issop.org/2017/11/10/budapest-declaration-rights-health-well-children-youth-move/>), that together define the breadth and depth of the issues facing children on the move, and the roles and responsibilities of pediatricians and other child health professionals in response.

While we continue this current work, next year we will be launching a multi-year endeavor to engage pediatricians and child health professionals in the response to Global Climate Change. There is perhaps no more profound existential threat facing children worldwide, and there is a critical need for child health professionals to play a leadership role in the response.

**Please consider joining ISSOP. Together we are so much stronger.**

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Thank-you for being with us in Beirut. We hope you will continue to work with us and the organizations and stakeholders that have joined the conference to help ensure a sustained and concerted response to the impact of violence and armed conflict on children.

# Welcome

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## International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child Health 2019 Annual Meeting

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with a great deal of excitement that ISSOP and our co-sponsors—American University of Beirut, International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Lebanese Pediatric Society—invite and welcome you to join us at this important interdisciplinary meeting of child advocates. At no time in recent history have children been exposed to armed conflict and violence to the extent that is happening around the world—today. It is critically important that child health professionals, in collaboration with other child advocates, learn how to advance the global rights, health and wellbeing of these children and families.

As individuals, our voice cannot be nearly as strong as it can be together. At the end of the conference, we will, together, develop a strategy to define our roles, responsibilities and opportunities to address the impact of armed conflict and violence on children.



We need your participation, please join us.

*Jeffrey Goldhagen*

**Jeffrey Goldhagen, M.D., MPH**  
President ISSOP

# Welcome

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## International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child Health 2019 Annual Meeting

Dear colleagues and friends,

The Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut is excited to host the ISSOP 2019 Annual Meeting on its campus by the Mediterranean. This conference is organized in close collaboration with ISSOP, the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Lebanese Pediatric Society. The theme of the conference is most fitting for its location where Lebanon hosts more than 1.5 million Syrian, Palestinian, and Iraqi refugees half of whom are children. The conference will bring together local, regional, and global experiences to examine the health and rights of children in contexts of war, displacement, and political violence and uncertainty.

So come and share your experience at this unique and exciting conference. Contextualized scientific evidence remains one of the most powerful tools to raise awareness, inform policy, and impact change. Researchers and practitioners should work hand in hand to advocate for the rights of those children in a safer and better life. Be part of this event where you can also contribute to discussions over a strategy for the protection of children impacted by wars, occupations, and armed conflict.



*Iman Nuwayhid*

**Iman Nuwayhid, MD, DrPH**

Dean and Professor  
Faculty of Health Sciences

# Program

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In collaboration with  
The American University of Beirut, The Lebanese Pediatric Society, The International  
Pediatric Association and The International Society for the Prevention of Child  
Abuse and Neglect, and Saint Joseph University

Open to ALL professionals committed to the rights, health and well-being of children in armed  
conflict

PRE-CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

Child Protection and Promotion in Armed Conflicts:  
Every child - All children!

VENUE: ST JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MEDICINE

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening Ceremony

## Opening Statements

- The leadership of Saint Joseph University in Beirut in child protection within emergent conditions  
Speaker: **Salim Daccache**
- The Faculty of Medicine engagement in the Humanitarian aspects of the Global Partnership to end Violence against Children  
Speaker: **Roland Tomb**
- The LPS position statement against Violence on uprooted Children  
Speaker: **Joseph Haddad**
- The Leadership of ISSOP in Child safeguarding  
Speaker: **Jeff Goldhagen**
- The LOP position statement against Violence on uprooted Children  
Speaker: **Charaf Abou Charaf**

09:30-10:15 Plenary

Moderator: **Gaby Fallakha**

Rapporteur: **Wassim Bitar**



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- ISPCAN and the WHO INSPIRE strategies: The example of Child Protection Teams (CPT) in Lebanon and the Arab region within the UN Global Partnership to #EndViolence and the SDGs 3 and 16.2  
Speaker: **Bernard Gerbaka**

- ISSOP and the Position Statement on Ending Violence against Children: What can Paediatricians do?  
Speaker: **Shanti Raman**

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 Session 1: Response and Child Protection Teams  
Moderator: **Pamela Zgheib**  
Rapporteur: **Miryan Amm-AbiGhosn**

- From case-management to policies: Tertiary Prevention, emergent protection and CPT intervention  
Speakers: **Leila Akoury-Dirani, Serop Ohanian, Sister Antoinette Assaf, and Robert Sacy**

12:00-13:15 Session 2: Strategies of Child Protection

WHO INSPIRE adapted to children in armed conflict  
Moderator: **Rita Karam-Faheb**  
Rapporteur: **Dalal Mawad**

- WHO frame for child protection in armed conflicts  
Speaker: **Alissar Rady**
- Child Protection in emergent human settlements  
Speaker: **UNHCR**
- Woman and Family Protection  
Speaker: **Ghida Anani**
- Child and Youth Protection  
Speaker: **Amira Sukkar**

13:14-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Session 3: Skill Building for Health Professionals  
Moderator: **Khalil Osta, Khalil Mhaydli**  
Rapporteur: **Hanane Masri**

- Tools for psychosocial assessment of children exposed to conflict  
Speakers: **Saleh Al Salehi and Karen Zwi**
- Early identification of children with developmental disabilities  
Speaker: **Joseph Haddad**



15:00-16:00 Session 4: Skill Building for Health Professionals  
 Moderator: Ahmad Mazraani and Nemr Gharzeddin  
 Rapporteur: Juliana Souaiby

- Early identification of children with developmental disabilities  
 Speakers: Joseph Haddad

16:00-16:45 Session 5: Afternoon tea and case discussion  
 Moderator: Shanti Raman

16:45-17:45 Session 6  
 Moderators: Haytham Serhal, Ali Ghrayyeb  
 Rapporteur: Zeina Reda

- Clinical assessment of gender-based violence and sexual assault using a trauma-focused lens  
 Speakers: Barbara Rubio and Shanti Raman

17:45-18:00 Closing of Pre-Conference  
 Speakers: Shanti Raman, David Atallah, and Bernard Gerbaka

## CONFERENCE DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL, AUB

08:00-8:45 REGISTRATION

08:45-09:30 OPENING REMARKS

- Iman Nuwayhid, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB
- Miguel Abboud, M.D., Chair of Pediatrics, AUB Medical Center
- Jeff Goldhagen M.D., MPH, President of ISSOP

09:30-10:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

*Determinants of armed conflict. Can war and its impact on children be prevented?*

Chair: Tony Waterston

Speaker: His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal



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## *Protecting Children in Conflict Zones*

Chair: Jean Bowyer

Speaker: Bill Forbes, Global Sector Lead, Child Protection and Participation

VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL – UPPER LOBBY

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL

## *THEME 1. Understanding the Effects of Armed Conflict on Children*

11:00-11:15 Introductory Keynote: Joop de Jong

Introduction: Jeff Goldhagen

11:15-12:30 PLENARY 1 - Physical Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict

Chairs: Margaret Lynch & Miguel Abboud

- *Direct and indirect effects of armed violence on children*

Speaker: Ayesha Kadir

- *Children with chronic and disabling conditions*

Speaker: Nahla Ghandour

- *Care of Children with Cancer in Conflict Zones*

Speaker: Raya Saab

12:30-13:45 PLENARY 2 - Mental Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict

Chair: Joop de Jong

- *Prevalence of mental health problems in conflict zones*

Speakers: Mina Fazel

- *Strengthening Mental Health Systems*

Speaker: Rabih El Chammay

- *Resistance and Resilience*

Speaker: Bernard Gerbaka

VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL – UPPER LOBBY

13:45-14:45 LUNCH

VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL

## *THEME 2. Child Rights-Based Approach to Ending Violence Against Children*

14:45-15:45 PLENARY 3: Child Rights: Principles, Standards and Norms

Chair: Gonca Yilmaz

- *Armed Conflict as a Violation of Child Rights*

Speaker: Gerison Lansdown

- *Rights of refugee & unaccompanied children under the CRC and through the eyes of children (GlobalChild)*  
Speaker: Ziba Vaghri

15:45 -17:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM C

1. *Humanitarian Responses in Conflict Zones: Médecins Sans Frontiers*

Chair: Ayesha Kadir

- Speakers: Médecins Sans Frontiers (MSF)

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A

2. *Psychosocial Assessments: Innovative global tools for health professionals*

▪ Chair: Joop De Jong

- Speakers: Marit Sijbrandij and Kelly McBride (Save the Children)

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM B

3. *Engaging the Voice of Children: Generating Resilience and Resistance*

Chairs: Aimee Shalan & Gerison Lansdown

- Speakers: Youth Peer Educators for Beit Atfal As Somoudi (*MAP program in Lebanon* –Director of Programmes: Dr Ali Dakwar)

VENUE: WEST HALL - BATHISH TERRACE

17:15-17:30 TEA BREAK

VENUE: WEST HALL – Session A: Auditorium A, Session B: Auditorium B

WEST HALL – Session C: Bathish Auditorium, Session D: TBD

17:30- 18:45 PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS (ORAL)

Chairs: Gulbin Gokcay, Yvon Heller, Marie Köhler , Nick Spencer

- Salman Mroueh (AUBMC): *The environment and lung health in children.*
- Klaudia Cenda Miedzińska, PH.D. The Impact of the armed conflict on Children's Safety during and after the withdrawal of international security in Afghanistan

See Listings of Presentations in *Oral Presentation Section* of the Program Booklet

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## CONFERENCE DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM, AUB

08:00-09:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- *Personal & Professional Reflections: Living and Practicing Pediatrics in a Conflict Zone*  
Chair: Joseph Haddad  
Speaker: Motee Ashhab *Palestinian Paediatric Society*
- *Reducing the Threat of War*  
Chair: Tony Waterston  
Speakers: Sam Perlo-Freeman (Campaign Against Arms Trade - CAAT)  
Tilman Ruff (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons- ICAN)

*THEME 3. Conducting Research in Conflict Zones: Challenges, Methods and Ethics*

09:15-09:30 Introductory Keynote: Elif N. Özmert

Introduction: Barbara Rubio

09:30-11:00: PLENARY 4: Research in Conflict Zones

Chair: Nick Spencer

- *Ethics of research: Involving youth, families, the community & community researchers.* Speaker: Anna Chiumento
- *Challenges and barriers: Access/identifying respondents & populations/consent (issues of fear of speaking out) & safety of researchers*  
Speaker: Fouad M. Fouad

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH TERRACE

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A

*Research Methods in Conflict Zones*

Chair: Karen Zwi

- *EASE an RCT in progress funded by War Child*  
Speaker: May Aoun
- *Multi-Family approach and Education*  
Speaker: Trudy Mooren
- *Research involving children affected by armed conflict: Methodological and Ethical Challenges*  
Speaker: Dima Bteddini

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM B

*Pilot Study in Yemen. Save the Children*

Chair: Stella Tsitoura

- *Understanding direct impact and coping mechanisms of children to inform MHPSS program interventions*  
Speaker: Kelly McBride
- *Development and evaluation process of a crisis modifier framework in southern Yemen*  
Speaker: Andrew Clark

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM C

*Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 1)*

Chair: Jeff Goldhagen

- Speaker: Coleen Kivlahan

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM

*Public Health Response in Conflict Zones*

Chairs: Shanti Raman & Fouad M. Fouad

- *Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in conflict zones - IPA Vaccine Trust Project*  
Speaker: Naveen Thacker (IPA)
- *Dealing with infectious diseases epidemics in humanitarian settings*  
Speaker: Daniel Martinez (MSF)
- *Responding to Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health and nutrition in humanitarian settings.*  
Speaker: Egmond Evers (WHO)

VENUE: WEST HALL – COMMON ROOM

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM

*THEME 4. Systems, Education and Advocacy*

14:00-14:15 Introductory Keynote: Margaret Lynch

Introduction: Nick Spencer

14:15-16:00 PLENARY 5: International Advocacy

Chair: Nick Spencer

- *The role of UN agencies and NGOs: Panel Discussion*
  - MAP: Aimee Shalan
  - MSF: Florencia Romero
  - Save the Children: Kelly McBride/Andrew Clarke
  - World Vision International: Carine Le Borgne/Lyndsay Hockin

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- War Child: May Aoun
- UNICEF: TBA
- WHO: TBA

- *The Role of international Pediatric Organizations. Panel Discussion*
  - IPA: Naveen Thacker
  - AAP: Coleen Kraft
  - RCPCH: Russell Viner
  - ISSOP: Jeff Goldhagen
  - ISPCAN: Bernard Gerbaka

16:00-17:30 PARALLEL Sessions

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A

**1. *Protecting the most vulnerable children in Lebanon from Abuse and Exploitation***

Chair: Geir Gunnlaugsonn

Speakers: Sanaa Maalouf, External Engagement Director, World Vision International and Local Community Partners

- *Child Protection interventions and psychosocial needs of children affected by armed conflict in Lebanon*  
Speaker: Pamela Daoud *of violence and abuse: learning around case management of*
- *Cases of violence and abuse: learning around case management of abuse cases of children affected by armed conflict*  
Speaker: Bassima Roumani from Himaya
- *Role of faith actors in the protection of children from abuse and exploitation especially children engaged in armed conflict*  
Speaker: Sheikh Mohamad Ben Zaid
- *Violent child discipline amongst most vulnerable children and overview of WV's research on the perceptions of parents on VCD.*  
Speaker: Sanaa Maalouf

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM

**2. *Regional Issues from a Public Health Perspective:***

Chair: Barbara Rubio

- *The Balkans Experience:*  
Speaker: Milivoj Jovancovic
- *The Syrian Experience:*
  - *Syrian Refugee Child Labour amongst Syrian Refugees*  
Speaker: Rima Habib
  - *Refugee research on the ground: Lessons from AMENAH project to reduce early marriage among Syrian adolescent girls in Lebanon*  
Speaker: Sawsan Abdulrahim

- *Maternal health and prematurity in conflict settings*  
Speaker: Khalid Yunis

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM C

**3. *Preparing Pediatricians to Respond to Humanitarian Emergencies***

Chair: Shanti Raman

Speaker: Dr Saleh al Salahi

VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM B

**4. *Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 2)***

Chair: Luis Martin

Speaker: Coleen Kivlahan

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH TERRACE

17:30-19:00                      TEA BREAK + AGM (WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A)

19:30                              EVENING – CONFERENCE DINNER  
   Gefinor Rotana Hotel

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CONFERENCE DAY 3: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM, AUB

VENUE: WEST HALL – Session A: Auditorium A, Session B: Auditorium B  
WEST HALL – Session C: Bathish Auditorium

08:00-09:15    PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS

Chairs: Anna Battersby, Giovanna Armano, Liv Lynga von Folsach

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09:15-10:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The mental health of children affected by arm conflict: Perspectives from a 15-year intergenerational study of war

Chair: Joop de Jong

Speaker: Theresa Betancourt

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10:15-10:35 COFFEE BREAK

VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM

*THEME 5. Engaging Pediatricians in the Global Response to the Impact of Violence and Armed Conflict on Children*

10:35-13:00 PLENARY 6

Chair: Jeff Goldhagen

## *Strategic Planning Panel Discussion*

 WHO, UNICEF, IPA, ISPCAN, UNRWA, MSF, World Vision, Save the Children, War Child, AAP, MAP

13:00-13:30 CLOSING REMARKS

14:00 VISITING TOUR



# Bios

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## Miguel Abboud

*Michael Abboud, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Hematology-Oncology  
Chairman, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine  
American University of Beirut Medical Center  
Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon*

Miguel R. Abboud earned his medical degree and then pediatrics training at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon (1984). He completed his hematology-oncology specialty training at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and The New York Hospital, Cornell University Medical Center, New York, NY, USA (1987). He was professor at Medical University of South Carolina until in August 2002, he became the first Medical Director of the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center in Lebanon and Professor of Pediatrics at AUB. He established highly visible and successful bone marrow transplant, limb salvage surgery, and sickle cell disease programs as well as an acute lymphoblastic leukemia research protocol in collaboration with the Leukemia/Lymphoma Division at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, USA. In February 2011, he was appointed as Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at AUBMC and was offered tenured appointment as Professor of Pediatrics at AUB in July 2018. He was assigned as Scientific Advisor of the SCD Association of America in May 2019. He is also the chair of the Red Cell Biology Scientific Committee of the American Society of Hematology. He is consultant on multiple Sickle Cell Disease multicenter clinical trials protocol development. He has published above 170 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr Abboud has been accorded numerous awards and honors. These include Physician of the Year by the National Committee for Lebanese Children in 2007, a "Miracle Maker" award from A.H. Robbins in 1995, and the Mitchell Rubin Research Award in Pediatrics in 1993, among others.

## Sawsan Abdulrahim

*Sawsan Abdulrahim, MPH, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Community Health  
Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut*

Sawsan Abdulrahim is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Promotion and Community Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, at the American University of Beirut. She obtained her doctoral degree from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Abdulrahim's research focuses on social inequalities and health, the social and cultural meanings of subjective health evaluations, and the structural conditions that influence the wellbeing of labor migrants and refugees. Her previous work has focused on the social determinants of health of Arab immigrants in the United States and migrant domestic workers in the Arab region. Currently, she is undertaking research on the health of Syrian refugee adolescent girls in Lebanon, with an emphasis on reproductive health outcomes and early marriage. She teaches courses in health promotion theory, forced migration and health, and global public health.

## Saleh AlSalehi

*Saleh Mohammed AlSalehi, MD  
Assistant Professor Pediatrics, Director of Child Development Center, KAAUH, Princes Noura University, Riyadh KSA  
Director of National Committee for Child Developmental Disorder, SHC, Saudi Arabia.*

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Saleh Mohammed AlSalehi, MD is a Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician. Dr. AlSalehi currently works as a consultant for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at KAAHU, PNHU. His previous work experience includes working as a consultant for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the Maternity and Child Hospital Dammam as well as a consultant for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at King Fahad Medical City. He serves on multiple committees including acting as the Chairman of Establishing Centers of Excellence Taskforce at KAAUH and Chairman of Many Saudi national child health care committees. As a member of the International Pediatric Association, Dr. AlSalehi serves as the Chairman of Technical Committee for Helping Children in Disaster Time.

## May Aoun

*Regional Psychosocial Support (PSS) Advisor, War Child Holland's (WCH)*

A clinical psychologist and psychotherapist by training, Ms. Aoun has extensive experience in developing, contextualizing and evaluating PSS methodologies and competency building programs. She is also closely involved in MHPSS evidence-based, field research. Ms. Aoun holds an MBA, a Masters in Clinical Psychology and an Executive Masters in PSS & Peacebuilding and is trilingual.

## Motee Ashhab

*Dr. Motee ASHHAB, MD*

*Consultant Pediatric Neurologist, Director of Neurophysiology lab*

*Department of Pediatrics / Makassed Hospital-Jerusalem*

*Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, ALQUDS University*

Motee Ashhab is a Consultant Pediatric Neurologist in Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem and Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem, Palestine. He is an Assistant professor of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine at ALQUDS University in Palestine. He has been Board Certified in Pediatrics since 2009 and Board Certified in Pediatric Neurology and Child Development since 2013. Dr. Ashaab also worked as a Pediatric Neurology and Child development Fellow at Necker Hospital and Armand Trousseau Hospital in Paris, France from 2010-2013.

## Anna Battersby

*Dr Anna Battersby MBChB MRCPCH PhD*

*Paediatrician, Guys and St Thomas's NHS Trust, London UK*

Anna Battersby is a paediatrician specialising in community child health, and with an interest in child public health research. She completed a PhD at Imperial College London whilst working within the Vaccines and Immunity Theme at the Medical Research Council (MRC) Unit The Gambia, West Africa. She was inspired by the work done by paediatricians in the area of global child health and subsequently sought training in public health within the community child health specialty training programme in London, working in a busy urban local authority public health department. She took on the role of trainee representative for the International Society for Social Paediatrics in 2017. She first presented my work with "helping babies breathe" (a newborn resuscitation course designed for resource-limited settings) at the ISSOP meeting in Geneva, and have since thrived within the network of child health professionals who share my passion for child rights, social paediatrics and sustainable development.

## Theresa Betancourt

*Theresa S. Betancourt, ScD, MA*

*Salem Professor in Global Practice*

*Director, Research Program on Children and Adversity*

*Boston College School of Social Work*

Theresa S. Betancourt is the inaugural Salem Professor in Global Practice at the Boston College School

of Social Work and Director of the Research Program on Children and Adversity (RPCA). She is Principal Investigator of an intergenerational, longitudinal study of war-affected youth in Sierra Leone (LSWAY). Dr. Betancourt has also developed and evaluated the impact of a Family Strengthening Intervention for HIV-affected children and families and is leading the investigation of a home-visiting early childhood development (ECD) intervention to promote enriched parent-child relationships and prevent violence that can be integrated within poverty reduction/social protection initiatives in Rwanda. In the US, she is engaged in community-based participatory research on family-based prevention of emotional and behavioral problems in refugee children and adolescents resettled in the U.S. through the collaborative development and evaluation of parenting programs led by refugees for refugees that can be linked to prevention services involving refugee community health workers.

### **Jean Bowyer**

*Dr Jean Bowyer DM, FRCPCH, FRCP, DTM&H  
Consultant Paediatrician*

Dr Jean Bowyer is a paediatrician and neonatologist, retired from the NHS, who since retirement has worked in global child health in Palestine, Lebanon, Kenya, Uganda and Myanmar. Jean worked in Kenya for two years in a community-based service offering out-patient care to 3000 children with HIV/AIDS. Currently she heads a programme in Myanmar offering training and support to district hospitals in 4 rural regions. This is a collaboration between the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (UK) and the Myanmar Paediatric Society with Unicef and is focussing on the vital role of nurses and families.

### **Rabih El Chammay**

*Rabih El Chammay, MD, Psychiatry  
Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Saint Joseph University, Beirut  
Head of the National Mental Health Programme, Ministry of Public Health Lebanon*

Dr. Rabih El Chammay is a psychiatrist and currently the head of the National Mental Health Programme at the Ministry of Public Health in Lebanon. After founding the programme, he led the development and is currently overseeing the implementation of the first National Mental Health and Substance Use Strategy 2015-2020 aiming at reforming the Mental Health System in Lebanon.

He is a member of the Department of Psychiatry at the faculty of Medicine at Saint Joseph University in Beirut. He has been working in Public mental health, Refugee mental health and health system strengthening for more than 12 years throughout the MENA region as well as on the international level with various agencies such as WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF, IMC and many other NGOs.

### **Anna Chiumento**

*Anna Chiumento, PhD  
ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Liverpool*

Anna Chiumento is a UK Economic and Social Research Council funded post-doctoral researcher at the University of Liverpool. Her research sits at the interface of global mental health and empirical ethics, underpinned by a background in human rights. Her PhD involved a qualitative study of researchers' experiences of ethics when conducting mental health research in post-conflict settings, exploring the impact of procedural systems of ethical oversight, as well as the lived experience of ethical issues that arise when working in challenging settings.

### **Andrew Clarke**

*Andrew Clarke MPH RN RHV  
Senior Health Advisor, Save the Children*

Andrew is a Senior Health Advisor at Save the Children, overseeing programmes in more than twenty

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low income or fragile countries and leading a dedicated Research and Development portfolio that brings academic, industry and NGO partners together to study and test new approaches to preventing and treating entrenched problems affecting child morbidity and mortality. As a Public Health specialist, Paediatric Nurse and Health Visitor by background, Andrew has worked in clinical, managerial and advisory roles in government health services and NGOs in South Asia, East and West Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East, South America and the UK. His experience spans community-based, primary and secondary care and public health development; and he has long-standing interests in child rights, their use to drive improvements in quality of care and outcome, health equity and social justice, and child protection.

## **Pamela Daoud**

*Child Protection Manager in WV's programmes at Bekaa*

Pamela joined World Vision Lebanon six years ago and supported in establishing WV psychosocial program to attend to needs of vulnerable children. Pamela has contributed to making a difference in the lives of 15,000 children and caregivers to date. . Pamela also worked towards the inclusion of children with special needs and is daily motivated by feeling the children's love and seeing their happiness and joy engaging in WV's activities. Pamela is a holder of a bachelor degree in English Literature from the Lebanese University and earned several certificates which qualified her to work as a social worker prior to working at World Vision.

## **Egmond Evers**

## **Mina Fazel**

*Mina Fazel, DM MRCPsych, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Department of Children's Psychological Medicine at the Children's Hospital, Oxford University Hospitals.*

Mina has been working for almost two decades on mental health issues concerning refugee populations, with two focuses to her work- firstly how best to provide mental health services for refugee children which has led to an interest in school-based mental health services. Her second interest is in improving access to evidence-based trauma therapies, especially the use of Narrative Exposure Therapy. She has an interest in and concern about the use of immigration detention for all refugees. In her clinical work, she is part of a team helping children and young people with chronic health difficulties and pain at Oxford Children's Hospital.

## **Bill Forbes**

*Bill Forbes, Global Sector Lead, Child Protection and Participation, World Vision International*

Bill leads World Vision International's efforts to strengthen local prevention and response to abuse, exploitation and neglect of children as well as strengthening children's voice and participation in the world's most difficult places. He is currently a member of the Advisory Board for the Child Protection in Crisis Learning Network, the INSPIRE Working Group, Joining Forces Ending Violence against Children Initiative, and the Global Reference Group for the Interagency Learning Initiative for Community-Based Child Protection Mechanisms and Child Protection Systems. Previously, Bill worked for World Vision in Cambodia for 8 years, providing leadership to the Peace and Justice Program, which included a special focus on peacebuilding, trafficking and sexual exploitation and abuse of children. He studied International Development at Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Mission and Cornell University.

## **Fouad M. Fouad**

*Fouad M. Fouad, MD*

*Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut*

Fouad is Assistant Professor of Public Health Practice at the American University of Beirut (AUB). His current research interests focus on the forced displaced population with special interest on Syria refugee crisis, as well as the impact of this crisis on their health and well-being. Fouad is a Principle Investigator and Co- Investigator of several projects on health in protracted and armed conflicts. He served as a commissioner in two Lancet Commissions; AUB Lancet Commission on Syria and the crises in global governance, health and aid; and UCL Lancet Commission on Migration and Health

## **Bernard Gerbaka**

### **Nahla Ghandour**

Nahla Ghandour is an Paediatric Occupational Therapist and the Director of the Habilitation Preschool, run by the Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation, and is involved with both managing and professional training. She has 37 years of experience working with refugee children with multiple disabilities and with their families. She is a founder member of the Lebanese Occupational Therapy Association. Nahla also writes books for children and has authored eight books, centered on children with special needs.

## **Gulbin Gokcay**

*Gülbin Gökçay, MD*

*Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health and Doctoral Programme lead for Social Pediatrics at the Institute of Child Health of Istanbul University.*

*Consultant Paediatrician in Child Health Surveillance, Istanbul University Istanbul Medical School Hospital Well Child Unit.*

*Head of the Social Pediatrics Department at the Institute of Child Health, Istanbul University. President, Society for Social Pediatrics in Turkey.*

Gülbin Gökçay has received her qualification in medicine from Istanbul University Istanbul Medical School in 1982. Her pediatric training post was at the Institute of Child Health Istanbul University. After obtaining an MSc in Community Pediatrics from the Institute of Child Health in London, she moved to the Institute of Child Health of Istanbul University. She has a background in medical education, pediatric epidemiology and preventive child health services. Prof. Gökçay carried out teaching into the national breastfeeding and immunisation programmes. She worked on breastfeeding counselling projects at UNICEF and WHO. Her research interests include breastfeeding, immunisation, growth monitoring, nutrition, well child care, and child health surveillance. Prof. Gökçay was one of the presidents of the European Society for Social Pediatrics.

## **Jeff Goldhagen**

*Jeffrey Goldhagen M.D., MPH*

*President, International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health*

*Professor and Chief, Division of Community and Societal Pediatrics*

*University of Florida College of Medicine—Jacksonville*

Jeffrey Goldhagen, M.D., MPH is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine—Jacksonville and Chief of the Division of Community and Societal Pediatrics. His professional interests focus on maternal and child health, care of children with complex medical and mental health conditions, academic pediatrics and public health, and children's rights and advocacy. He sits on numerous national and international committees, and is currently the President of the International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health.



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## Geir Gunnlaugsson

*Geir Gunnlaugsson MD, PhD, MPH*

*Professor in Global Health*

*Faculty of Sociology, Anthropology and Folkloristics, University of Iceland*

Dr. Geir Gunnlaugsson is Professor of Global Health at the University of Iceland since 2015. He was the Chief Medical Officer/Surgeon General for Iceland in 2010-14, and the Director for the Centre for Preventive Child Health Services in Reykjavík in 2000-2009. Since 1982, he has been engaged with health service delivery and research in Guinea-Bissau, including eight years of clinical work and as a technical advisor. His current focus in research is on the health and wellbeing of adolescents in Guinea-Bissau. Gunnlaugsson was the General Secretary of ISSOP in 2009-2017, and is the chairman of Africa 20:20 – an Icelandic NGO to promote interest and knowledge on sub-Saharan Africa.

## Rima Habib

*Rima Habib, PhD, MPH, MOHS*

*Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Health*

*Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut*

Dr. Rima R. Habib is a Professor of environmental and occupational health at the Faculty of Health Sciences in the American University of Beirut. Her research has focused on marginalized populations, including working Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. For her work on documenting the precarious living and working conditions of vulnerable refugee communities, Dr. Habib was recently awarded the International Award of the Occupational Health and Safety Section of the American Public Health Association (November 2017). She has also been elected as a Fellow of the renowned Collegium Ramazzini.

## Joseph Haddad

*Joseph Haddad, MD*

*Pediatrics & Neonatology*

*Saint George University Hospital Balamand University, Beirut Lebanon*

*President of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies UAPS*

*President of the Lebanese Pediatric Society*

*Executive Committee international Pediatric Association*

Joseph Haddad is a pediatrician and neonatologist working at Saint George University Hospital Balamand University in Beirut, Lebanon. He is a member of various pediatric societies and is currently serving as president for the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies and the Lebanese Pediatric Society. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the International Pediatric Association.

## Yvon Heller

*Yvon Heller, MD*

*Pediatrician FMH*

Yvon Heller is a paediatrician from Nyon, Switzerland with over 30 years of experience. He worked in private practice, as school physician and in hospital networks. He is a member of ISSOP since 2008. His main interests cover a variety of topics, among others general and social paediatrics, school health, children and adolescents with disabilities, children's rights and migration issues.

Currently he works as a coach for in-training paediatricians in Lausanne, Switzerland and is a member of the Swiss Paediatric Society reference group concerning migrant children health. He is also involved in the development of Dictionary of Children's Rights for children and youth in French to be published in September 2019.

## Lyndsay Hockin

*Lyndsay Hockin, UN Representative for Humanitarian Affairs & Senior Policy Advisor, World Vision International*

Lyndsay Hockin is World Vision's UN Representative and senior policy advisor on humanitarian issues, with focus on the Children and Armed Conflict agenda. Prior to this, Lyndsay was a technical advisor and supported implementation of child protection and GBV prevention and response programming in humanitarian contexts. This has included work on child recruitment and use, and sexual violence. She brings insights from field experience from South Sudan, Somalia, CAR, Afghanistan, Pakistan and northern Syria. Lyndsay holds a Masters degree in International Relations and Human Rights.

## Joop de Jong

*Joop T de Jong, MD, PhD  
Em Prof of Cultural Psychiatry and Global Mental Health  
Amsterdam UMC, Boston University School of Medicine*

Joop de Jong is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist. He is Emeritus Professor of Cultural Psychiatry and Global Mental Health at UMC Amsterdam, Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, and Emeritus Visiting Professor of Psychology at Rhodes University, South Africa. He was the founder and director of the Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), which provided mental health and psychosocial services, especially in post-war areas, in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia, and Europe. He has been integrating insights from public and global mental health, psychotherapy, psychiatry, anthropology and epidemiology in community interventions in a variety of cultures.

## Milivoj Jovancovic

In 1980 he graduated from the Medical Faculty in Zagreb. From 1981 to 1986 worked as GP at the Trešnjevka Health Care Centre. Pediatric exam in 1991. Since 1993 in Tresnjevka Health Care Centre. Master's degree in 1985 (oncology), doctorate in 2003 (pediatrics), 2004 has been granted title of Primarius. He completed postgraduate studies in oncology, cytology and clinical pediatrics. Also educated in the field of mental health care (Balint Education, Family Center - Scandinavian Kempler Institute). From 1993 to 2002 participated in the programs of providing psychosocial help Croatian Psychiatric Association in refugee camps of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with UNHCR, Save the Children Sweden and the French humanitarian organization Partage. Head of specialized programs of assistance to mothers and infants.

## Ayesha Kadir

*Ayesha Kadir, M.D.*

Ayesha Kadir is a paediatrician and public health researcher. Her research is focused on understanding the effects of forced migration and armed conflict on children and families, and in finding ways to mitigate toxic effects, protect, and promote child health. She has worked in several countries in east, west and southern Africa, the middle East, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, and the United States.

## Coleen Kivlahan

*Coleen Kivlahan, MD, MSPH  
Professor, Family and Community Medicine  
Executive Medical Director Primary Care Services,  
University of California, San Francisco*

Dr. Coleen Kivlahan currently serves as the Executive Medical Director for Primary Care Services at UCSF and Professor of Family and Community Medicine since February 2016. She also serves as medical

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director for the UCSF Initiative for Immigrant and Family Health. She has worked in public health settings, academic health centers, state and county government, and in multiple international settings focused on the medical documentation of human rights violations. She has served as a trainer for Physicians for Human Rights for more than a decade and has worked extensively in the DRC and MENA region training clinicians in forensic medical documentation of torture of children and adults.

## Colleen Kraft

*Colleen Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP*

*Immediate Past President, American Academy of Pediatrics*

Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP has a background in primary care pediatrics, pediatric education, and health care financing. She received her undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech and her M.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University, and her MBA from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Kraft is the 2019 Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. In this role, Dr. Kraft is best known for her advocacy for humane treatment of migrant children at the US-Mexico border. Her explanation to the public regarding the harm to young children during the “Zero Tolerance” policy that included separation of children from parents at the border help to mobilize advocates across the political spectrum to end this policy. She continues to advocate for basic child rights for children at the border.

## Gerison Lansdown

*International children's rights consultant and adjunct professor, Carleton University, Canada*

Gerison Lansdown has worked for 30 years publishing and lecturing widely as an international advocate for children's rights. She has been involved in the development of several general comments for the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and was actively involved in the drafting of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She has Honorary Doctorates from the Open University and Carleton University, an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Central Lancashire, is a member of the Open Society Foundation Early Years Advisory Board, and is on the editorial advisory board of the Canadian Journal of Children's Rights.

## Carine Le Borgne

*Dr. Carine Le Borgne, Senior Policy Advisor, World Vision UK*

Dr. Carine Le Borgne is Senior Policy Adviser on Ending Violence Against Children at World Vision UK. Part of her role is to conduct research and translate it in policy work. She has a special focus on children's participation and on facilitating dialogue between children, youth with stakeholders and decision-makers. In support of the World Vision UK 'It Takes A World' campaign which focuses on protecting children in emergency situations from violence, the launch of the campaign emphasizes on children and armed forces and groups. Carine conducted a qualitative research project, entitled: 'Their Fight, our future' (<https://lnkd.in/dbD62Qn>) to create a space for more than 60 children and young people from World Vision programmes in eight countries such as South Sudan, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and through existing UK youth groups to discuss children in armed groups and forces and developing policy calls to the UK Government.

## Margaret Lynch

*Margaret A Lynch MD FRCP FRCPCH*

Margaret is Emeritus Professor of Community Paediatrics at King's College, London. Her research, teaching, and clinical work (over 35 years) focused on Child Protection and children living in difficult circumstances. She is a founding member and past President of ISPCAN and has chaired both the Child Protection and Advocacy Committees of the RCPCH. She has had long-term involvement with Child Protection activities, including in East Africa, the Balkans, South Caucasus and the Middle East.



She has undertaken consultancy work for WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, MAP, UNRWA and the Oak Foundation. For the past twelve years she has participated in the RCPCH training initiatives in West Bank and Gaza.

### **Liv Lynga-von Folsach**

*Liv Lynga-von Folsach, MD, Senior Health Consultant, Centre of Excellence for Child Health, Region, Skåne, Malmö, Sweden*

Liv Lyngå Folsach is a Senior Consultant in Pediatric Child Health at Center of Excellence, Region of Scania, Sweden, with a focus on Equity in Health, Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Rights, Promotion and Preventive Care

### **Sanaa Maalouf**

*Sanaa Maalouf, External Engagement Director, World Vision Lebanon*

*Sanaa Maalouf is the External Engagement Director for World Vision in Lebanon. Sanaa*

*provides leadership to the Word Vision's communications and advocacy work across both development and relief programs and leads on the "It takes a World campaign to end violence against children" in Lebanon focusing on violent child discipline. Sanaa has been working for World Vision for 8 years, leading on WV's previous advocacy work with emphasis on system strengthening and advocacy for child protection as well as supporting in disaster risk reduction and gender mainstreaming efforts. Sanaa holds a Master of Public Health, concentration health management and Policy and a bachelor of science in health promotion.*

### **Luis Martin**

#### **Daniel Martinez**

*Daniel Martinez Garcia*

*MD, MPH, Paediatrician*

*Paediatric Medical Advisor*

*Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) – Operational Centre Geneva*

Dr. Daniel Martinez is a Paediatric advisor in the Medical Department of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), in Geneva, Switzerland. He received his MD from Mexico National University (UNAM). He completed his paediatric residency training at the National Institute of Paediatrics in Mexico City, and an MPH at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He serves on the editorial board of the Pediatrics in Disasters Course of the American Academy of Pediatrics is an affiliate to Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Center for Humanitarian Medicine and chair of the Strategic Advisory Group for Children in Disasters for the International Paediatric Association (IPA). His research focus includes Humanitarian Paediatrics and telemedicine in paediatrics and nutrition in critically ill children. Since 2006, he has partaken in field missions with MSF in Niger, Chad, Guinea, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Sudan, Mali, Mexico, Yemen, Palestine, Philippines, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, China, South & North Korea. In 2016, he founded an NGO dedicated to Education in Emergencies & Humanitarian contexts: <http://everywhereschools.org/> Initial project: Shakinah School. Molo/ Kenya

### **Kelly McBride**

*Regional Mental Health and Psychosocial Technical Advisor for the Middle East and Eastern Europe with Save the Children.*

Kelly is a licensed professional mental health counselor, and mental health and psychosocial support specialist who has been providing care and technical expertise, specifically within refugee and displaced

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populations throughout her career. She has provided training, consultation, and guidance for numerous institutions to expand upon or establish MHPSS services that incorporate evidence-base and best practice. She also has a background in human rights law, and has been advocating for those impacted by war and humanitarian crises prior to joining the mental health field.

## Sheikh Mohamad

### Trudy Mooren

*Trudy Mooren, Clinical Psychologist, Researcher*

*ARQ Centrum45, Dutch national Psychotrauma centre and Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Psychology, Utrecht University---check!!*

Trudy Mooren, PhD works as a clinical psychologist in ARQ Centrum45 in the Netherlands. Centrum45 is a national institute for specialised diagnostics and treatment of psycho-traumatic problems in people with experiences of war, persecution and violence. She coordinates the research track on the consequences of psychotrauma for family interactions and relations (refugees, ex-military, other). She supervises PhD students and research trajectories of clinical trainees. In her clinical work she acquired competencies in CBT, EMDR and family therapy. She supervises and leads the specialist training of clinical psychologists in Utrecht. She is currently chair of the Dutch Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, as well as member of the board of the European Society of Traumatic Stress Studies. She publishes and presents about her work. She has been involved as a consultant for War Trauma Foundation (and other NGO's) sharing expertise with both professionals and volunteers, working violence-stricken populations worldwide, e.g., in the West Bank, Colombia, Iraq, and Palestina.

### Salman Mroueh

*Salman Mroueh, M.D.*

*Professor and Vice-chair for Education at the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the American University of Beirut.*

Dr. Salman Mroueh graduated from the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine in 1982. He completed his residency training in Pediatrics at Georgetown University Hospital then a fellowship in Pediatric Pulmonary Diseases at Duke University Medical Center. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and its Sub-board of Pediatric Pulmonology. He is currently Professor and Vice-chair for Education at the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the American University of Beirut. He is a former president of the Lebanese Pediatric Society and of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies and vice-president of the Pediatric Council of the Arab Board of Health Specialties.

### Iman Nuwayhid

*Iman Nuwayhid, MD, DrPH*

*Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Beirut*

Iman Nuwayhid is a Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon. Nuwayhid is American Board Certified in Occupational Medicine. He is a co-editor of the landmark book on "Public Health in the Arab World" published by Cambridge University Press in March 2012 and a co-chair "The Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria: Health in Conflict." His professional career and research interests included ecosystem approach to human health (Ecohealth) and environmental determinants of health, and have mostly focused on the impact of work and the work environment on the health of workers, especially working children and marginalized populations. His research has informed several health policy decisions, particularly for working children (Decree 8987 on Worst Forms of Child Labor in Lebanon, September 2012). In his capacity as Dean, he oversees and is engaged in the substantial research, practice, and policy work of FHS faculty members on multiple health priorities in Lebanon and the region with a focus on conflict and health.

## Charles Oberg

*Charles N. Oberg, M.D., M.P.H.*

*Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota*

Dr. Charles Oberg is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota. He served as the Chair of the Maternal and Child Health program in the School of Public Health. He is currently working with the Division of Global Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics. He was also the Chief of Pediatrics at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Oberg is an outspoken advocate for children's rights and the needs of Children on the Move. He remains clinically active in resource poor global locations, most recently in rural Tanzania.

## Elif Ozmert

*Professor in Pediatrics*

*Head of Department of Pediatrics*

*Head of Subdepartment of Developmental Pediatrics*

*Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine Department of Pediatrics*

*Social Pediatrics and Developmental Pediatrics*

Elif N. Özmert received her PhD degree in Social Pediatrics from Hacettepe University Institute of Child Health in 2000. She has been a Professor at Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine Department of Pediatrics since 2003 and has held various faculty and leadership positions during her time at this institution. As a certified Developmental Pediatrician, she established and currently heads the sub-department of Developmental Pediatrics at the University. She has been both the acting chief of the Department of Pediatrics and the deputy secretary general of Turkish National Pediatric Society since 2015. She is author to more than 150 international, national articles or book chapters. Her specific areas of research and study are nutrition, immunization, environment, development and developmental disorders. After the Syrian refugee crisis in Turkey, she began working in the area of refugees through her executive committee position with the Turkish National Pediatric Society.

## Sam Perlo-Freeman

*Sam Perlo-Freeman, Research Coordinator, Campaign Against Arms Trade*

Dr. Sam Perlo-Freeman is a Research Coordinator at Campaign Against Arms Trade, with a particular focus on militarism and security, and the political influence of the arms industry. He is also a part-time Program Manager at the World Peace Foundation, for their project on Global Arms Business and Corruption, on which he worked full time from 2016 to 2018. He was previously a Senior Researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), from 2007 to 2016. At SIPRI, he worked on issues of military expenditure, arms industry and arms trade, and in particular was head of the SIPRI Military Expenditure project from 2009 to 2016. In this capacity, he recently completed a project to extend SIPRI's unique military expenditure database backwards in time from 1988 to the 1950s. Before that he was a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of the West of England, working mostly in the field of defence and peace economics. He holds PhDs in Mathematics and Economics, and is the author of numerous publications on defence and peace economics, development economics, arms industry and trade, and mathematics.

## Shanti Raman

*Shanti Raman, MBBS, FRACP, MAE, PhD*

*Director- Department of Community Paediatrics, South Western Sydney Local Health District; Associate Professor, University of New South Wales, School of Women's & Children's Health; Honorary Adjunct appointment: The Sydney Children's Hospital network*

A Professor Shanti Raman is a Consultant Paediatrician, with sub-specialty training in Community

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Paediatrics, epidemiology and public health. Her research and teaching interests include health of migrants and refugees, poverty, indigenous child health, child rights and child maltreatment, quality and safety in health, and global maternal, newborn and child health. As the Director of Community Paediatrics - South Western Sydney, she is responsible for clinical services in Child Development and Child Protection across the region, providing academic leadership, directing planning, research and training. She is involved with policy development at State, national and international levels promoting a rights-based perspective to child health and population health. Dr Raman maintains a strong interest in global health, provides consultancy services in international maternal, newborn and child health, works on population based research projects in Asia- Pacific and teaches clinical aspects of Child Protection and public health to Paediatricians and health professionals.

## **Florencia Romero**

*Florencia Romero, MD*

*Médecins Sans Frontières – Operational Center Geneva*

Florencia Romero received an MD from the University of Buenos Aires in 2002. She specialized in Paediatrics in Hospital Nacional de Pediatría Garrahan of Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2006. She received a MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine from 2013 to 2014. Florencia joined Medicines Sans Frontiers in 2006 and worked as field paediatrician, project coordinator, field research manager and Medical Coordinator in Liberia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Peru, Uganda, Niger and Haiti. She has been a Medical Advisor in Cell 4 of MSF Geneva offices since November 2014, following medical programs in the Middle East, Central America and Mexico.

## **Bassima Roummani**

*Legal Unit Coordinator in Himaya.*

Bassima Roumani is a graduate in Social Sciences from the Lebanese University. She worked in the “Union for the Protection of Juveniles in Lebanon” (UPEL) in Beirut and Mount-Lebanon as a social worker mandated by the Ministry of Justice for 20 years, following-up minors in conflict with the law or at risk. She also provided training and supervision on “Child Protection Case Management Standard Operating Procedure for Lebanon”. She has been working at Himaya for 9 years and is currently the Legal Unit Coordinator in Himaya. Through the years, she has participated in developing and strengthening Himaya’s network by building connections with Ministries, judicial authorities and other child protection organizations. She is also consulted by Himaya’s programs for cases that require legal follow-up and participates in parliamentary meetings to advocate for the reform of Law 422. Moreover, she has trained Internal Security Forces officers on child-friendly interviewing techniques and the legal framework for child protection, and is consulted by the Juvenile Court as an expert for specific cases. Through her work with Himaya, she advocates for all children’s rights including Syrian children’s rights to education and protection.

## **Barbara Rubio**

*Barbara Rubio M.D.*

*Hospital Universitario de Getafe, Madrid, Spain*

*ISSOP General Secretary*

Barbara Rubio is an attending physician at the Pediatric Department Hospital Universitario de Getafe (HUG) in Madrid, Spain and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the European University of Madrid (UEM). She is the President of the Ethics Committee of HUG, an instructor Advanced Pediatric CPR as well as a corresponding Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her focus is on social and general pediatrics.

## Tilman Ruff

*Tilman Ruff, MD, Public health and infectious diseases*

Co-president, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (Nobel Peace Prize 1985);  
Founding chair, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (Nobel Peace Prize 2017) University of Melbourne

Tilman Ruff AO is co-founder and founding international and Australian Chair of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize “for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons”. He is Associate Professor in the University of Melbourne’s Nossal Institute for Global Health. Tilman was head of travel medicine at Royal Melbourne Hospital, international medical advisor for Australian Red Cross from 1996 to 2019, and serves on the WHO Western Pacific Region Hepatitis B Immunisation Expert Resource Panel.

## Raya Saab

*Raya Saab, MD*

*Acting Director, Children’s Cancer Institute*

*Director, Pediatric Cancer Research Program*

*Associate Professor- Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*

*Associate Professor- Anatomy, Cell Biology, & Physiological Sciences*

*American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon*

Dr. Raya Saab is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the American University of Beirut (AUB), and is the acting Medical Director of the Children’s Cancer Institute (CCI) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC). She received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from AUB in 1999, residency in Pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina, USA, and fellowship in Pediatric Hematology Oncology at St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, USA. Dr. Saab runs laboratory based research investigating tumor suppressor mechanisms, and is the director of the Pediatric Cancer Research Program at AUBMC, with more than 60 peer-reviewed publications. She leads multiple initiatives for collaborative pediatric cancer care in refugee and vulnerable populations, as well as regional and international network development for improvement of pediatric cancer care in low and middle-income countries.

## Aimee Shalan

*Aimee Shalan, Medical Aid for Palestinians*

*Discipline: Advocacy and International Aid*

Aimee Shalan is Chief Executive of Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), a UK charity working for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees. She has 15 years’ experience in the field of advocacy and international aid. Previously, she was Director of Friends of Birzeit University (Fobzu), a charity supporting the right to education, Director of Advocacy at MAP, Head of Education at the Council for Arab British Understanding and Programme Director of the Olive Tree Educational Trust at City University.

## Marit Sijbrandij

*Marit Sijbrandij, MD Associate Professor Clinical Psychology and co-head of WHO Collaborating Center for Research and Dissemination of Psychological Interventions.*

*Vrije Universiteit, Department of Clinical, Neuro- and Developmental Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Dr. Sijbrandij conducts research on the early detection, prevention and treatment of symptoms of anxiety, depression and posttraumatic stress disorder following adversities in a global context. She is principal investigator of several projects, among which the EU STRENGTHS project, that evaluates the effects of



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implementation of the WHO scalable psychosocial interventions, such as Problem Management Plus, among Syrian refugees in Europe and the Middle East. Her team also conducts research on the use of innovative tools in screening for mental health problems in global settings.

## Nick Spencer

*Professor Nick Spencer, Emeritus Professor of Child Health,  
Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing,  
Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick*

Nick Spencer is Professor Emeritus of Child Health in Warwick Medical, University of Warwick, UK. He has a long-standing interest in the social determinants of child health and has published widely around this theme including a book on 'Poverty and Child Health' and a book on the biopsychosocial determinants of birthweight. He was President of the International Society for Social Paediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP) from 2003 to 2018. He is co-founder and convenor of the International Network for Research in Inequalities in Child Health (INRICH).

## His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal

His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal was born in Amman in 1947. A pluralist and staunch campaigner for the rights of all to live in peace and dignity, HRH established the Arab Thought Forum, the Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies, the Higher Council for Science and Technology, The Royal Scientific Society, the West Asia North Africa Institute (WANA) Institute and the Regional Security Centre in Jordan. Prince Hassan's international commitments have included co-chairing the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues, serving as Commissioner on Legal Empowerment of the Poor. A pioneer of interfaith dialogue and understanding, Prince Hassan initiated and hosted on-going consultations with the Orthodox Centre of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at Chambesy, Switzerland and the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue at the Vatican. Now President Emeritus, Prince Hassan was Moderator of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) from 1999-2006. HRH Prince Hassan is the author of several books, articles and papers, which have been including A Study on Jerusalem, Search for Peace, Palestinian Self-Determination and in 2004 in collaboration with Alain Elkann, To be a Muslim: Islam, Peace and Democracy.

## Naveen Thacker

*Naveen Thacker, MD, FIAP  
Executive Director-International Pediatric Association*

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## Youth Peer Educators for Beit Atfal As Somoudi

The Adolescents Health and Life-skills project is supported by Medical Aid for Palestinians and implemented by the National Institution for Social Care and Vocational Training (also known as Beit Atfal Assomoud). The project aims to provide young people with the knowledge and skills that enable them to make independent, informed choices over matters affecting their health; and to promote their well-being by enhancing their self-confidence, self-efficacy and emotional and social competence, contributing to better relationships with peers and adults. The core element of the project is a series of structured cycles of reproductive health awareness and life-skills building sessions, conducted by a group of volunteer peer educators who are trained and supported by Social Workers. The sessions cover a range of topics including puberty, prevention of STIs and HIV/AIDS, drugs awareness, psychosocial health awareness, communication skills, anger and stress management, conflict resolution, prevention of bullying and others. Each session follows a predefined session plan that focuses strongly on participatory and interactive methodologies, building on young participants' opinions, aspirations and shared experiences. The activities conducted in the sessions are designed to enrich young people's communication and social skills and to promote inclusion and build self-esteem. Sessions are conducted on weekly basis and each session lasts around one and a half hours.

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## **Sawsan Abdulrahim**

*Responding to the mental health needs of refugee adolescent girls during the implementation of AMENAH*

In this presentation, the AMENAH research team will describe their experience in responding to the mental health needs of refugee adolescent girls during the implementation of AMENAH, an intervention designed to mitigate the drivers of early marriage among 11-14 year old Syrian girls in Lebanon. We will present data on adolescent mental health outcomes and lessons learned from our engagement with global, institutions, and community structures to address refugee girls' mental health risks."

## **Saleh Al Salehi**

*Preparing pediatricians to participate in disaster management*

Disasters can strike any time anywhere, many countries did not take measures to manage disasters, including preparing communities and professionals needed to participate in helping during disaster time. Natural or man-made disasters have increased over the years and despite the fast development in communications, transport and other technologies the number of casualties is high. Children and women are the two vulnerable groups taking more than 60% of total casualties. There are more than 65 million child displaced from their homeland and many had significant physical and nonphysical injuries. Physicians are of central role in disaster management, needed on all stages of disasters and for multiple functions, they need to be very well prepared and ready to engage when ever needed. Getting ready and prepared has multiple dimensions, self-care preparation, essential basic tools and equipment's, and special preparation for the target group to help is critical, and all need to get them self-trained and ready for any duty call to help in disasters. We will discuss basics of essential physician preparedness to help and participate effectively in disaster management, self-preparations, resource utilization, right and duties of self and others and leadership skills are subjects to be thoroughly explored, finally conclusions and recommendations will be discussed and outlined.

## **May Aoun**

*EASE for Addressing the Psychological Needs of Young People living in adversity.*

Depression and anxiety are the leading contributors to health burdens among adolescents worldwide. Mental health care is often scarce or unavailable to young people in many low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and as a result there is an urgent need for evidence-based psychological interventions for young people, especially those living in adversity. To address this gap, WHO has developed Early Adolescent Skills for Emotions (EASE), a brief group psychological intervention designed to be delivered by trained and supervised non-specialist facilitators to mitigate symptoms of emotional distress in young adolescents and improve the child-caregiver relationship. An EASE study is being conducted in Lebanon to evaluate the programme and determine the potential of EASE for assisting young adolescents and their caregivers who live under stressful conditions including war, poverty and community violence, among other. This study consists of a pilot trial, and a full-scale Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) designed following the WHO five-phase model of the new intervention testing. In this presentation, we will introduce the EASE program and the EASE study design with a focus on the adaptation process and the pilot phase.

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## **Motee Ashhab**

*Personal and professional reflections: Living and Practicing pediatrics in a conflict zone*

The right to the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental human right, accessible, available, acceptable and high-quality health services are considered a part of underlying determinants of health.

Poverty, unemployment and food insecurity have increased in Palestine, where people continue to face severe limitations on access to essential services, and movement restrictions. Moreover, living under situation of conflict zone is an additional hazard to health, not only because it causes injury, death, and disability, but also because it increases physical displacement, discrimination and marginalization, and prevents access to health services.

In fact. The main providers of healthcare in Palestine, are the Palestinian Ministry of Health (MOH), UNRWA, Palestinian Red Crescent (PRC), Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector. A lack of effective co-ordination between these different sectors, shortage of medical staff, patient beds, essential equipment and medications, adversely affect the quality of health services.

For this reason, the Palestinian authority refers patients to non-ministry of health facilities, principally Palestinian hospitals in East Jerusalem and in some cases to the Israeli hospitals. These patients are essentially referred for further investigation and treatment services including special diagnostic procedures and medications completely lacking in the rest of the west bank and Gaza.

Reports from World health organization (WHO) have shown that referrals for children under 18 years of age constitute approximately a quarter 24 % of all referrals. The cost of referral for patients to non-ministry health facilities is a major challenge to the sustainability of health care delivery, the initial estimated cost of medical referrals for Palestinian patient in 2017 is approximately \$USD 120 million.

The main issues facing their referral are access restriction to the health services for patients, their companions, and health care providers. One of the main constraints to the establishment of a functional healthcare system is the "Separation Wall". This wall has contributed to the disruption of Palestinian access to land, livelihoods, education, as well as restricting the movement of patients, doctors, ambulances and medications within the area. Moreover, Patients and health staff must apply for permits to enter East Jerusalem through Israeli checkpoints within this wall, most of patients applications were either denied or delayed in response. Unfortunately, they face additional financial burdens, including costs of travel, as well as, the emotional stress of a process.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society, the main emergency service provider into Jerusalem experiencing "time consuming delays" at checkpoints due to Israeli security protocols. which clearly could make the difference between life and death in emergency cases.

## **Theresa Betancourt**

*Addressing Adversity, Promoting Resilience: From Longitudinal Research to Implementation Science for War-affected Youth*

The Longitudinal Study of War-Affected Youth (LSWAY) is a 15-year study on the long-term effects of children's war experiences on their adult mental health and the intergenerational transmission of emotional and behavioural disruptions due to war trauma. LSWAY's findings to date have shown striking levels of mental health problems among former child soldiers as adults, revealing insights into the long-term consequences of childhood war experiences on adult mental health and functioning. Informed by these findings and in consideration of both the contextual realities and challenges in delivering mental

health services in Sierra Leone, Youth FORWARD is model research partnership that leverages lay workers and uses an alternative delivery platform to scale up access to evidence-based mental health services. This presentation presents findings and lessons learned from LSWAY and Youth FORWARD and will close with discussion of further research opportunities in both family-based prevention and implementation science to improve services for war-affected populations.

### **Rabih El Chammay**

*Child and Adolescent Mental Health in the National Mental Health Reform in Lebanon*

This presentation will provide an overview of the development of the strategy and its implementation. It will zoom in on child and adolescent Mental health and describe how it was mainstreamed and built in the Mental health Strategy for Lebanon and how it is being mainstreamed in other sectors such as Early Childhood Development, Child Protection, Education and Maternal Mental Health.”

### **Anna Chiumento**

*Research involving children in conflict settings: exploring the ethical issues*

Research involving children in conflict settings is critically important for ensuring their voices, experiences, needs, and resilience are brought to bear when seeking to support and address health needs. Conducting research with children in conflict-affected settings raises many interrelated ethical considerations. In this talk I will seek to highlight some of the key ethical tensions arising in the conduct of research with children in conflict-affected settings, sharing insights from empirical data and broader literature. The aim is to stimulate critical discussion about the ethical design and conduct of research in conflict-affected settings and with children.

### **Andrew Clarke**

*Protecting access to health care from the effects of predictable events; development of a crisis modifier framework in southern Yemen*

More than three years since the ongoing escalation of the conflict, Yemeni children continue to endure hostilities and die from preventable causes such as malnutrition and infectious diseases like cholera.

Save the Children have been working to support the Ministry of Health improve the health of women and children under five through community-based interventions and support to health facilities. Despite the deteriorating political and security situation, we have continued to maintain and strengthen the health system. However, in insecure and unpredictable environments it is important for programmes to be flexible enough to quickly adapt to changes in security and need, whilst protecting the integrity and continuity of core interventions and services.

In many settings development programmes often become permanently de-railed by predictable events such as conflict escalation, influx of Internally Displaced People, or disease outbreaks.

To protect against the effects of these events we have designed a detailed, structured and budgeted contingency model, activated by pre-agreed triggers that reflect deteriorating health and security indicators, and enable an early and managed response. This approach is now ‘live’ in our programmes in Lahj Governorate, where we are maintaining six fixed government health facilities and 48 Community Health Workers, enabling continued access to care for 90,000 people. We are working closely with academic partners and in-country colleagues to generate evidence and understanding of whether this is an effective and efficient way of protecting the integrity of programmes in highly volatile environments.

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## **Pamela Daoud (See Sanaa Maalouf)**

## **Egmond Evers**

## **Mina Fazel**

*The mental health of children exposed to armed conflict*

This presentation will explore what is known about the mental health of children exposed to armed conflict and some of the interesting issues that are evident when trying to examine these populations. Results will draw from both quantitative and qualitative data as well as looking at studies exploring the known risk and protective factors for the mental health of these children. Issues regarding interventions for carers and the community as well as the broader prevention of mental health difficulties will be explored.

## **Bill Forbes**

*Protecting Children in Conflict Zones*

Girls and boys in contexts of armed conflict experience grave violations of their human rights such as maiming, killing, and recruitment. Often displaced or on the move, children also face discrimination, abuse, neglect and exploitation. They are more likely to experience corporal punishment and abuse in the home, violence at the hands of state actors, and multiple forms of violence, affecting their lifelong health and well-being. As violence against children undermines all other peacebuilding, humanitarian and development work, it is vital to include child protection and multi-disciplinary systems strengthening in all contexts, especially fragile and conflict-affected contexts as life-saving interventions. World Vision works with partners at the global, national, community and individual levels so that children can have safe spaces to thrive and develop both physically and mentally. A number of our learnings on child protection in humanitarian contexts – programmatic interventions as well as advocacy efforts - will be discussed along with a call for action and greater collaboration across sectors.

## **Fouad M. Fouad**

## **Bernard Gerbaka**

## **Nahla Ghandour**

*Children with Chronic and Disabling Conditions*

Launched in 1986, the Disability program of Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation (GKCF) was established in response to the dire need for intervention with Palestinian Refugee Children with Disability. This program targeted children with Mental Disability in Ain Al Helwe Camp in Saida , Southern Lebanon, and Children with Multiple Disability in Mar Elais camp in Beirut, capital of Lebanon. Both projects were pilot programs in the Palestinian Refugee Camps in Lebanon.

Working with Refugee Children with disability and their families is a constant battle against environmental and security conflicts. Although residing in Lebanon provides a relative stability, the daily struggles for work, health and education services makes life so shaky that reaping long lasting efficient results is also a daily struggle for the service providers.

Habilitation Preschool, in Mar Elias Camp, of GKCF provides multi-disciplinary services for Palestinian Refugee children with multiple disabilities and their families. Ranging from special education, to therapeutic intervention and medical services, the HP strives to enhance the child with disability's function and the overall healthy home environment for the family and child as well. After more than

30 years of function, the HP still faces major obstacles that plays a big role in its sustainability and development to be able to provide for the escalating community needs with the refugees in Lebanon.

How to sustain our services? How to increase family's contribution in the lives of their children? How to tackle domestic violence? To whom to reach out in cases of severe child abuse? How to decrease the parent's mental health problems? To whom to refer parents who suffer from psychiatric problems?

All are persistent issues with no resolutions in the near future.

## **Rima Habib**

### *Child refugee workers in Lebanon*

**Introduction:** Refugees and displaced populations are vulnerable, experience poverty, and lack basic human needs. Because of trenchant poverty, child labor becomes a coping mechanism where children are forced to drop out of school and work to meet basic household needs. The recent Syrian crisis has led to the displacement of 5.6 Million Syrians, and almost half of those are children (2.5 million). Lebanon has witnessed the influx of more than 1 Million Syrians since the start of the crisis, most of them reside in the Bekaa valley of Lebanon. The concentration of Syrian refugee communities is highest in the Bekaa because of the presence of agricultural fields where work opportunities exist. The Lebanese agricultural industry is heavily dependent on low-wage workers including Syrian refugee children.

**Materials & Methods:** A cross-sectional survey of Syrian refugee working children residing in Informal Tented Settlements in the Bekaa Valley was administered through face-to-face interviews to assess the living and working conditions of Syrian refugee children working mostly in the agricultural sector in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon.

**Results:** Data was collected from 1902 households on 4377 working children. Nearly 66% of children (4-18 year) in the surveyed households have been working. Results showed that the average age of starting work was 10.9 years. Around 75% of the children worked in the agricultural sector, and many reported being injured and fatigued. The findings also showed that only 18% of working children were enrolled in school and almost half of them could not attend school due to work.

**Discussion:** The study highlighted the poor working conditions of Syrian refugees children, some as young as 4, in the agricultural sector in Lebanon's Bekaa valley. The findings also revealed that females, whether household heads or working children, were disproportionately burdened with hardships.

**Conclusion:** Inaction to the plight of child refugee workers in Lebanon has both regional and global implications. Legal frameworks that protect and support Syrian child workers should be met. State policies that assist families in meeting basic needs and decrease their dependence on child labor are needed.

## **Joseph Haddad**

### *Early Identification of child with Disabilities*

Early identification of infants at risk for developmental delay is of the utmost importance to initiate appropriate intervention. Although early detection can be a challenge, the primary care practitioner is in the ideal position to recognize and refer these children. Early recognition requires an in-depth knowledge of the child's history, general physical examination, and developmental level and an understanding of the expected developmental precursors of a skill. Referral to appropriate interventional resources leads to a formalized developmental and neurologic evaluation. If necessary, the development

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of an interdisciplinary comprehensive plan of remediation can occur and a definitive diagnosis can be made. If no significant problem is found, a decision to provide expectant observation is warranted.

The family practitioner has an important role in the detection of infants and young children with developmental delays. The physician may be the first or only professional in regular contact with infants and young children. Interpretation of a child's developmental status is best done with a clear understanding of the child's family and social environment, and the family practitioner is in a unique position to possess this knowledge by virtue of his or her established relationship with the family.

## **Joop de Jong MD, PhD**

*Mental Health and Psychosocial Services for refugee families and youth: A Procrustean bed*

The old Greek myth of Procrustes chopping off travellers' legs to fit an iron bed, symbolizes the notion that 'one size fits all' and that 'all human beings are equal'. This is in contrast to the health care philosophy of many countries favouring tailored care and personalised medicine. When it comes to asylum seekers and refugees, our care systems are as mythical as Procrustes's lore, because our performance for refugee children and families is often appalling in terms of accessibility and quality of care.

This brief key note highlights some core topics in the field of mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS) for refugee children and adolescents. The talk also serves as a roadmap for several key speakers in the psychosocial field during this ISSOP meeting. I will also mention a few research and methodological challenges.

The first topic addresses key social determinants that are obviously a vast domain for universal prevention. Asylum seekers and refugee children often present to health staff in the asylum-seeker centers or in the communities where they eventually settle as status holders. The second topic addresses the prevalence of their mental problems, compares their experience to the local population, and demonstrates post-migration risk factors increasing rates of psychopathology. If the child and its family find their way to the mental or public health care system, there is generally a lack of evidence-based treatments and culturally competent staff in reception countries. The talk concludes by mentioning syndemics and suggests how our health systems might be improved for refugee children.

## **Milivoj Jovancovic**

*How to manage post conflict challenges. Bringing science to hope*

This paper will present methodology of coping health care during the war in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1990 - es (5 years) and compare with recent situation with migrants where mostly Balkans region is transit route to the West EU countries. Difference in numbers of the people in need, vulnerable groups, socio-economic status of hosting countries and governmental capacities determine particular approach and organisation of assistance. Upon our experience, active approach, professional staff and individual assistance is crucial and should be coordinated and supported by the regular healthcare and social welfare system. Pregnant women, families with young children, adolescent mothers, children and parents with disabilities and families with social pathology should be focused. Appropriate protocols and records of activities enable helpers to swiftly adjust their work according to changes in the field. We encourage participants to get more information on 1990 - es experience at the following site:

[https://www.issop.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/jovancevic\\_2006\\_providing\\_assistance.pdf](https://www.issop.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/jovancevic_2006_providing_assistance.pdf)



**Ayesha Kadir***Direct and indirect effects of armed violence on children*

Armed conflicts are a significant social determinant of child health and wellbeing, affecting more than one in 10 children globally. The direct effects of conflict on children include death, physical injury, psychological trauma, and displacement. Indirect effects are broad ranging, such as inadequate and unsafe living conditions, environmental hazards, caregiver mental health, separation from family, and health risks associated with displacement. The natural environment is destroyed, as are health, public health, educational, and economic infrastructure. Children and health workers are targets in combat. Studies have demonstrated neurophysiological alterations in children exposed to armed conflict as well as profound changes in norms, behaviours and social interactions within communities; these findings suggest that the very fabric of society is profoundly altered. The literature on direct effects of conflict on child health is largely confined to case reports and chart reviews from single facilities; data from within conflict zones remain scarce and limited in scope. The more nuanced and long term effects of conflict on child health and development are also poorly understood. However, the evidence is clear that the harms caused by armed conflict on individual children, families, communities, and societies are pervasive, following children throughout their life course and leaving lasting alterations on the health and makeup of communities and society.

**Coleen Kivlahan***Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones*

Overall goals are to improve identification of torture and ill-treatment of children, to determine the safety and appropriateness of medicolegal documentation and to provide high quality reports. The program will address:

- Medical forensic documentation of torture and ill-treatment in children
- Status of international standards
- Presentation of children at risk
- Overview of key components of medicolegal examinations
- Competencies required and environmental safeguards
- Case studies and injury photo review
- Documentation standards
- Legal and advocacy management of medicolegal reports

**Gerison Lansdown***Armed Conflict as a Violation of Child Rights*

Children are inevitably the most vulnerable members of any community in situation of armed conflict. In response, both international humanitarian law and human rights frameworks have been elaborated to seek to provide a protective environment that mitigates the worst excesses to which children can be exposed, both as civilians and combatants in war. This session will seek to examine what those provisions contain, their adequacy, UN priorities for action and the perspectives of children as to what might be needed to respect, protect and fulfil their rights when the risks associated with armed conflict arise.

**Margaret Lynch***Systems, Education and Advocacy*

While most Child Health professionals will not work directly in a conflict zone we are all likely to find ourselves working in countries where there are children and families, who as asylum seekers, refugees or displaced persons, have survived the violence of war and the challenges of escaping to relative safety.

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While making our own services accessible to such families we can also seek to influence those who design, commission or inspect services to ensure health care systems are from the outset appropriate for such families. They need access to the same general (primary) health services as other families in the population. In addition an agreed local multiagency assessment and referral system for those in possible need of specialist mental health or other support will encourage identification and referral of problems, not just within health but also by other service providers such as education.

Whether it is during a humanitarian crisis, an established refugee camp or within a host country we often hear about successful pilot projects. One challenge is surely how can such initiatives become accepted practice, incorporated into systems and rolled out internationally?

As with any aspect of child health (Child Safeguarding/Protection would be a good example) one key component of our response must be the promotion of training with the aim of ensuring the recognition among all health staff of the needs of children who have experienced armed conflict, displacement, occupation etc. and their role in responding. Inclusion in curricula and in examinations would draw attention to the importance of the topic! We are also well placed to raise awareness of the issues not just within the professions but also within local communities some of whom may well be hostile to "migrants".

There is a range of ways in which individual child health professionals can advocate for the rights of children affected by armed conflict. For example, they can add their voice to that of their professional body or of an INGO in calling for effective protection of children in a conflict zone; they can seek to make local service accessible and relevant to families displaced by armed conflict; they can advocate on behalf of individual patients in order to get needs met.

It is clear that at whatever level we want to engage in promoting the rights of children affected by violence and armed conflict we need to work in partnership with other professionals, organisations, communities and the families and children.

## **Sanaa Maalouf, Pamela Daoud, Bassima Roumani, Sheikh Mohamad Bou Zaid**

*Protecting vulnerable children in Lebanon from abuse and exploitation*

Protecting the most vulnerable children in Lebanon from Abuse and Exploitation WV Lebanon and local partners including faith actors will describe a number of interventions supporting refugee and vulnerable Lebanese children including psycho-social interventions, addressing violent child discipline and positive parenting, as well as child protection strengthening with faith actors to support refugee children. The names and organizations of partners will be provided shortly.

## **Daniel Martinez**

*Humanitarian Paediatrics –A new field of research and work in global paediatrics*

The development of Humanitarian Paediatrics is an evolving discipline in paediatrics. This presentation will address: a) Key definitions and concepts, b) Contexts and current realities, c) Challenges, d) Key practical examples, and e) Way forward

## **Kelly McBride**

*Understanding direct impact and coping mechanisms of children to inform MHPSS program interventions*

Save the Children strives to provide humanitarian relief to those who are most vulnerable. Working in



conflict zones, Save the Children is providing humanitarian relief, supporting health, formal and non-formal support systems to function wherever possible, and strengthening the resilience and psychosocial wellbeing of children, care givers and their communities.

The impact of conflict on the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing children can be devastating—the culmination of daily fears of death and injury; displacement and separation from loved ones; witnessing of suffering and atrocities; the loss of daily norms and education; and chronic uncertainty about their future can have immediate and long term impacts on a child's ability to achieve positive mental and physical health, and overall wellbeing. In this session Kelly McBride, Save the Children's Regional Technical Advisor for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support will discuss a forthcoming MHPSS assessment in Yemen that is in process of examining perceived and identified mental health and psychosocial needs, as well as existing coping and support systems. She will discuss the challenges in conducting the assessment, and opportunities for future programming.

## **Sheikh Mohamad**

### **Trudy Mooren**

*Multi-Family Approach: supporting parents and children in difficult times.*

When a family is confronted with adversities and long lasting stress, familial support may become inadequate and the family environment a source of additional stress for the child. It is therefore important to find ways to preserve and strengthen family support in times of conflict. What is known about families adapting to crises and turmoil? In which way can families be supported when confronted with stress and adversity? In this parallel session, multifamily groups that foster adjustment during and after severe upheaval will be presented. Such groups combine systems and group interventions, aimed to increase resilience, enhance functional parenting, efficacy and hope. The core principle of multifamily groups is that families support each other. Multifamily groups can be offered very flexible, adapting to local settings. However, the interventions follow basic principles, emphasizing participants' sense of control ("Yes, I can"), and aiming for supportive family interactions. These interventions are easily trained and learned by informed facilitators. Finally, outcomes of an implementation study of MFA in a refugee setting will be shared.

## **Salman Mroueh**

*Vulnerabilities of children to pulmonary infections*

The respiratory system is the portal of air entry into the body. Air carries a number of elements that interact with the respiratory system and may affect its health, growth and function. This is more apparent in children, who are more vulnerable to pollutants and are more likely to suffer from their long term effects. Studies have looked at outdoor and indoor air pollution (including traffic-related pollution, exposure to environmental tobacco smoke...) and determined their ill effects on children's respiratory health. Specific interventions have been effective in protecting children from these effects. Pediatricians have an active role to play in securing a healthy environment for our children.

## **Sam Perlo-Freeman**

*The international arms trade*

The international arms trade plays a crucial role in fuelling conflict in the Middle East and elsewhere. While the evidence for the arms trade as a cause of war is not conclusive, the role of the arms trade as an enabler and aggravator of conflict is much clearer. The Middle East in particular has long been by far the most militarized region in the world, and is the most lucrative market for the global arms trade. With few regional states possessing more than very limited domestic arms production capability, the many wars

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in the region have overwhelmingly been fought with arms supplied by the world's major arms producers, and could not have been fought without them. This includes some of the contemporary conflicts with the most devastating impact on children's health, including Yemen and Syria. Efforts to control the arms trade, worldwide and in the Middle East in particular, are hampered by a combination of the willingness of major powers to use the trade as a means of strategic influence in the region, and the reliance of many producers on arms exports as a means of maintaining their domestic arms industries. Such considerations have, up to now, largely overrode humanitarian concerns.

## **Shanti Raman**

*ISSOP and the Position Statement on Ending Violence against Children: What can Paediatricians do?*

Violence in all its forms is a global public health problem. Violence against children (VAC) is both a human-rights violation and a public-health problem, and incurs huge costs for both individuals and society. VAC has long-lasting consequences through childhood, into adulthood, inter-generationally and for society. It is widespread and its most common forms are usually perpetrated by people with whom children interact every day in their homes, schools and communities. The VAC working group, a partnership of global agencies led by the International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child Health (ISSOP) has developed an action oriented position statement on VAC, encompassing a broader focus which allows the exploration of various typologies of violence relevant to children, including children affected by armed conflict, harmful traditional practices and gender-based violence. The position statement identifies strategies for prevention of VAC at national, regional and supra-national levels. We call for increased investment in preventive and therapeutic strategies to address VAC at all ages and at all levels, ranging from domestic violence to armed conflict. The role of paediatricians and child health professionals in both preventing all forms of violence and mitigating the effects of violence on children and young people, is critical.

## *Clinical assessment of gender-based violence and sexual assault using a trauma-focused lens*

Violence against children (VAC) as a physical, mental, public and social health concern is only recently gaining the prominence it deserves. We know that globally VAC is widespread and has significant and long-lasting effects on health and wellbeing. One of the key recommendations of the United Nations study on VAC was to address the gender dimensions of violence, specifically to understand the different forms of violence meted out against girls. We will address specific types of violence that disproportionately affects girls and young women, including early and forced marriage; honour killings; neglect of the girl child; domestic labour; and intimate partner violence. Paediatricians and frontline health and welfare professionals have a critical role in recognizing and responding to children exposed to all forms of violence and need to be trauma-informed in their assessment and response.

## **Tilman Ruff**

*The planetary health imperative to eliminate nuclear weapons*

WHO has concluded that nuclear weapons pose the greatest immediate threat to human health and welfare. It is an existential threat, and the danger of nuclear war is growing. The hard-won agreements that have constrained nuclear proliferation are being progressively dismantled, and new arms races between NATO/US and Russia, and India and Pakistan, are escalating. Rather than disarming, all 9 nuclear-armed states are massively investing in modernising their arsenals with new capacities, lowering the threshold for their use.

Successful approaches to the control of other indiscriminate and inhumane weapons have stigmatised,

prohibited and are advancing the progressive elimination of biological and chemical weapons, landmines and cluster munitions. Evidence-based advocacy by scientists and health professionals on the catastrophic consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, together with the compelling testimony of survivors of nuclear weapons use and testing, were key to the negotiation and adoption, on 7 July 2017, of the historic United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The Treaty is a planetary health good of the highest order. Expected to enter into force in 2020-1, it provides the first comprehensive prohibition of nuclear weapons, and is the only currently defined pathway for all states to achieve the eradication of nuclear weapons, the stated aspiration and legal obligation of all governments.

The 2017 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) “for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons”. The Treaty and health evidence-based advocacy are key to ensuring nuclear weapons are ended before they end us.

## **Raya Saab**

### *Management of pediatric cancer care within refugee crises*

Management of pediatric cancer care within refugee crises is particularly challenging, especially in countries with already stretched resources that limit healthcare coverage for its own population, precluding healthcare options for refugee/displaced families. Lebanon, a country with a population of approximately 4.5 million, continues to suffer from political and economic instability. Close to 30% of the population lives in poverty, and although two-thirds of Lebanese individuals depend on national health care plans, these are frequently suboptimal for the treatment of chronic conditions such as cancer. The Syrian refugee crisis, compounded by the influx of Iraqi patients seeking medical care in Lebanon due to post-war lack of healthcare infrastructure in Iraq, has created a humanitarian crisis in a country that is already struggling with limited financial resources and has the highest per capita number of refugees in the world. The global response to the Syrian crisis by governmental and nongovernmental agencies has focused mostly on the support of basic needs, and funding for the treatment of cancer has been non-existent. Expected childhood cancer cases among the Syrian refugee population in Lebanon, based on expected incidence rates and estimates of total number of children, exceeds 90 new cases annually. Compare that to the cancer incidence in Lebanese children living in Lebanon, which approximates 250 cases per year.

Pediatric cancer is largely curable, although treatment is expensive and complex. To face this crisis, we implemented a collaborative approach for provision of care for displaced children with cancer since 2012, through a collaboration between the American University of Beirut Medical Center and the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon Foundation, in partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities. Through this collaboration, we have been able to address partial or complete medical treatment for approximately 50% of refugee families that presented for diagnostic or therapeutic care. Specifically, over a period of 6 years, we provided consultation to close to 600 non-Lebanese children, with complete clinical treatment at no cost provided for 20%, partial or limited treatment for another 30%, with the remaining 50% receiving only a consultation. In parallel, and to prioritize allocation of resources, we had to establish strict guidelines for prioritization and patient acceptance, as well as expand the available medical infrastructure to accommodate the rising patient numbers. Treatment planning was not influenced by patient nationality, and all enrolled patients had access to curative and function-preserving procedures, irrespective of cost. Results of treatment were very good and comparable to outcome for Lebanese children, despite the psychosocial and external stressors for those families. Abandonment rates were negligible, and all enrolled patients completed treatment without missing therapies due to external or psychosocial barriers, signifying the families' commitment to curative care for their children irrespective of hardship.

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Despite these efforts, many patients continue to be in dire need of additional support. While our efforts and results show that effective management of pediatric cancer care in refugee populations is possible through a strategic collaborative approach, this should be amplified to reach every child in need, optimally through mobilization of global advocacy in both the private and public sectors.

## **Aimee Shalan**

### *Medical Aid for Palestinians and International Advocacy*

Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) was established in 1984. It is a UK-based charity working for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees. Working in partnership with local health providers and hospitals, MAP addresses a wide range of health issues and challenges faced by the Palestinian people - responding rapidly in times of crisis and working directly with communities on longer-term health development.

MAP's programmes in Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territory focus on five key priority areas: women and child health; mental health and psychosocial support; disability; emergency preparedness and response and essential primary health care. In addition, the charity operates an active programme of international advocacy, which seeks to raise awareness of the social and political determinants of health and health inequalities.

MAP recognises that children are amongst the most vulnerable in situations of conflict and occupation. Our international advocacy includes seeking to raise awareness of child rights and the impact of conflict, prolonged occupation and displacement on the health and well-being of Palestinian children. MAP works to influence the general public, civil society organisations, governments, international bodies and local duty-bearers. The integration of child rights considerations into health and wider public policies and programmes is one of MAP's key objectives.

## **Marit Sijbrandij**

### *Assessments for psychological distress*

This workshop will focus on available tools available for assessing symptoms of psychological distress (anxiety, depression, posttraumatic stress), in the Arabic language field. She will also present an audio-tool for administering assessments in the Arabic language without involvement of an interpreter. Finally, she will discuss the integration of assessment within regular mental health and psychosocial support and prevention efforts.

## **His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal**

### **Naveen Thacker**

Despite progress in vaccine development and immunization delivery systems worldwide, in 2018, an estimated 19.4 million infants worldwide were not reached with routine immunization services. Of the 19.4 million infants who are not fully vaccinated with DTPcv-3, 8.6 million (44%) live in 16 countries that are polio-endemic, fragile or affected by conflict. [1] There are many factors for this but one which is not studied well is vaccine hesitancy. Trust is key for a successful immunization program and low trust in governance and widespread misinformation about the vaccines often multiplied by social media are gaining traction in such conflict zones creating a major challenge to vaccine programs. Recently, the World Health Organization listed both conflict settings and vaccine hesitancy among the top 10 threats to global health in 2019, alongside like air pollution and climate change. [2]

International Pediatrics Association (IPA) plans to work with national pediatrics societies and Governments of these countries to create a cadre of health care professionals (HCPs) and frontline health

workers who can raise resilient public trust in vaccination in these countries and address in scientifically proven way if misinformation about vaccines spreads. IPA has launched the Vaccine Trust Project partnered with UNICEF to support Interpersonal Communication for Immunization (IPCI). IPA will be conducting 7 regional Training of Trainers (ToTs) workshops to establish a pool of master trainers with aid of 5 training modules:

1. Behavioural Science Behind Vaccine Acceptance Interventions; 2. Interpersonal Communication for HCPs; 3. Building Vaccine Value – Advocacy and messaging to effect change; 4. Social Media Engagement; and 5. Main Stream Media Engagement.

Pilot workshops in Delhi and Panama trained over 100 pediatricians from 35 countries. A pre and post-evaluation results showed that more than 80% of the participants believed that the skills obtained from the course would be helpful in improving vaccine uptake in their practice and almost 90% of attendees agreed that the training would be beneficial to their daily practice. IPA envisages creating a community of practice which will be a key pillar of the IPA trust project, where a global vaccine trust leadership forum will be formed. IPA is willing to launch this project on priority in countries with conflict if partners are willing to support this initiative.

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## **Ziba Vaghri**

*Rights of refugee & unaccompanied children under the CRC and through the eyes of children*

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is the first human rights treaty that articulates respect for the views of the child (child participation) as a right for every child. GlobalChild (GCh) is an international project focusing on operationalizing the CRC using indicator framework to develop a comprehensive global child rights monitoring platform. To do so, the GCh team has developed an indicator set for each one of the 41 substantive rights of the children under the CRC. Upon completion of the 41 indicator sets, acting upon the principle of child participation, the GCh team has launched the Global Child Rights Dialog (GCRD).

The GCRD was a global outreach to seek children's opinions and input on their rights and to incorporate them into the developed indicator sets to enrich their quality. It used specially developed child-friendly versions of all substantive rights of the CRC to initiate candid dialogues with children from 52 centers across the globe. Upon completion of the data review and analysis, the participating children received feedback on how their opinions were used.

This presentation will describe GCRD and provide a summary of what we learned through these dialogs with particular focus on *Article 22; the rights of refugee and unaccompanied children*. "Children on the move is the phenomena of this time. Allowing children to express their thoughts on this issue will not only raise their awareness of and sensitivity towards this issue, it may also empower them to take positive steps towards facilitating the integration of the refugee children to their new home as the evidence suggests children who are provided with opportunities to participate tend to be more civically engaged.

## **Khalid Yunis**



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**Thursday, September 26th**

**WEST HALL. Auditorium A**

**Session A. Gulbin Gokcay-Moderator**

**17:30-18:45 Topic: Conflict Areas**

1. *Impact of violence and war on Yemeni children: identifying the information gap*  
Speaker: **Abdulla Salem Bin Ghouth**, Professor of Community Medicine, Hadramout, University College of Medicine
2. *Maternal and neonatal deaths in conflict zones: Analysis of mortality data from Al-Hodiedah City in Yemen*  
Speaker: **Amer Salmeen Balafair**, Professor of Gyneacology and obstetric, Hadramout University College of Medicine
3. *"I am free but I do not feel free": experiences of child soldiers in Northern Uganda*  
Speaker: **Jassi Sandhar, PhD** candidate in International Law, University of Bristol
4. *Health Care in Danger*  
Speaker: **Kasbar Tashdjian, MD**, Head of Health Sector for Asia – Pacific, Institutional Focal Point for Child Health, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
5. *Paediatric burns among refugee communities in Lebanon: Evidence to inform policies and programs*  
Speaker: **Samar Al-Hajj, PhD** Assistant Research Professor, Health Management and Policy Department, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut

**WEST HALL. Auditorium B**

**Session B. Yvon Heller-Moderator**

**17:30-17:45 Salman Mroueh (AUBMC): The environment and lung health in children.**

Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Pulmonology  
Vice-Chair for Education, Head of Division of Pediatric Pulmonology  
Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

**17:45-18:45 Topic: Conflict Areas & Settlement**

1. *Autonomy in a time of war: The psychopathological perspective of rehabilitation programmes for child combatants.*  
Speaker: **Katie Cruickshank**
2. *Sexual violence against children in DRC. Medico-legal aspects of the Kavumu case*  
Speaker: **Muriel Volpellier, MD**, Member of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, London UK

3. *How Can Children Surviving Disasters Receive Support- Experiences from the Great East Japan Earthquake*  
Speaker: **Hajime Takeuchi, M.D.** Professor, Faculty of Social Welfare Bukkyo University
4. *Protective factors for social-emotional well-being of refugee children in the first three years of settlement in Australia*  
Speaker: **Karen Zwi, MBBCh MRCP FRACP MSc MMed PhD**  
Conjoint Professor (UNSW), Community Paediatrician and Head—Community Child Health (SCH), The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network
5. *The impact of the armed conflict on children's safety during the ISAF and after the withdrawal of International Security Assistance Force – Afghanistan Case Study*  
Speaker: **Klaudia Cenda-Miedzińska, Ph.D.** Institute for Security Sciences, Pedagogical University of Cracow, Poland

## WEST HALL. Bathish Auditorium

### Session C. Nick Spencer-Moderator

#### 17:30-18:45 Topic: Settlement & Health Problems

1. *The impact of detention on the social-emotional wellbeing of children seeking asylum: a comparison with community based children*  
Speaker: **Karen Zwi, MBBCh MRCP FRACP MSc MMed PhD**  
Conjoint Professor (UNSW), Community Paediatrician and Head—Community Child Health (SCH), The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network
2. *Refugee women's wellbeing; needs and challenges: a qualitative study*  
Speaker: **Lubna Qutranji**, Intern Doctor, Marmara University, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Social Pediatrics, Istanbul, Turkey
3. *The Changing Landscape and Service Needs of Paediatric Refugee Healthcare in Australia*  
Speaker: **Lahiru Amarasena**, Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Master of International Public Health (MIPH)
4. *Embodied experiences of young Syrian and Iraqi refugees with disabilities in Australia: Lessons from co-production*  
Speaker: **Ruth Wells**, Research fellow UNSW School of Psychiatry, Sydney, Australia
5. *War, migration and health: The importance of social work*  
Speaker: **Serpil Baysal, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics, Dokuz Eylul University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Social Pediatrics, Izmir, Turkey, AND Meryem Badem, MD Resident in Pediatrics, Dokuz Eylul University, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Izmir, Turkey
6. *Optimising Refugee Children's Health and Wellbeing in Preparation for Primary and Secondary School*  
Speaker: **Shanti Raman, MBBS, FRACP, MAE, PhD**, Director - Community Paediatrics, South Western Sydney Local Health District



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## WEST HALL. Auditorium C

### Session D. Marie Köhler

#### 17:30-18:45 Topic: Miscellaneous

1. *Access of Adolescents to School in Bissau, Guinea-Bissau*  
Speaker: **Geir Gunnlaugsson, MD, PhD, MPH**, Professor in Global Health, Faculty of Sociology, Anthropology and Folkloristics, University of Iceland
2. *Access of Adolescents to Digital Technology in Bissau, Guinea-Bissau*  
Speaker: **Jonina Einarsdóttir, PhD**, Professor in Anthropology  
Faculty of Sociology, Anthropology and Folkloristics, University of Iceland
3. *Responding to sexual violence against children: Lessons from a child-centered model*  
Speaker: **Andrea Goddard, MB, BS, MSc, FRCPCH**, The Havens, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK
4. *The type of child abuse among adolescents: a school-based study in West Java Province, Indonesia*  
Speaker: **Meita Dhamayanti, MD Paed, MSc**, Department of Child Health, Faculty of Medicine-Hasan Sadikin Hospital, Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung - Indonesia
5. *Health care for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) –Pediatrician's role*  
Speaker: **Natalie Ustinova, MD, PhD**, Head of the Laboratory of Social Paediatrics and Quality of Life, National Medical Research Center for Children's Health, Moscow, Russia
6. *Health for all children in Skane Sweden: Improving healthcare for children and youth in out of home care, including unaccompanied minors*  
Speaker: **Liv Lynga von Folsach**, Senior Consultant in Pediatric Child Health, Center of Excellence, Region of Scania, Sweden

## Saturday. September 28

## WEST HALL. Auditorium A

### Session E. Anna Battersby-Moderator

#### 08:00-9:00 Topic: Settlement & Health Problems

1. *Inviting Unaccompanied minor refugees to dream again: The role of particular workshops*  
Speaker: **Stella Tsitoura, MD, MPH, PhD**, Network for Children's Rights
2. *The health status of newly arrived asylum-seeking minors in Denmark - a nationwide register-based study*  
Speaker: **Alexandra Kruse**, Asst. Professor, Copenhagen University Hospital
3. *Specific developmental aspects of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in 3 to 6 year old refugee children living in Germany*  
Speaker: **Andrea Hahnefeld**, Psychologist, Psychotherapist Technical Univ. of Munich
4. *Psychosocial assessment and recognition of refugee children's specific needs: from European asylum and integration policies to healthcare practices*

Speaker: **Betty Goguikian Ratcliff**, Senior lecturer and researcher, University of Geneva, Faculty of psychology and educational Sciences

5. *Developmental Status of Syrian Children Between 18-72 Months Living Under Temporary Protection Status in Ankara*

Speaker: **Elif Ozmert, MD, PhD**, Professor in Pediatrics, Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, Social Pediatrics & Developmental Pediatrics, Ankara, Turkey

## WEST HALL. Auditorium B

### Session F. Giovanna Armano -Moderator

#### 08:00-09:00 Health Problems & Miscellaneous

1. *Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Unaccompanied Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Minors: A Literature Review*  
Speaker: **Hayley Sharma**, Medical Student, University of Minnesota Medical School
2. *Exploring needs for healthy growth and development in refugee children: Applicability of local developmental screening practices*  
Speaker: **Lubna Qutranji**, Intern Doctor, Marmara University, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Social Pediatrics, Istanbul, Turkey
3. *The differences in perinatal outcomes between Syrian and resident mother-infant dyads: a cross sectional study in Turkey between 2011-2018.*  
Speaker: **Perran Boran, MD, PhD**, Professor of Pediatrics Marmara University, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Social Pediatrics, Istanbul, Turkey
4. *The duration of exclusive breastfeeding for more than 3 months improves the quality of general movements in healthy term infants*  
Speaker: **Ahmad Suryawan, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Division of Growth Development - Social Pediatrics, Department of Child Health, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Airlangga/Soetomo General Academic Hospital, Surabaya, Indonesia
5. *Issues of children's morbidity and disability in Russian Federation*  
Speaker: **Elena Antonova**, Deputy Director, National Medical Research Center for Children's Health, Moscow

## WEST HALL. Bathish Auditorium

### Session G. Liv Lynga von Folsach-Moderator

#### 08:00-09:00 Health and Development

1. *Supporting Families of children with developmental delay and intellectual disability using the Caregivers' Skills Training in a conflict context: Syria*  
Speakers: **Andrian Spyridou**, Dr. Nat. Sciences in Clinical Psychology, MHPSS Coordinator — Syria, International Medical Corps and **Julnar AlKaid**

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2. *Art therapy in refugee children*  
Speaker: **Amr Elbokl, MD/MPH**, Pediatric Resident, University of Minnesota
3. *Assessing the mental health of Syria refugee children and adolescents in Lebanon using structured diagnostic interviews: Challenges and solutions*  
Speaker: **Tania Bosqui, D ClinPsych**
4. *What is wrong with that boy: PTSD, ADHD, or a psychiatric disorder? A transgenerational case study showing the complexity of behavioral disorders in a refugee child impacted by armed conflict.*  
Speaker: **Katharina Muench**, Technical University of Munich

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