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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR



Dear LENS readers,

An anniversary is always a natural time to reflect on a path. As GHI celebrated its 5th anniversary this past July (2017-2022), it was an opportunity to collectively, as a unit, ask ourselves whether we have remained true to our core values throughout our foundational journey. Although it is natural sometimes to lose focus with the challenges of launching a new entity, we can humbly claim that our core value remained the guiding principles for everything we did towards the well-being of societies and people, especially in our region.

Moving forward, those values and the valuable experience from our foundational journey will remain at the core of our working towards supporting better health, empowering vulnerable populations and strengthening global health systems to contribute towards a better future. Our journey was not easy or challenge-free, but the support of our mother institution, AUB, and our committed staff was key in staying focused on our mission and goals.

Back to business...

The past quarter was quite busy for us at GHI. The three divisions that focus on research, policy, capacity building and services did a deep dive on re-mapping our portfolios of programs, projects and partnerships. The focus was to streamline ever-growing initiatives and highlight our commitment and links to the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). An interesting outcome of this work was the development of an interactive map (available on GHI's website) that showcases those linkages geographically and by SDG. We invite you to navigate through it, by clicking [here](#).

In celebration of our 5th anniversary, and believing that youth are a major resource of development and agents of change when it comes to health within their communities, GHI organized the Global Health Change Makers Pitch Competition. The competition brought together seven student teams, as finalists, from different countries in the region including Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates among others. The teams did their global health project pitches, in an event at AUB. The top three teams received seed funding for their projects and the opportunity to get technical guidance from GHI for the implementation of their concepts.

One of the special highlights of the last quarter was the launch of an NGOi flagship initiative, the Arab Alliance for CSO Development (AACCSOD). Generously supported by the Ford and the Asfari Foundations, AACCSOD is a regional initiative that brings together a network of partners and stakeholders in twelve countries in the Arab World that are committed to the institutional strengthening of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

I always feel particularly proud of new linkages with universities in the Arab World. So, I am happy to report that GHI signed new agreements with three Arab universities in Yemen, Iraq and Palestine offering scholarships for students in health majors to enroll in our newly launched Certificate in Conflict Medicine (CCM).

As a disclaimer, this introductory message does not give justice to the hard work of our committed team over the past quarter, so I invite you to browse through the LENS to find out more about the great work they have been doing!

With our active social media platforms, GHI and its team are a click away!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shadi Saleh". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Shadi" and "Saleh" being capitalized and prominent.

GLOBAL HEALTH IN THE ARTS





Fadia Ahmad, 1975

Roots - 2018 ; Photography - 112cm x 162cm

Courtesy of the artist and Art of Change gallery

Fadia Ahmad (born 1975) is a Spanish-Lebanese photographer, artist, and filmmaker. Her practice focuses largely on creating narratives through image-making. She has created several series of portraits and landscapes, particularly in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Engaged in humanitarian issues, she has released two series of photographs and films about refugees in Lebanon entitled "It Could Be You".

Ahmad has been officially selected in numerous International Film Festivals and is being awarded for her first documentary "Beirut, The Aftermath", released in 2021. She was also voted the best photographer in the MENA region for the year 2021.

This work is from her most recent exhibit "When life hangs by a thread" in which her lens has captured the tiniest details of current Beirut city landscapes, evoking in the viewer's mind a history of beauty, emotion, humanity, and continuity.

FEATURED STORIES



HIGHLIGHTS



GHI Organizes the Global Health Change Makers Pitch Competition in Celebration of Its Fifth Anniversary



GHI Launches the Certificate in Conflict Medicine and Offers Scholarships to Three Universities in the Region



NGOi Receives a 4.8 Million Dollars Grant to Establish the Arab Alliance for CSOs Development



GHI Organizes Its Annual Summer Retreat to Boost Team-Building

GHI Organizes the Global Health Change Makers Pitch Competition in Celebration of Its Fifth Anniversary

August, 2022



In celebration of its fifth anniversary, the Global Health Institute (GHI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) organized the Global Health Change Makers pitch competition. The event brought together students from universities of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to present their project ideas related to Global Health and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a 5-minute pitch for a chance to win seed funding.

Seven competitors coming from different countries in MENA including Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates and others were shortlisted to the final stage and participated in the competition that was held at AUB.

The presented pitches were scored by a jury panel consisting of five judges including Dr. Najat Saliba, member of the Lebanese Parliament; Jessica Azar, TV host at MTV Lebanon; and Dr. Lama Moussawi, director at the Center for Inclusive Business and Leadership (CIBL) at AUB, associate dean for research and faculty development, and associate professor at AUB. The jury panel also included Nour El Arnaout, division manager at the Global Health Institute at AUB; and Dr. Rihab Nasr, director of the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute (NKBCI), professor at AUB, and founder of AMALOUNA NGO.



Competing students were evaluated based on the jury panel scoring of each pitch presentation and the assessment of the students' submitted concept notes that included project objectives, methodology, outcome indicators, relevance to global health and SDGs, implementation timeline, and dissemination/visibility plan. Each pitch presentation was followed by a five-minute Q & A session during which the competitors addressed questions raised by the jury panel.

Three students from the MENA region won seed funding to kick off their global health projects and be brilliant health change makers in their countries.



[More about the shortlisted projects and presenters](#)

[Read the press release](#)

[Watch the full video of the event](#)

NGOi Receives a 4.8 Million Dollars Grant to Establish the Arab Alliance for CSOs Development

January 2022



Building on its track-record in serving as a regional hub for the NGO sector development, capacity building, and institutional strengthening, NGoI received a 4.8 Million Dollars Grant to establish the Arab Alliance for CSOs Development (AACCSOD).

Supported by the Ford Foundation and the Asfari Foundation, AACCSOD is a 5-year flagship program of NGoI, dedicated to institutionally strengthen Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) operating in the Arab World through a network of more than 100 partners and stakeholders.

The program is envisioned to support at least 60 CSOs in 12 countries of the Arab World through a specific set of services. These services include institutional strengthening and organizational development, capacity building, contextualization and Arabization, knowledge sharing, and organizational certification.

In 2023, AACCSOD will be operating in Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia whereby five CSOs will be selected in each of the three countries. The CSOs will enroll in an institutional strengthening track coupled with training and capacity building, mentoring, and coaching to achieve performance improvement targets that will be set as part of the program.

For those interested to join or know more about AACCSOD, contact: aacsod-ngoi@aub.edu.lb

About AACCSOD

GHI Organizes Its Annual Summer Retreat to Boost Team-Building

June, 2022



Believing that creating an innovative work space requires constant investment in its people, and after a very busy year, GHI organized its annual summer retreat in order to boost team-building, creativity, and productivity.

The retreat included outdoor activities, and a strategic discussion led and facilitated by the founding director, Dr. Shadi Saleh who spoke about the direction and future of the institute.

It was a great opportunity to connect and inspire each other, and resulted in a more committed, motivated and productive team.

A glimpse into our annual retreat

MAIN ACTIVITIES



E-SAHHA PROGRAM ESP

ESP Coordinator Reflects on Gender & Power Dynamics in a Blog and a Podcast Addressing the GAIN MHI Project



Hosted by Privacy International (PI) - Technology Pill Podcast, ESP Coordinator Nour El Arnaout reflected on the implementation of the ESP project on the Gamification, Artificial Intelligence and mHealth Network for Maternal Health Improvement (GAIN MHI) by focusing on observations related to gender, power dynamics, and context-sensitive considerations. El Arnaout engaged in a thought-provoking discussion with Ms. Alexandrine Pirlot de Corbion, PI's Director of Strategy and Dr. Yousef Khader from Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) and JUST university.

In their discussion, they tackled digital health in the Middle East, its role minimizing the gender gap and inequality, and risks associated with the implementation of digital health interventions in the region.

A blog titled 'context, gender, power, and choices' was also published on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine to outline lessons learnt for the development of gender-sensitive digital health interventions.

The Gamification, Artificial Intelligence and mHealth Network for Maternal Health Improvement (GAIN MHI) is a project supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and aims to improve maternal health and enhance the uptake of antenatal care services among disadvantaged and refugee pregnant women through the employment of an innovative contextualized multi-component digital health intervention. The project features mHealth, gamification for development of health professionals, and artificial intelligence.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

[Read the blog](#)

GHI Launches the Certificate in Conflict Medicine and Offers Scholarships to Three Universities in the Region

May 2022



GHI launched the 'Certificate in Conflict Medicine' and signed a collaborative agreement to offer full certificate scholarships to three leading universities in Yemen, Palestine, and Iraq.

The signing ceremony was held at AUB in the presence of Dr. Zaher Dawy, AUB provost, Dr. Shadi Saleh, GHI founding director, Dr. Abdulhakim Al-Tamim, dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Aden in Yemen, Dr. Moamin Junaid Salim, interim dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Ninevah University in Iraq, Dr. Fadel Naim, dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Islamic University of Gaza in Palestine who joined remotely, Dr. Zahi Abdul Sater, programs division manager at GHI, and GHI team members.

The invited deans from Iraq, Yemen, and Palestine stressed that this initiative is key in addressing the capacity needs and gaps around conflict medicine in medical institutions and healthcare systems in the MENA region.

The online 'Certificate in Conflict Medicine' was developed by GHI, in partnership with the 'Research for Health in Conflict' (R4HC) Consortium. It focuses in a contextualized manner, on how medical care and research can be shaped and undertaken in settings of conflict and fragility. This certificate constitutes of four courses, 30 hours each, for a total of 120 hours of learning.

[Watch the full event](#)

[Read the press release](#)

GHI Pilots the Certificate in Conflict Medicine in Iraq, Palestine, and Yemen

July 2022



The 'Certificate in Conflict Medicine' is being piloted in three schools of medicine of three leading universities in Iraq, Palestine, and Yemen.

More than 60 medical students are undertaking this certificate. Each learner will take three core courses (Introduction to Conflict Medicine, Medical care and Knowledge in conflict, Health Research Methods in Conflict) and a specialty course (Cancer in Conflict, Infectious Diseases in Conflict, or War Wounds).

At the end of each course, learners are asked to describe their overall experience in addition to evaluating course structure, content, visuals, knowledge checks, quizzes, and timing.

The learners' feedback will be key in ensuring that the certificate content is valuable and contextualized.

[More about the Certificate](#)

[Check out the offered courses](#)

[Pre register now](#)

CMP Team Publishes 'Challenges of Conducting Research on Emergency Response and Health Services Provided During Conflict in LMICs - Case of Lebanon' in the Medicine, Conflict, and Survival Journal

August 2022

COMMENTARY

Challenges of conducting research on emergency response and health services provided during conflict in LMICs – case of Lebanon

Elsa Kobeissi , Zahi Abdul-Sater , Theresa Farhat and Ghassan Abu-Sittah

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CMP team has published a commentary on the "Challenges of conducting research on emergency response and health services provided during conflict in LMICs - case of Lebanon" in the Medicine, conflict, and survival Journal.

The commentary presents reflections on the barriers and challenges to conducting research in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), focusing on a project that was conducted by the CMP team in Lebanon from December 2018 to January 2021.

The project aimed to evaluate the characteristics of war injuries sustained by civilians during the July 2006 war in Lebanon, their management, and the long-term burden they imposed.

It consisted of collecting data from patient medical records and conducting interviews with civilians who were injured to understand the consequences of war injuries inflicted on them.

The challenges and barriers to conducting this type of research at different stages of the project were discussed in this commentary: at the contextual stage, the data processing stage, and lastly at the interview stage.

[Read now](#)

RHP Conducts the SEEK Mock Trial in Partnership With WHO

April 2022



In partnership with the Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Research of the World Health Organization (WHO) Geneva, the Refugee Health Program (RHP) has delivered the mock sessions for the project “Self-efficacy and Knowledge” also known as the SEEK Trial.

The SEEK trial aims to assess whether a WHO-developed low-intensity low-resource psychosocial (PSS)-SRH-integrated intervention package could improve the SRH, the use of selected SRH services, and the mental well-being of adolescent girls and young women refugees living in humanitarian settings.

The mock trial was run over eight group sessions (once per week) with a group of 8 AUB students from three different fields: psychology, public health, and sexual health. At the end of the mock trial, participating students received a certificate of attendance for completing the SEEK Trial.

[More about RHP](#)

MOBILE UNIVERSITY FOR HEALTH MUH

MUH Delivers a Non-Communicable Diseases Certificate in Mount Lebanon

June 2022



The Mobile University for Health (MUH) reached the Chouf district of Mount Lebanon in collaboration with Farah Social Foundation, where the Non-Communicable Diseases Certificate (NCDC) was delivered to 15 Syrian refugee and Lebanese host community women over the span of 4 weeks.

As a result, MUH has so far reached Lebanese and Syrian refugee women from over 8 areas dispersed all over Lebanon, wherein most of these graduates have expressed a positive impact left by these certificates on their knowledge and livelihoods.

MUH Conducts a Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Workshop

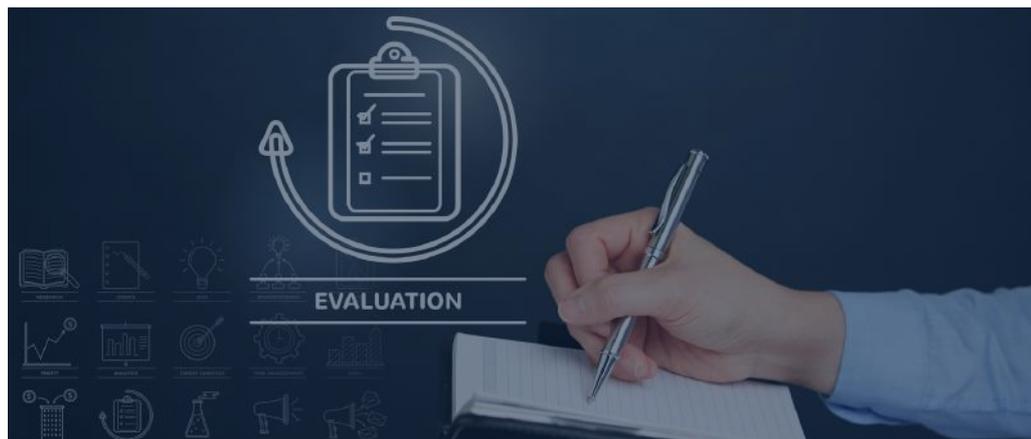
June 2022



GHI's MUH, in collaboration with the municipalities of Haret Hreik – Beirut and Tyre – South Lebanon, conducted a 2-day workshop on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).

Ten graduates of the MHPSS certificate that had been previously delivered led awareness activities in this workshop, covering topics including but not limited to female mental health, child and adolescent mental health, trauma and stress, anxiety and depression.

This workshop has reached around 100 direct beneficiaries who actively participated in this workshop.



In an effort to develop a framework for evaluating global health capacity building initiatives in low- and middle-income countries and fragile settings in the MENA region, the evaluation of capacity building (eCAP) initiative is actively developing case studies to assess the efficacy and impact of innovative learning modalities in global health capacity building, specifically at the individual, organizational and community level.

Recently, a paper titled: "Evaluating an e-Learning Program to Strengthen the Capacity of Humanitarian Leadership Diploma (HLD)" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Conflict and Health. This paper highlights the significance of contextualized, locally-driven online training programs, particularly in light of the region's limited educational possibilities and capacity-building activities targeting local humanitarian workers.

Another paper, titled: "Assessing innovative approaches for global health capacity building in fragile setting in the MENA region: development of capacity building (eCAP) program", was also accepted for publication in the Journal of Conflict and Health. The paper mainly draws on the essentialness of eCAP in providing guidance on best practices for the design, implementation and evaluation of Global Health Capacity Building (GHCB) initiatives in fragile settings in the MENA region as well as the scarcity of evidence-based information on the best practices and suggestions needed to advance these programs.

The latest submission to the Journal of Conflict and Health is the paper titled: "Evaluating a Research Training Program for Frontline Health Workers in Conflict-Affected and Fragile Settings in the Middle East", which is currently under review.

[Check out more publications](#)

HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA HLD

Over 100 Learners Registered for the HLD Program since Its Adoption of an Asynchronous Learning Modality



In an attempt to improve access to educational opportunities regardless of country of residence, work commitments, or conflict-related barriers, the Humanitarian Leadership Diploma (HLD), adopted a completely asynchronous approach in its second phase.

HLD is an online capacity-building program that adopts innovative learning modalities. It aims to equip humanitarian workers in the MENA region with relevant and contextualized humanitarian leadership and technical skills to better manage humanitarian projects and resources.

This Diploma was developed by the Academy Division of the Global Health Institute (GHI), and consists of eight asynchronous online courses that are delivered through GHI's online learning platform, the Global Health Learning and Development (GHLAD) platform.

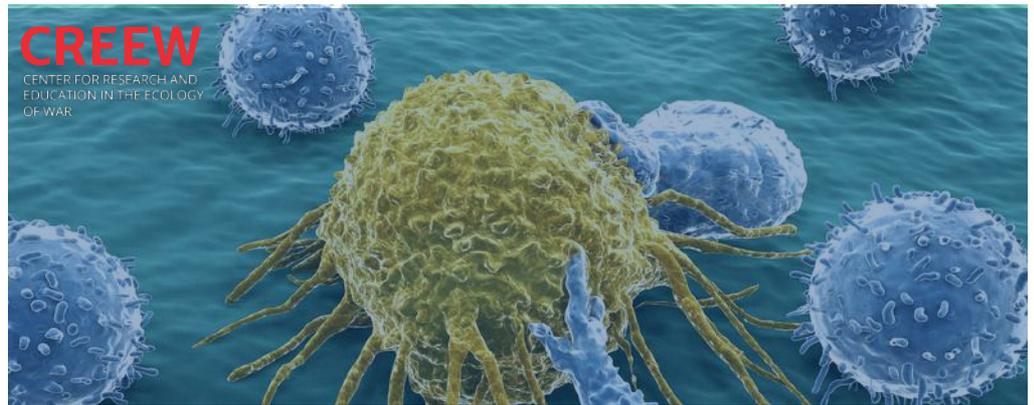
To date, around 350 HLD courses have been registered for so far by over 130 learners.

[More about the Diploma](#)

**CENTER FOR
RESEARCH
AND
EDUCATION
IN THE
ECOLOGY
OF WAR
CREEW**

GHI Launches the 2023 CREEW Fellowship Program With a Thematic Topic Focused on “Cancer in Conflict”

September 2022



After the successful implementation of the Center for Research and Education in the Ecology of War (CREEW) 2021 fellowship, which focused on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), GHI officially launched the CREEW 2023 fellowship program on September 01, 2022.

The 2023 cohort is co-sponsored by the Naef K. Bassile Cancer Institute (NKBCI) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC), with a thematic topic focused on “Cancer in Conflict”. The 2023 CREEW fellowship program seeks to strengthen research capacity on cancer, its drivers, and its consequences in conflict-affected settings.

Four fellows from different conflict-affected regions, including Lebanon, Jordan, and Palestine were selected for the CREEW 2023 cohort.

Throughout the fellowship phases, the researchers will undertake a 4-course certificate in conflict medicine, followed by intensive workshops, research implementation, and finally research dissemination.

[More about CREEW](#)

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INITIATIVE NGOi

Three Non-Governmental Organizations Receive their NGO's Organizational Certification



After successful fulfillment of NGOi's organizational certification requirements, three non-governmental organizations received their NGOi organizational certification in summer 2022.

The Howard Karagheusian Association and the Lebanese Association for Rehabilitation and Awareness became AUB NGOi-Certified through the partnership of NGOi with ACTED and the European Union as part of the 'Ta'acir Project'.

Fondation Diane on the other hand received its certification following an institutional strengthening and organizational development journey that the organization through the partnership of NGOi with the Asfari Foundation.

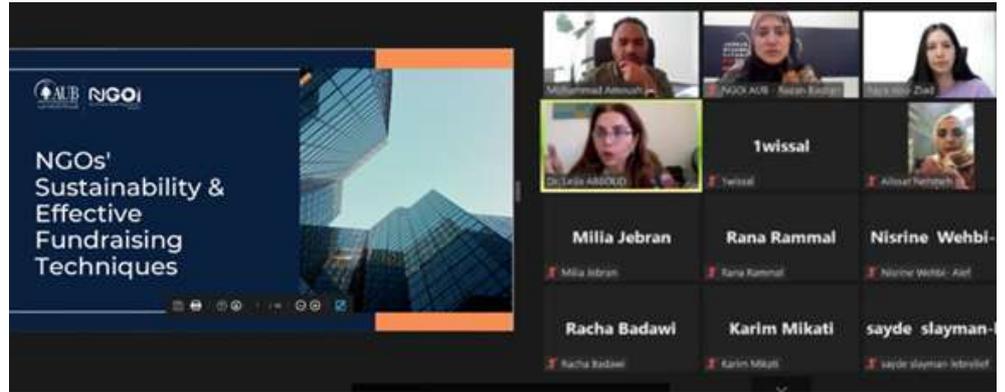
Each organization received its certification in the presence of its management team in ceremonies held at AUB, during which the teams engaged with NGOi in fruitful discussions about future plans of organizational improvement.

The road to organizational certification includes a self-assessment and an audit process that assesses the organization's procedures and systems in place across 10 different standards considered as core for NGOs management. The certification process promotes the organizational systems-thinking mindset and fosters a culture of continuous improvement within the organization.

[More about NGOi's organizational certification](#)

NGOi Trains NGOs on Enhancing their Sustainability Through Effective Fundraising Techniques

May 2022



As part its capacity building activities, the Non-Governmental Organizations Initiative (NGOi) offered in May 2022 an online synchronous course on "NGOs' sustainability and effective fundraising techniques".

The course which spanned across the period of 4 days trained the participants to develop a sustainability strategy for their NGOs with a focus on financial sustainability (e.g. diversification of revenues sources, cost containment, etc.). The course also touched upon aspects related to donor identification, project presentation and pitching, and partnerships establishment.

The course, characterized by its dynamic approach of delivery and its customization to the context of the MENA region, presented an interactive learning experience for participants who were mainly from Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, and Syria.

[More about NGOi courses](#)

[Join our community of learners](#)

GHI
BLOG



"SOUTH OF GLOBAL HEALTH" BLOG

GHI's blog, 'South of Global Health' encompasses more than 30 published articles on a variety of intersectional health-related issues. Since its inception, the blog has published articles on refugee health needs, health in conflict, mental and telemental health, gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual reproductive health, communicable and non-communicable diseases and health systems. Submitting scholars hail from the American University of Beirut, War Child Holland, Medical Aid for Palestinians, University of Chester, German University of Cairo, Syria Public Health Network, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Lancet Migration, University of Cambridge, University College London and the Research for Health in Conflict Group.

[Read more on the blog](#)

[Submit an article](#)

**SOUTH OF
GLOBAL
HEALTH**

A BLOG OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

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

Kindly submit all entries at ghi@aub.edu.lb or tf18@aub.edu.lb with the subject "South of Global Health Blog Entry".

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CORE EXPERT PROFILE

Dr. Rihab Nasr

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Physiological Sciences
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American University of Beirut*

Dr. Nasr has built a strong and focused scholarly record yielding to more than 85 peer-reviewed journal articles published in top-tier journals. Her academic and research achievements were recognized with several prestigious awards and honors including the Lady TATA Memorial Trust Award (2009). She was selected among the Top Arab Women by Sayidati magazine for the year 2013 and received the Research Excellence Award for Best Research Program in Biomedicine from Qatar Foundation (2011), UNESCO/L'OREAL for Women in Science for Levant Fellowship (2014) and the Franco-Lebanese Scientific Excellence Award by Legion of Honor in Lebanon and the French Institute (2015).

Dr. Nasr's main research interest focuses on identifying new therapeutics for Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML). With her collaborators at AUB, they established the first CML Drosophila model, a potential in vivo model for drug screening. She has been also studying the role of microRNA as potential diagnostic and prognostic minimally invasive biomarkers for solid cancers. Her laboratory has maintained a high impact upward trajectory of growth through an active microRNA research program with a growing number of published manuscripts and national, regional and international collaborations.

The international recognition of her work has earned her the recognition of her peers as an expert and leader in the field of cancer research. She has been invited to deliver national and international talks and has presented her work in nearly 70 conferences. She is an active member of many international scientific societies and serves on many different committees and taskforces at AUB, nationally, regionally and internationally. She has been invited to serve on the UICC-World Cancer Day Advisory Group, Switzerland and on the L'Oréal/UNESCO for Women in Science Levant Fellowship Program and L'Oréal/UNESCO for Women in Science Middle East judging committee.

Dr. Nasr is heavily involved in course coordination and teaching students with diverse educational backgrounds. She has trained, mentored and advised more than 100 students. On the societal level and based on her belief that more effort should be invested in preventive medicine, she founded AMALOUNA ("Our Hope" in Arabic) in 2014. This AUB-affiliated educational organization aims at fostering the development of a community who is aware of the importance of scientific research, cancer prevention and early detection. Her main contributions to the broader community include the Students as Researchers Initiative and the STREAM into College Program and delivering more than 50 cancer awareness lectures and activities across Lebanon.



“ Who you are, what you do and where you live, should not affect your access to quality and affordable education and healthcare. ”

Dr. Rihab Nasr

**FEATURED
COLLEAGUES**



GHI WELCOMES NEW STAFF



Mariam Khankan, BS
E-learning specialist, NGOi

"I'm an e-learning specialist actively working on enhancing user experience in asynchronous learning."

Mariam holds a Bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics from Beirut Arab University and is a licensed dietitian in Lebanon. She is currently working as an e-learning specialist at the Non-Governmental Organizations Initiative (NGOi). Her job at NGOi has helped her gain new knowledge and skills in different topics. She is currently working on enhancing the asynchronous online learning experience.



Nadine Sabra, PharmD, RPh
Research Associate, E-Sahha Program

"Start somewhere with passion to healthcare and your journey will never end."

Nadine is a registered pharmacist with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Lebanese International University (LIU). She is currently the research associate for the E-Sahha program at the Global Health Institute (GHI). She served as clinical instructor and lecturer at the school of pharmacy of the Lebanese International University and worked as patient support specialist in addition to her clinical hospital experiences. Nadine has worked and volunteered with many non-governmental organizations, with passion to healthcare and serving locally, regionally, and internationally.

Meet our team

GHI WELCOMES NEW INTERNS



Cynthia Alame

BA in Health Communication at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Cynthia is a current undergraduate student studying health communication, a new Bachelor's degree offered at AUB, the first of its kind in the MENA region. With the intention to learn more about the processes that go into addressing global health, helping communities in need on a macro scale, and to gain insight about the work of institutions, Cynthia was able to apply her acquired knowledge to further tailor messages and support the marketing and social media team in promoting GHI's programs.



Jad Azzam

B.A. in Advertising and Marketing at Notre Dame University, Lebanon

Jad joined the communications team while he was finishing up his Bachelor's degree in Advertising and Marketing at Notre Dame University - Louaize. He worked with the communication team in creating digital media campaigns for a variety of GHI programs. He has high hopes that he will be able to make a greater contribution to the empowerment of those on the periphery of society through the work that he does, particularly in regard to matters of health and welfare.



Joanne Hokayem

B.A in Neuroscience, Global Health and Health Policy at Harvard University, United States

Joanne graduated from Harvard with a B.A in Neuroscience, Global Health and Health Policy. Throughout her internship at GHI, she was exposed to the ways in which capacity-building initiatives are being implemented in the MENA region. She worked with the eCAP team to assist with papers involving the MUH women's health and non-communicable diseases certificates. For these projects, she was able to contribute to the literature review, writing process, and data analysis including both quantitative and qualitative components.



Yasmina Ramadan

BA in Psychology and Minor in Education at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Yasmina joined the internship program under the GHI Academy's Mobile University for Health (MUH), specifically under the Community of Practice component. Her internship at GHI was an insightful and enriching experience. She learned how hard work is always rewarding on a personal level, especially when it's an impactful project that aims to help underprivileged communities.



The internship program at the Global Health Institute (GHI) aims to enhance the knowledge and nurture skills of young individuals in an exciting, rewarding, and a diverse environment dedicated to the betterment of health, regionally and globally.

[Apply to the internship program](#)

WORD IN THE LENS



“ As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest. ”

– Nelson Mandela –
South African anti-apartheid activist



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