

Technical Review Panel Member

Curriculum Vitae

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 Additional languages: Arabic, English, French, Danish
 Expertise: Equity, human rights and gender

Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Department	Year
PhD student	American University in Beirut (AUB)	Epidemiology	Ongoing
Masters of Health Sciences (MHS)	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	International Health	2001
Bachelor of Arts	Johns Hopkins University	Public Health & French	2000

Employment History

Employer	Position	Place	Year
Danish Institute against Torture, DIGNITY	Senior Public Health Advisor	Copenhagen (working remotely from Beirut)	2015-current
Freelance	Independent consultant	Various (see further)	2009-2015
UNAIDS	Partnerships Advisor	Zambia	2007-2009
UNAIDS	National UNAIDS Country Coordinator	Cairo	2002-2007

Selected Consultancies

- **Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria**, December 2022 – February 2023: Team lead for the Enhanced portfolio review of Global Fund investments in Focused countries, Egypt.
- **The British Council**, July 2014 – March 2015: **Evaluation** of the British Council's Women Participating in Public Life project in Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia
- **The Fund for Global Human Rights**, May-August 2014: Assisted nascent human rights NGO in Sharqeya, Egypt working with women prisoners to develop a **strategic vision and plan**
- **OneWorld**, October 2013 – August 2014: Project Advisor for Learning about Living Egypt/Ma3loomaa project providing mobile & online sexual and reproductive health information to youth.
- **Drosos Foundation**, November 2012 – January 2013: Co-**evaluator** of the Foundation's HIV Cluster over six years, namely 17 projects in Egypt, Iran, Morocco, and Lebanon.
- **CARE International**, May – October 2012: **Researched** and wrote a report on key trends in women's participation in civic & policy spheres during & after the Arab Spring & implications for donor aid policies.
- **GIZ - Tunisia Country Coordinating Mechanism**, November 2011: Lead development of an **assessment and proposal** on national community system strengthening in Tunisia's HIV response.
- **UNAIDS**, May 2011: Co-**facilitated** and reported on regional workshop on HIV prevention among men who have sex with men in the Middle East and North Africa.
- **The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria**, April 2011: Supported Sudan Country Coordinating Mechanism's (**CCM**) capacity and performance on oversight functions including introduction of the dashboard tool.
- **The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria**, February-April 2011: Part of 3-person team working to strengthen the Yemen Country Coordinating Mechanism, including drafting key governance documents and **CCM** member training.
- **UNAIDS**, October 2010: Collecting data and writing **case studies** documenting the Mauritius, Yemen and Middle East & North Africa Harm Reduction Association (MENAHRA) experience in developing Round 10 Global Fund proposals focusing on most-at-risk populations.
- **United Arab Emirates Armed Forces**, October 2010: Developed overall principles for HIV peer education within the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces.
- **The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria**, September 2010: Worked with team to revise the Fund's Proposal process through feedback of key partners in Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Yemen and Sudan;
- **UNAIDS**, September 2010: Technical support for UN System in South Sudan to develop and implement UN Cares, the UN system-wide **HIV workplace programme**;
- **USAID/PEPFAR**, July-September 2010: Developed a **case study** on gender equity aspects of an outreach programme to sex workers, injecting drug users, men who have sex with men in Lebanon;
- **UNAIDS**, July 2010: Provided technical support for UN System in Sudan to develop and implement UN Cares, the UN system-wide **HIV workplace programme**, including training of UN agency focal persons and developing workplan and structure of the program;
- **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**, March – September 2010: Drafted **Response Analysis and National Strategy** on HIV Prevention and Care among Drug Users and in Prison Settings within the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
- **The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria**, January – March 2010: Supported the strengthening of the Country Coordinating Mechanism (**CCM**) in The Arab Republic of Syria including facilitating 2 workshops, and drafting CCM Manual of Procedures in Arabic and English.

Relevant Publications

- Systematic review protocol: *Risk and acts of suicide and self-harm in prisons of low- and middle-income prisons: a systematic review*, Prospero, Lead author:
- Conference presentation: *Challenges & opportunities in the prevention & management of COVID-19 in prisons, examples from Moldova, Sierra Leone & Zambia*, 1st World Conference on Health in Detention, June 2022 (Geneva) and Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health, Correctional Health Conference, April 2021 (Virtual)
- *Suicide and self-harm in prisons, literature review, 2018*. Lead author
- *Suicide, suicide attempts and self-harm in Moroccan prisons, 2022*. Submitted for publication – Lead author
- “*This body is not mine*”, *Voices of Torture Survivors in Tanzania, a qualitative study*, 2017, *Torture Journal*, 28(3), 92-103. Lead author
- *Torture methods and their health consequences factsheet series* – ongoing series. www.dignity.dk- overall coordinator & co-author of factsheet on Solitary Confinement
- *Regional Synthesis Report: Initiative on the Popular Uprisings and Women’s Participation Versions I (2012) and II (2013)*, and the *Scoping Paper: The Arab Spring and Women’s Rights – Implications for CARE International*, 2012 for CARE International – Researcher and writer.
- *More than Just HIV Prevention: Outreach to Most At Risk Populations through SIDC in Lebanon*. Case Study Series. 2011, USAID’s AIDSTAR ONE Gender – Researcher and writer.
- *UN Cares Facilitators Guide*, 2010, the online guide to implementing the UN system-wide HIV workplace programme – Writer.
- *The Context of Sex Work in Cairo, Egypt: a qualitative study*, 2007, UNAIDS, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Women’s Fund (UNIFEM) – Co-author
- *Burden, Strain and Coping with HIV: the situation of Persons Infected and Affected by HIV and AIDS in Egypt*, 2007, UNAIDS – Co-author
- *HIV Risk Behaviours of Problem Drug Users in Greater Cairo*, 2004, UNODC, UNAIDS – Co-author
- *Young People and HIV/AIDS, A Qualitative Study in Cairo and Qena*, 2004, National AIDS Programme of the Ministry of Health and Population, United States Naval Medical Research Unit Number Three (NAMRU-3), UNAIDS and Ford Foundation – Lead author
- *Assessment of the HIV/AIDS Situation and Response in Egypt* [including in-depth qualitative interviews with community-based heroin users], 2004, National AIDS Programme of the Ministry of Health and Population and the Expanded Theme Group on HIV/AIDS – Lead author