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PROFILE

A healthcare professional with over ten years experience in international and domestic settings providing leadership in developing, implementing, managing, monitoring and evaluating community-based programs designed to improve access to health care for vulnerable populations.

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed, oversaw and managed budgets of up to \$1 million for multiple projects, programs and organizations.
- Managed human resources, including hiring, training and supervising staff both domestically and internationally.
- Played an integral role in strategic planning processes and implementation of related annual plans.
- Provided leadership and direction, including developing various scenarios for the future of the organization, as the Coffee Kids' Board of Directors evaluated possible responses to a financial crisis.
- Established Grounds for Health's cervical cancer prevention program in Chirinos, Peru, including exploratory visit, establishment of relationships with coffee cooperatives and national and local health authorities, hiring and training of in-country staff, management of trainings and screening and treatment campaigns, and handover of management of program to new colleagues.
- Co-authored and presented Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)/Doctors Without Borders' reports highlighting the hidden and neglected nature of needs of survivors of violence in Papua New Guinea and the issue of sexual violence in post-conflict Liberia.
- Provided intake, assessment, case management, care coordination, health education, and comfort to survivors of torture at the Rocky Mountain Survivors' Center.
- Developed and facilitated training programs for sexual violence response, community health worker training, as well as other health topics in multiple languages.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO COLLEGE OF NURSING, *Visiting Clinical Faculty, 2016*

Responsible for guiding students as they fulfill the requirements for their community health course and clinical rotation. Students are required to perform a community assessment and a community-based health intervention.

COFFEE KIDS, *Executive Director, 2014-2015*

Responsible for overall management of a global development organization dedicated to improving the lives and livelihoods of coffee farmers and their families. In December 2014, the Board of Directors voted to close the organization and seek an alternative organization to take on the mission.

GROUND FOR HEALTH, *Senior Program Officer, 2012-2014*

Responsible for the establishment and management of a cervical cancer prevention program in Chirinos, Peru, and the provision of support to programs in Nicaragua and Eastern Africa, as well as the development of the publishing and advocacy activities.

MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES (MSF)/DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS, *Various Positions, 2005-2015*

- Medical Focal Point, Emergency Response Team, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Sexual Violence Manager, Nyaragusu Refugee Camp, Kigoma, Tanzania
- Project Coordinator, Family Support Center, Lae, Papua New Guinea
- Sexual Violence Field Technical Support, based in Barcelona, Spain with frequent field visits
- Writer/Researcher, Advocacy Unit, Barcelona, Spain
- Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, Benson Hospital, Paynesville, Liberia

- Field Nurse, Awere Health Centre, Gulu, Uganda

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SURVIVORS' CENTER (RMSC), Director of Healthcare Services, 2009-2010

Responsible for providing public health nursing services on behalf of over 75 RMSC participants at any given time, as well as directing RMSC's overall healthcare program in cooperation and coordination with the Director of Therapeutic Counseling.

INDEPENDENT CONSULTING PROJECTS, 2009-2015

- *Grounds for Health*. Assessment, planning and pilot training for cervical cancer prevention programming in Nyeri County, Kenya.
- *Coffee Kids/Neumann Foundation*. Transition planning for merger of these two development organizations.
- *The Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute University of Colorado Denver*: Researcher and member of Community Advisory Board for academic-community partnership project to identify the barriers to healthcare faced by newly arrived refugees.
- *International Rescue Committee*: Evaluation of readiness of healthcare facilities to provide clinical care to survivors of sexual assault in Karamoja Region, Uganda.
- *UNFPA-ARC-WEI*: Content expert for development of GBV and Health module for "Multi-Sectoral GBV Program Management Course"

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL, Clinical Nurse, Surgical and Family Medicine Unit, 2003-2005

Responsible for the provision of patient and family focused care as part of a multidisciplinary team.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS, Clinical Nurse, Therapeutic Abortion Services, 2002-2010

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SCHOOL OF NURSING, Clinical Faculty, Public Health Nursing Outreach to New Americans, 2003-2004

Responsible for supervising students as they provided public health nursing services to clients in the home setting and educating students about home visiting techniques, public health resources in Denver metropolitan area, and culturally competent care.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Gynecological Teaching Associate, 2002-2004

Instructed medical and physicians' assistant students on the correct technique for performing a routine female breast, genital and rectal exam, including care provider-patient communication and patient education.

ASSOCIATION FOR LIBRARY SERVICES TO CHILDREN, Communications Manager, 1998-2000

Responsible for coordination of communications for this division of the American Library Association.

AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE , Educational and Cultural Programs Coordinator in Sofia, Bulgaria, 1996-1997

Responsible for enhancing the development of the Bulgarian Jewish community through educational and cultural programming.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF THE JEWISH UNITED FUND OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO, Program Coordinator, 1994-1996

Responsible for coordinating activities of the Israel and International Concerns Commissions in conjunction with lay leadership.

PROJECT OTZMA, Israel Service Fellow, 1991-1992

Responsible for delivering social services to various sectors of Israeli society.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, Denver, Colorado

Nursing Doctorate, August 2004

Thesis: Female Torture Survivors' Experiences Accessing Reproductive Health Care in the United States

Bachelor of Science Nursing, May 2004

Winner Distinguished Alumni Award, August 2006

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Master of Arts degree in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, May 1994

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, 1993-1994

Top thesis award for department, 1994

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, Indiana

Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science, May 1991

Graduated with Highest Honors

HEBREW UNIVERSITY, Jerusalem, Israel

One-Year Program, 1989-1990

RELEVANT LICENSURE

REGISTERED NURSE, COLORADO BOARD OF NURSING 160397 (July 2002)

REGISTERED NURSE, ILLINOIS BOARD OF NURSING 041-343556 (August 2004)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

[*Because Tomorrow Needs Her: The Fight for Women's Health*](#). MSF. 2015. Contributor to book project and speaker in the Midwest region on behalf of the project.

[*We Can Prevent Cervical Cancer: A Course for Community Health Promoters*](#). Grounds for Health, 2013.

Power of Community Collaborations: Change in Access to Services in Coffee Growing Communities

Involved in Implementing Cervical Cancer Prevention Programs, International Cancer Control Conference 5, Lima, Peru, November 2013

Nurses and Vinegar: Increasing Access to Cervical Cancer Prevention Services. Global Nursing Caucus Conference, October 2012

Contributors and Barriers to Successful Integration of Cervical Cancer Prevention into Existing Health Services in Rural Coffee Farming Communities in Nicaragua, UICC, August 2012

Developing Programming in Response to Sexual Violence, MSF-Suisse Training, December 2007

Using Data to Improve Sexual Violence Response in Liberia, MSF-UK Scientific Days Presentation, June 2008

MSF OCBA Response to Sexual Violence, A Comprehensive Evaluation, MSF OCBA, Presentation and Unpublished Report, June 2008

Sexual Violence Response in a Post-Conflict Setting, Liberia, 2005-2007, unpublished manuscript currently being submitted to various publications

Adherence to Post Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV among Victims of Sexual Violence, Liberia, 2005-2007, Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, South Africa, July 2009

[*Hidden and Neglected: The medical and emotional needs of survivors of family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea*](#), MSF advocacy report, December 2010.

Numerous speaking engagements at Northwestern University, University of Denver, Korbel School of International Affairs and International Disaster Psychology Program, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and College of Nursing on topics including treatment of torture survivors, humanitarian response, global development work and gender-based violence in conflict settings, October 2008 to present.

Numerous media appearances on local and Internet based radio stations discussing sexual violence response and the needs of torture survivors.

Every [Woman Counts Award Recipient](#) from Lifetime Cable, January 2009.