



Conflict and Health Workstream

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Updates

- Grants: R2HC & ICRC City Partnerships (Healthcare in Danger) Project
- Proposal development workshops and grant submissions
- Mentoring and Career Development
- Publications
- Conflict and Health course at KCL (January-March 2019)
- Conferences/Abstracts
- Next few months





R2HC: Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises

- Shortlisted for Full Application on the Effectiveness of Mobile Health Clinics in NW Syria (HAD, UOSSM, Islamic Relief, KCL)
- Seed award for proposal development workshop in Istanbul, 25 and 26 October
- R4HC-MENA funding for workshops in Birmingham at the Humanitarian Academy for Development (3 October, 26 November, 3 December)



Partnering Cities for More Secure Healthcare Project with ICRC Geneva



- Proposal written by Andreas and Karim
- Criteria for city pairing
- Mapping of existing networks and platforms that could be of used for this project
- Stakeholder analysis matrix
- Practical examples of operational approaches on how to implement city partnerships for secure healthcare
- Presenting Literature Review at ICRC in Geneva on 18 December 2018
- Informant Interviews, Round Table, report/papers due end of April 2019





Publications/Blogs etc.

- Bowsher et. al., Research Capacity Strengthening for Health in Conflict: A Review of Lessons from Low and Middle-Income Countries submitted to Globalisation and Health, November 2018
- Support for UNRWA's survival, The Lancet, 22 September 2018, Lancet. 2018 Sep 12. pii: S0140-6736(18)32264-5. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(18)32264-5.
- Patel P., Ekzayez A., Roberts B., Blog: Joanne Liu speaking on The Cost of Fear: Humanitarian Crises in the age of Anxiety at the 2018 Pumhandle Lecture, <https://r4hc-mena.org/2018/09/12/joanne-liu-speaking-on-the-cost-of-fear-humanitarian-crises-in-the-age-of-anxiety-at-the-2018-pumhandle-lecture/>
- El Achi et. al., "Conflict and health research in the Middle East and North Africa region: A conceptual framework for capacity strengthening" in preparation



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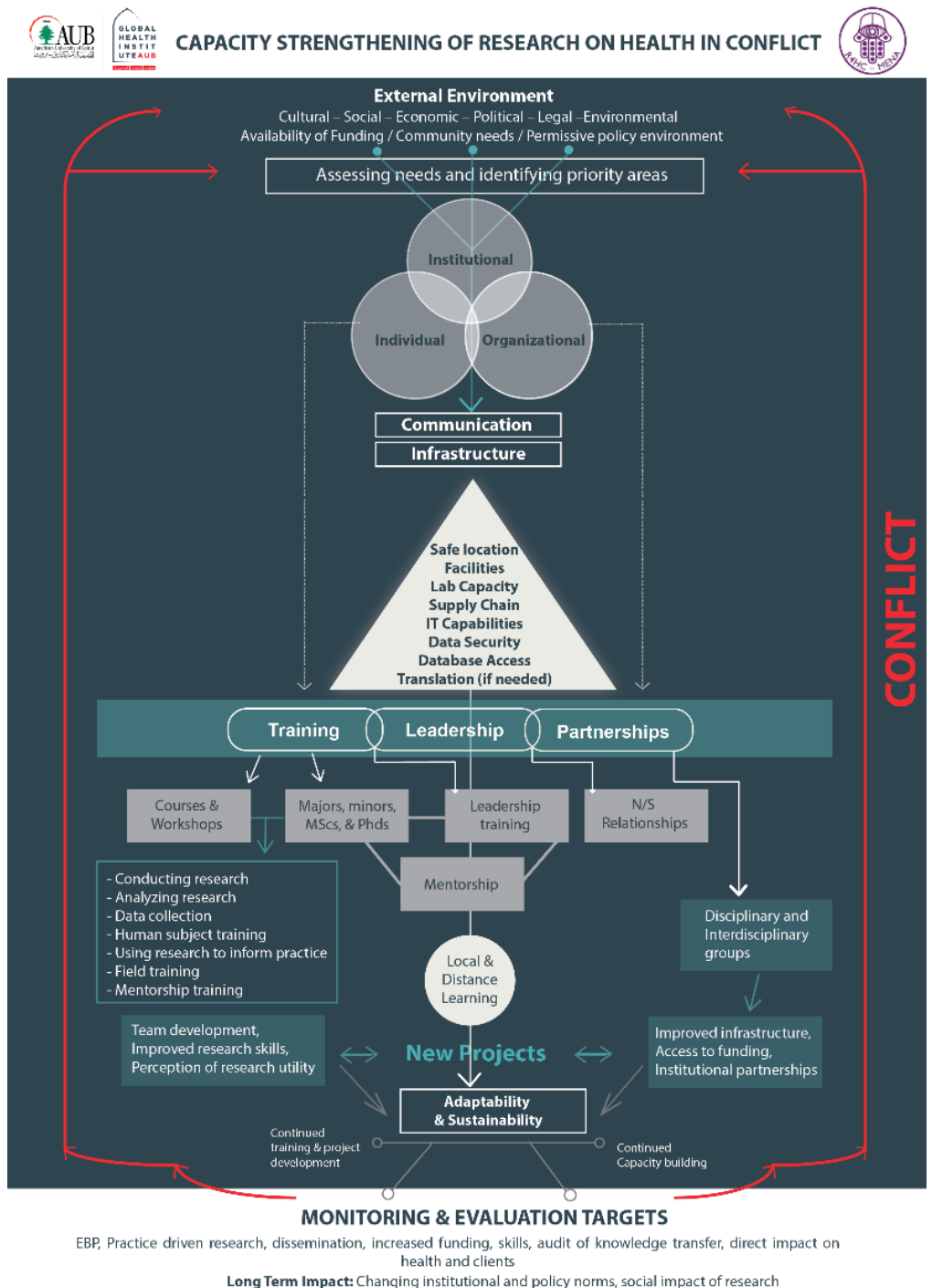
Capacity Strengthening of Health Research in conflict Framework

(Work in progress)

Levels: individual, organizational, institutional

Important factors:

- External Environment
- Priority areas
- Funding
- Communication
- Infrastructure
- Training, leadership and partnership
- Adaptability & sustainability
- Monitoring & Evaluation (**feedback loop**)





Conferences/Presentations

Patel: Financing Maternal and Reproductive Health Services, Towards Healthy Arab Societies: Promoting Maternal and Reproductive Health. In collaboration with the Global Health Next Generation Network (GHNGN), Saint Joseph University of Beirut, Lebanon, 21 September 2018.

Patel: Funding Landscape for RH in Conflict: Accelerating Women's Health Agenda: Priorities and Opportunities through UN SDGs and AU Agenda 2063, 12 November 2018.

Ekzayez and Sullivan: Improving Migrant Mental Health Access: the impact of conflict and displacement on mental health. King's think tank, London, November 2018.

El Achi: Using research to solve global challenges. The Letten Prize Days, University of Oslo, Norway, 12 September 2018.

R4HC-MENA booth at the Global Health Forum, Global Health Institute, American University of Beirut, November 1-2, 2018.



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Conflict & Health Course (KCL)

| Week | Topic | Lecturer |
|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Introduction: Conflict and Health | Andreas Papamichail |
| 2 | The Humanitarian System and Actors in the Humanitarian Sphere | Fawzia Fall |
| 3 | Rules of War/Peace & Humanitarian Principles | Andreas Papamichail |
| 4 | Health Systems in Conflict | Abdulkarim Ekzayez |
| 5 | Nutrition in Conflict | Marilyne Menassa |
| 6 | Reading week | |
| 7 | Sexual & Gender Based Violence | Preeti Patel |
| 8 | Non-Communicable Diseases in Conflict | Preeti Patel & Ping Guo |
| 9 | Forced Migration and Health | Fawzia Fall |
| 10 | Researching health in conflict | Nassim El Achi |
| 11 | Causes of Armed Conflict & Peacebuilding | Nassim El Achi & Andreas Papamichail |



Royal Society of Medicine Conference (18/3)



| Time | Type of session | Topic(s) & Speakers | |
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| 08:30 | Registration | | |
| 09:00 | Welcome | | |
| 09:30 | Panel | Conducting health research in conflict-affected areas | |
| 11:00 | Tea & coffee | | |
| 11:15 | Keynote | Dr Nada Abdelmagid (LSHTM) | |
| 12:30 | Lunch | | |
| 13:30 | Panel(s) | 1. Innovative methods for research in complex environments | 2. Mental health in conflict |
| 14:45 | Tea & coffee | | |
| 15:00 | Plenary roundtable | Challenges for health research in conflict | |
| 16:15 | Closing remarks | | |
| 16:30 | End of day | | |





Next Few Months

- Expert opinion consultation meetings on HRCB and key informant interviews (submitted for ethical approval)
- Innovative Capacity Building Models for Health Systems Stengthening and Research in Low and Middle-Income Countries, CUGH Conference Chicago 9 March 2019
- Karim: Extreme Violence: Investigate, Rescue, Judge. Syria, Rwanda, DRC", organized by the CRASH (Centre de réflexion sur l'action et les savoir humanitaires) and the FMSH (Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme), (Paris, March 2019)
- Andreas & Nassim: BISA Conference (London, June 2019)
- KCL/Royal Society of Medicine Conference (18 March 2019)

