

## Research Consultancy

### Research project: Women's leadership at the nexus of health, conflict, and peacebuilding

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#### **Project Summary**

This research project seeks to further empirical evidence on the link between health, conflict, and peacebuilding through the role of women's leadership. Women's leadership has increasingly been at the forefront of many global and development agendas. However, what is often missed is the role of women in conflict-affected settings, in which gender inequities and inequalities are exacerbated. This is an area that is significantly under researched and under resourced. Yet, preliminary research findings demonstrate that this vital nexus may support the development of effective policies and interventions that adequately address the complexity and diversity of health in humanitarian crises and ultimately support peacebuilding.

Our objective is twofold. Firstly, we aim to undertake a field informed research project to identify how women's meaningful participation in decision-making processes at the nexus of health and armed conflict is supported or inhibited. We propose to do this through a mixed methods approach that accurately maps women's leadership in health and conflict, identifies stakeholders and participants, and provides evidence-based research. Secondly, this research proposal will further inform the [Women Leaders in Health and Conflict](#) initiative in enhancing its applicability in conflict-affected settings and provide tailored support programmes and activities.

#### **Project outputs and dissemination**

The primary research deliverable is a published paper broadly on the role of women's leadership and decision making in health in conflict affected settings. From these findings, a policy briefing will be written and disseminated across appropriate organisations, including HMG. We will also host a webinar to discuss our findings from the research paper and possible ways to move forward with this research to ensure its recommendations are translated effectively into policy and practice.

#### **Research approach and methodology**

The research approach will build on our [initial scoping reviews and desk-based research](#). The initial data collection will involve stakeholder mapping to identify women leaders in organisations that work at the nexus of delivering health interventions in settings affected by active conflict. Building on this, the quantitative data collection will involve developing a short survey for individuals in organisations that work at the nexus of delivering health interventions in active conflict affected settings. The qualitative data collection will include semi-structured interviews and/or workshops.

#### **Skills, knowledge, and experience**

- Early career researcher/PhD student in public health, gender, peace, security studies or related fields
- Emerging list of publications
- Excellent report writing skills
- Interviewing and qualitative analysis skills
- Excellent communicator

#### **Days and rate of pay**

Rate of pay is £220 per day, for approximately 85 days of work.

The consultant will be engaged through King's College London and will be supported by a Senior Research Associate.

**To apply, please send a short covering letter (1 page max) and your resume to [Kristen Meagher](mailto:Kristen.meagher@kcl.ac.uk) [Kristen.meagher@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Kristen.meagher@kcl.ac.uk) by 30 November 2021.**