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## EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

Beirut, Lebanon

### Capacity Building Division Manager

08/2017 – Present

- Design capacity building initiatives including the first global health online learning platform in the Middle East
- Develop grants, oversee budgets (> \$2 million) and ensure the financial sustainability and impact of the Academy
- Oversee 10 staff members and provide technical direction on research design, execution, dissemination
- Organize conferences, workshops and trainings including the first Global Health Forum in the Middle East

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Boston, MA, United States

### Project Manager

01/2015 – 05/2017

- Supervised 5 graduate students and served as focal point to over 40 stakeholders in the Middle East
- Organized over 12 seminars and workshops targeting government officials in United Arab Emirates and Malaysia
- Developed 15 case studies and a strategic plan report for the Malaysian Government
- Authored 10 reports on health systems in the Middle East and a strategy document for the Saudi Arabian Vision 2030

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Boston, MA, United States

### Clinical Research Coordinator

09/2014 – 12/2014

- Coordinated research study investigating the relationship between smoking and lung cancer

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT MEDICAL CENTER

Beirut, Lebanon

### Clinical Nutritionist

09/2011 – 06/2012

- Performed medical nutrition therapy to over 700 patients following American Dietetic Association guidelines

## EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

New York, NY, United States

Master of Public Health

May 2014

Public Health Nutrition

GPA 3.88/4.00

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

Beirut, Lebanon

Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics

June 2012

GPA 4.00/4.00 – Class Rank: 2/70

Graduated with High Distinction

## PUBLICATIONS

- Naja, F., Shatila, H., El Koussa, M., Meho, L., Ghandour, L., Saleh, S. "Burden of non-communicable diseases among Syrian refugees: a scoping review". BMC Public Health 2019;19(1):637
- Bowser, D., Marqusee, H., El Koussa, M. and Atun, R. "Health system barriers and enablers to early access to breast cancer screening, detection and diagnosis a global analysis applied to the MENA region". Public Health 152 (2017)
- El Koussa M. et al. "Factors influencing physicians' choice of workplace: systematic review of drivers of attrition and policy interventions to address them". Journal of Global Health 6(2) 2016

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Interned at the United Nations Population Fund and volunteered at City Harvest in New York City
- Ministry of Health in Lebanon License in Dietetics
- USAID certified in Global Health Learning and Graduate Institute of Geneva certified in Global Health Diplomacy
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, SPSS, Endnote, RedCap, Adobe Connect, Moodle, Zoom, Oracle and PeopleSoft
- Fluent in Arabic and French