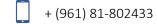
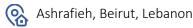
# **Elissar Harati**







International development professional with 7 years of experience in project management, strategic communications, and analytical research. Specialized in citizen engagement, community participation, and social analysis for international development projects. I've worked in the health, nutrition, and urban sectors on cross-cutting areas such as youth, gender and social inclusion in conflict and fragile countries. Country experience includes: Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Libya, Lebanon, Niger, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.



# **EXPERIENCE**

**2016** -

WORLD BANK GROUP | Washington, DC

Present

#### International Consultant

Provided analytical and operational support to World Bank lending and technical assistance projects in West Africa & in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Key achievements include:

### Project Management & Technical Assistance

- Secured US\$3M for technical assistance project in Libya on health systems strengthening
- Built the capacity of local government agencies in participatory planning by organizing focus groups, consultations and workshops
- Delivered presentations on civic tech and stakeholder mapping to client countries and advised clients on latest citizen engagement innovations
- Designed a monitoring and evaluation tool to collect qualitative data on community participation
- Reviewed citizen engagement component of MENA portfolio and provided technical guidance to teams

#### **Knowledge Management**

- Produced user-friendly reports and presentations on social inclusion, gender, and youth
- Managed content for the program's branding, marketing and yearly outreach strategy
- Produced knowledge publications, including newsletters and case studies on a quarterly basis

#### 2015 -

# PERMANENT MISSION OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS | New York, NY

#### 2016 Policy and Communications Advisor

Prepared strategic and messaging support to the Office of the Ambassador of Lebanon to the UN at the height of the migrant crisis in Europe and the Middle East. This included drafting talking points, briefs, and speeches.

- Drafted national statements delivered by senior diplomats at committee hearings on the humanitarian crisis in Syria, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and funding to UNRWA
- Monitored regional and humanitarian developments to prepare briefing notes for the UN Annual Meetings

#### **2014** -

#### **AL-MONITOR** | Beirut, LEBANON

### 2015 Copy-Editor

Supervised a team of translators and freelance writers across several time zones to produce daily copy for a leading <u>news website</u> in the Middle East. Proofread, line-edited and fact-checked news articles with final authority on headlines and summaries

## 2010 - VARIOUS NEWS OUTLETS | Beirut, LEBANON

#### 2014 Freelance Journalist

Worked on a freelance basis with various news outlets, including: foremost English-newspaper in the region <u>The Daily Star</u>, news websites <u>Al-Akhbar</u> English & <u>NOW News</u> and entrepreneurship hub & accelerator Wamda.

- Published 20+ articles on entrepreneurship, civil society, and arts & culture
- Pitched stories to news editors, secured contacts, conducted interviews in Arabic, French, and English

## ■ 2010 - ISSAM FARES INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS | Lebanon

#### 2012 Research & Communications Assistant

Conducted research projects, organized dissemination events, and produced knowledge products on policy-making. Core team member of prominent think tank & research center located within the American University of Beirut.

- Co-authored three case studies on health care, education reforms, and environmental policy using interview-based and evidence-based research
- Secured US\$50K grant to design and implement a Master's program in Public Policy & International Affairs at the American University of Beirut

# ■ 2009 - INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE ARAB STATES

### 2010 Junior Program Assistant

Supported program implementation of ILO projects by tracking project progress and financial reports. Established employment centers and vocational schools in 2 Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon in coordination with HQ and field offices



■ 2014 THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW & DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY | Boston, MA

Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy: Humanitarian Studies and International Communications

• Staff writer for the Office of Public Relations & Marketing

■ 2009 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT | Lebanon

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: Comparative Politics and Media Studies

• Recipient of the Hussein Oueini Award for highest GPA in graduating class



### **LANGUAGES**

**English** Native

French Working Proficiency

Arabic Working Proficiency



Microsoft Office Suite (Publisher, SharePoint, Powerpoint, Excel)

MailChimp
WordPress
ArcGIS