Mardjan Abidian  
**Cultural Mediator, MSF**  
Mardjan Abidian is an Anthropologist, daughter of a Dutch mother and an Iranian father. She works for MSF as a Cultural Mediator for Farsi and as Health Promoter. Currently, she is close to the end of her second long mission on Lesvos. She has witnessed the European migration crisis and its consequences since 2015 through the lens of different projects in and outside Moria. She has worked with people with severe mental health problems, survivors of torture and sexual violence, in primary health care, paediatric medical care and has co-created a mental health program for children and unaccompanied minors.

Ana Adzersen  
**Facilitator for Sustainable Co-creation, ReflACTION Initiative**  
Ana Adzersen is facilitator for sustainable co-creation and activist for cultural change. She creates spaces for people to meet as human beings first - as the basis for co-creating projects for the emerging future. Recently she has designed conferences around the themes of the future of the humanitarian system, utopia and fearless citizenship. She also engages transmigrants and local inhabitants to invent answers together towards THE European humanitarian challenge of the coming decades - solidarity with newcomers.

M. Hassaan Afzal  
**Academic Clinical Fellow, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute**  
Hassaan Afzal is an Emergency Medical doctor in the UK. On completion of his Masters in International Public Health he took up his current role as a research fellow at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute. His research explores the impacts of Attacks on Healthcare in Conflict Zones. He has also worked with the WHO on developing their Surveillance System of Attacks on Healthcare.

Raquel Alcega Giner  
**Senior Lead, Development Data, Devex**  
Raquel Alcega leads the development data team at Devex, the media platform for the global development community. With a multi-disciplinary background in academia and business consulting services she aims to develop a tactical and holistic understanding of the funding flows of donor agencies, foundations and private corporations, and other philanthropic organisations that operate at the intersection of business, development and humanitarian work. She's an expert at developing new application strategies to assist development, humanitarian and sustainability professionals with their funding needs. In addition to working as a business development specialist in Washington, D.C., Raquel has also conducted various international projects in Russia and Mexico. She is a Political Science graduate and has a Joint Master's Degree in International Relations and European Studies.
Yonas Alemu  
**Executive Director, Common Vision for Development Association (CVDA)**  
Yonas Alemu has a MSC in Agricultural Economics and Management from Wageningen University (Netherlands), a BA in Management from Mekele University and a BSC in Plant Sciences from Haramay University (Ethiopia). Yonas has 15 years of work experience in different positions from project facilitator to executive director. He is a founder and executive director of Common Vision for Development Association (CVDA) since its establishment 2005. Able to realize CVDA’s mission, vision and makes it to play exemplary role in development sector. He is strategic and visionary with professional ethics. He develops and implements different projects in different sectors; agriculture and health specifically; food security, livelihood diversification, family planning and HIV prevention etc. Furthermore he provides different trainings on capacity building such as accountability, conservation agriculture, business management, entrepreneurship etc. He conducts a number of a baseline and project end evaluations. Yonas established and manages strong partnerships among different stakeholders including donors and government bodies. Yonas is a development practitioner.

Degan Ali  
**Executive Director, Adeso**  
Degan Ali has an impressive track record of more than 20 years of hands-on experience in strategic planning, organizational development, program management, and business development strategies. Under Degan’s leadership, Adeso has become a pioneer in conducting humanitarian and development programming in cash as the most effective, timely, and respectful means of delivering aid to vulnerable populations. For this effort she is now recognized both throughout Africa and globally. In 2003, Degan designed and oversaw the delivery of the first large-scale cash aid distribution program in Africa implemented by a NGO rather than a government agency. The program’s success led her to develop the Inclusive Community Based Targeting (ICBT) methodology, which has been incorporated into a training manual on cash-based programming now taught throughout Africa. Adeso has built from this foundation to establish a cash-based response capacity building and research program that has been used to train local and international NGO and UN practitioners around the globe. Degan also played a key role in advocating for the use of cash during the 2011 famine in Somalia, leading to the establishment of a working group for cash-based response under the Somalia Support Secretariat as well as the Somalia Cash Consortium. In addition to her advocacy of cash programming, Degan has played a leading role in advocating for the continued flow of remittances to Somalia, publicizing this issue at events in London, Nairobi, Washington, and Minneapolis as well as television appearances on Al Jazeera and CNBC Africa. Most recently, Degan has been an active member of the leadership council for the Network of Empowered Aid Response (NEAR); a network of Southern NGOs with a mission to reshape the top-down humanitarian and development system to one that is locally driven and owned.

Tammam Aloudat  
**Deputy Medical Director, MSF**  
Tammam Aloudat, Deputy Medical Director of MSF Switzerland, is a Syrian medical doctor and public health expert. He has worked for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and for MSF in the field and headquarters directly supporting emergency medical assistance in multiple contexts. Tammam has a medical degree from the University of Damascus and a Master’s degree in Public Health in Developing Countries from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He has published multiple works on health and medical interventions in emergencies and conflict including on epidemic control, natural disasters, non-communicable diseases, and psychosocial support. In addition to his role in managing the medical department in MSF, he works on issues related to quality of medical care in emergencies, health information systems, and medical ethics in emergencies.
Ghida Anani
Founder & Director, ABAAD MENA - Resource Centre for Gender Equality

Ghida Anani, born in Lebanon, is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Public Health in the Lebanese University and GBV Expert. In 2009, she was a guest speaker at the UNSG press conference on the occasion of the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women. Ms. Anani has published a number of studies and articles, training kits, and community educational materials, in Lebanon and the MENA region. In 2008, Ms. Anani received the Excellence in Collaborative Teaching Award from the American University of Beirut. In June 2011, she founded and continues to manage ABAAD (Dimensions) – Resource Centre for Gender Equality a UN ECOSOC accredited lead gender-focused organization in Lebanon and throughout the MENA region and which was granted the “WOMANITY Award”. Anani lead a number of public opinion campaigns, notably the latest #Undress522 national campaign calling upon abolishing the article 522 from the Lebanese Penal Code, which received the “Women Rights Award” from the Beirut Bar Association and Avenir Liban and an honouring Award by the Lebanese Canadian University in March 2017. In 2018, she has been honoured as part of the program “Icon of Pioneering” & “Leaders from the land of Cedars” beside a number of Lebanese leaders innovative in different sectors.

Baye Asfaw
Student, Heidelberg University

Baye Asfaw got his Master’s degree in International Health (M.Sc.) from the University of Heidelberg in September 2018. He has a Bachelor and Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Bahir Dar and Addis Ababa Universities respectively. Baye joined Jesuit Refugee Services as a Humanitarian worker in 2016 because of his long-standing passion for helping people and worked in different positions until he left for Germany to pursue further education in Heidelberg. In addition, he has also worked in different health promotion and disease prevention projects. Baye started out as a project coordinator for a local NGO in Ethiopia that works on HIV/AIDS projects and then joined private university colleges as a Psychology Lecturer. He also worked as a Psychology Lecturer at a public University in Ethiopia. His research interest areas include global mental health, migration, traditional healing, intercultural psychotherapy etc.

Shaista Aziz
Co-Founder, NGO Safe Space

Shaista Aziz is a former BBC News, Al-Jazeera and CNN journalist and has worked as a communications specialist for a number of international organizations including Amnesty International, Doctors without Borders (MSF) and Oxfam. She has worked extensively across the Middle East, Pakistan, East and West Africa. Her writing and journalism has been published in a number of international publications including The Guardian, Globe and Mail, Huffington Post and New York Times. She regularly contributes as a guest on national radio and TV panel discussions including reviewing the newspapers for BBC Radio. She is the founder of the Everyday Bigotry Project, an anti-racism, anti-bigotry digital platform, and co-founder of the Women’s Advancement Hub, Pakistan and Intersectional Feminist Foreign Policy. She is also a newly elected councillor for Oxford City Council.

Cornelia Barth
Physical Rehabilitation Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross

Cornelia A. Barth (MSC) qualified as a physiotherapist in 1996. After having worked in Germany and Switzerland as a clinician and lecturer for physiotherapy she changed her career in 2008 to spend the following decade in humanitarian missions. She worked in environments as diverse as hospitals, refugee camps, rehabilitation centres, communities, training institutions, professional associations, and government structures. Her roles englobed those of a clinician, team leader, manager, lecturer, and programme coordinator in 13 French or English speaking settings from post-earthquake relief to acute, protracted and post conflict, and transition from humanitarian to development settings. Since 2017 she holds a position as a physical rehabilitation advisor for the ICRC in Geneva. As a PhD candidate at University College Dublin she plans to research how gender impacts rehabilitation outcomes, access to and attitudes towards rehabilitation services for persons with amputation in ICRC settings.
Emma Beals  
**Journalist, Researcher, Analyst**  
Emma Beals is an award-winning investigative journalist, analyst, and producer, who focuses on the conflicts in Syria, Iraq and all things aid. She has travelled into rebel-held Syria numerous times and reported extensively from the neighbouring countries. She edits a weekly Syria briefing called Syria in Context. Emma’s work has appeared in publications across the world. She has produced TV news and documentaries for a variety of TV and film clients. She is currently writing a book. Emma is the 2017 James W Foley World Press Freedom honouree, a James Beard Foundation Awards 2017 ‘Food Reporting’ nominee, and a 2017 Thompson Reuters Good Food Media finalist. She is a Carey Institute Logan Non-Fiction Fellow and an IWMF Reporting Fellow. She co-founded the Frontline Freelance Register and the ACOS Alliance, both of which strive to improve safety for freelance journalists working in conflict. She is also a trustee of the Frontline Club in London.

Christina Bennett  
**Head, Humanitarian Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)**  
Christina Bennett is the Head of the Humanitarian Policy Group at the Overseas Development Institute based in London. She has close to 20 years of experience in humanitarian policy and practice has lived and worked in Afghanistan, Pakistan and South Sudan. As part of HPG’s core programme, Christina is currently leading a two-year research project on local humanitarian action. Prior to joining HPG, Christina was the Chief of Policy Analysis and Innovation at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), where she led OCHA’s analytical efforts on a range of issues, including aid effectiveness, risk and resilience and the protection of civilians. Christina is a frequent writer and speaker on conflict and humanitarian aid.

Nicolas Bergeron  
**President, MdM Canada**  
Dr Nicolas Bergeron has been President of Doctors of the World Canada since 2006. He is a psychiatrist and assistant clinical professor at the CHUM (Centre hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal) hospital. He has specialized training in medical psychiatry and expertise in the field of post-traumatic stress disorder. His research focuses on delirium that occurs during serious illnesses. He is also involved in the care and research of burn victims. He participated, as a volunteer doctor, in providing help to New York’s 911 victims after the events of September 11, 2001. Since joining Doctors of the World, Dr Bergeron has carried out several missions in Haiti, Nicaragua, Mexico and the Dominican Republic. He also provided mental health care to the victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. He is regularly asked by the media to comment on the psychological reactions to natural disasters or mass violence.

Staffan Bergström  
**Professor of International Health, Karolinska Institutet**  
Staffan Bergström, MD, PhD, senior consultant (obstetrics & gynaecology) has been professor at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden and senior advisor to the Averting Maternal Death and Disability program, Columbia University, New York. He served in Angola during the liberation war in 1975-76. He spent 1979 in India as a consultant to the Swedish Government (Sida) to judge the outcome the Second India Population Programme (IPP-2). He was then Director of the Department of Obstetrics, Maputo Central Hospital, Mozambique 1982-86. He assumed the role as World Lung Foundation (WLF) Country Director of a maternal mortality reduction project in Tanzania 2010-2014. He has spent more than 35 years devoted to maternal and new-born health in low-income countries publishing 486 articles and 27 books while supervising 39 students to PhD degree. Over the last 20 years he has been involved particularly in research on task shifting of comprehensive emergency obstetric care to “non-physician clinicians” (associate clinicians) with curriculum development work in Mozambique, Ethiopia, Tanzania and currently also in South Sudan.
Rezaul Karim Chowdhury
Executive Director, COAST Trust

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury born in Kutubia Island, Coxsbazar district, Bangladesh during 1956. He did Masters with Honors on Sociology from University of Chittagong, diploma on management planning and leadership from Royal Academy of Fine Arts Denmark and University of Philippines Las Banos. Where the present organization COAST has formed during 1998, he is managing the organization as Executive Director till now. COAST is working in coastal islands and districts of Bangladesh including Rohingya response in Coxsbazar. COAST has especial consultative status with UN ECOSOC, and it has received certification from HQAI Geneva. He is actively involved in national, regional and international networks. He is part of the EquityBD, CDF, EWG and CCNF in Bangladesh. In EquityBD he is the Chief Moderator and in CCNF he is the Co-Chair. COAST is actively involved in Rohingya response, and along with COAST, CCNF is actively involved in related advocacy. Mr Chowdhury is the national and local NGO representative in country HCTT (Humanitarian Country Task Team) and UN led SEG (Strategic Executive Group) for Rohingya Response in Bangladesh.

Maria Elena Ciccolini
Deputy Data Protection Officer for Europe and Central Asia, ICRC

Since 2016, Maria Elena Ciccolini is Data Protection Officer for Europe and Central Asia at the ICRC, a humanitarian organisation delivering protection and assistance to victims of armed conflicts and other situations of violence. Ms Ciccolini advises colleagues on the application of the ICRC Personal Data Protection rules and supports the Eurasia delegations in their dealings vis-a-vis national data protection authorities. Ms Ciccolini has joined the ICRC in 2005 and held different positions in the field before joining the Data Protection Office. Amongst others, she held assignments in Gaza and the West Bank, Uganda, Colombia, Sri Lanka, Central African Republic, Libya and India. She worked on a variety of files that are at the heart of ICRC’s activities, such as visits to detainees, support to families of missing, protection of civilian population or reuniting former child soldiers with their families. Ms Ciccolini holds a Master’s degree in Law (Parma) and an Advanced Diploma in Comparative Law (Strasbourg).

Hannah Clare
Global Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Adviser, Norwegian Refugee Council

Hannah is NRC’s Global PSEA Advisor. Until 2018 she was Oxfam GB’s Head of Global Safeguarding. Since 2013 she has managed teams responsible for addressing acts of sexual exploitation and abuse perpetrated by representatives of the organisation through investigative work, policy and influencing, awareness-raising and preventative activities. Safeguarding work is founded on the belief that those who come into contact with the organisation have a right to do so without experiencing sexual violence. First joining Oxfam GB in 2006, she worked globally on PSEA, Gender, Public Health and Staff Health issues with both a Humanitarian and Development focus. From there she moved to the UK Rape Crisis sector and managed the Oxfordshire centre for several years, representing the Rape Crisis (England & Wales) board as a trustee and regional representative. With a Public Health academic background, she has undertaken research into preventative interventions designed to teach consent to sex to young people and continues to pursue research interests which include prevention of non-partner sexual violence in the workplace and behaviour change more broadly.

Paul Curriion
COO, Disberse

Paul Curriion is the Chief Operating Officer of Disberse, a fund management platform that drives the transparent, efficient and effective flow and delivery of development and humanitarian aid, built on blockchain technology. Paul has 20 years of experience as a humanitarian consultant, focused on system change in the humanitarian sector, with particular interest in technology. He has worked for UN agencies, NGOs, donors and private companies, in a variety of responses including Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, Liberia and the Indian Ocean tsunami response. He is has written extensively on technology in the humanitarian sector, most recently in Network Humanitarianism (ODI 2018) and Identity at the Margins (Caribou Digital 2018).
François De Keersmaeker
Executive Director, MdM Germany
After finishing his law degree François De Keersmaeker worked for five years as a Program Manager in Mozambique, Pakistan and Madagascar for Handicap International. In 1998 he founded the German section of Handicap International and was its Managing Director till end of 2014. From 2000 till 2010 he was Board Member of the German Campaign against Landmines and Cluster Munition. In the years 2004 till 2008 he was a member of the Coordination Taskforce of the Global Partnership to Disability and Development and spokesperson from 2011 till 2015 at VENRO (the umbrella organisation of German NGOs in development work) of the working group for disabilities and development. 2014 and 2015 he was a freelance consultant for international NGOs. Since January 2016 he is the Executive Director of Ärzte der Welt, the German section of Médecins du Monde / Doctors of the World.

Antonio Donini
Visiting Fellow, Feinstein International Center, Tufts University
Antonio Donini is Visiting Fellow at the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University and Research Associate at the Global Migration Centre at the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He works on issues relating to humanitarianism, the future of humanitarian action and migration. He has worked for 26 years in the United Nations in research, evaluation, and humanitarian capacities. His last UN post was Head of OCHA in Afghanistan 1999-2002. Earlier he was chief of the Lessons Learned Unit at OCHA, where he managed a programme of independent studies on the effectiveness of relief efforts in complex emergencies. He has published widely on humanitarian, migration and UN reform issues as well as on Afghanistan. He co-edited the volume Nation-Building Unraveled? Aid, Peace, and Justice in Afghanistan (Kumarian Press); and is the main author of The Golden Fleece. Manipulation and Independence in Humanitarian Action (Kumarian Press). He is co-author of Planning From the Future: Is the humanitarian system fit for purpose? (www.planningfromthefuture.org) a 2016 report that examines blockages in the humanitarian system and the potential for a major overhaul. Antonio is one of the founders of the United Against Inhumanity initiative that he will be presenting at the congress. For more information on UAI please write to: contact@against-inhumanity.org

Christopher Eades
Executive Director, St Andrew’s Refugee Services
Chris Eades has been the Executive Director of St Andrew’s Refugee Services (StARS) in Egypt since 2014. Chris began his career in 1997 as a British lawyer and US attorney representing people on death row and imprisoned children in the southern USA. In 2004, he returned to the UK and after a short period began working for refugees. Since then he has worked for refugees in the UK and with refugee organizations in Egypt (as Legal Director of Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance), and Thailand (as the Director of Legal Services for the Jesuit Refugee Service), and has provided training and operational support to refugee NGOs working in Morocco, Libya, Cambodia and Indonesia. StARS is an organization of more than 250 staff, 85 percent of whom are refugees. It works across four main program areas – education, psychosocial, community outreach and legal services – and hopes to serve more than 35,000 refugees in the next 12 months.

Bram Ebus
Consultant, International Crisis Group and Investigator, InfoAmazonia
Bram Ebus is an anthropologist and criminologist who graduated from the Utrecht University, The Netherlands. He specialised in state-corporate crimes and works as an investigative journalist and consultant in Latin America. His work mainly focuses on socio-environmental conflicts and human rights abuses. Recently, Ebus published an investigation on mining conflicts in southern Venezuela. This was a project with InfoAmazonia, sponsored by the Pulitzer Center on Conflict Reporting. Now he works as a consultant for the International Crisis Group and explores the Venezuelan crisis in the Colombian border region.

Arnaud Finistre
Photographer
Arnaud Finistre is a freelance French photojournalist. He covered international news such as earthquake in Haiti, Arab spring, uprising in Ukraine or Iraqi conflict. He has done long-term works on the stigma of the war in Libya but also in India with people which are excluded from growth. He has also worked on the issue of refugees in the camps of Dadaab-Kenya or more recently with IDPs in the DRC. His work is regularly published in French press titles such as Le Monde, Libération and Paris-Match. He has also worked on commission for NGOs such as Médecins du Monde for which he covered Rohingyas exodus in 2017.
Philipp Frisch  
**Head of Berlin Advocacy Unit, MSF**

Philipp Frisch is the Head of the Berlin Advocacy Unit for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Germany. He and his team are responsible for coordinating MSF’s advocacy and public positioning activities in Germany. Philipp has been working for MSF since 2009. He has worked as the Coordinator of the Access Campaign in Germany and as a Humanitarian Affairs Officer in Zimbabwe and Swaziland. He also worked for MSF and other organizations in South Africa, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Prior to this, he worked in the field of intellectual property and access to medicines and is co-author of a White Paper commissioned by the German parliament on how to incentivize medical R&D in the field of antimicrobial resistance. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science.

Sibylle Gerstl  
**Consultant, Public Health**

Sibylle Gerstl is an epidemiologist with more than 15 years' experience in the field of global health. She studied biology in Rome and Tübingen with a focus on tropical diseases, holds an MBA and completed a PhD in epidemiology at the Swiss Tropical Institute. Since 2012, Sibylle is working as a consultant for the European Union, NGOs such as Médecins Sans Frontières or the German Government. So far, her work took her to more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Guillermo Giarratana  
**Security Advisor, MédM France**

Guillermo Giarratana is a Security Advisor at Médecins du Monde France. Currently he is focused on doing exploratory and supervision missions, training field teams, geopolitical analysis and humanitarian negotiations. He is also Associate Research Fellow at IRIS France specializing in geopolitics of Latin America and conflict dynamics. Guillermo has been working as humanitarian for over 15 years, mainly in East Africa and Latin America as well as in the Middle-East and Asia, for projects of diverse nature (emergencies, urban violence, conflict and health in rural environment). Nevertheless, in the free time he enjoys playing music and discovering art exhibitions. A Graduate of *Universidad Nacional del Nordeste* (Argentine) in Philosophy, specialization « Political Thought », he holds a double Master’s degree in « International Relations » from IRIS-Sup and the *Institut d’Études Européenes*, University Paris 8. His academic background is also enriched by his degree in « Computing System Analysis ».

Tasha Gill  
**Senior Adviser Child Protection in Emergencies, UNICEF**

Tasha Gill is the Senior Adviser Child Protection in Emergencies at UNICEF Headquarters. She has 20 years of experience as a child protection and humanitarian action expert for UNICEF, Non-Governmental Organizations, and the U.S. Government. Prior to her current role at UNICEF, Tasha was a Humanitarian Advisor at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, where she focused on humanitarian crises in Africa and peacekeeping. From 2012-2013, she was the Country Director of IRC in Mali. Previously, Tasha served as a Child Protection Specialist for UNICEF Country Offices in Uganda, Nepal, Madagascar, and Democratic Republic of Congo. She holds a Master degree from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York.

Emmerson Gono  
**Clinical Psychologist, MSF**

Emmerson Gono, born in Harare, Zimbabwe in 1985, is a clinical psychologist. He holds a Master’s in Public Health (MPH) and a Master’s in International Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (MICHA). Emmerson Gono has over eight years of work experience in both public sector and humanitarian sector in the field of mental health. He has worked in high security environments including maximum-security prisons, internally displaced population and refugee camps with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for a period of over six years. Emmerson Gono is passionate about improving access to mental health services to the most vulnerable populations, including fighting stigma and the upholding and provision of basic human rights to the people living with mental illness and in times of crisis.
Hydra Gonzalez Gutierrez  
**Medical Coordinator, Mission Ukraine, MdM Spain**

Hydra Nazareth Gonzalez Gutierrez is a nurse and social worker who provides health advice and programmatic experience in the humanitarian context. She currently works as Medical Coordinator for Medecines du Monde mission in Ukraine, where she has been for the last 14 months. Before starting work on this protracted conflict, Hydra spent seven years as Programme Manager and Health Advisor in charge of the technical aspects of development programs for different INGOS, mainly in Central America and Africa. In addition, her previous work dealt with immigration and working for the protection of human rights in Spain. She holds a MSc in International Cooperation from UNED and a MSc on Medical Emergencies from Valencia University, as well as a Postgraduate Diploma in Tropical Medicine by Vall d’Hebront Hospital. Currently she is pursuing a Master’s in Public Health.

Patricia Grillo  
**Regional Advocacy Coordinator, MdM**

Patricia Grillo is the Regional Advocacy Coordinator covering the Syria and Iraq Crises at Médecins du Monde, Amman Office. Patricia graduated from the Institute of Political Science of Grenoble (France) and holds a postgraduate Diploma in International Relations. She later worked within European Union organisations, in Brussels, for about 15 years (European Commission; European Parliament; European Trade Union Confederation). She also has a professional experience in Geneva with United Nations’ matters. Before her current assignment as an Advocate on Syria/ Iraq Crises at Médecins du Monde, Patricia worked in Palestine for a humanitarian NGO operating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Marvin Tarek Große  
**Advocacy Manager, Save the Children**

Marvin Tarek Große is Humanitarian Advocacy Manager at Save the Children since 2017. In his role, he coordinates the advocacy work on humanitarian crises and armed conflicts at Save the Children Germany. His area of expertise particularly covers child protection and education in emergencies as well as protecting children in armed conflict. Prior to Save the Children, Marvin gained work experience at the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, the German Institute for International and Security Affairs and in an NGO in Cameroon. He holds a Master’s degree in International Relations from the Free University of Berlin and a Master’s degree in EU foreign policy and diplomacy studies from the College of Europe in Belgium.

Hiba Hamarna  
**Field Coordinator, Gaza, MdM France**

My name is Hiba El-Sharif (Hamarna), I have more than 13 years of experience in the humanitarian work especially in health fields in Palestine context based on GAZA. I am currently the Field coordinator of Gaza office for Médecins du Monde France with experience in public health management, project management, business administration and a chemistry academic background. My work is focusing on following and advocating for the needs of the Gazan population, following the MdM strategy within the country, monitoring the ongoing health and medical programs and the general and daily management of Gaza Office that is currently composed of 35 staff.

Tirana Hassan  
**Crisis Response Director, Amnesty International**

Tirana Hassan is the Director of Crisis Response for Amnesty International where she leads the organization’s crisis response programme, which specializes in research and advocacy relating to IHL and human rights violations in times of conflict and crisis. The Crisis Response programme is also responsible for developing new technology to strengthen evidence gathering, including satellite imagery and open source investigations and verification tools. She was previously the Senior Researcher for emergencies at Human Rights Watch and worked with humanitarian organisations such as MSF - OCA, Save the Children and UNICEF. She has spent the last 15 years living and working in complex emergencies and specializes in investigating human rights violations and war crimes in conflict. She has authored numerous reports and carried out investigations across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. She started her career as a social worker, working on issues of youth homelessness and was a founding member of one of Australia’s first NGOs to provide legal representation to refugees and asylum seekers. She holds honours degrees in Social Work, from the University of South Australia and Law from the University of Adelaide and a masters in International Human Rights Law from Oxford.
Andrea Hitzemann  
**Representative of Caritas Germany in Berlin**  
Andrea Hitzemann is the Representative of Caritas Germany in Berlin on issues of humanitarian work and international development. Before, she acted for several years as Regional Director for Caritas Germany for Europe, Central Asia and later Latin America and the Caribbean. She served as Deputy Director for the Sahel for Save the Children and engaged in strategic work in West Africa with large NGO networks. She holds a Master Degree in Regional Planning and has considerable work experience in the field in Africa and Asia. Her experience include large emergency and development programs and the facilitation and consultation between local and international, state and non-state actors. Her special interest lies in questions of partnership and organizational development. She worked for UN, GIZ and the vast NGO sector as a freelanced facilitator in English, French and German.

Oliver Hoffmann  
**Public Health Advisor, Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V.**  
Dr Oliver Hoffmann is a medical doctor with over 20 years of experience in international health. Previously worked in Africa for 8 years, responsible for medical research; 2 years at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and currently, for almost 8 years, he has worked in humanitarian response as a public health advisor covering health, nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) at Johanniter International Assistance. Dr Hoffmann was trained as a Sphere Trainer in 2012 and recently started to lead Sphere Trainer of Trainer courses to improve the quality and accountability of humanitarian responses with a people-centred, rights-based approach and the definition of minimum standards in health, nutrition, WASH and shelter. Together with his colleagues Axel Schmidt, Arbeiter Samariter Bund (ASB) and Dr Markus Moke, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), Dr Hoffmann serves as Sphere Focal Point. Dr Hoffmann will introduce the revised Sphere Handbook on behalf of the joint Sphere Focal Points in Germany.

Olaf Horstick  
**Director of Teaching, Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg**  
Olaf Horstick is a consultant in public health medicine, as a Medical Doctor with a main interest in public health in low and middle-income countries, with over 25 years of work experience in public health at local, national and international level as well as clinical medicine. Postgraduate academic training as a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, London, as a Doctor of Tropical Medicine at University of Heidelberg, Germany, as well as a MA in Public Health and Science in Public Health in Developing Countries. He is currently Director of the Teaching Unit at the Institute of Public Health at the University Hospital Heidelberg, Germany.

Lily Hyde  
**Journalist**  
Lily Hyde is a British writer and journalist based in Ukraine. Her writing on primarily humanitarian issues, with extensive coverage of the Crimea crisis and east Ukraine war, has appeared in the Guardian, the Times, Foreign Policy, Politico, IRIN news, Coda, Roads and Kingdoms, and others. She also works with international civil society organisations using media and communications to document and to encourage positive change in the fields of public health, drug policy, and human rights. She has produced and edited numerous education and advocacy materials concerning HIV prevention and treatment in the post-Soviet region and internationally, including Making Sex Work Safe – Russian-language adaptation manual and film. She is the author of two novels including Dream Land (2008), an account of the 1944 deportation of the Crimean Tatars and their return to Crimea a half-century later.

Dirk Jacobs  
**Professor in Sociology, Université Libre de Bruxelles**  
Dirk Jacobs is Full Professor in Sociology at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of the Université Libre de Bruxelles. He is director of the ULB research group GERME (Group for Research on Ethnic Relations, Migration and Equality) where he specializes in migration and integration policies and in the sociology of education. In 2011, Dirk Jacobs received an ERC Grant for the project ‘Equal opportunities for migrant youth in educational systems with high levels of social and ethnic segregation - assessing the impact of school team resources’. He teaches courses on research methodology, quantitative analysis and social and economic development,
Anne Kamel  
Medical Coordinator, MdM  
Dr Anne Kamel is a medical doctor specialized in Public Health. After several years’ experience as a medical doctor in different contexts and organizations, she joined Médecins du Monde (MdM) in 2005 as a medical coordinator in Egypt. Since then, she has been working as a medical coordinator in different countries and context (long term development, post-conflict or emergencies). She has also been responsible of Palestine MDM mission from 2010 to 2014. She is actually member of the pool team of the emergency desk in Médecins du Monde, and her recent missions were in Uganda, Iraq, and Ethiopia, on a rescue boat in Mediterranean and in transit and arrival countries for migrants in Europe. She is mainly specialized in Primary Health Care (including Mental Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence), assessment, capacity building and community based approach.

Christian Katzer  
Operations Manager, MSF  
Christian Katzer is an Operations Manager for MSF based in Berlin. Being a civil engineer by education he started working with MSF in 1999 as a Logistician. Later he took on different functions including project coordination and Head of Mission. His work took him to Emergencies in Liberia, East Timor, Somalia, Uganda and Afghanistan, among others. Since 2008 he is following the context of the Central African Republic and as of 2013 he is in charge of projects the country.

Rachel Kiddell-Monroe  
International Board Director, MSF  
Rachel Kiddell-Monroe is passionate about social justice, using her background as a lawyer and global health activist. Most recently, Rachel founded See Change Initiative working on community empowerment and solidarity. Her most notable contribution to humanitarianism has been as a result of her work with Médecins Sans frontières (MSF) over the past 25 years. While she currently serves on the International Board of Directors, she has headed emergency humanitarian assistance programmes in Rwanda before, during and after the genocide, as well as in Djibouti and Democratic Republic of Congo. She also served as programme director of MSF Canada, Regional Humanitarian Affairs Adviser for Latin America based, and led the MSF Access Campaign in Canada. From 2007 to 2013, Rachel led Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) as President of the Board of Directors and currently serves as UAEM’s Special Policy Advisor. Rachel enjoys speaking on humanitarian action, global health, and access to medicines, discussing her vision on global crises faced by our societies, as in the TEDxMontrealWomen talk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btnnlvOeujOI.

Inez Kipfer-Didavi  
Vice Chair of VENRO and Executive Director of Handicap International e.V.  
MA Social Anthropology, PhD in Development Sociology on Women’s Rights. Over 20 years’ experience in humanitarian action and development assistance as researcher and consultant, program officer UNFPA Togo, Africa program director and later policy advisor of Johanniter International Assistance, and now VENRO Vice Chair as well as Executive Director of Handicap International Germany.

Karline Kleijer  
Head of Emergency Department, MSF  
Karline Kleijer is the Head of the Emergency Department for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) based in Amsterdam. She has worked with MSF since 2001 in more than 30 countries including Central African Republic, Libya, Haiti, Sudan, Syria, Yemen and Sri Lanka. She is responsible for emergency interventions strategies with a focus on access negotiation, security management, advocacy and program strategy. She provides trainings in regards to intervention strategy and security management in complex emergency settings. She was responsible for the emergency intervention of MSF in Bangladesh in response to the Rohingya refugee influx. Between August and December 2017 MSF treated over 500,000 patients, was managing 4 hospitals and 22 health posts, installed 1500 latrine and 218 water wells and setup a significant water supply system. MSF is working in cooperation with BRAC in its current water supply project. The total Rohingya refugee intervention of MSF in the first 6 months had a budget of 15M Euro and involved 3000 staff members of which 7% international. MSF has been working in Bangladesh since 1992.
Ulrike Last
Technical Adviser Inclusive Humanitarian Action, Humanity & Inclusion
Ulrike Last, studied rehabilitation science at the Humboldt University Berlin in the 90s. 2002-03 she made her Master’s in Development Studies at Leeds University. Thereafter, she started work in Somalia for three years on civil society, mental health, and functional rehabilitation. After her studies, she worked in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and moved back to Eastern Africa in support of programs working on disability-inclusive good governance, humanitarian action and development. She is living back in Europe since September 2014, initially working with Humanity & Inclusion (HI), formerly known as Handicap International, as a coordinator on Gender and Disability in Switzerland. Since January 2016 she is working from HI’s Berlin office as a technical advisor on inclusive humanitarian action in support of programs in the Middle East, Eastern Africa, and Asia.

Henry Legge
Advocacy Coordinator, South Sudan Association of the Visually Impaired (SSAVI)
Henry Legge is from South Sudan and 32 years old. He has been visually impaired since he was about one year old. Henry started his education by attending a special school for blind children and youth in Juba when he was 9 years old. At the age of 13, he joined a non-specialized school where he learned alongside students without disabilities up to higher education. He has a diploma of Information and Public Relations from the University of Juba and a postgraduate certificate of Human Rights Law from Cardiff University, UK. Henry has participated in several disability campaigns and initiatives in his home country and attended a couple of international conferences. He has been a member of the Disabled People Organization and the South Sudan Association of the Visually Impaired (SSAVI) since 2010 and has worked within the humanitarian context for over four years, among other things to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. He has also represented persons with disabilities and other civil society at the South Sudanese National Constitutional Review Commission.

Julien Lerisson
Operations Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific, ICRC
Julien Lerisson is the Operations Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific at ICRC and focal point for operations in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Thailand regional. Since graduating from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in 2003, Mr Lerisson has piloted sizeable humanitarian operations in difficult and volatile contexts, e.g. as Deputy Head of Delegation in Juba, South Sudan, or as Head of Delegation in Monrovia, Liberia, for ICRC. Currently he is responsible for the leading and management of the rapid deployment mechanism for Rakhine/Cox’s Bazar and rallying support to the Red Cross Movement work in the region.

Ana Liesegang
Emergency Health Desk Officer, German Red Cross
Ana Liesegang, qualified as midwife, has joined German Red Cross in 2000 and worked in different contexts such as HIV/AIDS health delegate (Lesotho), Mother and Child Health Care (Tanzania, Uganda, Haiti), Cholera project manager (Haiti), and in various Emergency Response Unit teams (Sudan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan). She currently works as Emergency Health Desk Officer at German Red Cross headquarters in Berlin.

Marion Lieser
Executive Director, Oxfam Germany
Marion Lieser took over the management of Oxfam Germany in January 2012. She brings experience from bilateral development cooperation as well as from the profit and non-profit sector. She has studied social pedagogy/social work, sociology and environmental sciences and has worked throughout her professional life in international development cooperation in Germany and abroad. Marion Lieser worked for the German Development Service (DED) in the field of promoting and strengthening civil society structures for women in Sudan and Kenya, initiated campaigns against xenophobia in Morocco (patron: then Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel) and headed international projects at the German Foundation for World Population (DSW). She then set up the HIV/AIDS Competence Centre for the consulting firm EPOS Health Management and later established the company in East Africa. Most recently, she was employed by the German Corporation for International Cooperation, GIZ, in Tanzania as an integrated specialist for advising the management of the country’s largest civil society umbrella organisation. Church initiatives on health care, education and poverty reduction are organised in the association.
Timo Lüge  
**Senior Communications and Advocacy Consultant**

Timo Lüge worked as a journalist for almost ten years before switching to the humanitarian sector. For the past 11 years, he has worked for NGOs, the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and various UN agencies, both at headquarters and in the field. As an independent communications and advocacy consultant, Timo is helping organizations improve how they communicate with communities affected by disasters, with the media and donors, using both traditional and new communications channels. Timo has worked in various countries, including Haiti, the Philippines, Greece, and Liberia. He writes about communicating in emergencies under Social Media for Good (www.sm4good.com) and can be reached on Twitter at @timolue. Timo lives in Berlin.

Shama Mall  
**Deputy Regional Director - Programs and Organizational Development, Community World Service Asia**

Shama Mall works with Community World Service Asia (CWSA) and manages advocacy, development and humanitarian programs in the region, including communication and marketing. Shama ensures that quality and accountability (Q&A) are at the heart of all CWSA programming, including policy and practice. Shama has extensive experience of promoting Q&A across Asia through training, deployments, strengthening of regional resource, advocacy, engagement and management of the focal point system across 14 countries in Asia. She is also responsible for the Quality & Accountability Hub for the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network in Asia. She represents CWSA on the IASC Task Team for AAP/PSEA. She serves on the CHS Alliance Steering Committee and has recently been elected to the CHS Alliance Board. Shama is committed to ensuring that the voices of affected communities and local organizations in Asia are heard at global platforms and that commitments are based on learnings from the field.

Nelke Manders  
**General Director and Chair of the Operational Centre Amsterdam, MSF Holland**

Nelke Manders is currently General Director of MSF Holland and Chair of the Operational Center Amsterdam (a partnership between MSF Holland, UK and Germany) Management Team. From 1998 to 2006, Nelke worked for MSF in Sudan, Tajikistan, Bangladesh, Ivory Coast, and Afghanistan as a Project Coordinator and Head of Mission, and supported OCA with interim management positions, amongst others as Head of Communications and Fundraising. Since 2006, Nelke held the position of interim Director for various NGOs and health organisations, providing strategic leadership at critical moments and demonstrating the drive to align missions, values and people’s joint action. At the same time, she maintained her links with MSF by supporting teams with strategy development, coaching project coordinators and managers in headquarters, before returning to MSF Holland and Operational Centre Amsterdam in 2017.

Fraser Mooney  
**Executive Director, MdM USA**

Fraser Mooney is an expert in organizational management and development, with a multi-faceted career in the advancement of global health, human rights, cultural and social justice causes. He has brought a wealth of experience in international public sector development, strategic planning, board and staff development, and international and domestic fundraising campaigns to a diversity of national and global organizations, such as The International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, The International Center for Transitional Justice, Broadway Cares, the Asia Society, and PS1/MOMA, among others. Based in New York City, he was an early member of the AIDS activist movements ACT UP/NY and Visual AIDS, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of The New York City AIDS Memorial and Triple Canopy.

Svitlana Moroz  
**Head of the Board, Svitanok**

Svitlana Moroz is a Ukrainian women’s rights activist living with HIV. For 15 years, she has been running a community-based organisation called Club “Svitanok” which provides comprehensive, community-based services for people living with HIV, people who use drugs, vulnerable women, children and prisoners in Donetsk oblast and the organisation has received the Red Ribbon Award 2010 for outstanding leadership and community work for its social support of people living with HIV. Club “Svitanok” continues its work during the military conflict in Eastern Ukraine. Svitlana is a leading author of the community-based research-led and driven by women living with HIV “Sexual and reproductive health, gender equality and human rights, gender-based violence, economic and political opportunities of women living with HIV in Ukraine”. Since 2013, she has coordinated activities for the Eurasian Women’s Network on AIDS.
Ursula Müller
Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Ursula Müller is the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Prior to her appointment, Ms Müller spent 30 years working in international affairs, global issues and development financing, including as the Executive Director of the World Bank Group (2014-2017). Ms Müller also served in various government and public service roles, including Director-General of Germany’s Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (2012-2014), Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2012) and coordinated a taskforce in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs to respond to the global financial crisis (2009-2010). Ms Mueller brings to her position significant humanitarian and field experience. During her time as Germany’s Humanitarian Coordinator (2006-2009), she also served on the Advisory Board of both the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

Meinie Nicolai
General Director, MSF Belgium

Meinie Nicolai is the General Director of Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium and of MSF’s operational center in Brussels since October 2017. Meinie has more than 25 years experience in medical humanitarian work. Previously, she was president and director of operations in the Brussels office, following an extensive field experience in diverse positions in Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia, and South Sudan. Meinie started working with MSF in 1992 as a nurse and holds a Master of Science (MSc) in Public Health in Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Catrin Nye
Senior Reporter, BBC

Catrin Nye is an award-winning investigative journalist, documentary maker and presenter for the BBC who has extensively covered human rights issues both in the UK and internationally. She reports across the BBC for programmes such as Panorama, Radio 4, the Victoria Derbyshire programme and BBC World. Catrin previously spent many years reporting for Newsnight and BBC Asian Network developing a specialism in Britain’s minority communities, an area she continues to report on today. She has also written and reported for the Guardian and Prospect among others. Catrin has won the Mind Journalist of the Year award, two Sandford Saint Martin awards for excellence in religious broadcasting and was one of the Radio Academy’s 30 Under 30. She lives in London and is from Wales.

Anna Osborne
Researcher / Consultant, Former Protection of Civilians Officer, MINUSCA

Anna has over three years’ experience in CAR with MINUSCA, initially as an analyst working with the Joint Mission Analysis Centre (JMAC) and then as a Protection of Civilians (POC) Officer focusing on operational support and planning. Anna will leave the Mission at the end of August and begin her PhD at Bath University in September to investigate the changing dynamics of the conflict in SE CAR and the UN’s peacekeeping protection response and challenges. Anna previously worked as a researcher for International Crisis Group in Haiti, and as an analyst for a global risk consultancy focusing on Sub-Saharan Africa, and finally for three UN peacekeeping missions as an analyst (UNMIL, UNMISS, and MINUSCA). Anna has an MA in French and Russian from Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, and an MA in International Relations from UEA, Norwich.

Inga Osmers
Head of Berlin Medical Unit, MSF

Inga is a trained orthopaedic surgeon and has been working with MSF since 2009. After various missions as a surgeon with MSF in conflict and disaster zones, she has obtained a Master of Arts from the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at Manchester University. Serving as the Head of the Berlin Medical Unit, she is involved in the provision of surgical care to populations in need.
Wale Osofisan  
**Deputy Director - Governance Technical Unit, IRC**  
Wale Osofisan is the Deputy Director – Governance Technical Unit at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) based in London. He leads the Unit’s team of Technical Advisers overseeing support to IRC country teams. Prior to joining the IRC, he worked in technical advisory roles with Plan UK, HelpAge International UK, and as a Governance Program Associate with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Nigeria. Wale’s key area of expertise is context analysis – a challenging aspect of humanitarian assistance – understanding the complex environments we work in so we do no harm, but also deliver better outcomes for the people we serve. Wale holds a PhD in Post-war Recovery and Development Studies as well as an MSc in Humanitarian and Refugee Studies. He is currently a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Conflict Transformation and Security.

Christos Papaioannou  
**Head of Funds, Start Network**  
Christos Papaioannou has extensive experience in humanitarian programme and operations management, humanitarian financing and donor relations. Following years of field experience with Médecins Sans Frontières, he led the global Humanitarian Programmes team at CARE International UK. He is currently heading the Funds team at the START Network, which includes the global Start Fund, the Start Fund Anticipation window, the Migration Emergency Response Fund and the Bangladesh Start Fund. He is passionate about principled humanitarian action that transforms local capacities. He studied psychology and International Humanitarian Action; if he had not been a humanitarian worker, he would have been an astronomer or a conservation biologist for the great apes. He currently lives in London.

Ben Parker  
**Senior Editor, IRIN**  
Now senior editor for the independent humanitarian news service IRIN, Ben has been working in humanitarian affairs, online media and fragile states for more than 20 years. In 2013, he was the director of communications for the UN in Mogadishu. Before that he headed UN OCHA in Damascus and in Nairobi. Ben has worked for various agencies in East Africa and in the private sector with Africa Online. He was closely involved with humanitarian emergencies in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Darfur. He co-founded IRIN in 1995. Now based in Geneva, he is a graduate of Goldsmith’s College, University of London and a fellow of the Rift Valley Institute. In his book “Against a Tide of Evil”, the former UN chief in Sudan, Mukesh Kapila, wrote: “Ben was entrepreneurial and opportunistic, and he had a sharp eye for a story... how he had made it into the UN I couldn’t imagine.”

Ann-Kathrin Pütz  
**Psychologist, vivo international e.V.**  
Ann-Kathrin Pütz holds a Master of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Konstanz. She is trauma therapist and head of the project ‘pregnancy and motherhood in female refugees’ for the NGO vivo international at the Kompetenzzentrum Psychotraumatologie in Konstanz. Aiming to investigate and enhance the mental health of traumatized pregnant women and mothers she offers psycho-therapeutic counselling and evidence-based trauma-focused Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET) for refugees as well as workshops on how to detect traumatization and what to do as professionals and voluntary workers in the work with traumatized refugees. In addition to her clinical work she investigates mental health outcomes of female survivors of war, torture and sexual violence and their access to treatment in the German health care system as PhD student at the University of Konstanz.

Zara Rahman  
**Research and Engagement Team Lead, The Engine Room**  
Zara Rahman leads the Research, Engagement and Communities team at The Engine Room, an international non-profit organisation supporting civil society to use tech and data more effectively. Her research has focused on supporting the responsible use of data in advocacy and technology. She is a Visiting Fellow with digital HKS at the Harvard Kennedy School, and in 2016/17 was a fellow at the Data & Society Research Institute in New York City. She also sits on the Advisory Committee of CREA, a feminist human rights organisation based in India, and she writes about digital policy and technology in Bangladesh for Global Voices. Previously, she worked for School of Data, building data literacy among civil society and journalists; for OpenOil, an organisation working on increasing publicly available data about the extractive industries in order to improve governance, and for Access Info Europe.
Mahmoud Ramadan
Manager, Playmaker

Mahmoud is a strategic planning and design processes facilitator with expertise in collaborative leadership development, building social energy, community mobilization, and developing common spaces about re-development, peace building, and community capital with/without geography. Mahmoud is managing an independent consultancy in Brussels (Playmaker), He is co-founder of CSI (Syria Initiative/Common Space Initiative) in Beirut, a bottom-up multi-entry approach for peace building and dialogue. Also, he is member of IARAN (Inter-Agency Analysts Network) fellowship program, and ReflACTION (Open platform/emerging future of international response to crisis). Mahmoud believes in active citizenship, which led him to serve as a City Councillor in Aleppo, Syria, from 2003 to 2007, and as Manager of Aleppo City Development Strategy (Madinatuna) from 2008 to 2010.

Feliciano Reyna-Ganteaume
President, Acción Solidaria / Civilís Derechos Humanos

I am currently Executive President of Acción Solidaria, an HIV/aids service organization I founded in October, 1995. I am a member of the Board of Directors of Action for Solidarity, a 501 C 3 Miami-based HIV/aids organization registered in February, 1997. In 2002, I was elected as a Fellow of Ashoka, Global Network of Social Entrepreneurs. In 2003, together with other health-rights activists, I created CODEVIDA, Coalition of Organizations for the Rights to Health and to Life, to promote and defend the rights of people with chronic health conditions. Between 2005 and 2012, I was President of Sinergia, Venezuelan Association of Civil Society Organizations, with over 50 members, strengthening particularly its national and international agenda in promoting the rights to freedom of association and assembly. Between 2009 and 2015, I was a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington-based ICNL, International Center for not-for-profit Law, with projects to promote and defend freedoms of association, assembly and expression in over 100 countries. I was elected back to the ICNL's Board in 2017. Between 2010 and 2016, I was a member of the Board of Directors of Johannesburg-based CIVICUS, Global Alliance for Citizen Participation. In 2010, I registered CIVILIS Human Rights, to document and inform on the state of Democracy and Human Rights in Venezuela, nationally and internationally, and to promote and defend the rights of civil society. In 2010, I received the Human Rights Award granted by the Center for Peace and Human Rights of the Venezuelan Central University and the Canadian Embassy in Venezuela. In 2017, I received Amnesty International Venezuela's Flame of Hope Award.

Wiebke Rückert
Head of Division OR06 - Human Rights and Gender Issues, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Dr Wiebke Rückert recently took over her new position as Head of the Human Rights Division at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. She joined the German Foreign Service in 2002, where she has since served as Legal Advisor concerning deployments of armed German forces abroad, in the task force for the International Criminal Court, at the German embassies in Brussels and Washington, in the Legal Service for the European Commission and in the Division for German policy regarding the UN Security Council. Prior to her current appointment, Dr Rückert served as the Deputy Head of the International Law Division (2014-2018). In her doctoral thesis, Ms Rückert focused on the role of international law in the rulings of the Russian Constitutional Court. She was a Research assistant at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin from 1998-2002, interrupted from 2000-2001 for a year at the International Court of Justice of the United Nations (ICJ) as Assistant to the judges (Law Clerk). She holds a Master’s degree in International Legal Studies from New York University (1998) and studied law at the Universities of Freiburg, Berlin (Humboldt-University), Rome (LUISS) and St. Petersburg (1991-1997).

Laure Salies
EU Aid Volunteers Consortium Coordinator, MdM Spain

Laure Salies has been working as Desk Officer in development and humanitarian aid work, in different Spanish NGOs (Médecins du Monde (MdM) for 8 years, Oxfam Intermón, Association for UNHCR, Spanish Red Cross), for international cooperation programs and emergencies in Africa, America, and the Middle East since 1998. She is an expert in International Cooperation (Master University Carlos III – Madrid) and in Gender and Development (Master University Complutense – Madrid). She speaks three languages: French as mother tongue, Spanish as bilingual, and English. In 2016, she worked as Program Coordinator in the refugee crisis in Greece and as Coordinator of the MdM international network. Since February 2017, she has been the Consortium Coordinator for the Médecins du Monde EU Aid Volunteers projects (Technical Assistance, Capacity Building, Deployment), in coordination with 25 different partners such as MdM-Sweden, MdM-Netherlands, MdM-Belgium, MdM-UK, MdM-Greece, MdM offices in the field, and local partners.
Charlotte Salmen
Psychologist, PhD student, vivo international e.V.
Charlotte Salmen holds a Diploma degree (equivalent to M.Sc.) in Psychology from the University of Marburg. Her experience ranges from clinical work with a broad spectrum of disorders in psychiatric and rehabilitation settings in Germany to participating in research projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Tanzania. In her work with the NGO vivo international, she has specialized in trauma-focused therapy of survivors of war and sexual violence. In the DRC, she has coordinated a mental health project for survivors of sexual violence aiming to implement Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET) in the Congolese health system. Her work included training counsellors, trainers and supervisors for NET, clinical supervision, as well as coordinating a clinical trial of NET for survivors of sexual violence. Currently, she is working on data of this research project as a PhD student supervised by Prof Elbert from the University of Konstanz.

Meaza Semaw
Medical Coordinator, MdM France
Meaza Semaw is Medical coordinator at Médecins du Monde-France, Ethiopia mission. She is a midwife and has a second degree on maternity nursing. She has eleven years of work experience, as lecturer, project coordinator, and continuous professional development coordinator and now as medical coordinator. She is also a certified chief midwife practitioner and trainer. She has intensive work experience on national initiatives especially on strengthening human resources for health. Meaza is currently a member of the national licensure exam and accreditation committee. Finally, she has taken part in the development of the national compassionate and respectful care guide, which was one of the Health Sector Transformation Plan of Ethiopia from 2015/16 to 2019/2020 among the four to improve quality health service delivery.

Julian Sheather
Writer and Ethicist, British Medical Association and MSF
Julian Sheather is a writer and ethicist. He is special adviser in ethics and human rights to the British Medical Association and an ethics adviser to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). His interests lie in health and human rights, medical ethics in times of conflict, humanitarian ethics, and the ethics of public health. He writes widely on issues in ethics and health. He is the author of 'Is medicine still good for us', forthcoming from Thames and Hudson, and is a co-author of Medical Ethics Today, the BMA's handbook on medical ethics and medical law. He is a regular contributor to the British Medical Journal and The Journal of Medical Ethics. He sits on the British Medical Journal's ethics committee, and is a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics' working group on ethical aspects of research in global health emergencies. He lectures widely both nationally and internationally on a range of topics in medical and humanitarian ethics.

Hugo Slim
Head of Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy Division, International Committee of the Red Cross
Dr Hugo Slim is Head of Policy at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva. Before joining ICRC in 2015, he was Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC) at the University of Oxford where he led research on humanitarian ethics and the protection of civilians. Hugo has combined a career between academia and practice. He was Chief Scholar at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue from 2003-2007 and Reader in International Humanitarianism at Oxford Brookes University from 1994-2003. Between 1983 and 1994, Hugo worked for Save the Children and the United Nations in Morocco, Sudan, Ethiopia, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Bangladesh. He received his PhD in humanitarian ethics from Oxford Brookes University in 2002. His most recent books are 'Humanitarian Ethics: A Guide to the Morality of Aid in War and Disaster' (2015 Hurst/OUP) and 'Killing Civilians: Method, Madness and Morality in War' (2007 Hurst/OUP).

Bonaventure Gbétoho Sokpoh
Head of Policy, Advocacy and Learning, CHS Alliance
Bonaventure Gbétoho Sokpoh has an education in agricultural engineering, with a specialisation in agro-economics and rural development, and completed by post-graduate studies in development economics and sociology, and development and humanitarian project management. His main subjects include the Participation of Affected People in Humanitarian Action, Quality and Accountability, Resilience, Early Recovery, Linking Relief Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD), food security in crisis and post-crisis situations, and sustainable livelihood. Before joining the Alliance, he worked with Groupe URD and was the coordinator of its Observatory of Humanitarian Practices in Chad from 2009 to 2012. Bona contributed to the elaboration of several tools and handbooks, such as the Quality COMPAS, ALNAP and Groupe URD’s Participation Handbook for Humanitarian Field Workers.
Marc-André Souvignier  
Head of Unit (Europe, Latin America, Central Asia), German Red Cross  
Marc-André Souvignier has been the Head of Unit for Europe, Latin America and Central Asia at the German Red Cross since the beginning of 2018. He graduated from Ludwig-Maximillian University Munich and Venice International University in the field of Political Science, Law, Social and Economic History. Since then, Marc-André Souvignier has been working on Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Risk Reduction, Stabilisation and Security, and Crisis Prevention. He has extensive experience with the German Red Cross, among other responsibilities as a Desk Officer for Pakistan, Myanmar, and Vietnam, as a Regional Representative for MENA, and as Coordinator for Security and Planning. From 2016 to 2018, Marc-André Souvignier served as a Desk Officer for Crisis Prevention and Stabilisation at the German Federal Foreign Office.

Estelle Spoel  
Medical Advisor for Health and Migration, MdM Belgium  
My name is Estelle Spoel. I was born in Brussels, Belgium. I studied medicine in Brussels, at ULB University. I am specialised in internal medicine and emergency medicine. I have worked for several years as a clinical medical doctor in different emergency rooms in Belgium. I also hold work experience with the NGO Doctors without Borders and have done three missions abroad, in Central Africa, in Haiti, and in South Sudan, and I have worked as a medical referent for ER and Intensive Care programs. I have studied an additional master in Public Health in Antwerp, at the Institute of Tropical Medicine. Afterwards, I have worked as medical coordinator for the national agency in charge of asylum seekers, then as public health referent for tuberculosis in the Belgian agency. I am currently working within the NGO Doctors of the World in Belgium, as a medical referent for Health and Migration.

Karl Steinacker  
Head, Global Service Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark, UNHCR  
Karl Steinacker worked since 1992 for UNHCR in various positions mainly in Africa (lately as representative in Niger) and at headquarters in the areas of change management, refugee registration, and information management. Mr Steinacker is the current Hub Manager for UNHCR’s Global Service Centre in UN City Copenhagen, and Deputy Director for UNHCR’s Division of Programme Support and Management. During his long career with UNHCR, Mr Steinacker served as a Programme Officer in Sudan (1992-94), Senior Programme Officer in Tanzania (1994-96) and Mali (1996-98), Change Management Officer in Geneva/Switzerland (1998-2002), Head of Sub-Office in Sierra Leone (2002-04), Chief of Field Information and Coordination Support Section in Geneva/Switzerland (2004-08), Coordinator for Eastern Congo in DRC (2008-10), Deputy Director of Division of External Relations, Geneva/Switzerland (2010-12), and UNHCR Representative in Niger (2012-16). Mr Steinacker has also worked for DPKO, UNRWA, and UNDP as well as with international development agencies in Germany. Mr Steinacker holds a diploma in Political Science from Freie Universität Berlin in Germany and a diploma in Public International Law from Cambridge University in the UK.

Darryl Stellmach  
Anthropology Implementer, MSF  
Darryl Stellmach was a fieldworker with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for ten years before he took graduate studies, earning a masters and doctorate in medical anthropology from the University of Oxford. His 2016 doctoral thesis undertook a multi-sited ethnography of humanitarian emergency. Darryl's fieldwork followed MSF's response to the South Sudan conflict, as it developed in real time. The project moved from headquarters in Amsterdam and South Sudan's capital of Juba, to field sites in government- and opposition-controlled areas. The thesis won the Royal Anthropological Institute's 2015 Sutasoma Award for outstanding research merit. Darryl is based in Sydney, where he is currently developing his South Sudan study into a monograph. He works remotely with the London office of MSF, overseeing the integration of anthropologists into MSF’s field teams. In this role, he’s able to undertake anthropological and other qualitative research in direct support to MSF’s emergency programs.
Tankred Stöbe  
**Specialist in Internal, Intensive and Emergency Care Medicine, MSF**  
Dr Tankred Stöbe first worked with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Thailand/Myanmar in 2002, joined the board of directors of the German section in 2004 and served as its president from 2007 to 2015. In June 2015, he was elected to the International Board of MSF until 2018. He is specialized in Internal, Intensive and Emergency Care Medicine and works at a hospital as well as Medical Emergency Coordinator in Berlin. In his 18 MSF-field projects, Tankred worked most recently in Somalia, Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, on a rescue ship in the Mediterranean, Libya and in Yemen.

Daniil Stolbunov  
**Activist and Project Manager, Union of Adolescents and Youth, Teenergizer**  
Dany Stolbunov is part of Teenergizer – a movement that unites teenagers and young people across Eastern Europe and Central Asia, with the aim to create a world where every youth can realize his or her potential in a world free from discrimination in all areas, including HIV. Dany is the co-chair of PACT, a coalition of more than 80 youth-led and youth-serving organisations and networks working together to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights to help end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

Ralf Südhoff  
**Director designate, Centre for Humanitarian Action**  
Ralf Südhoff has studied Political Science and International Studies at the University of Hamburg and the University of Warwick, UK. After a research project in Singapore and Malaysia he worked as founding editor for the Financial Times Germany and South America Correspondent of the German weekly "DIE ZEIT". From 2003-2005 Ralf was Policy Advisor of the State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). His UN career started with the World Health Organization before he joined the UN World Food Programme (WFP). From 2008-2017 Ralf headed the WFP office in Berlin, before he became Director of the WFP regional office for the Syria crisis in Amman. He will start as Director of the new Think Tank Center for Humanitarian Action in Berlin in January 2019.

Tamara Taraciuk Broner  
**Americas Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch (HRW)**  
Tamara Taraciuk Broner joined Human Rights Watch (HRW) as a fellow in September 2005. After a year, she became HRW’s Mexico researcher (2006-2009), and is currently a senior researcher with Human Rights Watch’s Americas Division, covering several countries in the region. She previously was a junior scholar at the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where she coordinated a project on citizen security in Latin America, and worked at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS). Taraciuk was born in Venezuela, and grew up in Argentina, where she studied law at Torcuato Di Tella University. She holds a post-graduate diploma on human rights and transitional justice from the University of Chile, and a Master’s degree in Law (LLM) from Columbia Law School.

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It has been six years since this Kenyan medical doctor dared MSF to take a bet on him and allow him to lead their primary healthcare programme in Dadaab Refugee Camp, at a time when the unit was evolving from the infamous worst drought of its kind which had brutally ravaged the Horn of Africa in 2011. MSF took the gamble and this has led to many productive engagements, the latest of which is the Dagahaley Hospital surgical task-shifting initiative: a first of its kind for MSF in the African region. An avid chess player, the married 37-year old father of two still lives in his motherland, and he has not stopped believing in the immeasurable power of humanity to realize their optimum potential through partnerships and the nurturing of public and institutional systems that uphold core human values that promote the dignified human existence.

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