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A CALL TO ACTION

GLOBAL ALLIANCE ON WAR, CONFLICT
& HEALTH



THE NEED TO SCALE UP THE RESPONSE TO WAR AND CONFLICT

Staggering health toll

- | *Scale:* In 2020, there were more conflicts than any time since 1946
- | *Casualties:* Wars and conflicts killed tens of millions in the 20th century. In 2014, conflict deaths were at their highest level since the Cold War
- | *Health systems:* Attacks on health care are now a feature of modern warfare. Between 2016 and 2020, Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition documented over 4000 incidents with almost 1,000 health facilities damaged or destroyed, almost 700 health workers killed, and more than 400 kidnapped
- | *Population health:* By and large, countries with the worst indicators are those in conflict

Inadequate attention to the health dimensions of wars and conflicts

- | Few dedicated academic centers, research programs, and journals, most of which are based in the Global North
- | A limited number of programs to train researchers and practitioners in the field, particularly in the Global South
- | Under-representation of institutions and individuals from the Global South in leadership, research, and practice
- | Limited, though growing, research output that does not always focus on the needs of affected communities
- | Insufficient attention to war prevention and peace as a determinant of health
- | Absence of a global platform that brings together the diverse groups and disciplines engaged in this area of work

TOWARD A GLOBAL ALLIANCE ON WAR, CONFLICT & HEALTH

Vision

A world without war and conflict, where health is protected, justice upheld, and peace promoted

Mission

The Alliance is a global community aiming to strengthen action on war and conflict as threats to health, and to uphold justice and accountability as the foundations for peace and health. The Alliance brings together researchers, academics, practitioners and advocates who work to prevent war and promote sustainable peace; mitigate the effects of war and conflict on health; and support health rebuilding during and after conflict. Through research, collaboration, capacity building and advocacy, the Alliance seeks to advance this field of scholarship and practice, provide leadership, promote equitable partnerships, and amplify the voice of those most affected by war and conflict.

Aims

Support affected people and communities

- | Promote the prevention of war/conflict and sustainable peace as core health actions
- | Mitigate the effects of wars/conflicts on health through strengthening humanitarian evidence and translation to policy and practice
- | Promote, enhance and value the voice of affected communities as well as researchers and advocates working in affected countries
- | Support health rebuilding during and after war/conflict towards sustainable peace and justice

Advance the field of scholarship and practice

- | Promote and scale up scholarship on war, conflict and health through building capacity at the institutional and individual levels, exchanging knowledge and advancing the tools of research, scholarship and practice
- | Provide global leadership in this area through promoting a strong collective voice, developing and mentoring leaders, setting direction and advancing an inspiring vision
- | Build sustainable partnerships based on equitable relations and a common agenda

COUNTDOWN TO ALLIANCE LAUNCH

Membership

The Alliance has over 100 *institutional* members (June 2022) including academic institutions, humanitarian NGOs, research centers, networks/associations, civil society groups and private sector entities. *Individual* membership will open in 2022

Founding Steering Group (2019-2021)

Members: Mihir Bhatt, Karl Blanchet, Camila Braga, Rita Giacaman, Amy Hagopian (Vice-Chair), Natasha Howard, Samer Jabbour (Chair), David McCoy, Rabie Nasser, Christopher Orach, Pierre Perrin, Leonard Rubenstein, Sameen Siddiqi, Paul Spiegel, Richard Sullivan. Ex-Officio members: Marion Birch, Jehan Bseiso, Helen Young. Executive Director: Marian Abouzeid

Interim Executive Board & Secretariat (2022)

Interim Executive Board: James Batchelor*, Amy Hagopian*, Samer Jabbour* (*Alliance Chairs), Marian Abouzeid, Marion Birch, Karl Blanchet, David McCoy. *Secretariat Co-Hosts:* Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria, American University of Beirut; Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton; PHM Thematic Circle on War and Conflict, Occupation, & Forced Migration. *Executive Directors:* Elsara Badri, Rebecca Brown, Jack Denny

Alliance Launch

Friday July 1st, 2022, 4-6 pm Beirut (online event). Register @ <https://www.WarConflictHealth.org/registration>. Join us!

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