

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Mona Al Haj Hussain

- Family name:** Al Haj Hussain
- First name:** Mona
- Date of birth:** 9 July 1965
- Nationality:** Syrian
- Civil Status:** Married
- Education:** MD, Paed, and Msc MCH

Formal Education

Institution:	Center of International Child Health, University Collage London, United Kingdom
Date:	2003
Degree(s) obtained:	Master in Mother and Child Health (MMCH)

Institution:	Damascus Hospital, Ministry of Health, Damascus, Syria
Date:	1995
Degree(s) obtained:	Speciality in Paediatrics

Institution:	Syrian Doctors Syndicate
Date:	April 1991
Degree(s) obtained:	Medical Practice Licence

Institution:	Faculty of Medicine, Aleppo University, Syria
Date:	1989
Degree(s) obtained:	Doctor in Medicine MD

Formal Training

Institute:	Distance Learning Programme on Population Issues (UNFPA)
Date:	06 February -31 March 2006
Course obtained	Gender Mainstreaming: Taking Action, Getting results

Institute:	Distance Learning Programme on Population Issues (UNFPA)
Date:	17 April- 09 June
Course obtained	Reducing Maternal Deaths: Selecting Priorities, Tracking Progress.

Institute:	Damascus University in collaboration WHO (Department of Reproductive Health and Research), Damascus- Syria
Date:	21-24 March 2005
Course obtained	Reproductive Health Research Ethics

Institute:	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) \ European Union (EU), Damascus, Syria
Date:	16 -17 August 2004
Course obtained	Writing Project Document.

Institution:	Center of International Child Health, Institute of Child health, University Collage London in Collaboration with WHO (Child and Adolescent Health Department) and UNICEF (Nutrition Section), London, United Kingdom
Date:	2004
Course obtained	Breastfeeding: Practice and Policy Certificate Course

Institution:	Center of International Child Health, Institute of Child health, University Collage London, London, United Kingdom
Date:	2003
Course obtained	Management Skills for Project Leaders

Institution:	Agency for Cooperation in International Health, Japan
Date:	1997
Course obtained	Community Health for Palestine

Workshops:

- Conference on “Women and Public Life: Empowerment and Participation in Social Studies and Research”. Middle East Research Centre, Arab Woman Organization and Syrian Commission for Family Affairs. Damascus, 22-24 July 2007. Syria.
- The Effects of Wars and Armed Conflicts on the Arab Family. League of Arab States and Syrian Commission for Family Affairs. Damascus, 3-5 July 2007. Syria.
- Workshop on Working with Individuals, Families, and Communities to improve Maternal and Newborn Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Damascus-Syria, (2007). WHO
- The Session 13 for Arab Committee for Childhood/ League of Arab States. Riyadh, 2-4 Jun 2007, Saudi Arabia.
- Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights in the Arab World- Regional Conference. International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Rabat, May 19-22 May-2007, Morocco.
- Workshop on the Causes of Maternal Mortality in Syria. Damascus- Syria (2006), Ministry of Health- UNFPA.
- Regional workshop for Programme Management, (2005), Cairo- Egypt- UNFPA.
- Human Rights Based Approach to programming workshop (HRBAP), Damascus Syria. (2005) – UNICEF.
- Regional Workshop: Support for Mental and General Health for Arab Girls and Women. NGO: Arab Association for Human, Administrative and Social Development. Egypt, 2004.
- Pilot Project of Health Information System, UNRWA \ CDC, Amman.2002.

7. Language Skills (5 = Excellent)

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Arabic	Mother tongue	5	5
English	4	5	5
French	1	1	1

8. Membership of Professional bodies:

- o Member, Syrian Medical Syndicate
- o Member, Syrian paediatrician Association

9. Other skills (e.g. Comp, literacy, etc):	Full computer literate
Statistical analysis and databases	SPSS, Epi-info, MS-Excel, MS-Access
Presentation programs	MS-Power Point
Word processing	Ms-Word

10 Present Position:

Free licensed Consultant on Mother and Children Health.

11. Last Position:

Head of Information and Public Relation in the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs. Damascus- Syria. (September 2007- till now).
Deputy Chairperson and Board member in the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs, December (2006- August 2007).

Key Responsibilities:

- The creation and execution of the media policy of the Commission.
- The ongoing dissemination of the work of the Commission in the national and international media.
- Contributing to the formulation of development polices, national strategies and programmes and plans related to family affairs.
- Assist setting up the Commission's annual plan. Setting up the SCFA policies and strategies regarding information and communication.
- Establishing cooperative relationship with other governmental and nongovernmental bodies which are working on subjects related to the family.
- Assist the advocacy and resource mobilization efforts of the SCFA.
- Focal Point for the UN-ESCWA Electronic Network for Advancing women Status in the Arab Region.

12. Previous Positions:

National Programme Manager for Reproductive Health. United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA). Damascus- Syria. (September 2005-November 2006)

13. Key Qualifications for Previous Jobs:

- Medical Officer-A in charge of a health center in UNRWA supervises and evaluates Maternal and Child Health Program (MCH) activities, Non Communicable Disease Program and School Health Program, supervises environmental health of an official Palestinian Camp and reports on the achievements of the mentioned programs. (2002-present).
- Medical Officer-B supervises and evaluates Maternal and Child Health program (MCH) activities (Ante Natal, Post Natal, Family planning Services, Growth Monitoring, Nutrition, Immunization) and reports on the achievements of the program in a health center in UNWRA (1995–2001).
- Has been participating in a surveillance of emerging and re-emerging diseases held by Agency for Cooperation in International Health, Japan.
- Has accomplished in service training for health and social worker staff in UNRWA (prevention of common communicable diseases among school children, hereditary anemia, management of Rheumatic Fever, family planning services, the effects of nutrition and health care on early child development)
- Has been contributing to the Community Development Initiative as a part of Water supply and Sanitation Project in Support of two Palestinian Refugee Camps Khan Dannoun and Khan Eshieh.
- Has been participating in a project of Health Information System.
- Has been involved in many researches held in the health department in UNRWA, For example:
 - a. Assessment of breastfeeding practices among Palestinian refugees' infants below 12 months of age.
 - b. Prevalence of iron deficiency anaemia and hereditary anaemia (sickle cell, thalassaemia, etc) among Palestine refugees' pregnant, nursing women and children between 6 months and 3years.

14. References:

- 1- Dr. Mona Ghanem. Regional Director for United Nation Fun for Women Development, (UNIFEM), Amman- Jordan.
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