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Sabina Abou Malham holds a PhD in Public Health-Healthcare Management (University of Montreal). She is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Sherbrooke. She has expertise in evaluation of primary health care services such as developing and analyzing organizational innovations aiming to improve access to primary health care services (e.g., sexual reproductive health services, etc.). Her research focuses also on developing, implementing and assessing interventions aiming to change the role of human resources for health in general, family physicians, midwives and nurses in particular. She is also interested in developing, implementing, analyzing and evaluating reproductive and maternal health care interventions (e.g., family planning, self-care interventions, etc.) in a global health setting. Her interests also include strategies to promote and improve maternal health and reduce maternal mortality and morbidity in developing countries.

Her Ph.D thesis focused on *implementation analysis of an action plan to strengthen the human resources for health in Morocco*. She completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Charles-Lemoyne – Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean on health innovations (CR-CSIS) Research Center, -Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (University of Sherbrooke- Longueuil campus). She holds two complementary degrees in research skill development, and interdisciplinary research in reproductive health. She has also received a training on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) of Reproductive Health in Emergencies by the UNFPA Arab States Regional Office.

During her postdoctoral fellowship, she developed a strong base knowledge in monitoring and evaluation theories. Her research focused on implementation analysis and impact/outcomes evaluation of organizational innovations aiming to improve access to primary health care services (e.g., centralized waiting lists, advanced access to improve timely access to primary healthcare).

In the Arab States, as a field coordinator, she has co-lead with the country coordinator-the president of the Arab Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology Societies (FAGOS) and the vice president of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), the implementation of a study "*the Global Maternal Sepsis Study (GLOSS)*" in Lebanon in 2018.

She has been recruited and worked as a research consultant on many projects in Lebanon and the Arab region: "*Evaluation of the alignment of family planning policies and practices with the WHO guidelines*" with Geneva headquarter office and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO); and, as a principal investigator on a mixed method evaluation of the effects of a multipurpose cash based intervention and the influence of the contextual factors on displaced Syrians in Lebanon in collaboration with the Saint Joseph University of Beirut and the UN Refugee Agency in Lebanon (UNHCR Lebanon). Since 2020, she is an expert member in sexual and reproductive health care services of the "*Centre Interdisciplinaire de Développement international en santé*" (CIDIS) (The Interdisciplinary Center for International Health Development) at the University of Sherbrooke.

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