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BACKGROUND

Over half a billion people globally live with diabetes, of whom 80% live in lower- and middle-income countries. Diabetes is common amongst the 100 million people globally who have been displaced from their homes due to humanitarian crisis. Many of these crises are protracted, often lasting decades, and as such humanitarian aid organizations are often providing long-term primary care to both the local and displaced populations.

In April 2019, Harvard University convened an inaugural meeting in Boston (MA, USA; April 4–5, 2019) with humanitarian and global health organizations to discuss the immediate and barriers to tackling diabetes in humanitarian crises, and to adopt a unified, action-oriented agenda to address this pressing global health issue. The meeting resulted in the Boston Declaration which was signed by 64 signatories from over 40 international organizations. The Boston Declaration set four major targets for the group to work towards:

- Unified and strengthened advocacy for diabetes in humanitarian crises
- Universal access to insulin and other essential medicines and diagnostics
- Establishment of a unified set of clinical and operational guidelines for diabetes in humanitarian crises
- Improved and coordinated data and surveillance

To achieve these targets, sustained collaborative commitment of a diverse network of partners is required. The International Alliance for Diabetes Action (IADA) was therefore established with the goal of ensuring availability and affordability of diabetes treatments and diagnostics and improving care for every person with diabetes affected by humanitarian crises. IADA is a partnership of over 40 international organizations from different sectors that is developing concrete collaborative initiatives that will increase access to and quality of care for people with diabetes in humanitarian settings.
AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aim of the annual symposium is to provide a platform for shared learning, exchange, and development of new collaborative initiatives between agencies involved in diabetes care for people living in situations of humanitarian crisis.

Specific Objectives:

- Give visibility to, and critically appraise, progress made by the four interagency working groups established under the IADA secretariat, since the December 2020 symposium
- Chart ongoing trends and emerging challenges in service provision for diabetes for people in fragile and conflict affected settings, identifying gaps in the humanitarian response, and defining solutions
- Continue to build exchange between global health organizations involved in diabetes care in humanitarian crisis, with identification and agreement around new areas of collaborative work
- Review the experience of diabetes service provision in the crisis in Ukraine, relative to other crises with unmet diabetes care needs, to identify lessons that may apply to other humanitarian crises
- Review and reformulate the IADA workplan for the upcoming 3 years

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   - Jing Luo (University of Pittsburgh)  
   - Chaza Akik (American University of Beirut) |
| 11.00h COFFEE BREAK | 10.30h COFFEE BREAK & RESEARCH POSTERS |
|   - Philippa Boulle (Médecins Sans Frontières)  
   - Elizabeth Dupont (IDF Europe)  
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| 12.30h LUNCH BREAK | 12.30h LUNCH BREAK |
| 13.30h PANEL 2. Expanding access to newer medicines and diagnostics in humanitarian settings. Moderator: Helen Bygrave, MSF Access Campaign | 13.30h SMALL GROUP BREAKOUT SESSIONS |
|   - Stéphane Besançon (ONG Santé Diabète)  
   - Klara Tisocki (World Health Organization)  
   - Giulia Segafredo (Medicines Patent Pool)  
   - Beatrice Vetter (FIND) | 1. Advocacy, Policy, and Financing  
2. Access to Medicines and Diagnostics  
3. Clinical and Operational Guidance  
4. Data and Research |
| 15.00h COFFEE BREAK | 15.00h COFFEE BREAK |
| 15.30h PANEL 3. Innovative and sustainable health financing for crisis-affected populations. Moderator: James Reid, Helmsley Charitable Trust | 15.30h PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION OF ACTIONABLES. Moderator: Ed Gregg, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland |
|   - Vinod Varma (The Global Fund)  
   - Olena Doroschenko (World Bank)  
   - Rachel Nugent (RTI International) | |
| 17.00h CLOSING. Kiran Jobanputra, International Alliance for Diabetes Action | 17.00h CLOSING. Sylvia Kehlenbrink, International Alliance for Diabetes Action |
| 18.00h CULTURAL DINNER AND EVENT. Pod Aniołami Restaurant (Grodzka 35, 31-001 Kraków) | |
1. A Community health strategy to prevent noncommunicable disease treatment disruption and reinforce COVID-19 detection for Syrian refugees in Jordan

2. An analysis of diabetic presentations to an NGO working with Ukrainian refugees in Opole Voivodeship, Poland
   - Cahill G, Kruber S, and the, Med'EqualiTeam

3. Assessment of an Educational Program to Improve Glycemic Control among Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus Patients
   - Lubbad U

4. Building a consensus-based research agenda for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in humanitarian settings for the coming decade
   - Akik C, Zaitouny N, Njagi S, Ghattas H, Fouad FM, Sibai A, Kiapi L

5. Community-based treatment and prevention of diabetes among IDPs in the Philippines
   - Mateo AY, Espina AR, Menefee A, Ibold A

6. Continuity of care for non-communicable diseases in refugee camps on an Aegean Island in Greece: A qualitative study
   - Rathod L, Maldonado Costa F, Zwanikken P

7. Machine Learning Model to Predict Foot Diabetes Complications among UNRWA Diabetic Patients

8. Micro-Clinic International (MCI) Program for Palestine Refugees with Diabetes at UNRWA Clinics
   - Shahin Y, Turki Y, Abu Kishk N, Al Zoughbibi D

9. mHealth Intervention for Diabetes Care in Humanitarian Crises: Evaluation of a Specialized Application for Noncommunicable Disease Management in Kenya
   - Lyles E, Paik K, Kiogora J, Hussein H, Cordero Morales A, Kiapi L, Doocy S

10. Models of care for non-communicable diseases for displaced populations in Iraq: A diseases for displaced populations in Iraq: A scoping review
   - Schmid B, Ansbro E, Raji E, Willis R, Shabila N, Perel P

11. Palestine National Diabetes Program
    - Juzoor for Health and Social Development

12. Pathways to integrated NCD care in Lebanon: an online Theory of Change workshop
    - Truppa C, Ansbro E, Willis R, Zmeter C, El Khatib A, Roberts B, Aebischer Perone S, Perel P

13. Prevalence of diabetic retinopathy in diabetic patients in UNRWA health centers in the West Bank
    - Amro R

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14. Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss the Challenges Facing the Care of Non-Communicable Diseases in Lebanon
   • Osman M, Hamadeh R, Sloth Madsen J, Beshara R

15. The diabetes care continuum in Venezuela: cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses to evaluate engagement and retention in care
   • Goodman-Palmer D

16. The Diabetes Hunters informational campaign
   • Braga M, Olbert-Sinko N

17. The Healthy Community Clinic The effect of a behavioural health program on metabolic outcomes in Jordan
   • Royal Health Awareness Society

18. The Prevention and Management of Diabetic Foot for Palestine refugees in UNRWA’s Jordan field
   • Abu-Naqera K, Naqa R, Shahin Y

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**Dr Sigiriya Aebischer Perone** is a medical doctor specialised in internal, tropical and travel medicine. Between 1999 and 2004 she worked in Senegal, Benin, Zimbabwe and the Balkans before joining the ICRC in 2007. She now works at the ICRC Health Unit as well as in the Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine Division of the Geneva University Hospitals, allowing them to address jointly common challenges regarding non-communicable disease management in low- and middle-income countries and humanitarian emergencies. She is involved in training and supporting the management of non-communicable diseases in different countries of the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Some of her most recent publications are: Caring for people with diabetes and non-communicable diseases in Ukraine: a humanitarian emergency (2022); An inter-humanitarian agency study of diabetes care and surveillance in humanitarian settings (2022).

**Chaza Akik** is a public health consultant. She completed a Doctorate in public health nutrition policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Chaza has over ten years of research experience around exploring the social and structural determinants of maternal and child health and nutrition, sexual and reproductive health and non-communicable diseases among nationals and refugee populations in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, using qualitative and mixed-methods. Her research has contributed to informing local health and nutrition policies and to the development of digital solutions for public health issues. While at the American University of Beirut between 2017 and 2022, she was involved in several projects focused on NCDs in humanitarian settings, including a collaboration with the LSHTM, ICRC and DRC assessing the diabetes and hypertension continuum of care in Lebanon among Syrian refugees and vulnerable host populations using in-depth qualitative interviews.

**Tammam Aloudat** is a medical doctor who has worked in multiple humanitarian and global health organisations over the last 20 years. Active on health equity and reform in humanitarianism and global health, Tammam’s MSF experience started in 2012 as the head of Public Health Department for OCA, Deputy Medical Director for OCG, and then Deputy Executive Director for MSF Access Campaign until 2021. Tammam took missions for the International Red Cross in Iraq, Tsunami, Haiti, Zimbabwe, and Libya/Tunisia among others and for MSF in Turkey/Syria, Yemen, and Niger. He is currently Managing Director of the Global Health Centre at The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. He is a prolific writer and lecturer and has recently published various pieces on Decolonising Humanitarianism or Humanitarian Aid. He currently serves as President of the Board for MSF-Netherlands.
**Dr. Éimhin Ansbro** is a clinician and public health researcher. She undertook medical and specialist training in Dublin, Ireland and is a Member of the Irish College of General Practitioners. She holds a Master’s degree in Tropical Medicine and International Health and the DTM&H from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She spent several years working with Médecins Sans Frontières in India, Jordan and the DRC, focusing on malnutrition and developing Non Communicable Disease services before joining LSHTM in 2016. In partnership with humanitarian organisations, her research work focuses on the design and mixed method evaluation of models of care for NCDs and the implementation of fixed dose combination therapy in humanitarian settings.

**Mr Besançon Stéphane**, CEO NGO Santé Diabète (SD), is a biologist and nutritionist with specialised degrees in nutritional physiopathology and international development. He founded the international NGO Santé Diabète, became the Programme Director in 2003 and the CEO in 2009. SD has set up numerous pilot schemes for the prevention and management of NCDs and especially diabetes in Africa. Besançon’s work on health systems, chronic diseases, Access to treatment, nutrition and diabetes in Africa has featured in many international and scientific publications. Together with Dr. Kaushik Ramaiya (vice president, IDF) he has published a book entitled "Diabetes Africa" - devoted to the problematic of diabetes in Africa. He has also lent his expertise to a large number of reports for governments and international organisations. He is a member, with the NGO SD, of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs and he was a member of the Lancet Commission on Diabetes in Sub-Saharan Africa. He is also a member of the Diabetes Atlas International Board and a member of the board of the Diabetes in humanitarian setting international board. In 2018, he’s been nominated, by Dr Tedros, General Director of WHO, as one of the 27 members of the WHO Civil Society Working Group on the third High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on NCDs. During the 24th World Diabetes Congress held in December 2017 in Abu Dhabi, he received a special award for his work done for over 15 years in the fight against diabetes in Africa and he has given for this award one of the 9 “Award Lecture” of the congress. Since 2015, he leads a weekly nutrition chronic on Radio France Internationale (RFI) in the broadcast “Priorité Santé” and a twitter account about nutrition but also of diabetes in Africa issues @StephBesancon.
**Dr. Philippa Boulle** is the Non-Communicable Diseases Advisor and leader of the Chronic Conditions team in Medecins Sans Frontieres Switzerland (MSF), and leads the MSF international working group on NCDs. She publishes and lectures on noncommunicable diseases in humanitarian settings. She was previously the medical responsible for an operational team in MSF Switzerland, overseeing MSF interventions in Africa, the Middle East and Central America, and also worked in various MSF projects in clinical and coordination roles in diverse settings.

**Dr Helen Bygrave** is a UK based primary care physician who has worked with Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) since 2005, supporting the scale up of HIV/TB programmes across Southern Africa. Since 2017 she has worked as the chronic disease advisor for MSF’s Access Campaign supporting their work on access to insulin and diabetes care, focusing on the specific access challenges faced in humanitarian settings.

**Georgia Cahill** is a UK-trained junior doctor embarking on her first journey in the humanitarian sector. Foundation training years were undertaken in Liverpool before a move to New Zealand to seek out new adventures. This year has been a summer of volunteering, including at the Commonwealth Games and culminated in Opole, Poland working with the NGO Med’EqualiTeam providing primary care clinics to Ukrainian refugees. With a couple of expedition medicine courses completed, further outdoor and humanitarian pursuits are on the cards for the future.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Olena Doroshenko is a Sr. Health Economist in the Health, Nutrition, Population General Practice of the World Bank. She works in countries of Europe and Central Asia, focusing on programs implemented in Ukraine and Moldova. Olena has an MSc in Health Policy, Economics, and Management and a PhD in Public Administration. She leads programs in health, supporting the development of country health systems through the implementation of investment projects and technical assistance. Technical assistance support to the governments covers health financing, public health activities, mental health, hospital reform, eHealth, and telemedicine among other important aspects of health system modernization.

Elisabeth Dupont is IDF Europe Regional Manager. She has been working for more than 15 years as senior project officer for the International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research, the African Cancer Registry Network and the US National Cancer Institute Center of Global Health. She joined IDF Europe in October 2019. IDF Europe is the Regional Chapter of IDF and is an umbrella organisation of 70 diabetes associations present in 44 countries. Its vision is to improve the lives of people with diabetes and our mission, in Europe, is to unite the voice of people with diabetes and to engage all stakeholders in creating a person-centered diabetes ecosystem.

Edward W. Gregg is the Head of the School of Population Health at Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. Over the past 3 years he served as a Professor and Chair in Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology in the School of Public Health at Imperial College London, and before that led a multi-disciplinary public health research unit for chronic diseases at the US Centers for Disease Control Prevention. He has worked extensively in chronic disease epidemiology and surveillance, prevention effectiveness trials, the development of natural experiments to study health policies, and modelling of health impact and cost-effectiveness of public health interventions. His research has focused on understanding the causes, dynamics, and prevention of diabetes and its complications, and includes long-term follow-up studies of the lifestyle interventions as well as the evaluation of US and UK-based public health prevention programmes. He has published more than 350 peer reviewed articles and chapters and was awarded the American Diabetes Association 2016 Kelly West Award for Excellence in Diabetes Epidemiology and the International Diabetes Federation 2015 award for Epidemiology.
**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Jarno Habicht** is WHO Representative and Head of WHO Country Office in Ukraine since November 2018. He has served as WHO Representative and Head of WHO Country Office in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan (2015-2018) and in the Republic of Moldova (2011-2015). He has been working for World Health Organization since 2003 at country level and is involved in numerous international initiatives on health systems and public health. Previously served as Health Specialist for Estonian Health Insurance Fund and consultant and researcher for various health projects and health information initiatives of the Department of Public Health (University of Tartu) and Ministry of Social Affairs in Estonia, among others. He holds a Diploma in Medicine (MD) and Doctor Medicine (PhD) from University of Tartu, Estonia. Over last decades he is author of around 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and books.

**Kiran Jobanputra** is a medical doctor and public health practitioner, who has worked for 14 years in humanitarian field programmes and as non-communicable diseases (NCD) advisor and deputy medical director for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). He currently works as a family physician and consultant with WHO on strengthening NCD integration in humanitarian response. He is a member of MSF’s reflection and analysis network, working on health equity and health needs of internally displaced people, and is a board member of the International Alliance for Diabetes Action (IADA).

**Olena Kazmazovska**, 24, has been living with type 1 diabetes for 5 years. She is originally from Ukraine but after Russia’s war against Ukraine broke out in February 2022, she fled to Poland and is living there now. Olena has vast experience in youth activism and campaigning and has been conducting various initiatives advocating for rights and opportunities for people living with diabetes. She is also a 2022 International Diabetes Federation Europe’s Youth Leadership Camp alumna.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Sylvia Kehlenbrink is an Endocrinologist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Director of the Noncommunicable Diseases in Conflict Program at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, and Chair of the International Alliance for Diabetes Action. Her research focus has been on diabetes care in humanitarian settings and improving insulin access in low-resource settings. She helped establish the UNITED consortium which consists of seven international humanitarian organizations and has the goal of improving diabetes care in humanitarian contexts through collaborative, practice-based research. She is co-investigator on a clinical trial evaluating analogue vs human insulin for youth with type 1 diabetes in low-resource settings and is working with the World Health Organization on insulin treatment algorithms for type 1 diabetes in low-resource settings.

Dr Lilian Kiapi is a medical doctor, and International Public Health practitioner with over 20 years’ experience leading emergency and development public health projects in refugee, internally displaced and underserved communities. Lilian currently works as Director for Health (Country Support) based at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) office in London, a role that involves oversight for health, nutrition, environmental health and nutrition technical support and MEAL. Previous roles have included Interim Deputy Director for health (country support), Senior Health Advisor/Health Advisor, Technical Coordinator of Health, Reproductive Health and HIV programs in the UK, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia as well as technical leadership for the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine flagship DFID funded “Making it Happen” maternal and newborn health operations research project in Kenya. Countries of experience include Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Liberia, Libya, Nigeria and Yemen as well as remote knowledge of other countries in Africa, Asia and MENA region. Dr Kiapi has used her expertise and experience to contribute effectively as a member of technical working groups on primary health care, child health, HIV/AIDS, maternal and neonatal health, community health, Non-Communicable Diseases, quality improvement and reproductive health care in several countries and globally. Dr Kiapi serves on advisory boards for the WISH2ACTION and RECAP consortia, International Alliance for Diabetes Action and Amani Transformational Foundation in Uganda, is an editor for BMJ Global and Conflict & Health publications and teaches the reproductive health field experience module on the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Conflict and Health course.
Oleksandr Komarida is the First Deputy Minister of Health of Ukraine. He graduated from the Bogomolets National Medical University with a degree in pharmacy; in 2012 - Center for Master’s Training of Kyiv National University named after Vadym Hetman, Master of Business Economics; in 2014 - Institute of Postgraduate Education of Vadym Hetman Kyiv National University, specialist in law; in 2017 - National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, Master of Public Administration. He worked at the Bogomolets National Medical University, the State Service of Ukraine for Medicines and Drug Control. Since 2018 he has been working at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

Jing Luo, MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to joining Pitt, he was on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He trained in primary care internal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He received his MPH from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He serves as the Principal Investigator for the HumAn-1 Study, supported by the Helmsley Charitable Trust. He co-leads the Access to Medicines and Diagnostics Pillar of IADA.

Jennifer Manne-Goehler, MD, DSc is an adult infectious diseases physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Her research interests lie at the intersection of HIV and metabolic disease. She serves as a co-investigator on the Health and Aging in Africa: A Longitudinal Study of an INDEPTH Community in South Africa (HAALSI) cohort study and is a co-founder of the Global Health + Population Project on Access to Care for Cardiometabolic diseases (HPACC). Her current projects include NIH-funded research on the prevention of metabolic disease in people with HIV and application of computer vision methods to improve evaluation of diabetes risk in this population. Dr. Manne-Goehler has also served as an advisor to the World Health Organization regarding their global diabetes strategy. She maintains secondary research interests in Chagas disease and gender equity in academic medicine. Dr. Manne-Goehler is a faculty member at Harvard Medical School and received her MD from Boston University and her DSc from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
Dr. Oleksandra Mashkevych has been working as Director General of the Directorate of Medical services provision of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine since November 2021 and was in the office when the full-scale war with the Russian Federation has started on February 24, 2022. During the year on her position she has successfully led an effort to emergency response, working to transform the health care system of Ukraine so it could meet the challenges of war. As a DG she coordinates the development of regulatory and legal acts for Emergency care and Disaster medicine, Primary and Secondary care, Mental Health, Rehabilitation, Rare diseases, Child and Maternity care support and Program of Medical Garantees. Oleksandra Mashkevych received her medical degree from Bohomolets National Medical University. After 8 years of research and medical work in her Alma-mater and in State Railway Hospital, Mashkevych got her Master’s Degree in Public Financing in 2019 and joined the civil service firstly as a Head as an Expert Group for Secondary and Tertiary Care at the Ministry of Health and then as the Deputy Head of the Contracting Department where she was responsible for development and management of healthcare contracts with primary, secondary medical care and pharmacy providers including payments provision on behalf of NHS Ukraine.

Rachel Nugent, PhD, has more than 30 years of experience in global development as a researcher, practitioner, and policy advisor to governments. She is Vice President and Director of the Center for Global NCDs at RTI International where she leads a team charged with providing policy analysis, implementation, and evaluation of cost-effective strategies to prevent and control global noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). RTI’s global NCD experts generate and translate new evidence to help guide global and national decision-making aimed at noncommunicable disease detection, prevention, and control.

Dr. Nugent led the Lancet Task Force on NCDs and Economics and is a member of the Lancet Commission on Women and Cancer, the Food System Economics Commission, co-chairs the Steering Group of the Coalition for Access to NCD Medicines and Supplies and serves in numerous advisory positions. Previously, Dr. Nugent was an associate professor of global health at the University of Washington and director and principal investigator of the Disease Control Priorities Network (DCP-3.org). She is affiliate associate professor at the University of Washington Department of Global Health. She previously worked at the Center for Global Development, the Population Reference Bureau, the Fogarty International Center of NIH, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Anna Nakayama, RD, ANutr, MSc is a Public Health Nutritionist and the Program Manager for IADA. She received a degree in Nutrition for Global Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and completed her dissertation on the double burden of malnutrition in Internally Displaced Person Households. She has over 6 years of experience in research project management for various groups including NGOs and the United States Department of Defense.

Dariusz Poznański – director of Department of Public Health in the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Poland. Co-author of current public health legislation in the Republic of Poland. Responsible for planning, executing and evaluating policies aimed at tackling non-communicable and infectious diseases, coordination of the implementation of the Act on public health, ordinance of Council of Ministers on the National Health Programme and ordinance of Council of Ministers on the National Mental Health Protection Programme. Both programmes are crossgovernmental and consist multi-stakeholder cooperation. They are aimed at improving healthy environments, including housing, the world of work, recreation and learning settings. Member of numerous interministerial technical groups. Author of publications (health system governance, health information systems, management and leadership in healthcare). Expert in areas of healthcare organization, financing and health information systems, previously lecturer at Jagiellonian University Collegium Medicum in Cracow and Warsaw University.
Ruwan Ratnayake is a Sri Lankan and Canadian. He was formerly the Senior Epidemiologist for the International Rescue Committee from 2011 to 2018 where he focused on communicable and noncommunicable disease control and operational research to improve decision-making. He is now completing a doctorate in mathematical modelling and cholera epidemiology as a CIHR Doctoral Foreign Scholar at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and he works for Epicentre, the research arm of Médecins Sans Frontières. He has published widely including recently on cholera in The Lancet Infectious Diseases and on guidelines for surveillance in emergencies for WHO. He owes his expanding interests in non-communicable diseases in crises on his partner (a nephrologist).

James Reid is a Program Officer for the Helmsley Charitable Trust’s Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Program. In this role, he leads the design and implementation of the global strategy to improve access to T1D care and insulin in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Prior to joining Helmsley, James worked at the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) where he managed grants, external partnerships, and strategy development to accelerate access to emerging HIV prevention products in LMICs. James has worked with multicultural teams and in remote settings across Latin America, Africa, and Asia, leading international cleft surgery missions with Operation Smile. Throughout his career, James has led employee resource groups and supported organizational diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. James is a Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of Boston University, earning a B.A. in international relations.

Giulia Segafredo joined the Medicines Patent Pool in June 2020 as Scientific Manager for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to become NCDs Access Manager shortly after. She is part of the Policy and Advocacy team, she is part of the team in charge of the selection of priority NCDs treatment candidates for in-licensing and to analyze and develop strategies to tackle major access challenges of such candidates. She spent the first seven years of her career working in the pharmaceutical industry following medical affairs and drug development activities. She worked at a non-governmental organisation focused on health system strengthening in sub-saharan Africa for five years, in charge of various public health programs on HIV/AIDS, nutrition and NCDs in various countries. Giulia holds a master degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technologies, a PhD in Epidemiology and is a registered Pharmacist.
**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Research Presenter**

**Dr. Yousef Shahin** is a medical Doctor with more than 30 years’ experience, 17 years of which as manager in Disease Prevention and Control Programme for both communicable and non-communicable Disease as well as Mental Health and psychosocial support in United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). He holds bachelor’s degree in medicine from former USSR (Zaporozhye medical university), 1985 and master’s degree in public health from Jordan University of Science and Technology, 1996 majoring in Epidemiology and Occupational Health. Diploma in leadership and management from Cambridge college, 2010. Dr. Shahin joined World Health Organization/EMRO from July-December 2011 as Technical Officer on Non-communicable Diseases. He also worked with Aetna as Director for Disease Management in Qatar 2015-2016. His publications can be accessed at www.researchgate.net/profile/Yousef_Shahin2. Dr Shahin participated in more than 30 congresses, seminars, and conferences in public health related topics as a speaker and trainer.

**Panel 1A Panelist**

**Anna Sliwinska** is President of the Polish Diabetes Association. Anna has been working for the Polish Diabetes Association since 2007. In 2015 she was elected president. Re-elected in 2019.

Her everyday activities include direct work with diabetics in the entire country (Polish Diabetes Association has almost 350 regional circles), as well as raising diabetes awareness in the society and officially representing diabetics, particularly in the efforts to improve diabetes care and access to proper treatment in Poland.

**Benjamin Schmid MSc** is a research assistant at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and a coordinator at the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies where he co-develops a MOOC on research in humanitarian settings. He holds a Master’s degree in Global Health from the University of Copenhagen and a BA in healthcare management and economics. Benjamin is currently supporting multiple implementation research studies evaluating models of care for non-communicable diseases in humanitarian settings under the Partnering for Change (P4C) partnership. P4C is a partnership between the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Danish Red Cross, and Novo Nordisk. His research interests focus on the intersection of public health and the private sector while striving to apply a critical lens to global health (research). He is also invested in advancing practical ways of acknowledging and dismantling global and historic power dimensions. Benjamin also co-authored a chapter on health in humanitarian settings in the 2021 Handbook of Global Health.
**Slim Slama** is an Internal Medicine specialist with an interest in non-communicable disease management. He is the Head of the Management-Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Unit (MND), in the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Department at WHO Headquarters in Geneva. The MND Unit is the largest unit of WHO NCD department responsible of a large portfolio focusing on the early detection, diagnosis and management of several major NCD, such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, oral health but also digital health solutions for NCDs and NCD in humanitarian settings. As an early advocate for better inclusion of NCDs into preparedness and response to public health emergencies, he has pioneered the development of the first WHO NCD emergency kit development in 2017 and has since then lead WHO work on NCD in emergencies. Prior to joining WHO headquarters, Dr Slama started at WHO in 2014, at the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, based in Cairo, Egypt. Successively, assuming the positions of Medical Officer and then of Regional Adviser, he spent 7.5 years in charge of NCD Prevention and Management Units, in the NCD and Mental Health Division (NMH). During his tenure at WHO EMRO, Dr Slama provided strategic and technical support to the twenty-two Member States of the region, supporting them in scaling up their efforts to better prevent and control NCDs. From the development of multisectoral NCD action plans to the integration of NCD in primary health care, he covered a very large portfolio and progressively contributed in building the NCD team at EMRO. Part of his work was dedicated to strengthening WHO normative and technical support to countries affected by humanitarian crises.

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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Panel 2 Panelist**

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**Panel 3 Panelist**

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Dr. Iryna Vlasenko, PhD Pharmacy, is an international expert in diabetes. She has taken part in the development of regulatory documents, medical standards, etc. on a national and international level. Vlasenko has participated in many meetings with governments and other key stakeholders and attended many international congresses, with a view to raising awareness of diabetes and effecting policy changes. Her research areas are: Pharmaco-economic of diabetes; pharmacist in diabetes care; therapeutic education for people with NCDs; diabetes management in disaster. Member organizing committee European Futzal Championship for people with diabetes & "DiaEuro". Additional credentials include: Associate professor, Vice-President International Diabetes Federation, Responsible scientific editor «Pharmaceutical Journal» (Ukraine), Member of the European Medicine Agency Working Party with Patients and Consumers, Member Steering Group of the European Network of Centres for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance, Members of the NCD research prioritization in humanitarian settings Steering Committee, International Rescue Committee.
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