GHI Year at a Glance

2013

Key Issues in International Operations
CU International Administration Group
September 2013

Small Scale Interdisciplinary Research Awards
October 2013

Global Mental Health co-Sponsored Seminars
October 2013-May 2014

National Women’s Dialogue Conference, Myanmar
November 2013

over 850
ATTENDEES TO GHI SEMINARS AND SUPPORTED EVENTS, 2013-2014

2014

Confronting NCDs in the Middle East and Turkey Conference
January 2014

Global Health Certificate Poster Showcase
February 2014

The Global Tobacco Epidemic
GHI-CU Global Policy Initiative Seminar Series
April 2014

MSPH Awards for Excellence in Global Health
May 2014

Responding to Humanitarian Crises: New Imperatives
June 2014

MSPH Global Projects Map
June 2014
MSPH global health research, training and service are robust and diverse.

GHI, in partnership with the School’s departments of Communication and Information Technology, are set to launch an online, interactive map of School global health projects this summer.

The Global Projects Map showcases the range and reach of the School’s work in global health, engaged by Mailman faculty. It aims to offer a user-friendly experience that permits easy updating as global programs and activities change.

To date, the Map highlights some 150 projects, with a rich array of focus areas from aging to health systems, from HIV to urban health.

To maintain accurate representation of the School’s rich tradition of global health work, all MSPH faculty will be encouraged to submit their global health research, training, service activities for inclusion in the global map.

For more information, please contact the GHI Secretariat (GHI@columbia.edu).
Preliminary data from the School's Faculty Survey 2012 and various updated activity reports from 2013 offer a glimpse of MSPH global health work. Mindful that no single report can fully describe the scale and scope of all MSPH global work, the School's Global Projects Map includes mechanisms for ongoing tracking of these activities and will allow individual faculty to update and edit their own projects.

**PROJECT BREAKDOWN: Nearly all projects have some innovative combination of research, training and service**

**BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY**
- Research: 75%
- Training: 43%
- Service: 38%

**BY FOCUS AREA**
- Communicable disease, HIV, TB, malaria, STIs: 14%
- Capacity building, training, education: 8%
- Non-communicable disease, cancer, mental health, obesity, etc.: 11%
- Child health: 8%
- Maternal health, Reproductive health: 5%
- Health systems: 4%
- Health in crises: 14%
- Other: 5%

**BY REGION**
- Africa: 58%
- Asia: 14%
- Europe, Including Central & Eastern Europe: 11%
- Latin America & Caribbean: 8%
- Middle East: 5%
- North America: 4%
GHI has organized and supported a broad range of events aimed at exploring complex challenges in global health. Important discussions with key leaders and diverse institutions in global health have offered unique perspectives; inspired new collaborations; and strengthened or advanced linkages between Mailman School and its partners. Among our many events this year, a new seminar series co-sponsored by the Columbia Global Policy Initiative will seek to explore the intersection of non-communicable disease and HIV to identify commonalities, synergies and lessons learned applicable to prevention and control in both disease communities.

GHI Seminars and Events 2013-2014

- **GHI & Columbia Global Policy Initiative Seminar Series**: Global Tobacco Epidemic
- Key Issues Related to International Operations 2013
- Global Mental Health co-Sponsored Seminars
- Global Health Certificate Poster Showcase
- HIV and People Who Inject Drugs in Central Asia: Confronting a Perfect Storm
- Population and Family Health Special Lecture, Mushtaque Chowdhury BRAC
- Global Health Certificate Program’s Special Lecture, Nachiket Mor of IOM Special Committee and CEO Care-International
- National Women’s Dialogue Conference, Myanmar: Special presentation on Women’s Health in Conflict
GHI Global Partnership

GHI seeks to broaden long-standing partnerships and identify potential synergies that advance strategic collaboration. This year’s activities highlight productive projects with Columbia Global Centers in Amman and Istanbul and their local partners as a result of previous year’s planning for public health programming in the region. Recent discussions with Columbia Global Center in East Asia/Beijing and Africa/Nairobi aim to develop a means for planning future research and training collaborations with key institutions in China and Africa.

Confronting Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Middle East and Turkey

• As a 2013 recipient of the CU President’s Global Innovation Fund, this two-year initiative aims to address the growing threat of NCDs in the Eastern Mediterranean region. It built on the visit by MSPH Dean Linda Fried to the Columbia Global Center in Amman, Jordan

• A project team involving ICAP Columbia, GHI and the Institute of Human Nutrition hosted a 2-day regional conference that took place at the Columbia Global Center: Middle East in Amman, Jordan, convening regional experts from Jordan, Turkey, Syria, and Palestine

• Led by Drs. Miriam Rabkin, Wafaa El-Sadr and Richard Deckelbaum, this two-year initiative seeks to foster research partnerships, faculty collaboration and student engagement in the region

• Nearly 100 regional health experts, researchers and key stakeholders participated in vibrant discussions about how to confront the growing threat of NCDs

• Planned activities: visiting scholars program; practicum placements in key institutions in MENA and Turkey; special lectures; development of priority research agenda on NCDs for the region; designated website; new partnerships created
The *Confronting NCDs in the Middle East and Turkey Project* will focus on providing a wide range of education and training opportunities for MSPH students and our global partners. In 2014, activities include visiting scholar activities and practica placement in NGOs based in Jordan.

**Visiting Scholar, Istanbul Public Health Directorate**

GHI is supporting visiting scholar **Savas Basar Kartal, MD** of the Istanbul Public Health Directorate - responsible for IPHD obesity and cancer departments – to participate in 2 intensive week long courses of the [Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute at Columbia University (EPIC)](https://www.columbia.edu/epic).

**Visiting Scholar, American University of Beirut (AUB)**

**Fouad M. Fouad, MD** of AUB will be the featured speaker of our seminar, *Responding to Humanitarian Emergencies: New Imperatives*, Friday, June 13, 1–2:30 p.m. Presentation will focus on NCD health threats of Syrian refugees in Syria and surrounding host countries. Faculty panelists will share insights, expertise and experience of health in crisis settings – reproductive health, relief workers, HIV.

**Global Health Certificate practicum students in Amman, Jordan**

Committed to serving as host organizations for MSPH practicum students and identify for them relevant NCD research opportunities, partner institutions – [The Royal Health Awareness Society](https://www.royalhealthbd.com) and the [Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network](http://www.emphnet.org), both based in Amman – will host 1 student each for Summer-Fall 2014 for practicum projects.

- A wide range of topics from Sierra Leone micronutrient survey and iodized salt coverage to Combating chronic disease/obesity in Mexico, and spanning several regions including Africa, Asia, Middle East and the Americas

- This year, the event included a silent auction benefiting, Thrive, a nonprofit based in Bangladesh, that provides food for the children in the slums of Dhaka

- Participation included over 100 faculty, students and staff

MSPH Excellence in Global Health Awards
For demonstrated academic excellence and potential for future contributions in global health, the 2014 global health awards were awarded to the following students:

Camilla Burkot for the Masters of Public Health Award in Global Health

Siri Suh for the Doctoral student Award in Global Health
Small Scale Interdisciplinary Research (SSIR) Grant Program aims to (1) foster cross-disciplinary global health research and (2) enhance the capacity to enable small research activities that would supplement significant research efforts. Two grants of $10,000 each were awarded to the following projects and applicants:

**Addressing age misreporting in sub-Saharan aging studies**

*Ursula Staudinger*, PhD, Robert N. Butler Professor, Sociomedical Sciences, MSPH  
*Stéphane Helleringer*, PhD, Assistant Professor, Population & Family Health, MSPH

**Cardiovascular effects of household air pollution—pilot evidence from Ghana**

*Darby Jack*, PhD, Assistant Professor, Environmental Health Sciences, MSPH  
*Daichi Shimbo*, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, P&S
**GHI Next Year**

**2014-2015 Activities and Events include:**

* **Global Project Map** launch on GHI website (Summer-Fall)

* **President’s Global Innovation Fund, Confronting NCDs Project** (Fall)
  - Joint research
  - Student exchange/practicum opportunities
  - Visiting scholars and other training collaborations

* **GHI – Global Policy Initiative Seminar Series** (Fall-Spring)
  - Personalized Medicine vs. Public Health Approach
  - Building on lessons from HIV response
  - NCD: Injuries
  - NCD risk factors in urban slums: a global perspective

* **2014-15 SSIR Seminars** (Spring)

* **Global Practicum Poster Showcase 2014** (Spring)

* **Global Health Awards** (Spring)

* **EPIC Visiting Scholars** (Summer)

Stay tuned for details on more GHI activities and events!