



MASKED HEROINES? BUILDING RESILIENCE BEGINS WITH A GENDER- EQUITABLE HEALTH WORKFORCE

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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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HAJA RAMATULAI WURIE

Dean, Faculty of Nursing; Senior Lecturer, Biochemistry Department, College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences, University of Sierra Leone



Haja Ramatulai Wurie is the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing and a Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry at the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences, and is involved in health systems research and capacity strengthening within Sierra Leone to deliver credible, relevant research for effective policy making and practice. She has conducted research on a number of health systems issues, in line with the national needs in Sierra Leone, generating evidence to inform government policy and donor strategies for building resilient and responsive health systems, thereby achieving universal health coverage for all. She also provided technical assistance to the health systems strengthening process in Sierra Leone, working with the in-country and international teams.

MICHELLE MCISAAC

Researcher and Economist, World Health Organization



Michelle McIsaac is an Economist at the World Health Organization. She conducts research in health and labour economics, including the labour market for health care workers in developing and developed countries. With particular interest in the education and training of the health workforce, evaluation of labour market programmes, and mobility and migration. She has acted in an advisory role to ministries and governmental organisations across Asia, Africa, Europe, Canada and Australia. She has held previous positions at McGill University, the University of Calgary, and the University of Sydney. She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Melbourne Australia, a MA in Economics from McMaster University Canada and a BSc with honours in Economics and Mathematics from Dalhousie University Canada.

SHIRIN HEIDARI

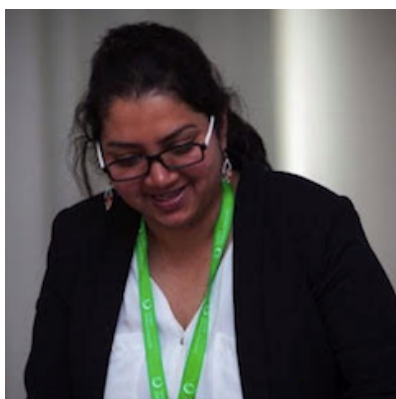
Founding President of GENDRO; Senior Research Fellow, Global Health Centre



Shirin Heidari is Founding President of GENDRO, an association with the mission to advance gender-sensitive research and data analysis. She is also Senior Research Fellow at the Global Health Centre and principal investigator of a multi-country research project on sexual and reproductive health and rights in forced displacement. Shirin is Senior Technical Consultant on Gender at WHO, Gender, Equity and Human Rights unit. She was the Executive Director of Reproductive Health Matters and Editor-in-Chief of its peer-reviewed journal, and prior to that she oversaw the Research Promotion Department of the International AIDS Society and was the editor of Journal of the International AIDS Society. She received her doctorate degree from Karolinska Institute in 2001, where she continued as an HIV researcher until she moved to Geneva in 2007. She has been a board member of Amnesty International Sweden and is the founding chair of the Gender Policy Committee of the European Association of Science Editors. She is the lead author of the Sex and Gender Equity in Research (SAGER) guidelines and has given a [TEDx Talk](#) encouraging gender sensitive research and scholarly communication.

SNEHA KRISHNAN

Co-Founder, Environment, Technology, and Community Health Consultancy Services; Member of Women in Global Health India



Sneha Krishnan is a co-founder of a women-led, India-based start-up: Environment, Technology, and Community Health (ETCH) Consultancy Services. ETCH works with communities on designing and developing solutions using technology to empower the users. Sneha is trained in psychology and disaster management and has a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from University College London. Her research investigates the intersections between women's empowerment, health care, and humanitarian response. She has previously worked with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine undertaking research on an agriculture-nutrition trial in Odisha, and health systems resilience in Bangladesh for forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals, as well as International Water Centre on child defecation practices in the Solomon Islands.

MODERATOR

ROOPA DHATT

Co-Founder and Chair, Women in Global Health



Roopa Dhatt is a passionate advocate for gender equality in global health and a leading voice in the movement to correct the gender imbalance in global health leadership. She is also a practicing internal medicine physician. She is particularly committed to addressing issues of power, privilege, and intersectionality that keep many women from global health leadership roles and to opening up spaces for the voices of these women to be heard. Determined to build a movement to transform women's leadership opportunities in health, she co-founded Women in Global Health in 2015. Today, Women in Global Health has more than 25,000 supporters in more than 90 countries and continues to grow. She leads a staff of 2, supported by 30 volunteers focused on supporting a diverse group of emerging women leaders, engaging global health executives to transform their own institutions, and growing the Women in Global Health movement. With more than 14 chapters on four continents, Women in Global Health is changing the conversation about women's leadership in health at global, national and local levels.