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**Objective:** As a community psychologist focused on social exclusion prevention work with vulnerable migrant groups, to jointly create opportunities for inclusion, participation, empowerment, and mutual aid as vital to promote social linkages, positive health and development.

**Qualifications:** 13 years of international work experience in conflict/post-conflict settings addressing a wide range of issues in a combination of different roles (clinician, trainer, programme coordinator, project design and evaluation consultant, researcher). Particular expertise in the participative development of multi-level actions that help restore the social fabric.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- **Feb. 2014 – April 2014 Institute for International Health and Development at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, UK**
  - Researcher in: *Child Friendly Spaces in Emergencies Research Project –Understanding and Measuring Child Wellbeing Outcomes of Child Friendly Spaces* in Goma, North Kivu, Eastern DRC, in association with World Relief International, AVSI, and UNICEF. Trained and coordinated a group of 10 local enumerators to collect quantitative data using smartphone technology involving 390 internally displaced children and their families living in three major IDP camps near Goma and conducted a qualitative study in parallel.
- **May 2013 – Aug. 2013 Terre des hommes Child Relief Foundation, Lausanne, Switzerland**
  - Project proposal consultant in Juba, South Sudan, responsible to conduct a rapid situational analysis of child risk and formulate a project proposal for a child protection intervention based on results obtained, prior to submission to donor agencies. Concept note for the inception of a Rapid Response Network in Worst Forms of Child Labour was approved by the European Union delegation to South Sudan under European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights budget line.
- **Sept 2012 – April 2013 Cooperazione Internazionale, (COOPI) Milan, Italy**
  - French-speaking Psychologist in Bria, Haute Kotto, Central African Republic, responsible for the design, development, and implementation of the psychosocial support strategy to facilitate the social reintegration of children associated with fighting forces and armed groups at a Transit and Orientation Center, in partnership with UNICEF under the Peace Building Fund Project. Trained and supervised a team of 22 instructors/social animators based at this center to achieve programmatic objectives. Prepared two separate proposals for Peace Consolidation projects submitted to the European Union.
- **April 2012 – July 2012 Danish Refugee Council, Copenhagen, Denmark**
  - French-speaking Psychosocial Training and Support Expert in Guinea (Conakry), West Africa, responsible for capacity building in child-soldier reintegration for two local partner NGO's and a total of 70 Vocational Training Center Instructors and Social Workers based in different country regions, within the framework of UNICEF-funded Peace Building Fund Project: *Réintégration des enfants recrutés de manière irrégulière dans les Forces Armées de la République de Guinée et enfants vulnérables.*
- **January 2012 Terre des hommes Child Relief Foundation, Lausanne, Switzerland**
  - Training consultant in Hebron Governorate, oPt, West Bank, responsible to train a local team of 7 social workers on community mobilization to enhance child protection systems. (3 weeks)

- **November 2011**
  - Psychosocial project proposal formulation consultant in Hebron Governorate, oPt, West Bank, responsible to formulate a child-focused psychosocial support project targeting 15 communities in Hebron Governorate, submitted to ECHO. (1 week)
- **September 2011**
  - Project start-up consultant in the Gaza Strip, responsible to launch a new UNICEF-funded project aiming to map child care services throughout the strip. (1 month)
- **July 2011 – August 2011**
  - Child protection project pre-implementation training consultant for local team of 7 social workers based in Hebron, oPt, West Bank. (1 month)
- **May 2011**
  - Child protection project proposal consultant targeting 10 schools in Hebron area, submitted to ECHO. (2 weeks)
- **July 2010 – December 2011.**
  - Senior Coordinator for the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Technical Unit in Gaza City, responsible to develop and disseminate the Mapping of Mental Health and Psychosocial Services tool in partnership with UNICEF/ MoH and capacity building of 20 Family Center social workers in partnership with Save the Children-Sweden. (6 months)

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- **September 2009 International Rehabilitation Council from Torture, Copenhagen, Denmark**
  - French-speaking trainer of trainers in war child psychosocial rehabilitation involving representatives of different local NGO's in Bukavu, DR Congo, in partnership with Center Mater Misericordiae. (2 weeks)
- **June 2009**
  - French-speaking peer supervisor in war child psychosocial rehabilitation for team of 10 child workers belonging to partner association Center Mater Misericordiae in Bukavu, DR Congo. (2 weeks)

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- **September 2008 – December 2008 Terre des hommes Child Relief Foundation, Lausanne.**
  - Child protection project coordinator in Hebron and Jenin, oPt. - West Bank.
- **February 2008 – April 2008**
  - Training design consultant for system-wide training on psychosocial support to children in conflict-with-the-law in a street situation. Khartoum, Sudan.
- **November 2007 – December 2007**
  - Child social worker training consultant for system-wide training combining Tdh and MoH social workers operating in 4 IDP camps in El Geneina, West Darfur, Sudan, supported by UNICEF.

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- **November 2006 – April 2007 Center for Victims of Torture, Minneapolis, MN**
  - French-speaking project start-up coordinator and clinician-trainer in Pweto, Katanga Province, DR Congo for Congolese returnees and receiving communities.
- **February 2006 – November 2006**
  - Project start up and Clinician-Trainer in Voinjama, Lofa County, Liberia for Liberian returnees and receiving communities.

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- **April 2005 – October 2005 HealthNet International-Transcultural Psychosocial Organization, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**
  - Psychosocial Coordinator/Developer in Jalalabad, Eastern Afghanistan

- **January 2004 – November 2004**                      **Movimondo, Rome, Italy**
  - Technical Advisor for children’s (ages 7-12) psychosocial project in, Salfit, Nablus, and Jenin, oPt – West Bank.

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- **October 2003**                                      **International Catholic Migration Commission, Dili, East Timor**
  - Trauma recovery workshop leader in Torture Rehabilitation Program (1 month).

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- **August 2003 – September 2003**                      **Movimondo, Rome, Italy**
  - Ex-post evaluation & project reformulation consultant for two ECHO-funded psychosocial projects focused on children and youth in Northern West Bank, oPt (proposal subsequently approved for 11-month funding by ECHO).

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- **November 2001 to December 2002**                      **Center for Victims of Torture, Minneapolis, MN**
  - Clinician-Trainer in 4 camps for Sierra Leonean and Liberian refugees in Kissidougou, Guinea-Conakry.

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- **June 1995 – September 1995**                      **World Relief Inc., New York**
  - Coordinator of camp-based counseling center for Cuban refugees at Guantanamo US Naval Base, Cuba.

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- **January 1999 - June 2000**    **Catalonian Institute of New Professions, Barcelona, Spain.**
  - Researcher in new professions required to respond to the influx of migrants and refugees.

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- **October 1996 - November 2001**    **Royal Class Management & Centro Superior de Idiomas, Barcelona, Spain.**
  - Teacher in English Language, Sociology, and Emotional Intelligence.

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- **September 1995 - August 1996**    **Massachusetts Mental Health Center, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.**
  - Individual and Group Psychotherapist/Case Manager in Hispanic Unit.

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- **May 1994 - May 1995**                      **Children’s Charter Trauma Clinic, Waltham, Massachusetts.**
  - Child trauma evaluator/therapist.

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- **May 1992 - May 1994**                      **Somerville Mental Health Clinic, Somerville, Massachusetts.**
  - Psychiatric Walk-in Emergency Room and Intake Coordinator

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- **February 1990 – January 1992**    **The Castle Residential School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.**
  - Milieu Counselor for learning and emotionally disabled adolescents.

**Other professional activities:**

Lecturer/panelist in Masters level courses at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, UK

- Panel on NGO partnerships (Dec. 2011)

- Coordination & accountability in complex emergencies. (March 2010, 2011)
- Rehabilitation from torture. (Jan. 2010)
- Child Soldier Integration (Jan. 2010)
- Psychosocial interventions with war-affected children (March 2009)
- Spirituality and coping (March 2009)

#### **Speaking engagements:**

- **Member of Medico-Psychological panel** in conference-debate titled: ***Faut-il juger les ex-enfants soldats?*** at Hotel de Ville de Paris, Dec.14th 2009. Parcours d'Exil/ Voix de l'Enfant (organizers)

#### **Publications:**

- Abed, I., Bermudez, K., Al Far, M. (2010): Mapping of Mental Health and Psychosocial Services in the Gaza Strip. Tdh-publisher
- Mandirola, P., Blasi, T. Bermudez, K. (2000): Noves professions per a tractar el fenomen de la immigracio a Catalunya. Institut de Noves Professions de la Generalitat de Catalunya – Publisher.
- Mandirola, P., Bermudez, K. (2001): Chapter in book: Interculturalitat.

#### **EDUCATION:**

- **2009 – present** **Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, UK**
  - PhD in Health Sciences in the Institute of International Health and Development with Santander Universities Scholarship Award. Expected graduation date: December 2014
- **1992 – 1994** **Cambridge College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA**
  - Master in Education in Counseling Psychology, Mental Health Specialty

**Professional licensure:** Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, USA (No.3798) Since August 1996.

#### **AFFILIATIONS:**

- Member of European Community Psychology Association.
- Member of International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology (IAACP)
- Member of Community Research and Action (SCRA)

#### **Short courses/workshops/conferences attended:**

- Attendance to conference on *Crisis, mobility, and new forms of migration* organized by University College Cork, Ireland, Sept.2-4, 2014.
- Invited to present a written article at a PhD workshop on *Ethical and Methodological Pitfalls in Health Research* organized by the European Sociology Association's Reference Group on the Sociology of Health and Illness in Helsinki, Finland, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- Invited to present PhD research study on *Migrants in Segregated Zones of Living* at the Bergen Summer Research School's annual PhD conference on Transnational Migration and Global Development, University of Bergen, Norway 20-22 June 2012.
- Attendance to 8<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Community Psychology, organized by York St. John University and European Community Psychology Association, York, UK Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- Attendance to week-long training on Monitoring and Evaluation, organized by UNICEF in MENA region, Amman, Jordan, December 2010.
- Attendance to 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on Ethical Issues in Global Health Research, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

- Oxford University, Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford, England: Short course in Psychosocial Programmes in Emergencies: What are we learning from practice? October 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts: Seminar in Global Aspects in Forced Migration. October 1995 - December 1995
- Harvard University, School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts: Seminar in Refugee Trauma. February 1995 - May 1995.

**SPOKEN LANGUAGES:**

**English, Spanish, Catalan:** native speaker.

**French:** verbal and literacy proficiency.