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## Top Skills

Project Planning  
Community Development  
Grant Writing

## Languages

Arabic (Full Professional)  
Kurdish (Native or Bilingual)  
English (Full Professional)

## Certifications

Basic Life Support

## Honors-Awards

Clinical Lessons Prize  
Emory University Trailblazer Award  
Eugene Gangrosa Award for Best Service in the International Health Arena  
Poster runner up prize at Levelling the Field 2021 conference  
HIFA Country Representative of the year 2021

## Publications

Adaptation of Cognitive Processing Therapy for Treatment of Torture Victims: Experience in Kurdistan, Iraq  
Establishing a Smartphone Ambulatory ECG Service for Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department with Pre-Syncope and Palpitations  
Dissemination and implementation of evidence based, mental health interventions in post conflict, low resource settings

# Goran Abdulla Sabir Zangana

Iraq Country Representative for HIFA  
Iraq

## Summary

I am a medical doctor with experience in acute medicine, public health, epidemiology, health policy and health systems in conflict-affected settings.

## Experience

PLOS Global Public Health  
Reviewer  
July 2022 - Present (2 months)

Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research  
Consultant  
March 2022 - Present (6 months)  
Conducting a case study on Iraq's PHC response to COVID-19

Emerging Voices For Global Health  
Governance Board Member  
September 2021 - Present (1 year)

Healthcare Information For All (HIFA)  
HIFA Country representative (Iraq)  
May 2021 - Present (1 year 4 months)  
Iraq

Public Aid Organisation  
Advisor  
February 2019 - Present (3 years 7 months)  
Iraq

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh  
Medical Doctor  
August 2016 - Present (6 years 1 month)

Middle East Research Institute

## Health Consequences of FGM

Community-based mental health treatments for survivors of torture and militant attacks in Southern Iraq: a randomized control trial

## Research Fellow

November 2015 - Present (6 years 10 months)

## Health Policy Research Organization

Co-Founder and President

May 2014 - Present (8 years 4 months)

Erbil, Kurdistan, Iraq

Health Policy Research Organization (HPRO) is a not-for-profit local organization in Kurdistan region. It works to conduct research in the field of health policy and health system in the region in collaboration with public and other private institutions and universities.

## The World Bank

Community of Practice (CoP) member/ Collaboration for Development

August 2021 - August 2022 (1 year 1 month)

COVID-19 Health Financing Resilience and Sustainability Program (COVID-19 HFRP)

The pandemic's impact on global economies and health financing sustainability has challenged finance and health sectors as never before. The purpose of the COVID-19 HFRP is to provide support through a different set of workstreams to countries so that they can emerge from the ongoing crisis with more resilient and sustainable health financing.

This place will provide you access to resources, knowledge exchange and it will convene you to learning events. In addition, you can take part in the Community of Practice. The COVID-19 HFRP will keep you linked to the activities and knowledge of the World Bank's Health Financing Global Solutions Group as well as its partners the Joint Learning Network (JLN) and the Global Financing Facility (GFF), and their member countries and networks.

## St. John's Hospital

Medical Doctor

June 2016 - October 2021 (5 years 5 months)

Livingstone

## World Health Organization

Advisor

October 2018 - November 2018 (2 months)

EMRO

Experts consultation on Health Systems Governance Challenges to Advance  
Towards UHC in the EMR

Inverclyde Royal Hospital  
Medical Doctor  
July 2015 - July 2015 (1 month)

Royal Alexandra Hospital  
Medical Doctor  
May 2015 - June 2015 (2 months)

South Glasgow University Hospital  
Medical Doctor  
May 2015 - June 2015 (2 months)

Heartland Alliance  
5 years 7 months

Project Manager  
July 2009 - January 2015 (5 years 7 months)  
Heartland Alliance International

- Managed the implementation of a research project by Johns Hopkins University in the South and Middle of Iraq to test the effectiveness of two mental health interventions for torture survivors.
- Participated in Research and Intervention Effectiveness training conducted by Johns Hopkins University
- Supervised the implementation of a qualitative and validity study for developing an instrument to define eligibility criteria of enrollment in the first Randomized Controlled Trial in Iraq.
- Supervised collecting and entering data of the qualitative and validity studies

ToT trainer  
September 2014 - December 2014 (4 months)  
Slemany

Trained master level graduates of Koya University in CETA (a mental health intervention for torture and trauma survivors).

Lead Researcher for KAP survey on FGM  
March 2014 - June 2014 (4 months)  
Kurdistan Region, Iraq

Responsible for managing all aspects of the research study and actively monitoring the activities of the other staff on the project, identifying problems, and forming solutions.

#### Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

Medical Doctor

August 2014 - December 2014 (5 months)

#### Directorate of Health-Erbil

Public Health Specialist

September 2009 - September 2011 (2 years 1 month)

Erbil Directorate of Health/ Ministry of Health/ Kurdistan Regional Government

#### Ministry of Health-Kurdistan

Junior and Senior House Officer

September 2003 - August 2007 (4 years)

Directorate of Health/ Erbil

#### Erbil Teaching Hospitals

Senior House Officer (SHO) of Cardiology Sept 2006-Sept 2007

- Managed admissions of patients with cardiac emergencies including Myocardial Infarction and Arrhythmia
- Organized investigation, initiated treatment, and worked effectively in teams
- Took part in the clinical teaching of medical students, attended and presented academic cases

#### Kasnazan Primary Health Clinic Erbil, Iraq

Director Sept2005-Sept2006

- Managed day to day activities of the health clinic.
- Attended meeting and briefed the Minister of Health in Kurdistan Regional Government
- Designed and implemented seminars for primary school student's parents on primary health prevention techniques during Avian Flu epidemic in Northern Iraq.
- Directed immunization campaigns in Kasnazan's county.

#### Erbil Teaching Hospitals Erbil, Iraq

Medical Resident/Junior House Officer (JHO) Sept2003-Sept2005

Assessed patients, Formulated diagnoses, Initiated and reviewed therapy and Worked in teams

- Surgery (including ER)Teaching  
Hospital
- JHO Pediatrics: Pediatric  
Hospital
- JHO Gyn/Obs: Maternity Hospital

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## Education

Royal College of Physicians  
MRCP (UK), Medicine · (2012 - 2017)

The University of Edinburgh  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), International Public Health Policy · (2012 - 2016)

Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board (PLAB)  
PLAB, Medicine · (2011 - 2012)

Emory University- Rollins School of Public Health  
Master of Public Health (MPH), Health Policy · (2007 - 2009)

United States Medical Licensing Examination  
USMLE, Medicine · (2006 - 2009)