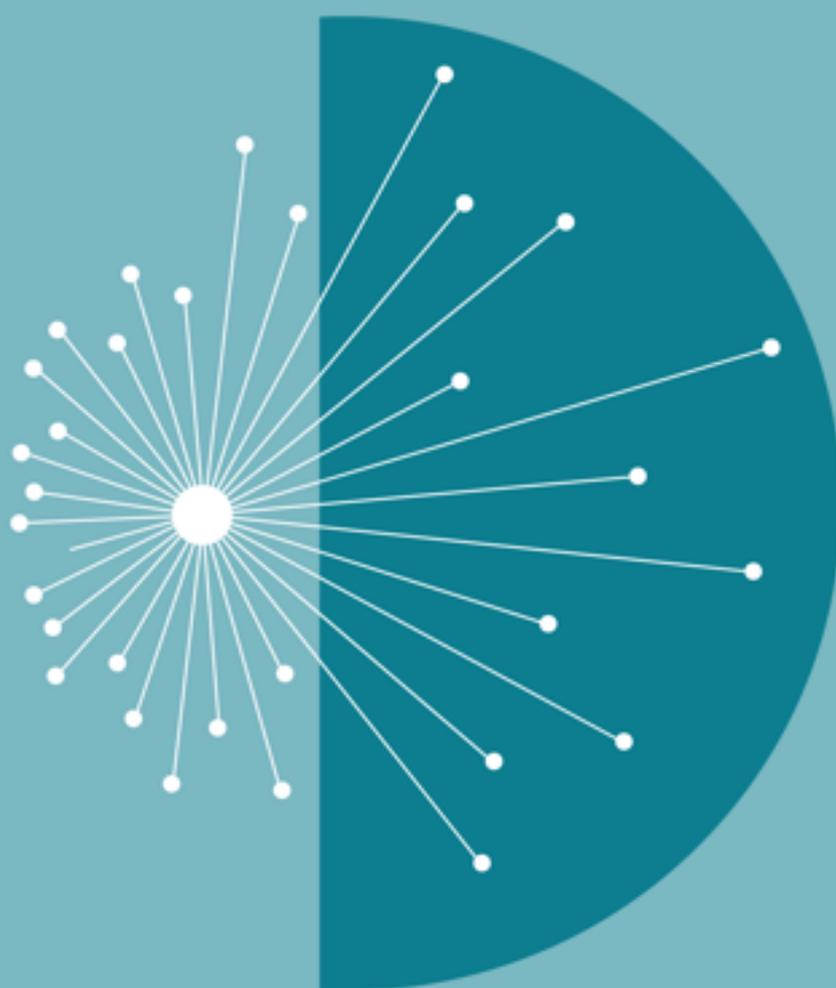


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Introduction

Women in Global Health (WGH) Norway is pleased to present its Member Booklet, which highlights a selection of members that have wanted to share their info with the network. With this searchable booklet, we wish to showcase the broad and deep experience, expertise, passion, and diversity that exists among women working within the field of global health in Norway. We hope that this can be useful to form new collaborations and to find new and perhaps unknown resources for courses, seminars, and other engagements.

Background

Women in Global Health (WGH) is an organization built on a global movement with the largest network of women and allies working to challenge power and privilege for gender equity in health. It is a US 501(c)(3) started in 2015, which has grown to include over 60,000 supporters in 90 countries and has 40 official chapters, with a strong presence in low-and middle-income countries. The global team and its network of chapters drive change by mobilizing a diverse group of emerging women health leaders, by advocating to existing global health leaders to commit to transform their own institutions, and by holding these leaders accountable.

WGH Norway is a national platform established to connect, mobilize, and advocate for gender equality in academia and public and private sectors of global health. Initiated by Andrea S. Winkler and Ingeborg K. Haavardsson at the invitation of Ilona Kickbusch and Roopa Dhatt in 2018, the WGH Norway Secretariat is currently hosted by the Centre for Global Health (CGH) at the University of Oslo (UiO). The Norwegian chapter has been developed alongside a fast-growing global movement and since its inception in November 2018, WGH Norway has grown from a small group of 15-20 women to nearly 380 members (end 2021).

WGH Norway serves as an independent country chapter and, together with WGH Global and the many WGH chapters, makes up the Women in Global Health movement. As a national chapter, the Norwegian network shares the vision to achieve gender equity within global health leadership in order to achieve gender equity in global health, which is key for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We provide a platform for discussions and a collaborative space for leadership by facilitating specific capacity development and training, garnering support and commitment from the global community, and demanding change for gender transformative leadership. WGH Norway supports the WGH Global movement, which has convened multi-stakeholder, inter-generational dialogues across the globe and served the role of bringing together leaders across the at all career-levels in conversations about furthering gender equality in global health leadership.

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Norway is considered to be one of the most gender equal countries in the world. However, several challenges to gender equality remain and new gender issues continue to surface. Norway has a unique opportunity and obligation to strive for full gender equality and equity, thereby being a model to countries with gross gender inequality. Gender equality is both a goal and a means to contribute to healthy lives for all, which is also key to achieving the SDGs.

Gender equality is furthermore regarded as instrumental for poverty reduction and development by the Norwegian government, and it is one of the four cross-cutting pillars of its development policy (the others being human rights, climate and the environment, and anti-corruption). The international gender composition of global health leadership, as well as the national gender gaps in income and leadership positions, underscore the importance of continued efforts towards greater gender equality. For example, in the field of international global health governance, women fill 25% of senior and 5% of top health organization positions, while making up 75% of the overall global health workforce (1). In Norway, the economic gap between men and women still exists. Looking at mean annual gross income, women in leadership positions earned 23% of men in 2020 (2). Furthermore, 36.8% of the top leaders in Norway are women, with even lower numbers in the private sector (3), and though women are well represented among PhD and postdoctoral fellows, only 33.5% of the full professors at Norwegian universities are women (32% in 2019) (4).



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Skills: Interdisciplinary research; participatory approaches

Competencies: Public health ethics; complex systems; Evidence to Decision (EtD) frameworks



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Skills: Leadership, Advocacy, Strategic planning

Competencies: Clinician, Educator, Mentoring, Project manager



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Skills: Higher education collaboration



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Competencies: Neurotoxicology, respiratory health, work and health, global health



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Competencies: Medical Doctor; MHA



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Competencies: PhD



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Skills: Researcher; public speaker; trainer; health education; biostatistics; scientific writing

Competencies: Microbiology-virology; medical virology; public health



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Skills: Data analyses; Health information research; Public health

Competencies: Project management; Knowledge sharing



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Competencies: Female Management & Leadership; Clinical / Business / Communication Strategy; Corporate Development; Global Stakeholder Engagement; Advocacy



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Skills: Languages; communication

Competencies: Nursing; counseling; qualitative research method



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Competencies: Project management; teaching; supervision; writing



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Skills: Advise in carrier planning; research application; strategy planning; health care personnel education; PhD education

Competencies: Administration; health systems; research; health personnel



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Skills: Evidence synthesis; mixed method research

Competencies: advocacy in the European context (national and EU)



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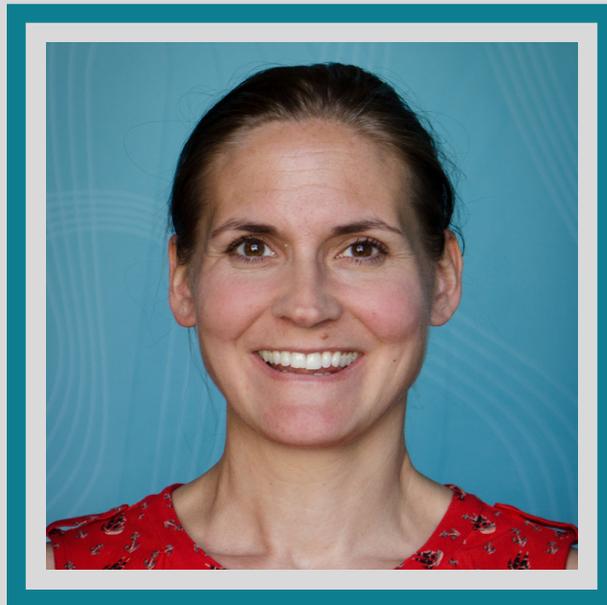
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Competencies: Adaptability; Strategic Analysis; Critical Thinking; Organizational Awareness



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Skills: University teaching and supervision; academic writing skills; organizational and administrative skills; leadership skills

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Competencies: Project management; supervision of student research; transdisciplinary collaboration



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Competencies: Psychotherapy; mental health; e-health; health innovation; user experience; person-centered; integrative; equality; empowerment; health promotion; SDGs



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Skills: Research, teaching

Competencies: Medicine shortage, health supply chain, supply chain management



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Competencies: Adaptability; coordination; active listening; quick learning; interpersonal effectiveness; independence; engaging/motivating others



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Skills: Qualitative research; quantitative research; leadership



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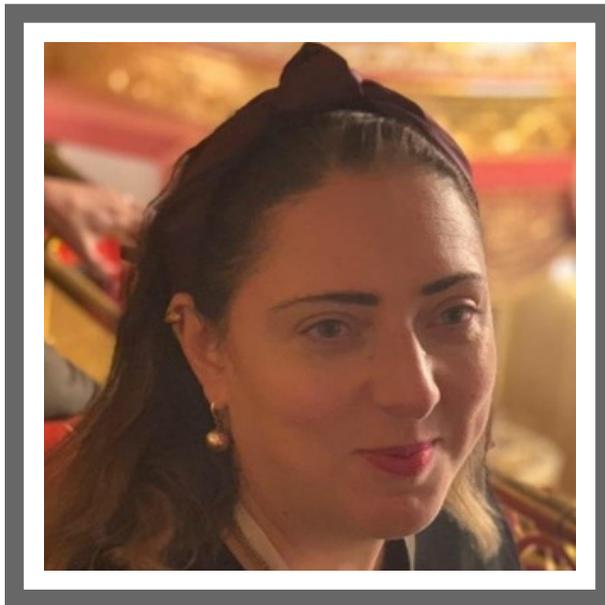
Skills: Nursing; rehabilitation

Competencies: Bachelor and master's degree



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Skills: Genomics; metagenomics; bioinformatics; insect sampling, dissections and curation

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Ornella Manfra is a researcher at the University of Oslo. During the last years, she specialized in cardiovascular research and worked two years in the USA collaborating with Oregon Health Science & University, studying the structure and function of the heart during fetal development. Ornella has a PhD in pharmacology with her research focusing on cellular signaling mechanisms. She has also been working as scientific therapeutic area manager for MSD.

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Competencies: Leadership; perseverance; dedication



Prabina Bhattarai completed her Master of Philosophy in Global Health from the University of Bergen in 2020. She has completed her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics from her home country, Nepal. She was inclined towards academic research since her bachelor where she was actively engaged in various projects and research works. Her work mostly involved anthropometry and dietary assessment. Following her interest in community research, she joined the University of Bergen in 2018 intending to excel herself in research and publications. Her master's thesis was on the objective assessment of overweight, obesity, physical inactivity, and associated factors among women in Eastern Nepal. She believes that lifestyle intervention is the most cost-effective way to deal with non-communicable diseases in resource-poor countries like Nepal. In the future, she dreams to contribute towards the research and academic field in Nepal within her field of interest.

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Competencies: Strategic planning; team leadership; team building; communication; project implementation and management, creative writing and thinking; problem analysis and risk assessment



Rebecca Busby is a Water, Sanitation and Health Engineer with a major interest in community-based health approaches, behavior change and epidemic preparedness in WASH projects in the humanitarian field. She currently works for UNICEF in Lebanon, where she is responsible for the public health side of UNICEF's WASH interventions, including outbreak prevention, health and hygiene promotion, gender mainstreaming and GBV risk mitigation, IPC and capacity building on "soft WASH" for local partners. She has just moved to Lebanon from Nairobi, where she worked as a regional delegate on community-based surveillance for the Norwegian Red Cross. Prior to this she has worked on WASH projects in Indonesia, Lebanon (Bekaa) and North Africa. She loves working in the intersection between public health and WASH and is excited to be part of the Norwegian chapter of Women in Global Health!

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Skills: WASH; community-based surveillance; outbreak prevention in WASH

Competencies: Organization; analysis; problem solving; communication



Rebecca Gladstone specialises in pathogen population genomics. She combines her microbiology background and her training as a bioinformatician to analyse large-scale genomic collections of pathogenic bacteria. Her work strives to understand trends in antimicrobial resistance, outbreaks and vaccine impact to inform vaccine design. Rebecca works with various major global bacterial pathogens, including *E. coli*, *S. pneumoniae*, *N. gonorrhoea*, *C. jejuni* and *H. influenzae*. Her current focus at the University of Oslo is on "Battling Pandemic Multi-Drug Resistant *E. coli* Infections" with Jukka Corander and colleagues, a study of >3000 genomes (short-read) + plasmids (long-read) from *E. coli* bloodstream infections in Norway (Gladstone et al., *Lancet Microbe* 2021). Previously, she was the lead bioinformatician for the Global Pneumococcal Sequencing (GPS) project, looking at conjugate vaccine impact on pneumococcal population structure using an international collection of over 20,000 genomes <https://www.pneumogen.net/gps/>. She continues collaborating with the GPS consortium and is passionate about skill sharing, particularly with colleagues from high disease-burden settings.

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Competencies: Collaboration; Skill-sharing; Project management



Ritika Sharma is a medical student, studying at the University of Oslo. She is the current leader of the student organization Studenter uten Grenser Oslo, which aims to enlighten and engage students in global health education. The board focuses on topics such as neglected crisis, maternal health and gender equity in health. The organization is independent of MSF Oslo, but do have collaborations with MSF nationally. Before becoming the leader, Ritika was the PR-manager in Studenter uten Grenser Oslo. She also shows great interest in the student organization UAEM, and has been an active member in MedHum since 2018. The prime focus as a medical student is to obtain the fundamental knowledge and skills to become a future clinician. However, Ritika believes that these are insufficient recourses to create future global clinicians. In her opinion, a long-term global health curriculum should be integrated in the six year long medical course (Norway). This could be beneficial, not only to provide a deeper international medical understanding, but also to develop a more effective global health service. Gender inequality, weak primary care, climate change and NCDs. These are just a few of thousands of issues regarding the health of the citizens on planet earth. If our generation won't understand the importance of granting equal health opportunities for those in need, who will?

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Skills: Video editing; creative design; social media editing; virtual meeting settings

Competencies: Problem solving; creativity; teamwork; adaptability



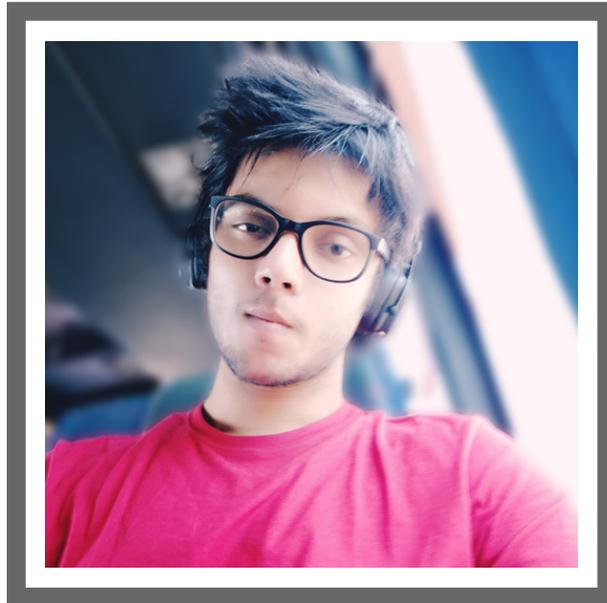
Roosa Tikkanen is a PhD candidate (2021-25) at the Center for Global Health Inequalities Research (CHAIN) at NTNU, where she studies community health workers (CHWs) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). As front-line primary health care workers, CHWs play a key role in addressing socioeconomic inequalities in health. Her research focuses on CHW working conditions, especially remuneration policies, examined through political economy, gender and intersectionality theory, with case studies in South Asia. She also studies labor movements to advocate for better working conditions for CHWs through strikes, protests and unionization. Before CHAIN, Tikkanen was a Senior Researcher in International Health Policy at the Commonwealth Fund where she conducted comparative research on health systems in OECD countries, including primary care, health inequalities, universal coverage, social spending, and maternity care. Prior to this, she worked at the Center for Health Law and Policy, UMass Medical School, researching state-based health financing and delivery, including CHW programs. Tikkanen has also documented racial inequalities in access to and public funding of hospitals in New York City. She holds a Masters in Public Health (MPH) from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and a Masters in Research (MRes) in Integrative Biology and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Neuroscience from the University of Manchester, England.

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Sai Teja Muramalla is passionate about enhancing global health by contributing to cellular research, disease prevention, and diagnostics improvement. He has completed a bachelor's degree in Biotechnology and is currently pursuing a master's degree in International Community Health at the University of Oslo. For his bachelor's thesis, he synthesized silver nanoparticles from a plant extract and subjected to particles' characterization, then made a visual model to study the interaction between the nanoparticles and selected antimalarial drugs for a possible drug delivery system to enhance the efficiency of the antimalarial drugs. Sai actively engages in volunteer work and is also a member of the Global Health Youth Foundation. He is interested in bridging the gap between scientific, medical, and governmental communities to create a robust health system.

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Sarah Osman is a social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) specialist and her career in global development spans over 15 years, including working on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) broadly, with experience in HIV prevention. Her previous employers include Marie Stopes International, and her clients include Frontline AIDS and AmplifyChange Fund. She has extensive experience in migration and development, currently leading a project for the Danish Refugee Council on risk and irregular migration. She has worked on SRHR policy advocacy, conducted research on SRHR awareness raising campaigns and developed SRHR social norms change guidance. In addition, Sarah is a skilled researcher and writer with several publications and has led extensive consultative research with a broad variety of stakeholders. She is also an experienced trainer and facilitator, having led several workshops and designed various training tools and sessions. Sarah holds a MSc. in Cognitive Psychology from Maastricht University, with a specialisation in Health Psychology and Behaviour Change Communication, and a MSc. in International Development Studies from Amsterdam University. Sarah was born in Khartoum, Sudan in 1980 and lives in Oslo with her family.

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Sewika Sulpe holds a bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy from Kathmandu University, Nepal (2013-2018). She is currently doing her master's degree in International Community Health at the University of Oslo (UiO). She did her physiotherapy internship with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), in Norway through the Erasmus exchange programme in 2018. Prior to joining her graduate program, she worked at a teaching hospital in Nepal under Kathmandu University. She focused her work in advocating women's accessibility to sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing. Her major areas of interest are women's health, equity and equality, the reproductive and sexual health of women living in low resources, the socio-cultural role in women's choices, gender parity, health needs and access to women, pre- and post-natal care and maternal health. She is also interested in politics and health, migration and health, climate change and One Health. Her current thesis project aims to gain perspectives of premarital sex and abortion among unmarried women of Nepal.

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Sheri Bastien is an Associate Professor in Public Health at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. She has been engaged in transdisciplinary research for over a decade in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia on a range of issues related to determinants of adolescent health and global health promotion, with a focus on sexual and reproductive health, HIV prevention, water, sanitation and hygiene, as well as vector borne diseases. Through grant support from Grand Challenges Canada, the University of Calgary and with engagement from faculty and students, she led the development of an innovative participatory action research project that was implemented and evaluated in rural Tanzania which involves using curiosity-driven science education and a social entrepreneurship approach to develop locally relevant water, sanitation and hygiene strategies to improve health and education outcomes. Project SHINE (Sanitation and Hygiene Innovation in Education) has also been adapted and piloted in rural India. She is the Co-principal Investigator on a Norad financed project in Nepal (2016-2021) related to innovations in teaching and learning at basic level schools, and also a co-investigator on a Norwegian Research Council funded cluster randomized controlled trial to prevent dengue among school children in Myanmar (2019-2022).

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Competencies: Knowledge translation, capacity strengthening, partnership development



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Skills: Teaching; public health nutrition; global nutrition

Competencies: Field experience from Algeria, Argentina, Nepal, Vietnam and Norway

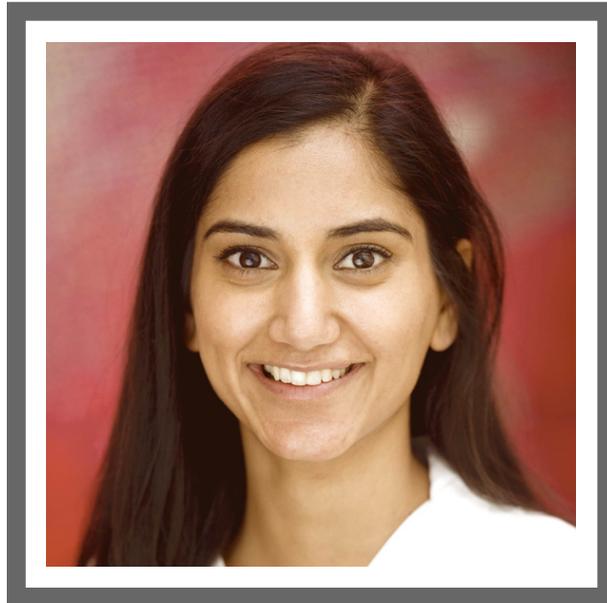


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Skills: public health research; communication; qualitative research; grant writing



Sukhjeet Bains is a medical doctor and PhD student at the Norwegian Research Centre for Women's Health, Oslo University Hospital and Institute of Health and Society, University of Oslo. Her PhD project, the MiPreg study, focuses on recently migrated women's maternity health in Norway. The MiPreg study seeks to identify factors that contribute to disparities in pregnancy outcomes by focusing on the pregnant women's own experiences with maternal health care provision in urban Oslo and by mapping current maternity service challenges. It is a multidisciplinary, mixed method project with both quantitative and qualitative parts. Through her interest in global health, Sukhjeet has studied and worked in Australia, Jordan, Brazil and India. While studying medicine at the University of Oslo she was active in organizations working with global health issues, mostly focusing on maternal and reproductive health.

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Svana Heimisdottir Danbolt is a Clinical research associate (CRA) in clinical operations in a global company. She is responsible for setting up, coordinating and supervising clinical studies. She plans, prepares and helps carry out clinical trials to test new or exciting investigational products. Svana holds a Msc. in health science from University of Oslo. In cooperation with Oslo University hospital and the University of Oslo she has participated as a researcher in a project evaluating a global surgical protocol to explore the benefits of standardized treatment during the whole surgery process. Her previous experience as a registered nurse at a hospital ward, as a clinical research nurse and an adviser at the Norwegian cancer society she is motivated to attribute with her experience and knowledge to learn more and drive healthcare forward.

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Competencies: Study start up; oncology; clinical research; global health



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Skills: Women health; healthcare research; qualitative research; literature review; proposal writing; grant application; research methodology; health promotion and communication; general medicine; preventive medicine



In her research, **Turid Austin Wæhler** is looking into international cooperation with regards to health and emergency preparedness in the Arctic. Her PhD project is focusing on how Norway and Russia cooperate about health facilities and emergency preparedness on Svalbard, a sparsely populated archipelago located halfway between the North Pole and the Norwegian mainland. Remoteness to core health services, harsh climatic conditions, and increasing pressure on the existing infrastructure due to tourism, are vital elements when discussing health and emergency preparedness on Svalbard. As a former advisor at UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Turid has also coordinated multiple global health projects together with actors from various institutions in Norway and abroad. Turid is also engaged in the Norwegian Research School of Global Health and in Global Health Norway.

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Skills: Networking; languages; project planning; popular dissemination

Competencies: Networking; languages; project planning; popular dissemination



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Valerie Robertson is trained as a registered nurse and has a background in hospital medicine in the US healthcare system. She now holds a Master of Science in Nursing and is a certified nurse practitioner, specializing in family medicine. From 2019, she has worked as clinical liaison for RemovAid AS, a medical technology startup based in Oslo focused on women's health. She is passionate about empowerment and using technology to improve women's access to family planning services worldwide.

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Interests: Women's health; Global health; Education; Medical technology; Hospital medicine

Skills: Nursing; Health education; Communications



Victoria C. Simensen is a medical doctor and specialist in oncology. She has more than ten years' experience in clinical medicine, primarily from Oslo University Hospital. She has worked with the National Advisory Unit for Late Term Effects after Cancer Treatment. Victoria has a passion for accelerating priorities on cancer control on the global agenda, which led her to collaborate with the WHO on overviews related to screening and HPV vaccination and on mapping cancer workforce. In 2020, she obtained an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Her thesis evolved around the implementation of Cancer Care Packages in Scandinavia. The timing of her degree spiraled her into efforts combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Since 2020, she has been part of several European clinical trial projects and primarily responsible for coordinating the dialogue on vaccine and therapeutics research amongst European networks through the Trial Coordination Board. She has been affiliated with the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Department of Global Health and is now with the Department of Infection Control and Vaccines. She has a particular interest in reaching vulnerable populations to provide better tailored care, and on bridging initiatives in research and health.

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Interests: NCDs; Health system strengthening; Research interconnectedness; Multidisciplinary approaches; pandemic preparedness

Competencies: Clinical oncology and medicine; research; research coordination



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Skills: Project management; business development; project planning; entrepreneurial finance; mechanical engineering; marketing strategies

Competencies: Digital inclusion; women empowerment



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Secretariat

The WGH Norway Secretariat is currently based at the Centre for Global Health (CGH) at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo (UiO). The Secretariat includes Ingeborg K. Haavardsson (Leader) and Gabriella Rodriguez (Communications Officer), supported by various Standing Committees working on ad-hoc emerging issues. The Secretariat is also supported by two special counselors, an Advisory Group (AG) and two youth coordinators.



Ingeborg K. Haavardsson is a management and communication specialist, with over 25 years of management and event experience within the international development and research sector. She is the Managing Director of the Centre for Global Health at the Medical Faculty at the University of Oslo since 2016, and manages the Oslo secretariat of the Lancet One Health Commission. She leads the Norwegian chapter of Women in Global Health, a network she co-founded in 2018. From 1999-2005 she was the Information Director at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), and from 2005-2016 she worked as PRIO's Special Advisor for External Relations. She was instrumental in building up the Peace Research Endowment, an independent unit in the USA, and was its Executive Director from 2011-2013. Her previous employment is with the Norwegian Church Aid and the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration. She holds an M.A. in International Conflict Analysis from the University of Canterbury, Kent, UK and a Cand. Mag. (French, History, Comparative Politics) from the University of Oslo and the University of Bergen.

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Interests: Research dissemination; event coordination; global health; children born of war; women, peace and security; women in global health; arts-informed research dissemination

Skills: Event management; strategy work; networking; science diplomacy; back-office work

Competencies: Teamwork; communication; trustworthiness & ethics; problemsolving; organizational skills



Gabriella Rodriguez is an Adviser at the Sustainable Health Unit at the University of Oslo. Her role is to support communications for the unit including at the Centre for Global Health, which currently hosts the secretariats for The Lancet One Health Commission and Women in Global Health Norway. She also currently works as administrative manager for a foundation called The Children Born of War Project. She was the 2020 Planetary Health Alliance (PHA) campus ambassador and worked closely with the program to educate different communities about planetary health. Her education background includes a Bachelors degree in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Masters degree in International Community Health from UiO.

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Skills: Communications; targeted marketing; event management; networking; research

Competencies: Organizational skills; strategic promotion; maternal health; international community medicine; academic writing

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