

Expert Clinics

October 2 | 1:00 p.m.

Providing Holistic Care in Times of Crisis

Central Hub

As climate change, displacement, and inequality place increasing strain on communities, frontline health systems must evolve to reach those most at risk. This joint panel brings together ADRA International and Americares to explore how innovative mobile health outreach and climate-informed primary healthcare can adapt to rapidly changing community needs while expanding access to essential health services. Drawing on ADRA International's experiences supporting Venezuelan migrants affected by displacement in Colombia and Americares' climate adaptation efforts with primary healthcare centers in the Philippines, panelists will share practical, scalable solutions for delivering equitable and community-centered primary care. The discussion will highlight how locally-led, co-created solutions can strengthen integrated health service delivery, build community resilience, and help health systems better respond to the growing challenges of climate change and displacement.



Helena Souders

Senior Program Manager, ADRA International

Helena is a Senior Program Manager with over 12 years of experience leading humanitarian responses in complex settings in Latin America and Africa. Expertise in protracted emergencies, human mobility, and with extensive experience responding to the Venezuelan migration crisis. Proven leader in designing, managing, and scaling health and other humanitarian interventions for migrant and mobile populations, while

coordinating diverse teams, government stakeholders, donors, and humanitarian partners.

Helena has a particular interest in leveraging mobile health units to expand access to care for marginalized and underserved communities. She is especially passionate about the positive impact of intentional, inclusive programming on women, children, older adults, and other vulnerable populations.



Elena Ateva

Director of Climate & Disaster Resilience, Americares

Elena Ateva is a human rights attorney and advocate who serves as the Director of Climate and Disaster Resilience for Americares. Her work bridges the intersection of climate change, emergency response, and public health, with a specific emphasis on maternal, newborn, and child health equity. She works closely with health providers and clinic staff, ensuring they have the resources to protect the most vulnerable patients from hurricanes, wildfires,

flooding, extreme heat and other weather events intensified by climate change. Since joining Americares in 2023, Ateva has helped shape and expand the organization's global climate resilience and preparedness portfolio. She

played a key role in the expansion of the Climate Resilience for Frontline Clinics Toolkit and the development of the Climate Health Equity for Community Clinics Program.



Claudia Sanchez de Lozada [Facilitator]

Senior Manager, Food Security, Climate and WASH, InterAction

Claudia Sanchez de Lozada is InterAction's Senior Manager for Food Security, Climate and WASH. In her position, she leads policy coordination and advocacy initiatives in these sectors for the InterAction coalition. She engages regularly with U.S. government agencies, including USDA and the State Department, as well as Congressional House and Senate offices, to advocate for international food security, nutrition, agriculture, climate, and WASH priorities. Claudia also leads InterAction's work in the Civil7 and Civil 20 processes and sits in the steering committees for both processes.

Prior to working at InterAction, Claudia worked in the private sector as an international environmental consultant. She has extensive experience managing international environmental projects throughout Latin America, Africa, and the United States.

Locally-led Resource Mobilization and Governance – A Strategy for the Future

The Forum

What changes are needed for emergency response funds to become sustainable efforts? What capacities and strategies do local organizations need to sustain their source of income? What do donors and INGOs need to build—or let go of—to shift decision-making power locally? In this joint presentation, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and Oxfam America will share examples and discuss forward-looking implications for humanitarian resource mobilization and partnership models. UUSC will share practical lessons of how locally led resource mobilization – through pooled funds, community-led processes to inform resourcing strategy – supports agency, directs resources to where they need to go and is sustainable in responding to humanitarian and human rights crises. Oxfam will share highlights of emerging approaches of locally-led financing from its Emergency Response Fund Agility pilot to scale locally governed emergency response funding, including flexible financing, and foster shared risk management, women's organization participation, and locally designed accountability systems.


Myra Dahgaypaw

Senior Partnership Officer for International Justice and Accountability, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

Myra is the Senior Partnership Officer for International Justice and Accountability at Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and a board of director for the U.S Campaign for Burma. She is a Karen human rights activist from Karen State, Eastern Burma. Myra was an internally displaced person and a refugee before she resettled in the United States. Since a young age, she has been a community organizer. In the past two decades, Myra has been engaged with various human rights and political issues in Burma while serving her community and Burmese diaspora in the United States focusing on the United States' Burma policy, promotion of human rights, and an inclusive democracy that includes all ethnic and religious minorities.


Namalie Jayasinghe

Senior Researcher, Humanitarian, Oxfam America

Namalie is the Senior Researcher, Humanitarian at Oxfam America, where she leads strategic research on humanitarian action, localization, and gender justice. Previously, she served as Oxfam America's Senior Researcher for Gender and Women's Rights, contributing to the organization's learning agenda on intersectional feminism. Before joining Oxfam, Namalie was a postdoctoral fellow at Kadir Has University in Istanbul, researching discourses on violence against women in Sri Lanka and Turkey. She holds a PhD in International Relations from American University, where her research examined the gendered impacts of natural disasters in Sri Lanka, as well as degrees from New York University and the London School of Economics. Her work spans Asia, West Africa, and the United States, advancing women's leadership and locally led humanitarian action.


Janice Ian Manlutac

Senior Local Humanitarian Leadership and Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor, Oxfam America

Janice is the Senior Local Humanitarian Leadership (LHL) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Advisor for Oxfam America and has been working in communities with large scale fast and slow onset disaster contexts in rural, urban and conflict areas around the world. Janice has led initiatives in humanitarian response, resilience, localization, and partnership development in Asia Pacific and parts of Africa. She has supported the design of major humanitarian and leadership strategies for Oxfam and local actors, including in Somalia and Syria, and currently convenes the global LHL Network, a community of practice spanning 25 countries. Janice is recognized for supporting strategic startups, locally led action and systems change in humanitarian financing.

**Salote Soqo**

Director of Advocacy, Global Displacement, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

Salote is the Director of Advocacy, Global Displacement at the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), where she leads UUSC's advocacy to advance rights-protection in national and international policies, laws, and practices to defend and protect human rights globally. With over two decades of community-based organizing, environmental management and climate justice experience, Salote has led initiatives addressing climate justice, grantmaking, strategy development and social justice activism, Salote has led disaster relief aid, the human right to water, civil and political rights protection in regions spanning the Pacific Islands, the United States, and the Caribbean.