

Global Health Security Conference
Concept Note- Recommendations for Workshop Topics

Location: Sydney, Australia

Dates: June 18-21, 2024

Format: Two Panel Discussions

SESSION A

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19, 2024- Breakfast

Title: *A Transformative Approach to Global Health Security: The Carter Center's Experience*

Summary:

Global Health Security (GHS) is not possible without the country's ability to cover all areas of the country, including those that are unreachable sometimes due to insecurity and strife. The proposed panel will share The Carter Center's (TCC) experience promoting GHS by serving neglected populations in remote areas. TCC's multifaceted approach to controlling, eliminating, and eradicating neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) involves working with community health workers and volunteers to bridge the gaps in healthcare systems to detect, contain, and treat NTDs. This can include surveillance interventions, surgical outreaches, drug distribution, operational research, and diagnostic development. Furthermore, TCC leverages internal collaborations to implement integrated strategies between The Carter Center's Peace and Health programs. Session participants will gain valuable insight and a comprehensive understanding of how TCC addresses challenges to GHS by leveraging community engagement, education, capacity strengthening, building collaborative partnerships with local governments and other organizations, and fostering peace in conflict-prone areas through an innovative "Peace through Health" framework. TCC's past successes, current initiatives, and future opportunities will be showcased. The session aims to inspire collaborative efforts for a more secure and peaceful global health landscape. Some considerations for specific program topics for the panel to discuss:

- *Last Mile Communities:* The Carter Center's health programs support GHS by serving some of the most neglected populations. We bring visibility to their underserved areas, mobilize and train hundreds of thousands of community health workers and village volunteers and Ministry of Health staff, and improve infrastructure by supporting regular disease prevention delivery services (medicines, water filters, bed nets). We are responsive to and amplify public health guidance from the World Health Organization and Ministries of Health.
- *Peace-health nexus work to support GHS:* TCC's Conflict Resolution Program and Guinea Worm Eradication Program (GWEP) have been working in the Mopti region of Mali to provide access to public health workers in communities where there has historically been insecurity. A Peace-Health Initiative piloted between 2018 and 2022 resulted in improved health, improved livelihoods, reduced violence, improved trust among stakeholders, and greater inclusion of community members in peace and health decision-making.
- *Working with Internally Displaced and Refugee Populations:* The Carter Center and Sudan Federal Ministry of Health's Trachoma Control Program have implemented trachoma interventions in refugee and internally displaced camps in multiple locations of Sudan. These

efforts have shown that it is possible to implement NTD programming in such settings despite the challenge of population movements and insecurity.

Speakers:

- Session Moderator:
 - The Carter Center, Anyess Travers*
- Introduction to TCC- overview and translating TCC Health Programs to Global Health Security Outcomes
 - The Carter Center, Kashef Ijaz
- Global Perspective on the Importance of Peace and Health related to GHS
 - WHO representative speaker
- In-Country TCC Activities: Peace through Health in Central Mali
 - The Carter Center-Mali, Boukary Sangaré
- In-Country TCC Activities: Peace through Health in Sudan
 - The Carter Center, Angelia Sanders

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