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I. EDUCATION

Degree courses: MD, MPH

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Master in Public Health, MPH (Health Policy and Management) Baltimore, Maryland, USA
(with a certificate in Public Health and Human Rights and courses in bioethics) July 96- March 97

UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Brussels, Belgium

"Doctorat en Médecine Chirurgie et Accouchements," MD, Cum Laude

1980-88

Extracurricular research activities: Statute of Researcher Student a) in Pediatric Cardiology (1985-87), b) in Epidemiology at the WHO Collaborating Center of Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, CRED (1987-88).; Intern at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva in the Division of Maternal and Child Health (1988); Overseas Internship of Pediatrics at the "Université de Montreal, Canada" (2-5/1987), "Hospital Ste-Justine" (scholarship awarded from the "Association Quebec-Wallonie-Bruxelles").

Diploma courses

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL (and with ICRC)

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Certificate in International Humanitarian Law

June 1998

UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Brussels, Belgium

"Méthodes, Statistiques, Epidémiologiques et Opérationnelles Appliquées à la Médecine et à la Santé Publique" (Certificate), Cum Laude

1989 (six months)

INSTITUT DE MEDECINE TROPICALE PRINCE LEOPOLD II

Antwerp, Belgium

Diplôme de Médecine Tropicale, DTM, Cum Laude

1988 (six months)

I. SKILL MIX, FOCUS, AND PROFESSIONAL PREFERENCES

25 years of gradual experience mostly UN work, in a variety of regional, geographical, geopolitical and institutional environments, with an incrementing level of engagement, from technical and operational to management, leadership and diplomatic levels; focus on health in complex humanitarian emergencies, recovery and transitions; technical capacities in quantitative analysis, humanitarian law and conflict resolution; sound understanding of multilateralism. Career preferences to address public health at country/field level in politically loaded contexts, and contexts of regional or transnational geostrategic importance. Interest in public health practice requiring political acumen and centred on inquisitiveness, self-evaluation, context analysis; work engagement with a sense of purpose.

II. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EUROPE

Tel Aviv, Israel

Special Representative and Special Political Advisor COVID-19

Starting November 2020

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**
Regional Emergency Director (RED)

*Cairo, Egypt
February 2017-present*

Role: The position takes lead and senior management roles in the design, funding and implementation of the WHO Health Emergency Program in the Middle-Eastern Region, which at includes 22 Member states from Morocco to Pakistan, and from Iran to Somalia and Sudan. The position covers six core programmatic areas each lead by a senior Manager at sub-director level (total staff: 50): administration for emergencies, country preparedness and IHR (2005); Emergency Response; Emerging Pathogens and Epidemic Response; Health Risk Assessment and Surveillance; External Relations. The position requires political acumen, fine-tuned diplomacy, sound technical oversight in a number of public health areas; strong context analysis skills; field geared olfaction and field-driven evidenced-based decision making. The position directly answers to the elected Regional Director of EMRO, and the Deputy Director-General in charge of the Health Emergency Program. This a 300M USD Program budget with a large number of donors behind, who require constant dialogue on the efficiency and appropriateness of their investment. The position requires to present annual progress report to the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean of WHO, which is the Regional Governing Body composed by 22 delegations from Member States, head by their Ministers of Health. Represented WHO in high-level conferences related to Syria: the 3 Brussels Conferences on the Future of Syria, and the Senior Officials Meeting led by the EU on Syria.

Additional missions (2019): detached to WHO HQ (Geneva): a) to lead the Health and Migration Program (to take on the process by which the WHA72 endorses the motion on Health and Migration) and b) to establish the Dual-Use Research of Concern Program within the newly established WHO Science Division, headed by WHO Chief Scientist; detached WHO EURO in Latvia as government adviser and special representative for COVID-19, and COVID-19 Special Advisor for Europe(2020).

Achievements: the transformation of the program into a regional operation in support to member states (preparedness) and response to a large number of public health events; the enhancement of regional health security through improved awareness of international health regulations as a framework for health protection and effective outbreak response; and the establishment of a new program with a strong team of senior managers and professionals.

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**
WHO Representative in Pakistan

*Islamabad, Pakistan
June 2014-2017*

Role: Representation; health diplomacy; program oversight; office management; HR supervision 950 workforces including staff (100), non-staff contractors (450) and service contractors (350); partnership; budget management and resource mobilization

Achievements: a) leadership in polio eradication in sensitive political and geostrategic context, with tangible results in reducing the spread of polio in the last 12 months ; b) multi-level negotiation to open access to children for immunization and polio eradication, with government officials, the military and former militancy pacified groups ; c) high level advocacy for public health in particular child and maternal health, tobacco control, health system matters, drug regulation, health trade ; d) business transformation of the WHO country office in Pakistan both in HR deployment and operations in line with new constitutional devolution amendment ; e) named country pilot for business transformation under a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant (1M USD) ; f) high level contact with BMGF President for Global Development for multi-million resource mobilization for the polio eradication program in Pakistan.

**PANAMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO/PAHO)**
PAHO/WHO Representative in Bolivia

*La Paz, Bolivia
November 2011- May 2014*

Role: Representation; health diplomacy; program oversight; office management; HR supervision 59 staff; partnership; budget management and resource mobilization

Achievements: a) budget reform (efficiency gains 35% in a biennium) ; office-re-structuration (office relocation and nationalization of documentation center) ; HR Plan reform (staff reduction for efficiency gain purpose of about 35% in 18 months) and adherence to national health priorities ; d) resource mobilization (USAID, KOICA, CIDA CAN, Belgium, Norway, EU) for a total of 3.5 M USD ; e) Conflict resolution and arbitration in Bolivia health sector crisis 2012 ; f) numerous reports, and participation in international events, and WHO Global Working Groups.

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR WESTERN PACIFIC
COUNTRY OFFICE IN CAMBODIA**

*Senior Program Management Officer (Deputy Representative)
Acting WHO Representative*

*Phnom Penh, Cambodia
March 2008 – October 2011
October 2009- January 2010*

Summary: Senior Program Management Officer consists in: 1) acting as a deputy to the WHO country representative, undertaking complex technical and political processes and be officer in charge in his absence; 2) managing WHO country programs and an office of 55 people for a total budget of around 24 millions USD per biennium: the program management work consists in ensuring and enhancing coherency across programs and in budget programming and overall management; in developing a result-based operational planning for the office; and monitor its implementation both technically and financially; 3) to play lead role in GFATM coordination; 4) to act as humanitarian emergency focal point and resource person for major emergencies (see Haiti 2010 below) .

**On secondment to: PANAMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO/PAHO)
COUNTRY OFFICE IN HAITI**

*Health Cluster Coordinator
Senior Advisor to PWR*

*Port-au-Prince, Haiti
May-July 2010
October-November 2010*

Summary: Seconded from WPRO and WCO Cambodia to PAHO/Haiti to provide humanitarian coordination responsibility for the post earthquake emergency and Senior Advisor in Program Management and Policy at the onset of the cholera epidemics

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
HEADQUARTERS**

Geneva, Switzerland

*Team Leader, senior scientist (seconded by Gov. Belgium)
Department of Health Inequities
Department of Measurement and Health Information System
Department of Health Systems*

*April 2006 - May 2008
November 2003-March 2006
April 2001 - October 2003*

Summary: Work in measurement: a) Leader of a team with technical responsibilities in the area of health measurement, health system analysis and health information system development; b) responsible for organizing and providing support to countries in related fields; c) co-responsible for clearance of published core WHO statistical information; d) representative of WHO in Inter-Agency forum on tracking progress and measuring achievements of the Millennium Development Goals; e) manager of day a-to-day activities and operations of a team of six professional and support staff, including human resources, budget allocation; f) report writing, peer reviewed papers, editorials

Summary: Work in health inequities: a) Lead the development of an advocacy, communications and external relations strategy driven by sound evidence-based reasoning within Department and EQH network, including regional and country offices; b) lead the development of a measurement strategy for health inequities; c) streamline the work and learning on social determinants of health and integrate the social determinants / health conditions perspective within WHO technical programs in order to improve the level and the distribution of health in population and primary public health conditions ; d) establish in collaboration with interested departments and external parties a global health observatory function that incorporates the various data and information production and analysis mechanisms at WHO

Medical Officer at P5 level

April 1997 - April 2001

Department of Emergency and Humanitarian Action (EHA),

Summary: *From Nov. 1999 to April 2001:* a) Manager of the Emergency Health Intelligence Team at WHO; b) designer of the humanitarian health intelligence function at WHO, including its financial support by the US government (USAID/OFDA and US/BPRM)

Summary: *until Nov. 1999:* a) management of WHO humanitarian programs for countries in crises; b) field assessment of health systems in countries of Central Asia, Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Central Africa, the Americas; c) strategic planning for the health sector response to humanitarian crises within the framework of the UN Inter-agency Consolidated Appeals (United Nations Humanitarian Planning exercise) in countries in complex emergencies; d) resource mobilisation for these Appeals; e) reference person for human rights issues related to health in humanitarian assistance at WHO; f) author of numerous consolidated reports, mission reports, project proposals, reports to donors; g) guest lecturer at university level.

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE (WHO/EURO)**

Head of Office, WHO Office for Eastern Bosnia in Tuzla

*Bosnia Herzegovina
Nov. 1995 - June 1996*

Summary: a) Headed of WHO in Northeast Bosnia and UN Health Representative on behalf of UNHCR for humanitarian assistance to 270,000 displaced persons; b) lead negotiations between the health authorities in N-E Bosnia and the NATO 30th Medical Brigade on the de-regulation of discriminatory HIV/AIDS policy initially set up on concerns raised by the presence of foreign military troops; c) acted as health policy adviser to local health authorities as well as to UNHCR and 20 implementing non governmental agencies; d) acted as regional focal point for the WHO Health Reform and Reconstruction Program in Bosnia; e) elaborated the federal (Country/Sarajevo level) program of health assistance for the return of internally displaced persons and refugees (700,000 Bosnian refugees), a program successfully endorsed by donors (US/BPRM) and supported with an annual fund of 1,000,000 US\$ renewed three times.

REFUGEE POLICY GROUP (with the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health)

Consultant

Tanzania, Zaire, Washington, DC 1995 (Oct-Nov)

Summary: Member of a team of scientific experts in refugee health issues in the frame of a study on the “lessons learned” from the international humanitarian operation for the Rwandan refugee crisis; focus on health information systems in refugee camps, health services and health system design.

**UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, DEPARTMENT OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI (UNMIH)**

Medical Human Rights Observer in the Division of Human Rights

*Haiti
1995 (Feb-Aug)*

Summary: a) establishment of public health and human rights standards in Haiti for a better monitoring of public health consequences of human rights abuses; b) implementation of a health monitoring system for the detention conditions in the Haitian penitentiary system; c) elaboration, for the Executive Director of UNMIH/MICIVIH, of an analytical report on the methodology for a coherent public health approach to human rights monitoring based on a disease and injury surveillance system; d) monitoring of free democratic legislative and local elections in Haiti in May 1995; e) preparation for the Truth Commission (*Commission Verite et Justice*) of medico-legal information for case investigations.

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

United Nations Medical Coordinator

*Bukavu, Zaire
July- December 1994*

Summary: a) UN Health Coordinator and senior public health adviser to the Zairian authorities in South Kivu; b) manager of a 10,000,000 US\$ program directed to provide health preventive and curative services to 350,000 Rwandan refugees on the Rwanda/Zaire border; c) supervisor of five UN public health staff and more than 25 implementing partners (approximately 100 individuals in total); d) author of a 80-page report for the High Commissioner for Refugees on the health situation of the Rwandan refugees in the Bukavu - Uvira area.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE (WHO/EURO)
Consultant

Former Yugoslavia
1994

Summary: a) In collaboration with the United Nations Protection Force for Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR) and UNHCR in FYROM (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), preparation of a contingency plan in case of massive refugee migration from Kosovo, Serbia; b) implementation of WHO programs including mental health system rehabilitation in FYROM and represented WHO in discussions with FYROM government officials; c) submission of an analytical report on the role of WHO in a Former Yugoslavian Republic.

UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION
MISSION CIVILE INTERNATIONALE EN HAÏTI (MICIVIH)
Human Rights Observer (detached from WHO/PAHO)

Haiti
1993

Summary: a) Conduction of negotiations for the liberation of political prisoners under the military regime in Haiti; b) medical and non-medical observation of human rights violation cases; c) medical assessment of victims of torture; d) prison visits and monitoring of detention conditions.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

PANAMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO/PAHO)

Sub-regional Coordinator, Program of Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief
Coordination Program (as a Belgian Associate Professional Officer)

Quito, Ecuador
1993-1994

Summary: a) Coordination of the Andean WHO/PAHO Program (Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Relief; b) health coordinator and UN focal person during natural and man-made disasters in South America; c) technical cooperation to Member States in national emergency planning; d) lecturer in South American universities; e) authored technical reports on emergency planning in South America

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

PANAMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO/PAHO)

Subregional Coordinator a.i., Assistant Coordinator,
Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief Coordination Program

San Jose, Costa Rica
1991-end 1992

Summary: a) In charge a.i. of the Central American (Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica) WHO/PAHO Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Relief Program; b) UN Health Coordinator in eight large scale emergencies (earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and volcanic eruptions); c) Health Coordinator of PAHO/ONUSAL (UN Observation Mission in El Salvador) for the emergency phase of the demobilization process of 15,000 combatants of the “*Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional*” (FMLN) in El Salvador; d) focal point for the United Nations Disaster Management Team Program (UNDMTP); e) final report as interim sub-regional adviser to the WHO/PAHO Deputy Regional Director (Nov.1992) on the status of WHO’s technical cooperation in disaster preparedness within the democratization process of Central American countries.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

HEADQUARTERS (WHO/HQ)

Research Fellow (CSA), Planning, Coordination and Cooperation Division

Geneva, Switzerland
Nov '90-Feb '91

Summary: a) Analysis of the Resolutions of the World Health Assembly and of the WHO Executive Board from 1948-1989 on the Malaria Eradication and Malaria Action Programs in order to measure their historical dimension for the WHO Political Department.

MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY/THE WELLCOME TRUST FOUNDATION
Volunteer Research Physician for the Field Malaria Research Clinic

Bangkok, Thailand
Aug-Nov 1990

Summary: a) Conduction of a clinical trial study on the chemical treatment of multi-drug resistant malaria; b) co-author of a scientific publication on the use of Mefloquine in the treatment of falciparum malaria (Journal of Infectious Diseases '92).

MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES/FRANCE

Bangkok, Thailand

Volunteer Physician
Medical Coordinator a.i., Chiang Kham Refugee Camp, Thai/Laotian Border

Nov 89-Aug 90

Summary: a) Head of medical care facilities for 25,000 refugees. Implementation of UNHCR health policy in the MSF clinic of the refugee camp; b) organization of vaccination campaigns according to WHO Expanded Program of Immunization.

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
HEADQUARTERS (WHO/HQ)**

Research Fellow (CSA), Family Health Division, Maternal and Child Unit

Geneva, Switzerland
Aug-Nov 1988

Summary: a) Technical Assistant for the International Consultation on Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Adolescence held in WHO/HQ in October 1988; b) epidemiological research on sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents in developing countries (additional research to the work performed earlier as a WHO/HQ Intern during medical studies).

III. PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Peer reviewed scientific publications; published opinion-editorial and press editorials

M. THIEREN, R. GUERRA. Health and Migration: A Global Program and Action Plan Where Health is to Come First. Submitted on invitation for *PLoS One Journal, Special Issue on Health and Migration* (for publication December 2019).

D. SAMHOURI, K. IJAZ, M. THIEREN, et AL. World Health Organization Joint External Evaluations in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2016-17. *Health Security* (in press, 2018) 16(1). DOI: 10.1089/hs.2017.0066

M. THIEREN, D. HAYES. Cambodia: A Patient Waiting, *Open Democracy*, 15 May 2009. Accessible at: <http://www.opendemocracy.net/article/cambodia-waiting-for-the-public-enemy>

M. THIEREN. Deaths in Iraq: the numbers game, revisited. *Open Democracy*, 11 January 2008. Accessible at: http://www.opendemocracy.net/article/conflicts/iraq_handover/numbers_game_revisited

M. THIEREN, A. MAURON. The Nuremberg Code turns sixty. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 2007. 85(8): 573

M. THIEREN. "Terror Doctors": Anatomy of a Void Concept. *Open Democracy*, 12 July 2007. Accessible at: http://opendemocracy.net/thursday_essay/terror_doctors_anatomy_void_concept

M. THIEREN. Medicine and Public Health in Dark Times. *Open Democracy*, 25 April 2007. Accessible at: http://www.opendemocracy.net/globalization-vision_reflections/dark_times_4560.jsp

M. THIEREN. Health and foreign policy in question: The case of humanitarian action. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 2007. 85(3): 218-224. Accessible at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/3/06-038273.pdf>

M. THIEREN. Libyan justice: medicine on death row. *Open Democracy*, 19 December 2006. Accessible at: http://www.opendemocracy.net/globalization-vision_reflections/libya_bulgaria_4200.jsp

M. THIEREN. Deaths in Iraq: How Many and Why it Matters. Essay. *Open Democracy*, 18 October 2006. Accessible at: http://www.opendemocracy.net/conflict-iraq/iraq_deaths_4011.jsp

M. THIEREN. *Un centre indépendant pour la mémoire de l'Europe à Srebrenica : un projet d'avenir*. Conference Paper presented at the Conference: Ex-Yougoslavie: Le sens de l'histoire. Institut Mémoire de l'édition contemporaine. Ardenne Abbey, Caen France, 18-19 November 2005. http://www.balkanstransit.asso.fr/bosnie_site/index.php?action=imec

M. THIEREN and L.L. Lambrichs: Dayton Plus Ten: Europe Interrogated. Essay. *Open Democracy*, 24 November 2005. Accessible at http://www.opendemocracy.net/democracy-yugoslavia/dayton_3061.jsp

M. THIEREN. Kashmir: Brothers in Aid. Op-Ed. *Open Democracy*, 17 October 2005. Accessible at http://www.opendemocracy.net/globalization-institutions_government/humanitarian_2930.jsp

M. THIEREN. Katrina's Triple Failure: Technical, Political, Ethical. Op-Ed. *Open Democracy*, 8 September 2005. London. Accessible at http://www.opendemocracy.net/globalization-climate_change_debate/lesso

M. THIEREN. Health Information Systems in Humanitarian Emergencies. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. 2005. 83(8): 584-588. Accessible at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/83/8/584arabic.pdf>

M. THIEREN. There was genocide in Srebrenica. And it continues to win. Op-Ed. *Open Democracy*, 11th July 2005. London. Accessible at: http://opendemocracy.net/conflict-yugoslavia/genocide_2664.jsp

M. THIEREN. J'ai recommandé un jour que Srebrenica soit clôturée. [guest editorial] *Le Courier*, 7th July 2005. Geneva.

M. THIEREN. J'ai recommandé un jour que Srebrenica soit clôturée (Op-Ed, shortened version). Cyberpresse.ca (Opinion Section, journal La presse, 23rd June 2005). Accessed the 23rd June 2005 on <http://www.cyberpresse.ca>

M. THIEREN. Asian Tsunami: Death Toll Addiction and its downside. [Leading editorial.] *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. 2005. 83(2): 82. Accessible at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/83/2/82.pdf>

N. GUPTA, S. MOUSSAVI, C. MURRAY, B. SHENGELIA, M. THIEREN: *Coverage of Effective Interventions: An Analysis of the Quality of Reporting of Childhood Immunization Coverage Rates*. *Lancet*. 362(9389):1022-7, 2003 Sep 27.

M. SHEIK, M.I. GUTIERREZ, P. BOLTON, P. SPIEGEL, M. THIEREN, G. BURNHAM: *Dead of Humanitarian Workers*. *British Medical Journal*: vol. 521, pp. 166-8, 25 July 2000

F.O. TER KUILE, F. NORSTEN, M. THIEREN, C. LUXEMBURGER, M.D. EPSTEIN, T. CHONGSUPHAHAISIDDHI, L. PHAIPUN, K.K. WEBSTER, N.J. WHITE: High Dose Mefloquine in the Treatment of Multi-Drug Resistant Falciparum Malaria. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, December 1992.

M. THIEREN, M. STUNS, M. TREMOUROUX, P. JAUMIN, Y. KESTENS, D. MOULIN, J. LINTERMANS, A. VLIERS: *Cardiopathies congenitales et maladie vasculaire pulmonaire obstructive dans le syndrome de Down*. *Arch. Mal. Coeur*: 61 (5): 656-60, May 1988

Scientific, Internal Keynotes/Interventions and Working Papers (not peer reviewed, unpublished) - selection of significant papers

M. THIEREN. "Michel's Notes on COVID-19 (15 February – 26 September 2020). A compilation of political analysis, scientific review, proposals, speeches and press conference talking point the empowering of leadership in Europe". A 349-page syllabus. 2020.

M. THIEREN. *Comprehensive Review of Issues and Practices in Dual-Use Research in the Life Sciences – a WHO Briefing Paper*. Requested for the Director-General. November, 2019.

M. THIEREN. *Considerations on the 2019 Polio Situation in Pakistan, as per Polio STAG (PAK) Presentation of August 2019*. Paper submitted to Pakistan Prime Minister's Office on invitation. October, 2019.

M. THIEREN. *Review of Programmatic Undertaking by WHO within the Context of the Global Action*

Plan to Promote the Health of migrants and Refugees (World Health Assembly 72th). A comprehensive Briefing Note for WHO Senior Management and Member States. Requested by Deputy Director-General. August, 2019.

M. THIEREN. *Regional Implementation of the WHO Health Emergency Program in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. A Comprehensive Briefing Document for the elected Regional Director.* September, 2018.

M. THIEREN: *The Ideological and Technical Divides Around Inclusive Education for Children with Learning Disabilities: the Pros and Cons of Inclusiveness, and the Way Forward.* Literature research done in the context of salient WHO role in children with disabilities in Pakistan. May, 2016.

M. THIEREN. *Assessing the Efficacy of ICT Solutions and Designs in the Learning Performance of Individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorder: A Literature Review of Main Issues.* Literature research done in the context of salient WHO role in children with disabilities in Pakistan. January, 2016.

M. THIEREN: *Polio Eradication in Arenas of Armed Conflict: Towards a Global Polio Peace Agreement.* Informal position paper prepared ahead of new posture as WHO Representative in Pakistan, last polio endemic country. June 2014.

M. THIEREN. *Analysis of the Joint Inspection Unit Reports and the WHO EB Report on WHO Reform.* Contribution (25 pages) to the Transition of Dr Carissa Etienne as Regional Director-Elected. January 2013.

M. THIEREN. *Humanitarian Action at WHO: What Works and What Doesn't.* Informal position paper prepared for the WHO Transition Team and Assistant Director General for Health Action in Crisis. Emergencies. Phnom Penh and Manila, May 2011

M. THIEREN. *Coordination du Groupe organique (Cluster) santé en Haiti avec annexes techniques. Rapport de Mission, Haiti, 12 mai – 16 juin 2010.* Washington DC, Juin 2010

M. THIEREN. *Humanitarian Program Management for the Cholera Epidemics in Haiti, with Technical Annexes. Mission Report, Haiti, 7 oct – 20 nov 2010.* Washington DC, novembre 2010

M. THIEREN. *Millennium Development Goals: The Health Indicators, Scope, Definitions, and Measurement Methods.* WHO Technical Paper WHO/EIP/HFS/03.2, Geneva, 2003

M. THIEREN. *Millennium Development Goals: WHO's Contribution to Tracking Progress and Measuring Achievements.* WHO Technical Paper WHO/EIP/HFS/03.1, Geneva, 2003

M. THIEREN. *A framework for monitoring progress towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in the health sector.* Background paper presented at the WHO Technical Conference on Universal Access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. October, 2005. Accessible at http://www.who.int/hiv/universalaccess2010/UA_definitions_Dec05.pdf

M. THIEREN: *Health Information Systems: Data Collection Strategies.* WHO Technical Paper submitted in preparation of the WHO World Health Report on Health System Performance Assessment 2002; WHO/EIP, Geneva, 2001

M. THIEREN (as Chairman): Inter-Agency Medical/Health Task Force; Humanitarian Crisis in Eastern Timor. *WHO/Document EHA/00/03*, Geneva, 2000.

M. THIEREN (as Chairman): Inter-Agency Medical/Health Task Force; Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Balkans. *WHO/Document EHA/00/01*, Geneva, 2000.

M. THIEREN: *Public Health Practice in Humanitarian Crises: A post-graduate Training Module.* European Centre for Humanitarian Health, University of Lyon I, France, March 1999.

M. THIEREN: *WHO Health Activities in the Balkans, cases of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo)*. <http://www.reliefweb.int>, the official Web site for United Nations Humanitarian Affairs, March 1999.

M. THIEREN: *The United Nations Engagement in Centro-America in Relation to Hurricane Mitch: Briefing Paper for the Director General of the World Health Organization at the World Economic Forum in Davos, 27 January 1999*; published on <http://www.reliefweb.int>, the official Web site for United Nations Humanitarian Affairs, January 1999.

M. THIEREN: *Health Report: Colombia Earthquake*. <http://www.reliefweb.int>, the official Web site for United Nations Humanitarian Affairs, January 1999.

M. THIEREN: *WHO Emergency and Humanitarian Action in Kosovo*. <http://www.reliefweb.int>, the official Web site for United Nations Humanitarian Affairs, January 1999.

M. THIEREN: *The Embodiment of the Right to Health in International Human Rights Law; The Case of the Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Haiti*; Johns Hopkins University, Dissertation for the Health and Human Rights Certificate, 20 pages, Baltimore, November 1997

M. THIEREN: *A Strategy and Project Proposal for WHO Health Assistance to Returning Bosnian Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*, WHO/HQ, 15 pp. Geneva, June 1996.

M. THIEREN: *The World Health Organization in Tuzla Podrinje Kanton: Primary Health Care Situation, Epidemiological Situation, and Health Reform and Reconstruction Program*, WHO/EURO and HQ Final Report, 118 pp. Copenhagen, June 1996.

M. THIEREN: *Health Policy Planning in Refugee Emergency Situations*, 29 pp., October 1995. (Guidelines on the health component of a course on Refugee Program Planning and Management, Institute for African Development, Cornell University).

M. THIEREN: *The Medical Unit of Human Rights and the Current Haitian Field Realities: Conceptual and Methodological Approaches*. UNMIH Internal Report, 25 pp., Haiti, June 1995.

M. THIEREN: *The Health Situation in the Haitian Penitentiary System: Survey of Eight Major Detention Centers in the Northern Departments*. UNMIH Internal Report, 74 pp., Haiti, April 1995.

M. THIEREN: *The Health Situation of the Rwandan Refugees in South Kivu, Zaire*. UNHCR Mission Report, 82 pp., Geneva, December 1994.

M. THIEREN: *The World Health Organization in the Former Yugoslavia: The Case of the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia*. WHO/EURO Mission Report, 28 pp., Copenhagen, June 1994.

M. THIEREN: *La cooperación técnica de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud en preparativos para casos de desastres en Centro-América*. PAHO/WHO Subregional Report, 21 pp., Washington, November 1992.

M. THIEREN: *An Analysis of the WHA and EB Resolutions in the Worldwide Public Health Policy: The Case of the WHO Malaria Eradication Program (1948-68) and Malaria Action Program (1969-89)*. WHO/HQ Internal Report, 14 pp., Geneva, January 1991.

M. THIEREN: *The Emergency Response Program to the Recent Malaria Epidemic in the Highlands of Madagascar*. WHO Collaborating Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, U.C.L., Brussels, February 1990.

M. THIEREN: *The Emergency Response to the Measles Epidemic in the Chiang Kham Refugee Camp: An Example with the Hmongs Ethnic Minority*. Medecins Sans Frontieres Report, Bangkok, January 1990.

M. THIEREN: *Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Adolescents in Developing Countries: Epidemiological Data Base*. 42nd World Health Assembly Technical Document, WHO/Geneva, November 1988.

IV. MEDIA - Press Campaign

Regular appearance in broadcasted and written press in relations with Health Humanitarian Crisis in the Middles-east (2017-19).

Regular Media Campaigns (2014-16) and Interventions around Polio Eradication, Ebola Pandemic in international press and Pakistan national press. Numerous press conferences, and documentaries (for Rotary International, The United Arab Emirates Cooperation, and others). *Coverage: CNN, BBC World, CNBC, ABC, AP, and most Pakistan broadcast media*

Regular media presence (2011-14) and Interventions around Measles Elimination and other salient public health concerns in Bolivia as PAHO/WHO Representative in Bolivia; mostly national or regional media.

On behalf of PAHO/WHO (2010): responsible and coordination of a press campaign in relation with the Cholera Epidemic in Haiti (October 2010): coverage in broadcasted and written press: full interview/article/citations in *New York Time, WSJ, and other leading daily and weekly press*; *press release of WHO/PAHO*; *TV/Radio coverage: interviews for BBC, CNN, CNN en Español, National Public Radio, Al Jazeera*

On behalf of WHO: responsible and coordination of a press campaign in relation with the Turkey Earthquake (August/September 1999): coverage in broadcasted and written press: full interview/article/citations in *New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Le Monde; Le Soir; La Tribune de Genève*; *press release of WHO*; *TV/Radio coverage: interviews for BBC, CNN, TF1, France Info; RTBF; Irish Radio; Voice of America; National Public Radio*

V. PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES (sample)

Regular academic interventions (2011-2016): Foreign Affairs Academy of Pakistan (September, 2016); Agha Khan University (Karachi, Pakistan in March.2015); National Health Services Academy (Islamabad, Pakistan, January 12015); Universidad Mayor San Andres Bolivia (various presentations in Med School in 2012-2013)

ASCON XI, Annual Scientific Conference XI, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh. Plenary Keynote Speaker. Measuring the Millennium Development Goals. Dakh, 6th March 2007.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN, Faculty of Medicine, Course HUMA 3080 on Health and Humanitarian Affairs, Guest Lecturer on Public Health and Medical Practice in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies, academic years 2003-2004; 2004-2005

UNIVERSITY OF LYON I, Faculty of Medicine Laennec, Course on Humanitarian Health for the European Centre Humanitarian Health: *Lecturer on Ethics and Public Health Practice, academic years 1998-1999 and 1999-2000*

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, *Presentation to Ambassadors on the lessons learned in relation with the preparedness and response to Hurricane Mitch, 9 March 1999.*

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, School of Hygiene and Public Health, Symposium Public Health and Human Rights (Pr. R. Lawrence) in collaboration with Father Robert Drinan, former Senator of Massachusetts, Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Centre: *lectured on the theme: "The Medical Observation of Human Rights Violation: Intervention and Non-intervention under the Observation Mandate"*, Baltimore, MD, May 5th, 1997

U.S. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, National Library of Medicine, Symposium on the use of HF Radio and Low Earth Orbit and Mobile Satellites for Health Information, *lectured on the theme, "Coping Without Direct Access to Technical Health Information in Isolated Situations,"* Bethesda, MD, September 16th, 1996.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Institute for African Development: Course on Refugee Program Planning and Management, *lectured on the theme "Health Policy Planning in Refugee Crisis,"* Cornell University, October 17th, 1995.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS: Guest lecturer at the (ICRC) "HELP" Course: San Jose, Costa Rica, 1991; Tokyo, Japan, 1999; Geneva, Switzerland, 2000

Between 1991 and 1993, lectured in Spanish on *Disaster Preparedness and Response* in various **graduate programs of Latin American Universities**, and trained the field personnel of the United Nations Agencies (WHO, UNICEF, ILO, UNDP and others) in disaster planning in seven Latin American countries (**UNDP/UNDMT/Wisconsin University Joint Training Program on Disaster Planning**).

UNIVERSITE OF LILLE I, FRANCE, Faculté de Médecine, Journées de Cardiologie Pédiatrique, *oral dissertation on the "Incidence of Heart Malformations in Down Syndrome,"* Université de Lille I, France, 1987.

VI. VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATION

Affiliate, Center for Humanitarian Health, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Hygiene and Public Health (Since 2019).

Reviewer and Commenter (2006-2008) working with **Amb. Samantha Power for her book: "Chasing the Flame; Sergio Viera de Mello and the Fight to Save the World"** Penguin Press HC, The (February 14, 2008) **ISBN-10**: 1594201285. Produced a 65 page-long review & report to the author for first and subsequent drafts.

Member of the **WHO Ethical Review Committee** appointed by the Director-General (2004- 2008)

Board Member of the Organization **Médecins Sans Frontières, Swiss Branch**, 1999-2000

Member of the French Order of Doctors - **Ordre national des médecins** - 2004 - 2008

Fédération française d'aéronautique as private flight pilot, 1998 - 2008

Non-career practices: music (piano); master level; extreme ski (professional level); long-distance swimming (competition level).

VII. LANGUAGES

French (native)

English (proficient), UN Language Proficiency tests 81% obtained in May 2008

Spanish (proficient); UN Language Proficiency tests 83% obtained in May 2008

VIII. REFERENCES

Dr. Christopher Elias,
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Circumstances (2014- present): met in Geneva, 2014 at the 67th World Health Assembly, ahead of my deployment as WHO Representative in Pakistan, largely responsible to the execution of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundations funded polio eradication program in Pakistan. Briefed the Foundation in Seattle in 2015, and in both other occasions in Geneva (2015) and Dubai (2016). In regular contacts since 2014.

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Circumstances (2001 – present): both personal (joint extreme sport ventures) and professional ties (publication and collaboration on health information systems and health statistical development).

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Circumstances (1994 – present): met in Bukavu (kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo) during the Rwandan refugee crisis as both UNHCR coordinators. Personal and professional ties since then. In regular contact since 1994.

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Circumstances (1994 – present): met in Washington DC and Brussels (BE). First supervisor in the area of humanitarian action while at PAHO (1991-1994). In regular personal and professional contact for the past 20 years.

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