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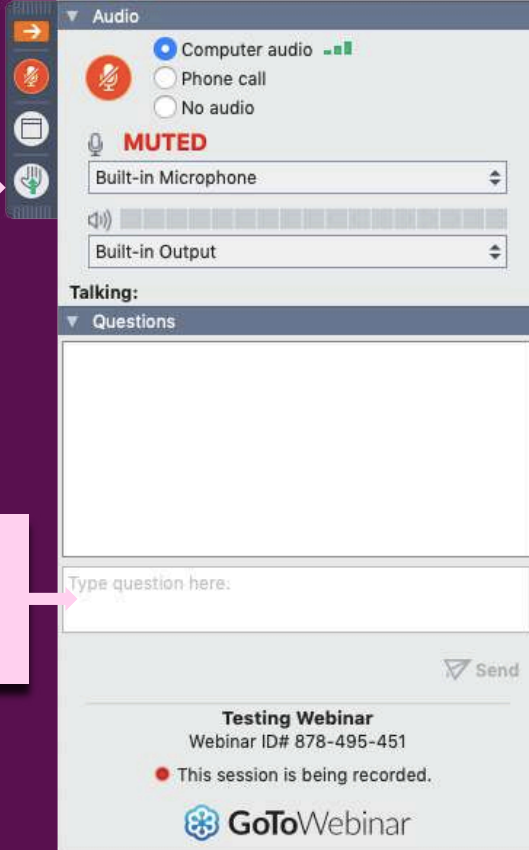


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SCHEDULE OF FORUMS



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JULY 22ND, AT 9:00 AM ET
Volunteerism and Community Resilience –
Locally Owned Solutions Delivering Impact

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SEPTEMBER 9TH, AT 9:00 AM ET
Future Leadership – The Role of Youth
Volunteers

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SEPTEMBER 23RD, AT 9:00 AM ET
Tolerance & Inclusion – Volunteering Enabling
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OCTOBER 7TH, AT 9:00 AM ET
Volunteering & the Digital World – Extending
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OCTOBER 28TH, AT 9:00 AM ET
Corporate Volunteering – Delivering Business
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NOVEMBER 18TH, AT 9:00 AM ET
Measurement & Impact – Providing the
Evidence that Volunteering is Good for Society
& Good for You

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DECEMBER 9TH, AT 9:00 AM ET
Volunteering 2030 – New Paradigms



VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

LOCALLY OWNED SOLUTIONS DELIVERING IMPACT

VOLUNTEERING TOGETHER TO ENABLE CHANGE AND CREATE A BETTER WORLD





MODERATOR

Sarah Henderson



Sarah Henderson has been Resilience Advisor at VSO since March 2020 and before that was Regional Resilience and DRR Programme Advisor supporting VSO country offices across Africa, and Resilience Programme Specialist in VSO Uganda. Sarah has previously worked for the UK Civil Service, the British Red Cross and Progressio. She has a masters degree in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from the University of Essex. She is an active Emergency Response volunteer with the British Red Cross.



KEY PRESENTER

Alice Chadwick



Alice Chadwick is a doctoral researcher at the University of Bath, her research explores the role of volunteering within development projects in Sierra Leone and how this interacts with employment and citizenship. At a broader level she is interested in volunteering as a response to crisis and the role of volunteerism within the SDGs. Alice has previously volunteered with VSO as an International Citizen Service (ICS) team leader in Kenya and Zimbabwe. Alice holds a MRes in International Development from the University of Bath and has previously carried out research for organisations including VSO, Restless Development and CAFOD.



KEY PRESENTER

Bianca Fadel



Bianca Fadel is a doctoral researcher in the Centre for International Development at Northumbria University, UK. Her research explores identity and belonging in local volunteering experiences during protracted crises, particularly in the case of Burundi. She is also involved in policy-focused projects with volunteer-involving organisations including IFRC, VSO and UNV. Bianca holds a M.A in Humanitarian Action from UCL in Belgium and has previously worked as advisor for humanitarian diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brazil. Her experience also comprises the implementation of local youth engagement volunteering projects at the Brazilian Red Cross.



Volunteerism and Community Resilience:

Locally Owned Solutions Delivering Impact

VOLUNTEERING TOGETHER TO ENABLE CHANGE AND
CREATE A BETTER WORLD CONTEXT PAPER

Alice Chadwick & Bianca Fadel
22 July 2020

INTRODUCTION



- Community-based volunteering **building on existing social structures and practices** can foster resilience to crisis and sustainable development.
- COVID-19 has highlighted **how communities come together** to support each other at times of crisis.

Structure of presentation



1. UNPACKING RESILIENCE



- Capacity of individuals and communities in surviving, learning and growing stronger from difficulties, but **what is 'behind' the concept?**



RESILIENCE OF WHOM?

Individuals? Households? Communities? The 'poor'? The 'vulnerable'?



RESILIENCE AGAINST WHAT?

Disasters? Economic crises? On-going threats? Underlying vulnerabilities?



RESILIENCE FOR WHICH PURPOSE?

On-going process of power shifting, learning and adapting to change that leads to constant transformation in directions that are important to those concerned.

2. RESILIENCE ↔ COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING



- Community-based volunteering as a **sign of positive decision-making and agency** at local levels. Aspects of community volunteering map onto key components related to resilience: **agency, leadership and self-organising**.
- Community volunteers as **leaders** of development agendas and efforts.

**SUPPORTIVE
SOLIDARITY**



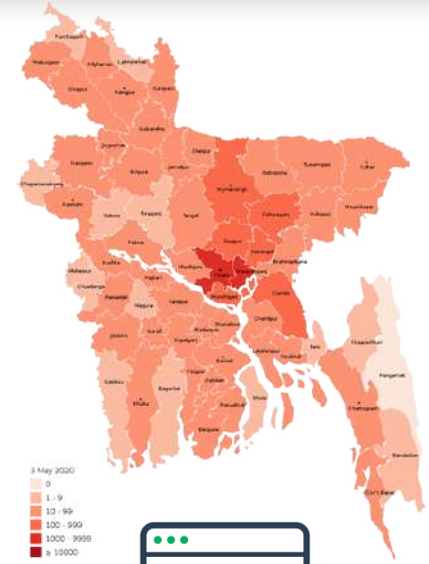
Listen and try to understand existing community-based models of social support and voluntary action and **learn from community members** about what types of support would **amplify or strengthen** these approaches.

3.1 CASE STUDY BANGLADESH



Supportive solidarity: Youth clubs against COVID-19

Community volunteer youth clubs supported through online platforms to access accurate and up-to-date information on COVID-19, which are then used to design local-led responses.



3.2 CASE STUDY BURUNDI



Supportive solidarity: Income Generation Initiatives

Material needs scaled up through partnerships that allow initiatives to be fully managed by local volunteers at Burundi Red Cross.



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4. KEY ISSUES AND TAKEAWAYS



- Resilience as **on-going process** of change and transformation.
- Volunteers are shaping their communities' development in **context-specific ways**.
- **Challenging power structures**, communities engage networks and organisations to support initiatives they design and lead.



Thank you!

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PANELISTS

Mara Basanovic & Abdulla Al Shehhi



Mara Basanovic is the **CEO of Volunteering Queensland** and has over 13 years experience leading volunteering efforts in Australia's two largest states. Over the past five years Mara has led a team that has explored and implemented impactful locally led approaches to community capability and resilience building in disasters. She has been an innovative force behind the development of many initiatives to inform contemporary policy and practice, and build capacity and capability and believes in the transformative power and value of volunteering in strengthening and connecting communities.



Abdulla Al Shehhi holds a senior strategic role as **Chief Operating Officer within Dubai Cares**. Dubai Cares is a UAE based philanthropic organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty through education. The organization has successfully launched education programs reaching over 20 million beneficiaries in 59 developing countries. Abdulla also directs the Communications Department across Dubai Cares, as well as the Community Engagement function. He has more than 10 years experience in overseeing the implementation of community engagement initiatives locally and globally.

SAVE THE DATE



Future Leadership – the Role of Youth Volunteers

Youth volunteering is seen as providing an important experience for young people to engage with their communities and the issues they care about while enhancing their own personal development. Learning to lead through volunteering often creates a pathway to employability and social entrepreneurial activities. Young volunteers are increasingly vocal in what they think about the world and how they want things to change. It is an important priority to channel the energy, passion and commitment of young volunteers into leadership roles to sustain and grow the volunteer effort. Young people themselves need to have a say in what volunteering leadership means to them.

THANKS!

SESSION RECORDING & CONTEXT PAPER

The recording of this session and the context paper will be emailed to participants shortly. They will also be available online at www.iave.org/virtualforums2020.

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