

BIOGRAPHIES of the Consultants

Ebola Critical Review

MURRAY BIEDLER

Murray Biedler has a BSc in Geography from Canada, an MSc in Geo-hydrology from South Africa and an MA in International Politics from Paris. He has more than 25 years of experience in Development and Humanitarian Assistance in the Water and Sanitation and Environmental Health with NGO's such as Médecins Sans Frontières, Oxfam and CARE International in Africa, Asia and Central America. Murray has worked as a researcher in the water sector, as a full-time lecturer in hydrology, as consultant, field coordinator, international program manager and as administrator in the EC donor office DG EuropeAid.

Murray is now director of his own consultancy company, **Deep Blue Consultants**. He is a contributing editor to the recently published **EC Water Project Toolkit**, author of the **WASH chapter** for the **new UN Guidelines on Post Disaster Needs Assessment** and author of a recently completed **MSc Course on Groundwater for Southern Africa**. Murray is presently engaged in **Climate Change Policy Research** in the Mediterranean. He is engaged as advisor to the **NEPAD Networks of Centres of Excellence on Water in Africa**, is on the **Advisory Board of the Stellenbosch Water Institute**, and is the technical advisor for the **World Youth Parliament for Water**.

PIERRE BEURRIER

With qualifications in Management, Humanitarian rights and International relations, Pierre Beurrier has more than 20 years of professional experience. He worked for more than 15 years in the humanitarian and health sectors, both in the field and at headquarters of several international organisations, both as Project manager, Management controller and Finance Director. He has also been Deputy Director in a surgical maternity clinic.

From his field experience in conflict zones, or as context manager, Pierre has developed analytical abilities. He is also familiar with management mechanisms and tools which allow decision makers to steer an organisation. His experience with MSF but also in a surgical organisation makes him a specialist in Project Management.

As a trainer, Pierre is able to transfer knowledge and structure an analysis of solutions, even for acute managerial problems.

For more than 6 years, Pierre is an Independent Consultant particularly for NGO and medical sectors. He supports more than 40 innovation, change or coaching projects for strategic steering

ROBERT COLEBUNDERS

Robert Colebunders, MD, PhD, is an emeritus Professor of tropical diseases of the Institute of tropical medicine and Prof of infectious diseases at the University of Antwerp. He published more than 550 peer-reviewed papers. He worked from 1985 tot 1988 in the Democratic of Congo as coordinator of the clinical studies on HIV/AIDS of "Projet SIDA" in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. April 2004-April 2005 he worked during a sabbatical year at the Infectious Diseases Institute in Kampala, Uganda. He was a member of the international team that investigated the Kikwit Ebola and the Durba Marburg outbreaks in the Democratic republic of Congo. He is involved in research projects concerning the management of HIV and HIV co-infections (mainly tuberculosis) in Uganda, the Central African Region, Ethiopia and South Africa. He is currently involved in research to identify the cause of the nodding syndrome.

GILLIAN DACEY

Gillian Dacey is an independent consultant and trainer, specialising in emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction. She has designed and delivered simulation exercises and training programmes for the health sector in the UK, the EU and WHO, as well as conducted response evaluations and programme reviews. She is a registered paramedic with experience delivering frontline clinical care and specialist training and education, including disaster response missions to provide a search and rescue capability following earthquakes.

Gillian has been involved in various aspects of the Ebola response, including scoping aspects of the Kerrytown ETC for UK government, and delivering Ebola pre-deployment training to international medical teams in the UK. She was also involved in the UK public health response to Ebola in the national crisis centre, and provided exercises and training to multi-agency partners in the UK. This Ebola review is her first project working with MSF.

ELIO DE BONIS

Humanitarian emergency engineer (water, sanitation and shelter) since 1998 (currently 17 years) working at all levels from field implementation to project and program design and management. Academic qualifications supported by a strong practical foundation include B.Eng. Environment Engineering, M.Sc. Water Management and also fully qualified as a motor vehicle mechanic. First mission with MSF-Belgium in Wadjir, Kenya in 1998. Later missions with MSF-B, Oxfam and ICRC brought experience in Public Health Engineering, including mass cholera interventions and the building of cholera treatment centres. Much of this work was carried out in conflict situations and natural disasters. More recently three years working with DG-ECHO as the WaSH/Shelter regional coordinator for South Asia enabled a better understanding of the donor perspective. This included emphasis on

effective capitalisation and lessons learning through critical review, assessment and evaluation of humanitarian WaSH and shelter interventions.

DR. JAVIER GABALDON

Dr. Javier Gabaldon; born in Spain in January 1960, during more than twenty-five years of professional experience in the field of international health, he has provided technical assistance on public health and humanitarian aid to more than 30 countries in Africa, South America and Asia. As a Director of Operations or Field Coordinator, he held progressively senior positions with organisations such as **Doctors Without Borders, WHO/OMS, UNICEF, UNHCR-FOCSIV, AECID, Medicus Mundi, etc.**

With a Master in International health, formally trained in Clinical Medicine, Primary Healthcare and Primary Surgery, he has received specific training in Tropical Medicine, Public Health and Epidemiology. His professional interests are in leading long-term projects as Director of Operations, Manager of Technical Assistance Programs, monitoring & evaluation or in providing specific expertise. In terms of sector work, I wish to be involved in health systems reform and support programs, improving access to health in low- and middle-income countries; development and implementation of public health programs, and operational research.

FRANCOIS MOUNIS

Independent Consultant with medical background and 35 years of humanitarian experience. Francois has worked for 17 years with MSF (Paris, Brussels, International) in the field and HQ as logistician and logistics manager. Worked 13 years with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as Head of Logistics Division in charge of logistics and supply and 4 years as Manager in different ICRC contexts (operational management and security).

MICHEL PEREMANS

Michel Peremans is an International Communications Consultant & Trainer and a Journalist. Following more than 16 years as a TV journalist for different European broadcasters (current affairs & news), Michel Peremans joined in 2006 MSF, where he worked in different positions, including as the coordinator of Operational Communications for the International Office and the co-responsible for OSCAR: Operational Support: Communications, Advocacy & Reflection (MSF OCA). He coordinated also emergency and crisis communications responses and was involved in the

management of different critical incidents. Five years later, he joined Greenpeace Belgium where he was during two years the program director.

Currently Michel Peremans is again a documentary maker and he provides training and consultancies (Communications, Advocacy & Influencing and Crisis Management) to a diverse range of organisations – e.g. Avocats Sans Frontières, ECHO, European Interagency Security Forum (EISF), FERN, Greenpeace, IFRC, OSF, Medair, MDM, MSF, PHF, RedR and Save the Children – in locations across the world. www.michelperemans.com

VERONICA SANCHEZ CARRERA

Verónica Sánchez Carrera has developed her work as a freelance professional in urban planning and architecture since 2004. In 2007 she focused her activity in Humanitarian Aid, where she has been working with different organizations. She is *Master of Advanced Project of Architecture and City*, expert in *Development of Human Settlements in the Third World* and *WASH in International Development* and Emergencies. She has been combining her professional activity with consultant, research and teaching.

Ebola experience: Design and coordinator construction with IFRC in EMC Kenema, SL (08-09/2014), EMC Kono and Ebola Holding Centre in Koidu Hospital SL (12/2014). Also she was working as IPC and Technical Coordinator (WaSH) in EMC Kenema (11/2014). She was WaSH Technical Adviser in different EMC in Sierra Leone) with Médicos del Mundo in collaboration with Oxfam and Solidarité (08/2015). Others activities: Design and set up Simulation Centre EMC with SRC (10/2014) and author of the SRC guideline: *Design and construction of Ebola Management Centres*. Currently is writing her PhD investigation thesis about Design and Construction of Ebola Management Centres.