



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

The Ongoing Humanitarian Crisis in Syria

Panel I



Jomana Qaddour co-founded Syria Relief & Development, a humanitarian organization that has provided over \$55 million worth of aid in Syria and the region. Until July 2018, she was a Senior Policy Analyst at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom where she covered Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Turkey. Prior to that, she was a Senior Analyst at Caerus Associates, where she managed the Syria atmospheric project for USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives. Ms. Qaddour also served as a Senior Research Assistant for the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World in the Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, where she focused on Syria, Egypt, Palestinian politics, and Islamist movements. She received her J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law and her L.L.M. from Georgetown University, and is currently a doctoral student at Georgetown Law.



Arnaud Quemine serves as Syria Country Director for Mercy Corps. Quemine joined Mercy Corps in 2015 as Middle East Regional Program Advisor, taking on interim Country Director roles in Jordan and Iraq, before assuming Syria Country Director responsibilities in 2017. He currently oversees Mercy Corps' humanitarian response in Syria and helped ensure the delivery of assistance to more than 1.4 million people inside the country last year. Previously, he worked with the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) in South Sudan, with UNICEF in Chad and Afghanistan and with Handicap International in Iran, Russia, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Mr. Quemine holds an MA in International Humanitarian Aid from Aix-en-Provence and a BA in Contemporary History from Montpellier University, after which he received a scholarship to study Chinese at Beijing University.



Anna Cervi is the Norwegian Refugee Council's (NRC) Country Director in Syria. Ms. Cervi negotiated the registration of NRC's program in Damascus, obtaining the approval to operate in the country in 2015. Prior to leading NRC's efforts in Syria, Anna managed programs and field operations for NRC in Afghanistan. Anna has eleven years of experience managing teams in complex crises, including in Pakistan, Sudan and Ethiopia. She holds an MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies from the University of Oxford.



Amanda Catanzano is the Senior Director for International Programs, Policy and Advocacy for the International Rescue Committee (IRC). Ms. Catanzano focuses on the IRC's country-level operational barriers and the challenges faced by the people IRC seeks to assist as well as addressing policy environments and conflict that drive humanitarian need. She comes to the IRC from a career in the U.S. government, most recently as the director for strategic planning at the National Security Council. Prior to the National Security Council, Amanda was a member of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning staff and special assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State. She has served in leadership roles in the private sector including at 2River Consulting Group and Booz Allen. Amanda holds an MA in American Foreign Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.