Dr. Ghada Y. Al Jadba

Dr. Ghada Al Jadba is a Chief Field Health Programme in UNRWA Gaza field since the first of April 2015, she is Palestinian, was born in Gaza on 15 July 1968. She is leading a HP in Gaza which provides basic and lifesaving health services to about 1.3 Million Palestine refugees who are equivalent to more than 75% of the total population in Gaza. Responsible to meet all of the basic health needs of the served population in terms of Primary health care services covering lifesaving health services targeting women, children and other patients with chronic diseases and current illnesses in very challenging situation. Also managing secondary medical services as a sub programme. This is in addition to manage the health situation of the served population during emergency times.

Dr. Ghada has led the Health Programme in UNRWA Gaza Field in a very challenging situation all over the last four years, trying to improve the health services and support the health and quality of life of Palestine refugees in Gaza especially the vulnerable ones like women in reproductive age and children. There have been different reforms which have been led and supported by her like family health team approach and introducing electronic system at all of the health facilities in Gaza which support modernization of the services and ensure having comprehensive, holistic and life cycle approach.

Despite of all of the challenges in Gaza and deterioration of all of the health determinants, the HP led by her continues to achieve and protect the peoples' lives among the Palestine refugee communities, decreasing maternal deaths was one of the main achievements which dropped from 9 to 11 cases up to two cases in the previous two years. In addition to improve the services provided to patients with non-communicable diseases with screening of about 100,000 patients coming to UNRWA health centers and detect about 8,000 patients, so early detection and try to save their lives from two common silent killers, both Diabetes Mellitus and Hypertension.

She has worked to address the gaps in Health needs in Gaza, like mental health issues with successful integration of Mental health and Psychosocial support in all of the 22 health centers in Gaza with intensive training to all of the health staff in order to be equipped well to deal with the dramatic increase of mental health and psychosocial problems in Gaza. Also having wide campaigns to encourage breast cancer screening and doing breast cancer screening to support and save the lives of vulnerable women especially in the blockaded Gaza.

Addressing the adolescent health and fighting early marriage by widespread campaigns in all of the health centers.

Dr. Ghada has worked in UNRWA Gaza Field facing tough emergency situations like in 2014 war on Gaza, managing the health centers as area health officer at that time. As Chief Health Programme managed the huge impact on health due to the emergency situation in Gaza following the Great March of Return since March 2018, with a lot of health and humanitarian needs which were met by UNRWA Health Programme in terms of provision of postoperative medical care to the injured persons and psychosocial support to them and their families and physical rehabilitation. In the current war she supported all health response in Gaza through UNRWA services which continue to be provided in very challenging situation destroying all components of the health care system, creating other modalities and ways to continue providing the essential health services to all Palestinians in Gaza with special focus on the internal displaced persons. Also strengthens the partnership with other health agencies and organizations.

Education:

Master in Public Health from Al Quds University, in 2006

Bachelor degree in Medicine and general surgery from Al Fateh University/ Tripoli/ Libya, 1995.