



# CONFERENCE

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## COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION IN CRISIS (CMIC)

*Community Mobilization and the Bridge to Higher Education*

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### AT A GLANCE

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- Headquartered at the University of Ottawa
  - Collaborating with local grassroots and institutions in Lebanon, Palestine, Iraqi Kurdistan, and Brazil
  - Working to enhance the resilience and strength of refugee and host community members
  - Fostering community mobilization, a process that builds community through participatory, sustained initiatives
  - Bridging into higher education through incorporating community mobilization education
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### CORE OBJECTIVES

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1. Establishing an accredited certificate program in collaboration with local institute of higher education
  2. Enhancing and utilizing the open-access digital educational curriculum on Community Mobilization
  3. Fostering community-based initiatives and community agency
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### ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

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- Pilot programs in Lebanon, Brazil, and Iraqi Kurdistan with refugees, students, and host community
  - Initiatives being carried out by mobilizers
  - National Geographic Story telling documentary following up with mobilizers
  - Establishing partnerships with local universities in order to offer bridging programs that prepare students for the academic world as well as community responsibilities
  - Updating curriculum and partnerships to suit student refugee needs
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### LESSONS LEARNT

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1. To create the curriculum in accordance to feedback and perspectives of refugee mobilizers-in-training
  2. To navigate the academic institutions to better serve community members
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### FURTHER INFO

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The **Community Mobilization in Crisis Project** has been collaboration with local grassroots and institutions. In Lebanon, we have been collaborating with the American University of Beirut to implement the 2018 pilot program and recently with Chams Network.

In Brazil, we engaged with student activists from the University of Brasilia. In Iraqi Kurdistan, we have been working with Youth Speak in order to implement a pilot course.

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