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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

MHPSS Specialist and PhD candidate in Sociology (final defence stage) with a background in psychological counselling and extensive experience in humanitarian settings. Proven expertise in psychosocial support, GBV case management, and staff training across community-based programs. Skilled in qualitative and quantitative research, needs assessment, and program development, with strong experience supporting vulnerable populations in crisis-affected contexts.

CORE SKILLS

- **MHPSS & Protection:**
MHPSS, GBV Case Management, Psychological First Aid (PFA), Child Protection, Case Management & Referral Systems
 - **Program & Field Work:**
Needs Assessment, Community-Based Interventions, Intervention Program Development, Field Coordination, Work with Vulnerable Populations
 - **Training & Capacity Building:**
Staff Training, Facilitation, Capacity Building, Teaching & Academic Training
 - **Research & Analysis:**
Qualitative and Quantitative Research
 - **Transferable Skills:**
Leadership, Team Management, Problem Solving
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **PSS Supervisor – DORCAS Organization**
Jun 2021 – Nov 2021
 - Supervised and coordinated MHPSS activities across multiple community centers
 - Led and trained psychosocial support teams to ensure quality service delivery
 - Delivered psychological support and case management services to vulnerable individuals
 - Developed structured program materials for children, women, adolescents, and elderly groups
 - Strengthened community-based psychosocial intervention strategies

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- **Psychologist – Al Ihsan Charity**

July 2020 – July 2021

- Delivered individual psychological counselling, particularly for children
- Provided psychosocial support and psychological first aid
- Contributed to program implementation and staff training

- **PSS Case Manager – Syrian Society for Social Development**

June 2019 – June 2020

- Provided case management and psychosocial support to vulnerable individuals
- Conducted needs assessments and facilitated access to services
- Participated in field-based protection and community support activities

- **PSS & GBV Case Manager – GOPA-DERD**

January 2018 – January 2019

- Managed complex cases, including survivors of gender-based violence (GBV)
- Conducted psychosocial assessments and coordinated referral pathways
- Delivered counselling and crisis intervention services
- Contributed to protection programs (child protection, elderly care)

- **Assistant Lecturer – University of Aleppo**

September 2017 – November 2021

- Delivered lectures and practical sessions in psychological counselling
- Supervised students' field training and practical applications
- Designed and facilitated academic and training activities for students
- Provided academic guidance and mentorship
- Contributed to developing students' practical counselling skills and field-based learning

- **Psychologist - GOPA-DERD**

January 2017 – January 2018

- Provided individual psychological counselling, particularly for vulnerable populations
- Delivered psychosocial support and psychological first aid (PFA)
- Supported program activities and field interventions

- **Child Protection Case Manager & Activities Facilitator – Ahl Alkher Charity**

August 2015 – December 2016

- Provided psychosocial support and counselling for children in vulnerable contexts
 - Conducted psychosocial assessments and facilitated referrals to appropriate services
 - Supported child protection programs and community-based activities
 - Facilitated group activities aimed at improving children's well-being and social skills
 - Contributed to awareness and protection initiatives for at-risk groups
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EDUCATION

- **PhD in Sociology (Government Scholarship), Final Defence Stage**
Transilvania University of Braşov, Romania
2022 – Present
 - **Master's Degree in Psychological Counseling**
University of Aleppo
2017 – 2020
 - **Bachelor's Degree in Psychological Counseling**
University of Aleppo
2011 – 2016
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RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- **The Sense of Community: A Contemporary Theoretical Perspective (2025)**
Bulletin of the Transilvania University of Braşov – Series VII
<https://doi.org/10.31926/but.ssl.2025.18.67.2.14>
 - **The Experience of Migration and Cultural Integration: Theoretical Review (2025)**
Bulletin of the Transilvania University of Braşov – Series VII
<https://doi.org/10.31926/but.ssl.2025.18.67.1.13>
 - **Coping Skills with the Stress of the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Youth in Aleppo (2021)**
University of Aleppo & UNFPA
 - **Standardization of Love Scale of Adults (2020)**
Journal of Arab Studies in Education and Psychology
https://saep.journals.ekb.eg/article_79993.html
 - **Child Mental Health: Clinical and Developmental Review Multidimensional Perspective (2020)**
Journal of Anxiety & Depression
<https://www.yumedtext.com/files/publish/published-pdf--6-JAD-122.pdf>
 - **Coronaviruses and Rumor Medical Psychology Review (2020)**
Journal of Behavioral Science & Psychology
<https://academicstrive.com/OAJBSP/OAJBSP180035.pdf>
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Adaptation and Integration in a New Society: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of Syrian Immigrants in Sweden**
2nd International Social Sciences Conference, Stockholm, Sweden (2025)
 - **Sense of Community and Psychosocial Adjustment of Syrian Immigrants**
PhD Conference, Transilvania University of Braşov, Braşov, Romania (2024)
 - **The Impact of Digital Education on Mental Health of Learners**
The First Digital Assessment in E-learning Challenges and Solutions Conference, Jinan University, Lebanon (2021)
 - **Standardization of Existential Anxiety Scale of Adults**
The First Mental Health Conference, Tishreen University, Latakia, Syria (2019)
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TRAININGS

MHPSS & Psychological Support

- **MHPSS Case Management** – Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Damascus, Syria (2019)
- **Group Counseling** – Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Damascus, Syria (2019)
- **Tools and ways of psychological intervention during times of crisis** – Nafsiyoun (Online, Lebanon) (2020)
- **Training of Trainers (TOT) – Psychological First Aid (PFA)** – World Health Organization (WHO), Aleppo, Syria (2017)
- **Psychological First Aid (PFA)** – Ahl Alkher Charity, Aleppo, Syria (2015)
- **Basics of Psychosocial Support** – Ahl Alkher Charity, Aleppo, Syria (2015)

GBV & Protection

- **GBV Case Management** – International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Damascus, Syria (2017)
- **Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)** – UNICEF, Aleppo, Syria (2020)
- **Concepts of Reproductive Health & Family Protection issues** – United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Aleppo, Syria (2020)
- **Emergency Case Management** – UNICEF, Aleppo, Syria (2016)

Case Management & Field Work

- **Case Management** – UNICEF, Aleppo, Syria (2016)
- **mhGAP** – ABAAD, Damascus, Syria (2017)

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Communication & Capacity Building

- **Non-Violent Communication** – Charitable Association for Sustainable Development, Aleppo, Syria (2021)
- **Communication Skills with Children** – Ahl Alkher Charity, Aleppo, Syria (2015)
- **Teamwork Skills** – Ahl Alkher Charity, Aleppo, Syria (2015)

Additional & Complementary Trainings

- **Disability Inclusion** – DORCAS Organization, Aleppo, Syria (2021)
 - **Speak English Professionally: In Person, Online & On the Phone** – Georgia Institute of Technology (Online, USA) (2020)
 - **Write Professional Emails in English** – Georgia Institute of Technology (Online, USA) (2020)
 - **The conflict between Corona virus and the human immune system** – Edraak (Online, Jordan) (2020)
 - **Games and exercises in the interactive theater** – Ahl Alkher Charity, Aleppo, Syria (2015)
 - **Activities & Exercises for Community Engagement** – Ahl Alkher Charity, Aleppo, Syria (2015)
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LANGUAGES

- **Arabic:** Native
 - **English:** B2 (Professional)
 - **Romanian:** B2
 - **French:** Basic
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office, SPSS, NVivo 14