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PROFILE

International researcher and analyst for the humanitarian sector. Previous experience as a humanitarian practitioner. Experience in qualitative and quantitative research analysis, focus groups, interview, workshops and data collection, database management, and maintenance.

LANGUAGES

English - fluent (C1 Academic IELTS) | French - fluent (B2 Sciences Po Paris) Portuguese - notions (B1 Sciences Po Paris) | Spanish - fluent (Mother tongue)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Humanitarian Outcomes

Research Associate (2022 - present) | London - United Kingdom (remote)

- Lead researcher for the project Assessing and Improving Security Risk Management in the Sahel; a joint project between GISF, INTERSOS, Insecurity Insights, and Bioforce. Desk-based interviews and in person interviews, focus groups and workshops in Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal.
- Research team member and co-author for the forthcoming State of Practice: The Evolution of Security Risk Management in the Humanitarian Space, a joint project of Humanitarian Outcomes and GISF. Included country-based research in Colombia.
- Project on Coverage, Operational Reach and Effectiveness (CORE): Primary research, monitoring, database maintenance, and data entry for the Aid Worker Security Database (AWSDB). Interviews with humanitarian workers in critical insecure contexts (Mali, Haiti, DRC, Sudan).
- Research Team Member for the NRC Evaluation: Leadership on Humanitarian Access: Study on Humanitarian Access Architecture and Tools in the Humanitarian System. Conducting a literature review, key informant interviews in Yemen, Haiti, and at the global level, and drafting the final report.

- Research Team Member for the Formative Evaluation of the Global Health Cluster - WHO: Conducted in collaboration with the HealthGen research group. Responsible for leading the Colombia case study as a focal country.
- Literature Review on Haiti's humanitarian context and Cholera Outbreak Worldwide.
- UNICEF Evaluation on Localisation: Interviews with local organisations and UNICEF humanitarian workers in critical contexts (Somalia, The Pacific Islands, Ecuador, HQ). Literature Review on UNICEF and local partners' practices to achieve the localisation strategy objectives.

Harvard Humanitarian Initiative

Regional Researcher and training facilitator (2022 - 2023) | Venezuela & Colombia

- Research project for NRC "People's Access: Enabling Principled Humanitarian Access": Exploratory literature and desk review of relevant sources on the current ambitions, approaches, and challenges of engaging with local actors. Qualitative interviews focusing on the Venezuelan contexts and globally, on trends, challenges, dilemmas, opportunities, and recommendations on humanitarian access.
- Fieldwork in Venezuela on best access practices and localisation strategies. Regional facilitator of the course Foundational Framework for Humanitarian Negotiations, through the partnership between the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and UNOCHA.

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - UNOCHA

Field Information Assistant (2022) | Norte de Santander, Colombia

- Management, feeding and updating of the systems, tools and websites (Monitor, 345W, salahumanitaria.co, to consolidate the situation information and humanitarian response, with differential approaches (gender, age and ethnicity).
- Consolidation and processing of data, analysis of information from the border, reflected in key messages, emergency information products and context (Flash update, Situation Report, infographics, presentations, factsheet), which make visible both the situation, humanitarian response and gaps.
- Information management to support situational monitoring and awareness, response monitoring and decision-making processes for the Local Coordination Team.

Universidad de Medellín & Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana

Associate Lecturer (2020 - 2024) | Medellín, Colombia

- Lecturer of International Cooperation, Human Rights and Multiculturalism for Political Sciences undergraduate programmes (6 hours per week)

Heartland Alliance International

Global Fellow (2020) | Ninewa, Kurdistan Region, Iraq

- Qualitative analysis for the annual report of the Safe Return Program for USAID.
- Quantitative data systematization and analysis. Assist in monthly meetings and doing reports of the Peace and Reconciliation Working Group (PRWG) in the Ninewa governorate.
- Researching and preparing tools about security assessment and women in peacebuilding traineeships for field personal in Ninewa governorate.

International Protection Programme (PPI) - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Researcher on Human Rights and Migration (2021) | Darien Gap, Colombia

- Researcher of the International Protection Programme (Programa de Protección Internacional) about vulnerabilities and human rights of the migrants in transit located in the Urabá-Darien region in Colombia. Research project in partnership with UNHCR. Fieldwork in the Darien Gap for ethnographic evaluation and interviews with key informants.

EDUCATION

MA. International Security | Sciences Po - Paris School of International Affairs
2019 - 2021 | Paris, France Specializations: Diplomacy & Global Risks

Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences | Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana
2015 - 2018 | Medellín, Colombia Honors (GPA: 4,73/ 5,00)

Academic Exchange in Political Science & International Relations | Université Jean Moulin
- Lyon III
2017 | Lyon, France

Certificate in Humanitarian Training Capacity Advanced Session | Harvard Humanitarian Initiative
2022 | Bogotá, Colombia

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024** Breckenridge, M-J., Czwarno, M., Duque-Diez, M., Fairbanks, A., Harvey, P., Stoddard, A. (2024). Aid Worker Security Report 2024 - Aid Worker Security Report 2024 – Balancing advocacy and security in humanitarian action. Humanitarian Outcomes, August, downloaded from https://www.humanitarianoutcomes.org/AWSR_2024.
- 2024** Nahikian, A., Tronc, E., Duque-Diez, M., Courraud, M., Quesnat, A. (2024). Toward local humanitarian engagement: Reflections on engaging local partners in hard-to-reach areas. Norwegian Refugee Council, June.

- 2023** Breckenridge, M-J., Czwarno, M., Duque-Diez, M., Fairbanks, A., Harvey, P., Stoddard, A. (2023). Aid Worker Security Report 2023 - Security Training in the Humanitarian Sector: Issues of equity and effectiveness. Humanitarian Outcomes, August, downloaded from https://www.humanitarianoutcomes.org/AWSR_2023.
- 2023** Stoddard, A., Harvey, P., Duque-Diez, M., Czwarno, M & Breckenridge, M-J (2023). Humanitarian Access SCORE Report: Haiti Survey on the Coverage, Operational Reach, and Effectiveness of Humanitarian Aid. Humanitarian Outcomes, July.
- 2021** Duque-Diez, M. (2021). Violencia urbana y derecho a la ciudad: análisis del caso Medellín. IN: Ciudades, Estado y Política Journal - Instituto de Estudios Urbanos, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. doi: <https://doi.org/10.15446/cep.v8n2.92016>
- 2020** Duque-Diez, M. & Piedrahita Sierra, S. (2020). Implicaciones ambientales de la guerra: el papel de las instituciones y los tratados internacionales en los conflictos que involucran al medio ambiente. IN: Perspectivas de las relaciones internacionales a 100 años del Tratado de Versalles de 1919.