



Call for Applications: Research group on The Nakba and Health

Nakba (النكبة) is Arabic for catastrophe. The Nakba refers to the displacement of more than 80% of the indigenous Palestinian people, the prohibition on their return to their homes and homeland, the destruction of hundreds of communities, the looting and confiscation of property, and dozens of massacres and rapes. For the fragmented Palestinian people – living under the discriminatory regime within the '48 borders, under military occupation and siege in the territories occupied in '67, in refugee camps and in the diaspora in general – this catastrophe has far-reaching implications, touching every aspect of individual and community life.

PHRI and Zochrot are inviting researchers, social activists, artists and writers to research the effects of the Nakba on the health of Palestinians in different spaces.

The Nakba is not a historical event in the sense that it has happened and is now over. Rather, it is an ongoing reality and researching it subverts the continued injustice. The purpose of this research group is to produce a body of accessible knowledge about the Nakba's impact on Palestinians' physical, mental and public health through a variety of disciplines (health sciences, social sciences and the humanities). The group will aim to combine review and analysis of existing knowledge with the presentation of new research findings and the formulation of operative recommendations for policy change.

End product: An edited volume containing roughly ten short chapters (3,000 words per chapter).

Expectations: Attending all group meetings and writing a chapter on a selected topic.

Work plan:

5.10.2021 _ Introductory meeting, goals, expectation management (in person)

19.10.2021 _ Introduction A: The Nakba, current structures of oppression and dispossession (zoom)

2.11.2021 _ Introduction B: Health determinants, the right to health, impact of collective trauma (zoom)

16.11.2021 _ Presentation of chapter suggestions (zoom/in person)

Tour - date to be announced

1.18.2022 _ Presentation of chapter drafts and feedback (zoom)

2.2.2022 _ Presentation of chapter drafts and feedback (zoom)

15.2.2022 _ Presentation of chapter drafts and feedback (zoom)

1.3.2022 _ Concluding meeting: Publication framing and structure (in person)

- Meetings held in Hebrew. Chapters may be written in Hebrew, English or Arabic.
- Applicants should send a CV and a short cover letter (up to 200 words) to education@zochrot.org. Please use: "Nakba and Health Research Group" in the subject line
- **Submission deadline: August 25, 2021**
- Limited spots available

