

# Claire F. O'Reilly, MPH

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- World Confederation for Physiotherapy expert representative to the **WHO Global Rehabilitation Competency Framework** working group
- Developed the first United Nations International Organisation for Migration, Iraq **Disability Inclusion Strategy** as part of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy
- Lead author, '**The Waiting List**' exploring disability and access to healthcare presented in part at NATO in 2019
- Lead author and investigator '**Disability and Access to Healthcare in Syria**' presented in part at the UN Security Council, 2018

## EXPERIENCE

### **Research Fellow – Partnership with World Food Programme     June 2020 – Ongoing** **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland**

- This research is funded by the UN World Food Programme and seeks to develop an evidence base for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action.

### **Disability Inclusion Advisor – Research Lead                                     Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2021** **Heartland Alliance International, Iraq (Remote)**

- This research is funded by a competitive grant from the Elrha Humanitarian Innovation Fund, and was recognised for its efforts to include people with disabilities throughout all stages from design to dissemination.

### **Technical Project Lead – Online Physiotherapy Learning             Aug. 2019 – June 2020** **Humanity & Inclusion, Syria (Remote)**

- Leading the development of an innovative online app to support the clinical reasoning of Arabic speaking rehabilitation clinicians working in conflict and emergency settings. See [here](#).

### **Humanitarian Disability Inclusion Specialist                                     April - Nov 2019** **United Nations International Organisation for Migration, Iraq**

- Developed IOM's first disability inclusion strategy for humanitarian response in Iraq. See [here](#).

### **Rehabilitation in Emergencies, Working Group Lead                     Jan. – March. 2019** **Consultant, Humanity & Inclusion UK**

- Convened two experts working groups on the clinical care and emergency management of fracture, brain and peripheral nerve injuries to create an international resource for rehabilitation professionals in emergencies.
- Resource and Massive Open Online Training (MOOC) available [here](#).

### **Rehabilitation Policy Advisor     Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2018** **Humanity & Inclusion, Syria Mission**

- Established first Whole of Syria (WoS) Working Group for Rehabilitation and Disability and coordinated 20-25 members across Syria's four geographic hubs.

### **Senior Technical Advisor for Rehabilitation                             Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2017** **Humanity & Inclusion, Syria Mission**

- Responsible for the technical quality and strategic development of multidisciplinary rehabilitation projects for over ~25 partners across 4 countries.

**Physiotherapist Trainer**

**Sep. 2014 - Dec. 2016**

**Centre for Victims of Torture, Amman, Jordan**

- Oversaw the technical quality of physiotherapy services through individual and group clinical supervision and training for 13 clinicians, ensuring adherence to evidence-based treatment and international guidelines.

**Clinical Tutor (Overseas Programme)**

**Jan. 2014 – Sept. 2014**

**University College Dublin, Ireland & Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda**

- Clinical supervision of pilot partnership between UCD Medical and Public Health Schools and Kisiizi Hospital, involving medical, nursing and allied health students.

**Physiotherapist (Fixed term, emergency contract)**

**Jan. 2013 – March 2013**

**Doctors of the World/Medecins du Monde France, Turkey**

- Directly provided patient care, alongside training and mentorship to national rehabilitation team, serving complex war-wounded cases in a border health facility.

**Senior Physiotherapist**

**May 2010 – Dec. 2012**

**Crumlin Children's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland**

- Provided direct, specialist patient care in Ireland's referent paediatric hospital.

## **EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Candidate**

**Sept. 2020 - Ongoing**

*Trinity College Dublin, Ireland*

Disability inclusion in humanitarian action

Recipient of full academic merit scholarship from the School of Clinical Speech and Language Studies

**Master of International Public Health**

**Oct. 2018**

*University of Liverpool, Online*

**Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physiotherapy**

**May 2009**

*University College Dublin, Ireland*

## **LANGUAGES/GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERIENCE**

**Languages:**

Mother tongue: English

Professional proficiency (CEFR B2): French

Intermediate proficiency (CEFR B1): Italian

**Countries of Work Experience:**

Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Lebanon, Moldova, Mozambique, South Africa, Syria, Turkey, Uganda, UK, Zimbabwe

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