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The Participatory Research Newsletter

This monthly newsletter aims to highlight the participatory research initiatives emerging from *Participatory Research @ McGill* (PRAM), and *Community Information, Empowerment and Transparency* (CIET), as well as share new opportunities for projects, courses, funding, and more!

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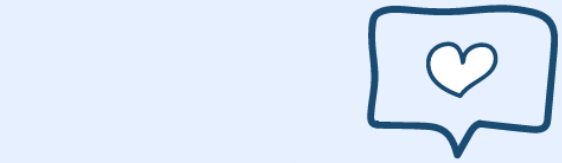


Welcome back!

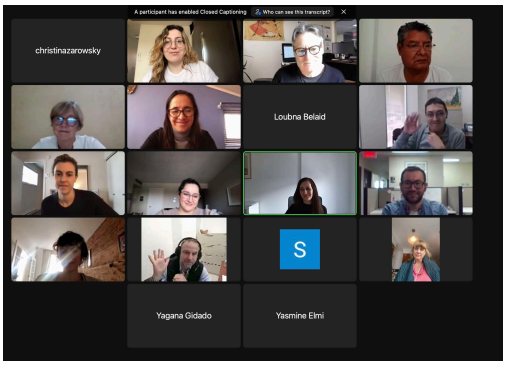
We hope you had a restful holiday season and a great start to 2024! We will be here every month with updates and news from the CIET-PRAM team and its extended network.

A Month in Review

An ever busy team, below are a few updates from the CIET-PRAM network.

Monthly Meeting

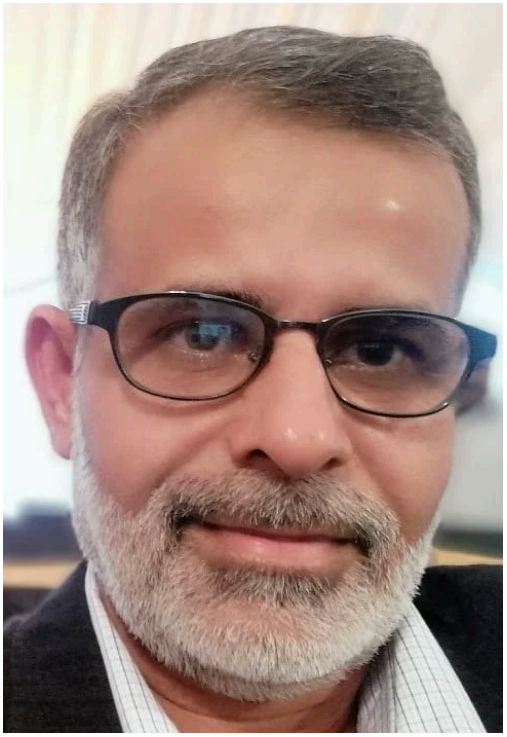
The Perspectives, Rights & Needs of Children Born of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Lessons from Northern Uganda



The monthly CIET-PRAM meeting is an opportunity to share project updates, present research protocols, practice dissertations defences, and more.

This month, we were fortunate in having Professor Myriam Denov join us from McGill's School of Social Work. Dr Denov spoke of her research in northern Uganda, where she is exploring the experiences of children born of conflict-related sexual violence through participatory and art-based research with these youth.

It was a privilege to listen and learn from Dr Denov, and we look forward to continuing exchanging ideas and participatory research practices!



Honouring our dear colleague and friend

Khalid Umer Siddiqui

We are saddened to share that our friend and colleague died suddenly in Bauchi, Nigeria, on 7th January 2024, while working on his PhD project about adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Bauchi. Newsletter readers will be familiar with this project, its innovations and success stories. Khalid began his PhD studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care at McGill in September 2022, but his links with CIET and Bauchi go back much further.

After qualifying in Medicine and working in the Aga Khan University hospital in Karachi, in 1996 he joined CIET in Pakistan to coordinate a project on maternal and child health. For the next 25 years, he worked with CIET on projects in many countries and interacted with many CIET colleagues.

Khalid was the local lead on several projects in Pakistan, including the ground-breaking Social Audit of Abuse Against Women (SAAAW) which covered over 23,000 women in all districts of Pakistan and remains the only nationally representative survey of violence against women in the country. Another project provided an unbiased evaluation of the impact of devolution of public services in Pakistan on the intended beneficiaries. Khalid led a project to examine the patient and population impact of a hospital improvement initiative in Bangladesh; this was the basis of his Masters in Epidemiology at the Universidad Autónoma de Guerrero in Acapulco, Mexico.

We also remember Khalid from CIET surveys about gender, gender violence, and HIV risk in ten countries in southern Africa in 2007. His work in Bauchi and Cross River States in Nigeria began in 2006. He continued to support several projects in Bauchi State, creating

an exceptionally strong local team in collaboration with the NGO Federation of Muslim Women Association in Nigeria (FOMWAN), training and supporting many government officers who advanced in their careers to senior posts.

The Bauchi team is preparing a short documentary about Khalid's work in the State. We will screen this in a virtual special PRAM meeting celebrate Khalid's life (date to follow). Please let us know if you would like to share something about Khalid or reflect on your experience of working with him.

Latest Publications

Highlighted below are some of the most recent publications from the industrious CIET-PRAM team:

Community Groups Co-Design Evidence-Based Docudramas to Communicate About Child Spacing in Bauchi State, Nigeria: A Qualitative Descriptive Study

Authors: Umaira Ansari, Khalid Omer, Yagana Gidado, Muhd Chadi Baba, Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa, Lois Ezekiel Daniel, Neil Andersson & Anne Cockcroft

Experimental studies testing interventions to promote cultural safety, interculturality or antiracism in healthcare: protocol for a systematic review

Authors: Iván Sarmiento, Andrés Rojas-Cárdenas, Germàn Zuluaga, Loubna Belaid, Anne Cockcroft & Neil Andersson

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