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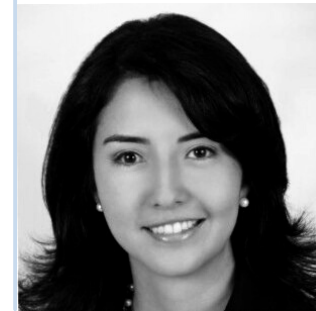
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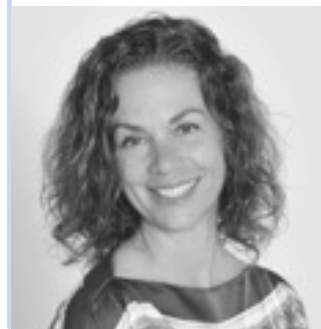
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Although we're hosted by one of our member organisations, GISF operates as an independent platform. We receive funding from the US Agency for International Development (USAID/OFDA), the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC). Together with member contributions, GISF has an annual turnover of approximately €450,000. A team of staff make up the GISF Secretariat. Based in London, UK, the Secretariat handles the organisation's day-to-day functioning. A US office based in Washington, D.C. also supports our growing membership in the Americas.

Our Steering Group, composed of up to ten members, leads GISF's strategic direction. The group is chaired by Phil Candy of Medair, and its current members are:

Chair: Phil Candy (Medair)

Members:

Brian Kerr (HIAS)

Frances Andrews (World Vision International)

Frederic Bardou (Action Contre La Faim, ACF)

Javier Teofilo-Sanchez (Mines Advisory Group)

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Phil Candy

Medair

Phil is the Security Advisor for Medair, a Swiss multi-sectoral humanitarian NGO. His role is to provide advice, training and capacity building for staff safety and security management across all Medair's operations.

Previously Phil has worked in the field in various project management, security and logistics roles, and in training and security consultancies, designing, organising and delivering trainings in safety and security to humanitarian aid workers in Europe, Africa and Asia.



Brian Kerr

HIAS

Brian Kerr is the Senior Director for Safety and Security at HIAS. HIAS is the world's oldest organization dedicated to refugee rights. Drawing on Jewish values and history, HIAS provides vital services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives. Brian's background is in security and program management for international humanitarian actors. He is based out of the HIAS HQ in Silver Spring, Maryland.

"I'm involved with GISF because as a member-led platform GISF allows the security management community to come together, learning from one another as we seek to maximize value for our organizations serving those in need around the world."

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Frances Andrews
World Vision International

Frances is the Director of Security Operations Support for World Vision International. She has worked in the private and NGO sector for more than a decade in a range of roles including analytical, training, consultancy, crisis management and security operations positions. Frances is an emerging sector expert in dynamic humanitarian security management, the role of gender in security, and the changing face and nature of security delivery.

'GISF provides practical support, guidance and advice to a multitude of NGOs; the more we work together as a sector to share, enhance and improve our security practices the more all our organisations benefit. Being part of the GISF Steering Groups allows me to directly support and contribute to this vital work, which is an honour.'



Frederic Bardou
Action contre la faim (ACF)

Humanitarian worker for more than 20 years, started as Field Coordinator then as Country Director in high risk environments (Sierra Leone and Liberia during civil wars in the early 2000s then in Afghanistan in particular). After obtaining a Master diploma at the Institute of Political Sciences in Bordeaux in 2008, specialized in security management for humanitarian workers. Worked as Regional Security & Safety Advisor in the Middle East before taking the position of Security and Safety Director at Action Against Hunger in Paris in June 2019. In the past decade, I have also undertaken several consultancies for various INGOs enabling a better understanding of shared security related problematics in the Aid sector.

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Oliver Sudbrink

GIZ

Oliver Sudbrink has been working with GIZ since 2012 in a variety of roles, including as the Head of their Risk Management Office in Nepal. Oliver currently holds the position of GIZ's company crisis officer and coordinates a team of security risk and crisis managers at their Corporate Security Unit based in Germany. Prior to joining GIZ, Oliver worked with a number of NGOs in the fields of peacebuilding as well as political and security analysis with a particular focus on South Asia. Oliver holds a BA in political science from Bielefeld University (Germany) and a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution from Bradford University (UK). He is also a trained mediator.



Candice Roggeveen

Tearfund

Candice is currently the International Safety & Security Manager with Tearfund, leading the International Safety & Security Team to support teams globally. Prior to Tearfund, Candice worked extensively across Latin America and the Caribbean as well as in Israel/Palestine. She has a Master's in Development and Emergency Practice from Oxford Brookes University, and a Bachelors in International Development and Political Science from McGill University, Canada.

Candice has been the International Safety & Security Manager at Tearfund since 2011, working across the globe. Candice joined GISF in 2011. She loves that GISF provides a platform in which the members can learn from each other - sharing critical and timely knowledge, expertise, enthusiasm, ideas and learning - in order to enable stronger and more effective programmes globally.

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Shannon Fariel-Mureithi

Childfund International

A global leader who aims to eliminate poverty and improve human rights, Shannon has built and improved organisations' security, duty of care and crisis management systems, helping organisations achieve their ultimate purpose safely. She was a key contributor in writing and reviewing international NGO security standards and exam certifications. She spent most of her career in Africa prior to relocating to the US.

"GISF has been an integral part of my journey as a security leader. When I began this journey, security risk management didn't exist in my organization. GISF had the resources to help me think through the challenges and develop systems and processes. Now I'm part of the global steering group and the America's steering committee and can contribute back to GISF and its members."



Javier Teofilo-Sanchez

Mines Advisory Group

Javier Teofilo-Sanchez is the Head of Global Security for Mines Advisory Group International (MAG). Javier started his career as a Royal Marines Commando after which he moved into the commercial sector, specialising in facilitating access and operations in complex and high threat environments and special risks. He then worked for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development in the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin as an Expeditionary Security Advisor. Most recently he was the Senior Security Advisor to the Northern Ireland and Territorial Offices, focussing on counter-terrorism, critical national infrastructure, continuity of government and crisis management.

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Amaury Cooper
Global Communities

Amaury Cooper is an enterprise risk, security, crisis, resilience, & operations professional with over twenty years' experience in security analysis, planning, and management in the academic, private, as well as the for-profit and nonprofit humanitarian aid & international development sectors. As a subject matter expert on NGO safety, security, and crisis management issues and how geo-political risk affects international humanitarian aid and development assistance organizations implementing programs in underdeveloped and post-conflict, failed states.

He is currently Deputy Director of Global Security at Global Communities, a global development organization committed to working in partnership with communities worldwide. Previously, Amaury held positions in security management, crisis response, and threat analysis at Education Development Center (EDC), International Relief and Development (IRD), Creative Associates, CHF International (now Global Communities), Control Risks, and the Center for Nonproliferation Studies.

He co-founded and serves as Treasurer of the International NGO Safety & Security Association (INSSA) and is on the organization's Board of Directors. Additionally, he is a member of the of U.S. State Departments Overseas Security Advisory Council's (OSAC) Middle East/North Africa Regional Council (MENA-RC) and International Development Sector Committee (IDSC) Steering Committees. Amaury earned an MA in International Policy Studies from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and a BA in Political Science (International Relations emphasis) with minors in Global Peace & Security and East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

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Brian Kerr
HIAS

Brian is currently the Senior Director for Safety and Security at HIAS. Drawing on Jewish values and history, HIAS provides vital services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives. At HIAS since 2019, Brian focuses on designing security risk management systems in order to enable programming in challenging environments. Brian has an MA in International Relations from the University of Edinburgh and an MSc in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. Through his involvement in the GISF NA sub-committee he looks forward to supporting the growth of GISF in North America and expanding best practices across the humanitarian security risk management space



Shannon Fariel-Mureithi
Childfund International

Shannon Fariel-Mureithi is the Global Security Director for ChildFund International a relief and development organization. She built, from conception to implementation, a global security and crisis management program that is the standard today. Her efforts enable the organization to safely access and assist vulnerable communities affected by conflict, disasters and terrorism. Shannon is a military veteran. She worked in Kenya for 14 years prior to relocating to the US. Her passion for her work is fuelled by “doing justice” for the oppressed and poor.

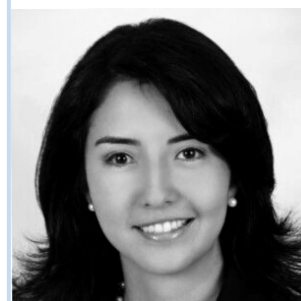
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Scott Ruddick
Mennonite Economic
Development Associates
(MEDA)

Scott Ruddick is Director of Global Security with MEDA, a bi-national (Canada/USA) economic development NGO. Scott is an interdisciplinary security specialist, with a professional focus on risk management in complex & non-permissive environments. Since the start of the pandemic, Scott has been leading MEDA's risk management efforts in their eleven country offices.

Scott has an MBA from Royal Roads University. He is accredited as a Certified Security Management Professional with the International Security Management Institute and a Chartered Security Professional through The Security Institute. He is the founder and chair of the Canadian NGO Security Directors RoundTable which brings security advisors from Canadian-based NGOs together to network and collaborate.



Viviana Ardila
International Rescue
Committee (IRC)

Viviana Ardila, has more than 15 years of experience in Safety & Security in international organisations such as the United Nations, US Peace Corps, The World Bank, NRC - Norwegian Refugee Council and IRC - International Rescue Committee, the latter in which she has held regional positions where she has had the opportunity to build S&S structures for LATAM from scratch, including the creation of a SOC for LATAM and the development of a software for tracking movements in the region.

She is a specialist in Security Management, holds a Master's degree in International Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid and is currently completing a second Master's degree in Strategy and Geopolitics. She is a university lecturer in Crisis Management for postgraduate studies in security and national defence at the Universidad Militar de Colombia and has been a trainer in HEAT and SSAFE.