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# 1. A note from the Dean

July 25, 2017

Dear Friends of the Feinstein International Center:

Recently, the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition and Policy has embarked on an ambitious five-year Strategic Plan to inspire, strengthen, and expand our foundational efforts to affect positive change for people in our community, across the United States and around the world. The Feinstein International Center is the research and teaching center by which the Friedman School works to address global health and humanitarian crises. In addition to providing this global focus, the Feinstein International Center is also emblematic of the School's overarching commitment to inter-disciplinary research and graduate training.

During my tenure over the past three years, I have seen the evidence of the Center's enduring and evolving commitment to alleviating hunger and preventing international humanitarian emergencies. As this report indicates, the Feinstein International Center team is actively engaged in conducting rigorous research in communities affected by, or at risk of, crises, while also ensuring the dissemination of this research among policymakers, practitioners, and academics. In the past two years, Feinstein International Center activities and related academic publications have spanned 18 countries, in partnership with 43 different organizations. Its researchers have explored diverse and pressing issues ranging from famine in Somalia to the politics of collecting evidence during complex emergencies and other crises, from remote management of humanitarian action in Syria to sexual assault against humanitarian aid workers. The Feinstein International Center team members have also shown their dedication to teaching and mentoring the next generation of humanitarians through graduate student research supervision, workshops, and seminars.

I would like to thank both Karen Jacobsen, and, most recently Daniel Maxwell, for their successive contribution to the center as Acting Director over the past several years. It has taken a concerted search to find the appropriate leader for a multi-faceted research institute like the Feinstein International Center, and I am thrilled to welcome Gregory Gottlieb as the new Director. Greg comes to us after a remarkable 20-plus year career at the US Agency for International Development (USAID), including as Mission Director for numerous countries and most recently as Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/DCHA). We look forward to new accomplishments under his leadership in the coming years. I believe Greg will be instrumental in raising the influence and awareness of this spectacular Center, allowing us to have an even greater impact on the lives and wellbeing of communities worldwide.

**Dariush Mozaffarian**, MD DrPH

Dean, Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy  
Jean Mayer Professor in Nutrition

# 2. Acting Director's Letter

July 20, 2017

Dear Friends of the Feinstein International Center:

As I wrap up my tenure as the Acting Director, I am pleased to introduce Feinstein International Center's report of its activities in the past two years. The Feinstein International Center (FIC) was founded in 1997, with the initial remit to study the famines and the response to famine. It is with no small sense of irony that, twenty years on, famine and the widespread threat of famine is back in the headlines. A substantial amount of FIC staff time has, once again, been devoted to seeking to understand the risk (and consequences) of famine—and how to prevent it both in the immediate time frame and in the longer term—in at least four countries. In 2017, the global community faces the highest numbers of both acutely food insecure and displaced people on record since the end of World War II. This is a sobering reminder not only that ever-larger numbers of people continue to be affected by crisis and conflict, but also that our work at the Feinstein International Center remains unfinished: the need for solid evidence for decision-making and response is higher than ever.

Since 1997, the Center has broadened far beyond its initial remit, and is now an inter-disciplinary research center that seeks to build the evidence base to support and build the resilience of populations at risk across a broad spectrum of geography and hazards. Our mandate also includes a call to train a new generation of humanitarian analysts, activists and aid workers in a rapidly changing field. The Center's research, teaching and action focus on people affected by conflict, disasters, economic crises, and serious crimes and violations. Our work continues to emphasize on-the-ground research in crisis-affected locations, in collaboration with local researchers or organizations, and remains tied to global decision-making or resource allocation processes.

Students who study with us at Tufts University have gone on to work for United Nations agencies, humanitarian organizations, government bodies, or local community-based groups. Most stay in close touch with the Center as part of a growing alumni network around the world. Our dedicated faculty and staff, our alumni, and an ever-expanding network of local and international researchers with whom we collaborate, constitute the greatest resource that the Feinstein International Center brings to the challenges outlined above. We envision a day when research and teaching about humanitarian crises are no longer needed. The global community is far from achieving that vision in 2017.

The Center has undergone many changes in the past year or two. Many administrative services that used to be located at the Center have now been centralized to the school or the university, making for a smaller, leaner administrative structure in the Center itself. Our research profile is largely the same, but increasingly we work with local research institutions and an ever-widening network of long-term collaborators—in a variety of relationships in different countries. With a changing funding structure, the Center is often a sub-contractor or partner to other organizations, rather than necessarily always being in the lead contract position. We have had a number of long-term studies come to fruition and close out over the past year, with a range of new programs coming on line this year.

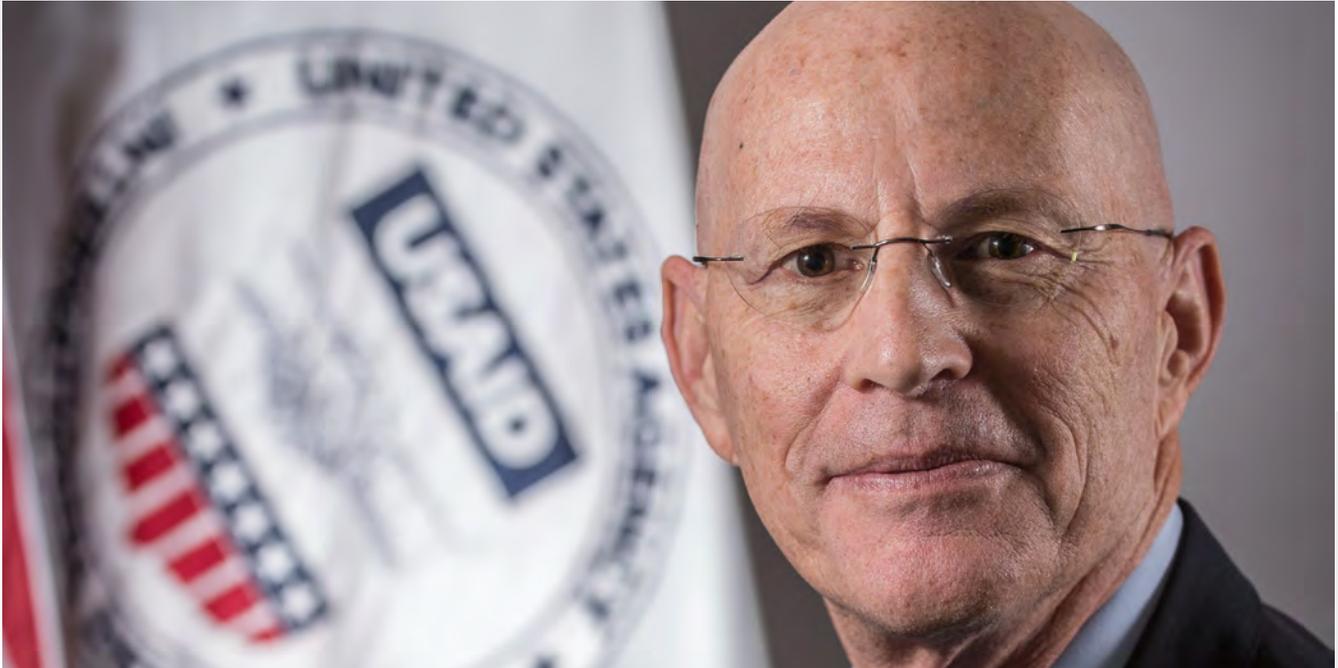
After three years of interim leadership, the Center is very pleased to welcome Gregory Gottlieb as our new Director, beginning in mid-August 2017. Greg is introduced more completely below. We are thrilled to have new leadership for the Center, and all of us look forward to new challenges and opportunities in the coming year.

## **Daniel Maxwell**

Henry J. Leir Professor in Food Security

Acting Director (2016-2017) of the Feinstein International Center

# 3. Introducing Feinstein's New Director



We are pleased to announce that **Gregory Gottlieb** will assume the role of Director of the Feinstein International Center on August 15, 2017. Throughout his distinguished career, Greg has worked to improve food security, humanitarian, and transition programs. We are thrilled that he will bring this focus, dedication, and determination to Tufts.

Most recently, Greg served as the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID/DHCA). Prior to that, he served as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for DHCA. Since he began with USAID in 1988, he has held a variety of other positions, including Mission Director in Pakistan and Namibia, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Food Security (helping to plan and implement the Obama Administration's Feed the Future Program), as well as posts in Malawi, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

Additionally, Greg has taught at the National War College, was a legal protection officer for UNHCR, and was Chief of Party for the Famine Early Warning Systems Network.

Greg earned a Bachelor's degree from Humboldt State University, a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, and a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

We are delighted that Greg will join the Feinstein team. His leadership, his long and varied experience in humanitarian action, and his global network of policymakers and practitioners will substantially strengthen the Center's ability to promote the use of evidence and learning in operational and policy responses to protect and strengthen the lives, livelihoods, and dignity of people affected by or at risk of crises.

# 4. Two years at a glance: A snapshot of the Feinstein International Center

*This report summarizes Feinstein International Center activities between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017. Here are some of the major accomplishments during this time period.*

19

Feinstein International  
Center active projects  
(July 2015-June 2017)

9

Courses taught  
by Feinstein team  
members

18

Areas of Study  
(see map below)



## Feinstein International Center research has been funded by:

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)
- European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)
- European Commission
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Irish Aid
- JMCMRJ Sorrell Foundation (The Dignitas Fund)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway
- Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit (SDC)
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- UK Aid (UK Department for International Development - DFID)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- United States Department of State Bureau on Population, Refugees, and Migration

\*Note that some of the donor agencies funded Feinstein International Center through direct contracts or grants, while others supported Feinstein's work through the institutional partners listed to the right.

## Feinstein partners have included:

- Action Against Hunger
- Agriculture Transformation Agency, Ethiopia
- Ahfad University for Women
- Al Massar Organization for the Development of Nomads
- Bahir Dar University
- Bula Hora University
- Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED)
- Catholic Relief Services
- Center for Humanitarian Change
- Concern Worldwide
- Danish Refugee Council
- Darfur Development and Reconstruction Agency (DDRA)
- Debrebirhan University
- Ethiopian Economics Association
- Federal Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rangeland, Sudan
- Gondar University
- Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) at Overseas Development Institute
- International Institute for Economics and Development
- Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)
- Jijiga University
- Jimma University
- Karamoja Development Partners Group
- King's College London
- Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standard
- Madawalabu University
- Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia
- Ministry of Karamoja Affairs, Uganda
- Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Ethiopia
- Mercy Corps
- Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda
- Oxfam
- Samera University
- Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC)
- Somalia Resilience Program (World Vision)
- SOS Sahel Sudan
- Trocaire
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Vetwork UK
- Wollo University
- Women and Rural Development Network, Uganda
- World Agroforestry Center
- World Peace Foundation

## Work of the Feinstein International Center team has appeared in these media outlets:



# 5. Research Programs

*Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017, the Feinstein International Center team worked on 19 active projects, involving research in 18 countries, in partnership with 45 different organizations, and supported by 12 donor agencies.*

Feinstein International Center research focuses on seven major thematic areas. These are:

A. The Changing Nature of Crises and Crisis Response:  
The Promotion of Evidence-Based Practice

B. The Future of Pastoralism

C. Humanitarianism and Politics

D. Livelihoods, Vulnerability, and Resilience

E. Nutrition and Food Security

F. People on the Move: Migration, Displacement, Refugees, and Urbanization

G. Upholding Human Rights in the Face of Violence

The following projects are presented in affiliation with the primary theme with which they are associated, with the acknowledgment that our research is interdisciplinary and thematically cross-cutting. Information for each project has been drawn from its dedicated webpage.

# A. The Changing Nature of Crises and Crisis Response: The Promotion of Evidence-Based Practice

## *i. The Humanitarian Evidence Program*

Humanitarian actors and researchers have amassed evidence about the state of knowledge in the humanitarian sector, including assessments of what works and what does not work. Synthesizing this information and making it readily available to policymakers and humanitarian practitioners remains challenging. The Humanitarian Evidence Program has synthesized evidence-based research in 8 key areas of the humanitarian field and is communicating the findings to decision-makers, with the ultimate goal of improving humanitarian policy and practice.

Over the course of three years, the program produced eight systematic reviews of the evidence, each accompanied by a stand-alone executive summary and an evidence brief. The program has also produced guidance on how to synthesize and appraise evidence, as well as reflections on how to improve the humanitarian evidence base. Program findings have been presented at the World Humanitarian Summit, the Initiative for Impact Evaluation Evidence Week in London and Washington DC, at the UK Department for International Development (DFID), and at various international conferences and webinars.

## *ii. Declaring Famine: The Politics of Information and Analysis*

After only one incident of famine in fifteen years, the period from 2014 to 2017 has seen another famine declared and three countries at risk of famine. Despite widely agreed technical criteria for declaration of famine, analysis in all these cases has been seriously hampered by lack of information and evidence. This study examines what has been missing and why, and specifically seeks to understand the political challenges to technical analysis, and how such challenges can be better

managed. The study is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

## *iii. Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards*

The Feinstein International Center contributed to the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS) until September 2015. LEGS is a set of tools for the assessment, design, implementation, and evaluation of livestock interventions to assist people affected by humanitarian crises. The overall goal of LEGS is to improve the quality of livestock-related programming in humanitarian crises and to have an impact on the livelihoods of people affected by such crises.

The LEGS process responds to the recognition that livestock are a crucial livelihoods asset for people throughout the world, and livestock interventions are often a feature of relief responses. LEGS provides guidelines to assist donors, program managers, or technical experts in the design or implementation of livestock interventions in disasters. The first edition and second edition of LEGS are available for purchase or as a free download at the LEGS website.

## B. The Future of Pastoralism



### *i. Karamoja Resilience Support Unit (KRSU)*

The Karamoja Resilience Support Unit (KRSU) is a four-year project of USAID/Uganda aimed at increasing resilience and economic development in the Karamoja Region of northeast Uganda. Its focus is on translating evidence into practice and fostering collaborative learning to strengthen policy environments and program impacts. KRSU investigates emerging trends, best practices, and promising strategies, and identifies gaps, challenges, and opportunities to improve pastoralist systems and livelihoods. KRSU focuses on (a) assisting USAID/Uganda to strengthen its resilience programs and policy support in Karamoja; (b) providing strategic, programmatic, and logistical support to the Karamoja Development Partners Group; (c) providing capacity-building support to the Government of Uganda for their policies and programs in Karamoja; (d) generating an evidence

base and ensuring analytical support using reviews, studies, evaluations, and similar activities.

### *ii. Growth, Health, and Governance in Karamoja*

The Feinstein International Center is one of the international partners on Mercy Corps' Growth, Health, and Governance (GHG) project in the Karamoja region of northeastern Uganda. This USAID-funded five-year project (2012-2017) aims to improve livelihoods outcomes for the pastoral, agro-pastoral, and agrarian populations in the region. Each year, Feinstein conducts research in collaboration with Mercy Corps to inform and improve their programming. The latest report examines revitalized pastoral livelihoods in Karamoja and explores how animal ownership affects a household's ability to weather shocks.

### *iii. Promoting Evidence and Learning on Pastoralism for Peace Building*

This Feinstein International Center project was conceived in partnership with national and local stakeholders, including the Sudanese Federal and State Ministry of Livestock and Rangeland, SOS Sahel Sudan and Al Massar Organization for the Development of Nomads. The partners' interests in the research were wide ranging, including increasing recognition of the contribution of livestock to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and national exports, and the importance of pastoralism for local livelihoods and peace and stability in the Darfur region of Sudan. The research tracked the long distance seasonal migration of livestock herds using GPS tagging devices over two years (2013 and 2015), and

collected information through interviews and outreach visits. The analysis explored the environmental drivers of livestock mobility (rainfall and pasture distribution in space and time) and impact of conflict shocks, as well as the role of local governance, relationships, and integration with others in supporting mobility. Local and national stakeholders reported positively on the benefits of the research. The UK FCO and DFID funded the project.

## C. Humanitarianism and Politics

### *i. Partnerships in Remote Management Settings*

International organizations increasingly rely on local partners to engage in humanitarian action. This is particularly the case in highly insecure situations or when host governments limit or deny international access. Despite these trends, there have been few attempts to examine the effectiveness of international-local partnerships either in general or in insecure "remote management" contexts. This study explored these partnerships in the setting of cross-border assistance from Turkey to Syria in 2014. The study report was accompanied by two briefing papers that focused on the sustainability of local organizations, particularly after donor withdrawal from the region, and on trade-offs, capacities, and trust-building in partnerships. This research was funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration at the US State Department.

### *ii. Planning From the Future*

Despite impressive growth and institutionalization, the humanitarian system risks being outpaced by new threats and vulnerabilities linked to conflict, technology, and natural disasters. As the system struggles to adapt to the social and political changes

spawned by globalization, the way it is organized and its framework for decision-making risks becoming obsolete. Unless urgent steps are taken, humanitarian action will lose its relevance as a global system for saving and protecting the lives of at-risk populations. This study involved in-depth field case studies to understand the ways in which the humanitarian sector has strived to respond.

Key outputs of the program included (a) a reflection on whether the humanitarian system is fit for purpose; (b) an overview of regional humanitarian challenges in the Sahel; (c) a case study of humanitarian action in Syria; (d) an analysis of Sweden's feminist foreign policy; (e) a discussion of protection in the context of humanitarian action; (f) commentary on the return to violence in South Sudan; (g) reflections on the Somalia famine of 2011-2012; and (h) an exploration of whether revolutionary medicine can revolutionize the humanitarian system. *Planning From the Future* was a collaboration between Kings College London, the Humanitarian Policy Group at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), and the Feinstein International Center.

# D. Livelihoods, Vulnerability and Resilience



## *i. The Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium*

The Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC) aims to generate a stronger evidence base on how people in conflict-affected situations make a living, access basic services like health care, education and water, and perceive and engage with governance at local and national levels. At the center of SLRC's research are three core themes, developed over the course of an intensive one-year inception phase: (1) State legitimacy: experiences, perceptions and expectations of the state and local governance in conflict-affected situations; (2) State capacity: building effective states that deliver services and social protection in conflict-affected situations; (3) Livelihood trajectories and economic activity in conflict-affected situations.

The Overseas Development Institute is the lead organization and the project has been funded by UK Aid, Irish Aid, and the European Commission. In the time period of activities covered in this report, Feinstein members of the SLRC consortium have produced over a dozen publications, with topics ranging from youth labor to trade and politics, and from livelihoods in conflict settings to the impact of serious crimes during war on households facing recovery. In addition to written outputs, members of the team have participated in international conference panels and online webinars to present their research and produced videos synthesizing their findings.

## *ii. Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters*

Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) is UKAid's flagship program, designed to improve the resilience of the most poor to climate extremes and shocks. The £140m project is implemented by 13 consortia in 15 countries across the Sahel and Southeast Asia. Feinstein is part of the "Building Resilience in Chad and Sudan" (BRICS) consortium led by Concern Worldwide. The three-year program (2015-2017) operates in the Sila region of eastern Chad and North, South, and West Darfur.

The Feinstein International Center leads an applied research program on resilience linked with policy, practice, and learning. We engage and work with researchers and stakeholders from the local, regional, national, and international levels to ensure their engagement, endorsement, and uptake of research findings. The research program includes mixed methods research on livelihoods, nutrition, and resilience; a pastoralism learning for advocacy program; and technical support for early warning and market monitoring mechanisms.

In the first two years of the project, Feinstein has worked closely with partners to provide critical baseline and longitudinal information about the communities in which they are working to inform programming and monitor results; engaged a variety of stakeholders in West Darfur and Sila, Chad about pastoralists production systems to improve policies and programming; and assisted the Darfur Development and Reconstruction Agency to codify their Market Monitoring and Trade Analysis methodology.

The BRICS consortium partners are Concern Chad, Concern Sudan, the World Agroforestry Center, Al Massar, and Feinstein. This project builds on the CRAM project in Chad.

## *iii. The Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation, and Policy Project*

The Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation, and Policy Project (AKLDP) is a five-year project of USAID Ethiopia. It provides collaborative learning and coordination support

across the Feed the Future portfolio, leading to improved agriculture, livestock and pastoral policy and programming. The project covers Ethiopia's three main agro-ecological zones - high and low rainfall highland mixed farming, and lowland pastoral. The AKLDP also provides collaborative learning support on climate change adaptation, nutrition and gender-equity.

The AKLDP team is a mix of economists and specialists in agronomy, agriculture, livestock, food security, and crop and livestock marketing. The team conducts reviews, evaluations, and impact assessments of projects and programs, such as the review of the New Alliance in Ethiopia and the mid-term evaluation of the ENGINE nutrition project. The team also conducts technical reviews and analyses, either as a lead actor or supporting others, such as its support to the assessment of public-private partnerships for livestock export facilities, led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Trade. Finally, the team provides technical support to government and donor coordination platforms in Ethiopia, focusing on the Rural Economic Development and Food Security coordination groups, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture Transformation Agency.

## *iv. Promoting Agriculture, Health, and Alternative Livelihoods in Nepal*

The Feinstein International Center is one of the international partners on Mercy Corps' Promoting Agriculture, Health, and Alternative Livelihoods (PAHAL) in Nepal. This USAID-funded project aims to improve food security, resilience, and livelihoods for poor and marginalized communities in select areas of rural Nepal. Feinstein's quantitative and qualitative research is designed to better understand the determinants of resilience and food security and to inform and improve the programming of Mercy Corps and other national and international actors.

## *v. Taadoud Transition to Development Project*

Taadoud Transition to Development Project a three-year, six member INGO consortium led by Catholic Relief Services that aims to support conflict-affected households to rebuild their livelihoods and to prepare them to deal with future shocks and stresses in 200 communities across all five Darfur States of western

Sudan. Feinstein is the research partner together with Ahfad University for Women. The aim of the research is to strengthen the impact of resilience-related actions and interventions through (a) improving understanding and analysis of resilience in the Darfur context using a livelihoods lens; (b) increasing the capacity of local, national, and international stakeholders in resilience approaches and operational research. By working closely with consortium partners and national research partners we have integrated research and learning as part of the resilience building program.

The research analyzes how livelihood systems have been affected by the multiple shocks experienced in Darfur, the choices families have made to sustain themselves throughout, and the extent to which they have been successful. The field research was conducted in two phases, including a scoping study and follow-up field research in West, South, and East Darfur. Together, these studies contribute to our understanding of resilience in the Darfur context, the nature of resilience in general, and provide guidance toward promoting resilience. Taadoud is funded under the UK DFID Sudan Humanitarian and Resilience Program (SHARP).

#### *vi. Synthesizing Research on Resilience in Dryland and Fragile Contexts*

The Feinstein International Center has conducted multiple studies on livelihoods resilience in dryland

and conflict affected areas over the past decade. This study reviews and synthesizes findings across these multiple studies and specifically address three key topics: multiple pathways to resilience in pastoral contexts; conflicts and resilience; and the persistence of emergency prevalence of Global Acute Malnutrition long after other emergency conditions have subsided or been remediated. The study has been funded by the US Agency for International Development.

#### *vii. Markets and Trade in Darfur*

Since 2010, The Feinstein International Center has provided advisory support to the Darfur Development and Reconstruction Agency (DDRA), a national NGO in Sudan, to set up and manage a community-based market monitoring network in the Darfur Region: the Market Monitoring and Trade Analysis project (MMTA).

The MMTA is comprised of a unique network of almost 50 community-based organizations (CBOs) that work collaboratively across all five Darfur states to monitor and analyze trade flows and market activity. With this strong local base, the data collection and its interpretation are rooted in local knowledge and understanding. Despite the challenges of working in a context of protracted conflict, the MMTA monitors more than 70 markets across Darfur. They produce a variety of different outputs for a range of users from state and federal government to international and national aid agencies.

## E. Nutrition and Food Security

#### *i. Community Resilience to Acute Malnutrition*

The Sila region of eastern Chad regularly experiences highly variable rainfall, seasonal food insecurity, and persistently high levels of acute malnutrition. In 2012, Concern Worldwide began an integrated multisectoral program in the area with the goal of reducing child acute malnutrition in the face of seasonal shocks, called Community Resilience to Acute Malnutrition (CRAM). This program was based on positive programming experience in Kenya and Niger. It combined nutrition, health, water,

sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and livelihoods programs.

As the CRAM research partner, Feinstein designed a randomized control trial to assess the program's impact and investigate the drivers of acute malnutrition. We collected qualitative and quantitative data in 2012, 2014, and 2015 in 69 villages within Concern's programming area. We produced baseline, midline, and endline reports for the Concern team and worked with the teams and



headquarters and in the field to help them use and disseminate the findings. We also produced a report that explores potential causal links to malnutrition in the area. The final evaluation showed that CRAM prevented an increase in wasting in the intervention villages. The impact was primarily associated with access to potable water (positive), better hygiene practices along the water chain (positive), and village cattle density (negative). The qualitative analysis enabled us to develop hypotheses as to the nutrition causal pathways linked with the management of livestock and water resources.

In addition to the impact evaluation, we explored ways to improve early warning in Sila. We developed a model that uses remote sensing rainfall, crop production, and food security data to provide annual crop production predictions. While still in development, the Concern team in Chad is using the annual prediction to inform discussions with stakeholders in Chad.

Both research elements of the CRAM project continued (evaluation and crop prediction model)

under the Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED).

### *ii. Food Security and Resilience in Somalia*

A major famine struck Somalia in 2010-2011, and killed over a quarter of a million people. The Center was called upon to provide technical backstopping to UNICEF during the famine itself, and later Feinstein staff participated in evaluations of the response. This led to a major three year retrospective study of the famine, which considered (a) the reasons for the delayed international response; (b) the engagement of non-Western humanitarian actors; (c) the agency and actions of affected communities and groups in protecting their own livelihoods and lives. The research resulted in the publication of a book by Daniel Maxwell and Nisar Majid in 2016 (*Famine in Somalia: Competing Imperatives, Collective Failures, 2011-2012*). Follow-on work has focused on interventions aimed at building resilience in the famine-affected areas, as an alternative to recurrent humanitarian aid. This includes defining and measuring resilience, and developing the means for real-time shock monitoring.

# F. People on the Move: Migration, Displacement, Refugees, and Urbanization



## *i. Refugees in Towns*

The Refugees in Towns project collects and commissions case studies of urban settings (towns, cities or sub-areas of cities) in which refugees or internally displaced people have been living for more than two years. The goal is to develop a database of case studies exploring the experience of urban displacement from the perspective of both the refugees and the town. Each case study explores how the presence of refugees has led to political, social, and economic change in the town and describes the experience of the refugees themselves, focused on whether and why they have thrived or

struggled. The project is divided regionally into (a) refugees in American towns (RAT), focused on refugee resettlement in North American towns (including Mexico, the US, and Canada); (b) refugees in towns (RIT) focused on urban areas in transit countries (such as Libya, Mexico, or Greece) or countries of first asylum (such as Sudan, Lebanon, or Turkey).

# G. Upholding Human Rights in the Face of Violence



## *i. Sexual Assault Against Humanitarian Aid Workers*

This study examines the issue of sexual assault against humanitarian aid workers to document and analyze (a) how agencies understand and respond to the risk of sexual assault against aid workers; (b) the circumstances surrounding sexual assault; (c) perpetrators and victims/survivors; (d) institutional systems in place for prevention and response. The study's goal is to contribute knowledge to the prevention of and response to sexual assault against aid workers. Study outputs contain detailed recommendations to assist agencies in preventing and responding to sexual assault against aid workers. Findings are drawn from a review and analysis of 78 articles and reports, 24 security training manuals, 2,423 survey respondents from Humanitarian Women's Network and Report the Abuse studies, 57 testimonies from women and men who are survivors of sexual harassment and assault, and 30 in-depth interviews.

## *ii. People First! Justice, Accountability, and Reparation in the Greater North of Uganda*

The Feinstein International Center team is building

on its work with local, national, and international policy makers and programmers in northern Uganda to remain engaged in issues of justice, accountability, and reparation, and to ensure that the concerns and priorities of women and children are recognized and considered at all three levels. At the community level, the approach is a participatory one within the community, with a view towards empowering the community to take action on their own needs and articulate their rights and interest, while addressing their most pressing needs. As a result of Feinstein's collaborative work with them, men, women, and children are now able to discuss more openly their different situations in the community and talk about a way forward. This is a process of social, cultural, political, and economic transformation. The communities are becoming more active in determining their wellbeing, including being able to hold themselves and their leaders accountable and demand appropriate action to address their needs. Recent publications have focused on the issue of disability and recovery from war in Northern Uganda, as well as on remedy and reparation in Northern Uganda.

# 6. Education

## A. Courses taught by Feinstein International Center faculty

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017, Feinstein International Center team members taught graduate students at The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in the following areas of humanitarian theory and practice. In addition to

interacting with students through courses, Feinstein team members have supervised capstone research projects, worked alongside students on summer research and/or internships, and collaborated with students as research assistants and co-authors on Feinstein research projects and publications.

Course Title	Instructor
Introduction to Research Methods	Karen Jacobsen
Forced Migration	Karen Jacobsen
Seminar in Humanitarian Issues for Master of Arts in Humanitarian Assistance candidates	Daniel Maxwell; Dyan Mazurana
Humanitarian Action in Complex Emergencies	Daniel Maxwell
International Humanitarian Response	Daniel Maxwell
Gender, Culture, and Conflict in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies	Dyan Mazurana and Elizabeth Stites
Gender and Human Security in Transitional States and Societies	Dyan Mazurana and Elizabeth Stites
Directed Study - Capstone Projects	Karen Jacobsen; Daniel Maxwell; Dyan Mazurana; Elizabeth Stites
Transnational Social Issues: Humanitarian Action (Global Master of Arts Program)	Daniel Maxwell

## B. Master of Arts in Humanitarian Assistance (MAHA)

The Master of Arts in Humanitarian Assistance is a one-year degree program offered jointly by The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. It is geared towards mid-career professionals who have significant field experience in humanitarian assistance. Students develop the knowledge and skills needed to advance their careers in the areas of nutrition, food policy, and economic, political and social development.

Between July 2015 and June 2017, eight students have graduated from the MAHA program, hailing from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kenya, the United States, and Palestine. Five students have been offered admission and financial assistance to join the 2017-2018 MAHA class.

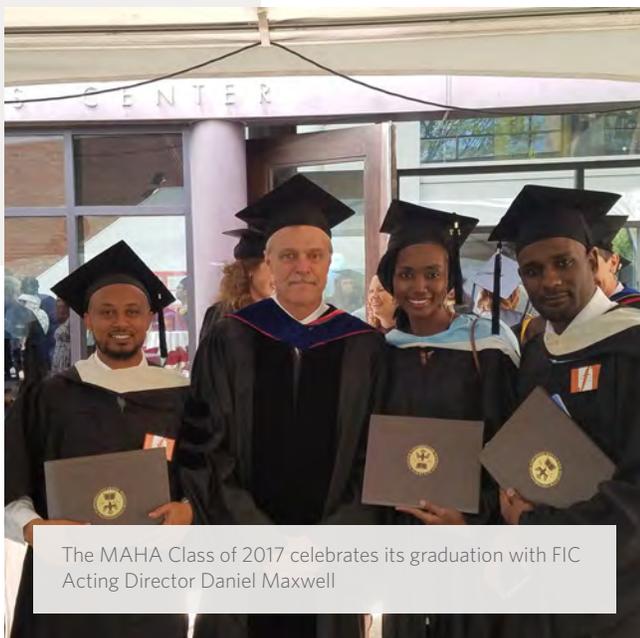
In 2017, the Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) group added the MAHA to its growing group of affinity members. This partnership means that PHAP members receive a discount on tuition costs.



MAHA students prepare for humanitarian research project

The MAHA experience culminates in the completion of a capstone project under the supervision of a Feinstein faculty member. Recent MAHA capstone topics have included:

- The implications of Ethiopia's out-of-camp policy as an alternative to camps for refugees in Ethiopia
- Impact of women's status on children's nutrition status in camp and urban refugee populations in Kenya and Jordan
- Are scalable safety nets the future of humanitarian assistance? A case study of PSNP Borena pastoral communities in Ethiopia
- Targeting beneficiaries for food assistance in Afghanistan
- UN's Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP) in peacekeeping missions: The South Sudan experience
- Applying the positive deviance approach to resilience-building in chronically vulnerable areas
- A review of the current humanitarian aid reporting tracking challenges and recommended solutions
- Climate change effects on the livelihoods of rural agriculture: A case study in Nepal



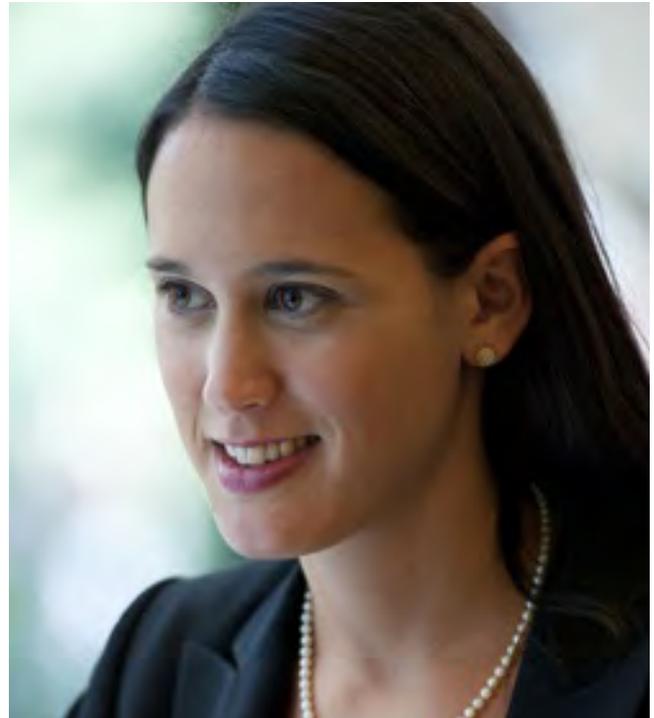
The MAHA Class of 2017 celebrates its graduation with FIC Acting Director Daniel Maxwell

## C. Spotlight on PhD student research

*Feinstein International Center team members are dedicated to working closely with graduate students who are pursuing their PhDs in a variety of topics of interest to the humanitarian field. Below are the profiles of PhD students affiliated with Feinstein faculty between July 2015 and June 2017.*



**Teddy Atim** is a PhD Candidate at Wageningen University. Her PhD dissertation looks at the experiences of youth recovery after armed conflict. It examines how suffering different forms of serious crimes (sexual violence, abduction, war injuries, etc) during armed conflict affects male and female youth abilities to rebuild in the aftermath in post conflict northern Uganda—Lango and Acholi Sub Regions. Specifically, it explores how experiences of serious crimes are shaped by various social contexts and expectations that position male and female youth differently—and ultimately, their ability to rebuild in the aftermath.



**Phoebe Donnelly** is a PhD Candidate at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, whose dissertation research looks at gender dynamics in internal conflict and how gender dynamics are utilized by actors in conflict as part of their strategy. She is specifically interested in developing a framework that looks at how parties to a conflict think about: the roles of men, women, boys, and girls in conflict; changing relationships in conflict (with a specific focus on coercive marriage practices); and the gendered dimensions of violence against civilians. Her research is focused on Eastern Africa where she is collecting original fieldwork in Uganda and Kenya and working with partners to collect research in Somalia.



**Merry Fitzpatrick** is a PhD Candidate at The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, where she studies kwashiorkor. Kwashiorkor is a type of severe acute malnutrition that affects hundreds of thousands of children annually and is often fatal, yet its etiology is still unclear. Without a clear understanding of the causes of kwashiorkor, effective preventive strategies have lagged. Merry is working on the hypothesis that a lack of sulfur amino acids is at the heart of kwashiorkor. Last year she conducted a study of 360 children in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, measuring their nutritional status, diets and many other potential causes of kwashiorkor. Early findings are promising and she is now planning efficacy trials on interventions that will reduce incidence of kwashiorkor.



**Jeeyon Janet Kim** is a PhD Candidate at The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy's Food Policy and Applied Nutrition Program. Since joining the program in 2013, she has worked with Daniel Maxwell on various projects relating to resilience, social capital, and politics of humanitarian data and response. For her dissertation, Janet is conducting a mixed methods study to examine the effects of migration on household food security status, women's workload and decision-making roles in Nepal. As part of her dissertation, Janet is working with Feinstein's Elizabeth Stites, Bapu Vaitla, Poshan Dahal, and Daniel Maxwell on the Promoting Agriculture, Health, and Alternative Livelihoods (PAHAL) project in Nepal. Janet gratefully acknowledges the support of the Gerald J. Friedman Fellowship in Nutrition and Citizenship and the PAHAL project.



**Roxanne Krystalli** is a PhD Candidate at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Her research examines the politics of victimhood in Colombia's transitional context. Victimhood is not a mere description of having suffered harm, but also a political status and site of power and contestation during transitions from violence. Through ethnographic fieldwork, Roxanne challenges the perception of victimhood as a passive status or as a monolithic, universal category, and traces the performances different actors produce in order to achieve legibility as victims. In doing so, this project aims to shed light not on the violence of the war itself, but on the violence of the distinctions in its aftermath. Roxanne's research has received support from the Social Science Research Council's International Dissertation Research Fellowship, with funds provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Roxanne is also a recipient of a US Institute of Peace-Minerva Research Institute Peace and Security Dissertation Scholarship, and a fellow at the Institute of Human Security at The Fletcher School.



**Anastasia Marshak**, a PhD student at The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, is planning on focusing her research on the relationship between cattle and child nutrition. On the one hand, cattle provide a significant benefit to the child as a potential source of macro- and micro-nutrients associated with animal sourced food. On the other hand, cattle, along with other livestock, may introduce pathogens into the environment that have been associated with higher prevalence of morbidity, malnutrition, and even mortality. Anastasia plans to carry out a closer examination of this relationship and opportunities for interventions pulling on traditional practices that can mitigate some of the possible negative associations between contamination from cattle fecal matter and child nutrition.



**Bretton James McEvoy** is a PhD Candidate at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. His research focuses on legacies of violence and how they manifest in the present-day United States. In particular, his dissertation engages predominantly white anti-racist projects, examining how the structurally advantaged struggle to shift the relational structures that perpetuate racial violence and inequality.



**Rebecca Tapscott** graduated from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy PhD Program in 2017. Her research explores the relationship between everyday violence and state governance in the global South to theorize contemporary post-colonial state consolidation and statecraft. Her doctoral research was a ground-level study of community policing and vigilantes in conflict-affected northern Uganda. Contrary to existing theory, which supposes that violence becomes institutionalized in tandem with effective governing institutions, her work showed that the contemporary Ugandan state uses violence unpredictably at a local level, sustaining low-level insecurity. The resultant unpredictability of state intervention or non-intervention produces quiescent subjects who harbor latent grievances. This translates into post-neopatrimonial strategy of rule that is more impersonal than most interpretations of neo-patrimonialism, while simultaneously ensuring that individual citizens feel the gaze of the state. Rebecca is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. Her work has been published in *Development and Change*, *African Affairs*, and the *Journal of Eastern African Studies*.

## D. Feinstein International Center Summer Grants for Students

The Feinstein International Center annual summer grants program is designed to stimulate applied research in issues pertaining to complex emergencies, humanitarian assistance, refugees and other migrants, natural disasters, and food security. The program is open to all students at Tufts University who have either a summer internship with an organization focused on humanitarian action, or an agreement to be hosted with such an organization while carrying out the research project.

Between July 2015 and June 2017, 17 graduate students received support from Feinstein International Center for their summer projects. They have undertaken their work in Canada, India, Lebanon, Myanmar, Nepal, and the United States, among other locations, and have examined topics ranging from indigenous organizing practices in Canada to gender mainstreaming within humanitarian organizations in the Middle East.

## E. Skills-Building Workshops on Humanitarian Research

In addition to the courses offered, Feinstein International Center team members have offered a number of skills-building workshops open to members of the Tufts community. Recent workshop topics have included:

Lean Research: Rigorous, relevant, right-sized and respectful field research

Practicalities in the Field: Safety, security, and well-being in field settings

Conducting research with refugees: Challenges and opportunities

Dealing with trauma and practicing self-care: A workshop for practitioners in Canada to gender mainstreaming within humanitarian organizations in the Middle East.

# 7. Public Impact

*The Feinstein International Center is committed to public impact and to ensuring the use of research in humanitarian decision-making, policy, and practice. In this section, we share selected narratives about the reach of our work between July 2015 and June 2017. Further, the Feinstein International Center team has engaged in numerous public events, government briefings, and media appearances—alongside participation in academic conferences and publication in academic journals—to disseminate its work. Highlights from these events between July 2015 and June 2017 are presented below. A detailed listing of Feinstein International Center publications during this time period can be found in the Annex.*



Dissemination of the results of a study that examined livestock mobility, migration patterns, and market strategies in Sudan

# A. Feinstein International Center impact stories



*“Fantastic, I can’t imagine there is another country in the world where Tufts is having so much direct influence”*

The Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation and Policy (AKLDP) project provides direct briefings to donors, UN agencies and NGOs in Ethiopia. In 2015 to 2016, the country was affected by a major El Nino drought, with about 19 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. Through climate analyses and rapid field assessments, the AKLDP helped to shape the international response, under the coordination of UNOCHA. In March 2016, the head of UNOCHA, Paul Handley described the AKLDP support as *“Fantastic, I can’t imagine there is another country in the world where Tufts is having so much direct influence”*.



*“Flowing from the researchers’ recommendations, the UN Deputy Commissioner called on aid bosses to implement a range of reforms...”*

Based on the research into sexual violence against international humanitarian and development aid workers by the Feinstein International Center, the Humanitarian Women’s Network, and Report the Abuse, Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights at the U.N., called on humanitarian workers to campaign against what she described as the “systemic calamity” and “hypocrisy” within the industry, which has allowed widespread abuse against female workers to go unpunished for years. Referencing the research, Gilmore criticized aid bosses for failing to protect staff from sexual abuse and harassment at the hands of fellow aid workers and said there can be “no more excuses” for allowing such a culture of “toxic tolerance” to carry on. Flowing from the researchers’ recommendations, the UN Deputy Commissioner called on aid bosses to implement a range of reforms, including raising staff awareness about the problem, making staff aware of their rights and obligations, providing a “safe and private means” of confidential reporting for victims, and collecting more data on cases. Gilmore delivered her call to arms in her role as co-champion of a working group established as a result of the research findings by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, to investigate the alleged widespread sexual abuse and harassment within the sector. Lindsay Coates, head of InterAction, is the other champion.



*The Feinstein International Center was one of the main contributors to the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS).*

The Feinstein International Center was one of the main contributors to the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS). LEGS is now the recognized point of reference for the design of livestock projects in humanitarian crises, and a companion module to the Sphere manual. By late 2015, LEGS had trained 3,500 people in 36 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Julie March, an Agriculture and Food Security Adviser at the Office of US Foreign Direct Assistance (OFDA), said, “LEGS provides a meeting point for humanitarian response and livestock-based interventions, while ensuring that principles and standards are understood and maintained.”



*“The documented experience from this region...could be developed and transferred to other regions and countries, to solve big problems for people and create consensus.”*

Tufts conducted a study with the federal and state-level Ministry of Animal Resources (MAR) in Sudan, faculty at the University of Gadarif, and Al Massar (a Sudanese NGO dedicated to the needs of nomadic people) that examined livestock mobility, migration patterns and market strategies. The study offered recommendations for policymakers and service providers interacting with communities that practice pastoralism ([see report here](#)). Because of their positions and long experience, these individuals were some of the “influencers” the Tufts team deliberately involved early and often. At the end of the study in April 2016, some of these influencers made statements about the value of the research studies, and stressed the importance of sharing and discussing research findings locally. They felt the research highlighted the actual needs of the nomads and improved understanding of the actual mobility practices in the state. Participating herders also reported that they felt “so pleased and happy about this research, which reflected their situation honestly and raised their voices loudly”. One senior leader commented that “the documented experience from this region (in negotiating access to cross border natural resources) could be developed and transferred to other regions and countries, to solve big problems for people and create consensus.” He is alluding here to the experience of the Dinke Rizeigat tribal negotiations and the relevance of this to other cross border regions that are currently in conflict. Overall, the state level Director of the General Ministry of Livestock felt the research to have had “a significant impact” involving “many related programs” that have subsequently been implemented.



*The study led to work on the Integrated Phase Classification Emergency Review Committee...*

In early 2016, members of the Feinstein International Center published *Famine in Somalia: Competing Imperatives, Collective Failures* (Oxford University Press, 2016). The study led to work on the Integrated Phase Classification Emergency Review Committee, a small global committee activated to review data and analysis any time a potential famine declaration is on the table. This committee has reviewed famine or near-famine situations in four countries in 2016-17, helping to highlight the global food insecurity crisis this year—and the concomitant increase in funding needed for response.



*Over its six-year lifespan, SLRC substantially influenced the policy of the UK government, the World Bank...*

Feinstein Center staff led on two country case studies for the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium--SLRC (in Northern Uganda and South Sudan). Over its six-year lifespan, SLRC substantially influenced the policy of the UK government, the World Bank, and other donors on employment policy, the provision of social services and livelihoods support, and targeting in post-conflict or conflict settings.

## B. Disseminating our work: Briefings, publications, and public events



### Briefings and presentations to government agencies

Feinstein International Center team members have presented their research and briefed policy-makers at various government agencies, such as:

- UK Aid (formerly UK Department for International Development - DFID)
- USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- The US State Department Bureau on Population, Refugees, and Migration
- The UK House of Lords
- European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)
- The Federal Ministry of Animal Resources in Sudan



### Books and book chapters

Daniel Maxwell and Nisar Majid published a book on the [Somalia famine of 2011](#), titled *Somalia Famine: Competing Imperatives, Collective Failures 2011-2012*.

Dallin Van Leuven, Dyan Mazurana, and Rachel Gordon published a book chapter on [gendered recruitment of foreign fighters](#) in ISIL in *Foreign Fighters under International Law and Beyond*.

Dyan Mazurana, Roxanne Krystalli, and Anton Baare published a book chapter on gender and disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of former combatants in the *Oxford Handbook on Gender and Conflict*.



## Work cited in...

In addition to Feinstein International Center team members' own media appearances and publication, their work has been cited in:

- Al Jazeera
- The Atlantic
- CCTV
- CNN
- Colorado Public Radio
- Devex
- European Interagency Security Forum (EISF)
- House of Lords Select Committee on Sexual Violence in Conflict Report
- Humanosphere
- IRINnews
- London School of Economics
- MPR News
- NBC26
- NPR's Here and Now
- OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin
- PolitiFact
- RefugeesDeeply
- Reliefweb
- Tufts Now
- The Texas Observer
- The Washington Examiner



## Journal publications (July 2015 - June 2017)

Daniel Maxwell and colleagues published on [famine, conflict, and political indifference](#) in the BMJ. Dan Maxwell also published with colleagues on famine in *Food Policy*.

Anastasia Marshak, Helen Young, and Anne Radday's research findings on [community resilience to acute malnutrition in Chad](#) were presented in *The Field Exchange*.

Elizabeth Stites and Anastasia Marshak published on the increase in crime and violence committed by young men in Karamoja in *Modern African Studies*.

Dyan Mazurana, Anastasia Marshak, Rachel Gordon, Teddy Atim, and Jimmy Hilton Opio published on [disability and recovery from war](#) in northern Uganda in *Third World Thematics*.

Dan Maxwell, Bapu Vaitla, Jennifer Coates and colleagues published an article on the [measurement of household food security](#) in *Food Policy*.

Roxanne Krystalli published on [gendered credibility](#) in the International Feminist Journal of Politics.

Dyan Mazurana and Phoebe Donnelly published on [sexual violence in conflict](#) in *Crisis Response Journal*.

Anastasia Marshak, Helen Young, Elizabeth Bontrager, and Erin Boyd published on the relationship between acute malnutrition, hygiene practices, water, and livestock in Eastern Chad in the *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*.



## Conferences, workshops, and public lectures

Feinstein International Center team members have participated in academic conferences, delivered keynote speeches at practitioner conventions, and attended workshops on various topics of interest to the humanitarian field in the United States and beyond. Highlights include participation at:

- The [World Humanitarian Summit](#), including signing a [statement of commitment](#) from humanitarian scholars
- [International Studies Association \(ISA\)](#) annual conference
- [Joint IDP Profiling Service \(JIPS\) Conference: Making Data Useful](#)
- [Action Against Hunger Conference](#)
- [Advancing Good Governance Seminar](#) at Oxford University
- World Conference on Humanitarian Studies
- [Wilson Center](#)
- [Environment and Development Symposium](#)
- Migration Policy Forum
- [Myron Wiener Series on International Migration](#) at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- [Global Women's Institute](#) at George Washington University workshop on researching gender-based violence among refugee populations
- [Overseas Development Institute](#)
- [AidEx](#) conference
- The [International Crisis Group](#)
- The What Works Global Summit
- [Annual Nutrition Epidemiology Conference \(ANEC VII\)](#)
- [Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice](#) youth workshop on gender and refugee crises
- Alison L. Des Forges Memorial International Symposium on Refugees, Migrants, Human Trafficking and Slavery at the University of Buffalo
- [Concern Worldwide Building Resilience Against Climate Extremes and Disasters dissemination conference](#) in Chad
- The Graduate Institute of Geneva, Switzerland
- Annual [Sustainable Development Conference](#) in Islamabad, Pakistan
- [Nordic Africa Days Conference](#)
- The Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights
- [International Initiative for Impact Evaluation](#) workshops
- [Stockholm Forum on Security and Development](#) [Istis-Women's International Cross Cultural Exchange](#) in Kampala, Uganda
- [International Feminist Journal of Politics](#) annual conference
- [Center for Mediterranean Integration](#) Peer-to-Peer Learning Workshop for Communities Hosting Refugees
- International Center for Transitional Justice [Great Lakes Region Conference](#)
- The Walter Rodney Seminar at Boston University
- Leibniz Environment and Development Symposium (LEADS), Berlin, Germany
- UK Embassy Sudan
- 50th Anniversary Conference on Women and Girl Health, Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan
- Tufts University

## Media appearances by Feinstein International Center team:

### Newspapers

- Roxanne Krystalli published numerous articles on the [Colombian peace process](#) in The Washington Post.
- Karen Jacobsen discussed the [US refugee resettlement process](#) on The Washington Examiner.

### Television, Radio, Podcasts, and Webinars

- Karen Jacobsen discussed the [refugee crises in Europe and Africa](#) on numerous media, including NPR, CNN, CCTV, and CSPAN.
- Dan Maxwell discussed the [difference between famine and hunger](#) on NPR's Goats and Soda.
- Dyan Mazurana discussed the [abduction of the Chibok girls](#) in Nigeria on PRI's The World.
- Roxanne Krystalli discussed the Colombian peace process on the [Harvard Humanitarian Initiative podcast](#).
- Dyan Mazurana and Phoebe Donnelly discussed their research on sexual violence against aid workers on the [ATHA podcast](#).
- Roxanne Krystalli discussed [strategies for using evidence in humanitarian policy and practice](#) on the ALNAP webinar.

### Online portals and blogs

- Karen Jacobsen published an editorial on CNN on how [shunning refugees is not the answer to terror](#).
- Dyan Mazurana discussed Feinstein International Center's study on [sexual violence against aid workers](#) in *The Conversation*.
- Roxanne Krystalli and Brittany Card published on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security at Harvard Humanitarian Initiative's [ATHA blog](#).
- Helen Young and Anne Radday discussed [conflict as an element affecting resilient building](#) on the BRACED website.
- Dan Maxwell joined nine other leading academics to discuss [famine in Somalia](#) on IRIN.
- Roxanne Krystalli discussed [4 lessons learned from synthesizing humanitarian evidence](#) on the ALNAP portal.
- Anne Radday and Helen Young shared practices for researchers to ensure their [research can resonate with decision-makers](#) on the Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters website.
- Roxanne Krystalli and Kim Wilson published on [informed consent](#) during the research process on the *NextBillion* blog.
- Anne Radday reflected on [good data collection practices](#) on the BRACED website.
- Karen Jacobsen and Paula Armstrong discussed [cash transfer programming](#) research with the Cash Learning Partnership community.
- Dan Maxwell explained that [21st century famines are not for lack of food](#) in *The Conversation*.
- Kim Wilson and Roxanne Krystalli shared insights on the financial journeys of refugees at [CDA Collaborative Development Blog](#) and at the [Center for Financial Inclusion](#).

# 8. Staff and Visiting Fellows

*The below list reflects the Feinstein International Center faculty and staff between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017.*

Name	Role
Berhanu Admassu	Senior Researcher, Ethiopia
Darlington Akabwai	Senior Researcher, Kenya
Teddy Atim	Researcher
John Burns	Chief of Party, Kenya
Andrew P. Catley	Research Director for Policy Process
Adrian Cullis	Chief of Party, Senior Manager, Ethiopia
Tsion Fisseha	Office Administrator, Ethiopia
Merry Fitzpatrick	Researcher
Yacob Aklilu Gebreyes	Senior Researcher
Elizabeth Gelzinis	Grant Administrator
Rachel Gordon	Researcher
Kimberly Howe	Senior Researcher
Karen Jacobsen	Henry J. Leir Professor of Global Migration; Research Director; Acting Director (2015-2016)
Elisabeth Keegan	Program Administrator
Roxanne Krystalli	Program Manager
Liz Layton	Administrative Assistant
Moses Luboyera	Finance & Operations Manager, Uganda
Anastasia Marshak	Researcher
Bridget Masembe	Office Assistant, Uganda
Daniel G. Maxwell	Henry J. Leir Professor in Food Security; Acting Director (2016-2017)

Dyan Mazurana	Research Director and Associate Research Professor
Mesfin Ayele Molla	Chief of Party, Uganda
Ann O'Brien	Administrative Manager
Stephen Okello	Resilience Learning Support Officer, Uganda
Roza Pendenza	Administrative and Finance Director
Anne Radday	Research Program Manager
Jarvice Sekajja	Social Resilience and Conflict Advisor, Uganda
Dawit Shiferaw	Senior Researcher
Elizabeth Stites	Research Director and Assistant Research Professor
Hailu Legesse Tsehayu	Assistant to Country Representative, Ethiopia
Mike Wekesa	Senior Resilience Advisor, Uganda
Fasil Yemane	Country Representative, Business Manager, Ethiopia
Helen Young	Research Director and Professor

In addition to the above list, Feinstein International Center collaborates with a list of long-term affiliated researchers, many of whom are based in the countries in which our work and research unfold. The list of long-term affiliated researchers between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 includes the following:

- Demese Chanyalew
- Abdelaziz Karamalla Gaiballa
- Musa Adam Ismail
- Saverio Krätli
- Beatrice Kuria
- Abdelhafiz ElObeid Mohammed
- Omeno Suji
- Bewket Siraw
- Hussein Sulieman
- Amdissa Teshome
- Philip Dau
- Antonio Donini
- Phoebe Donnelly
- Tsering Gellek
- Roger G. Hearn
- Alexander Liss
- Nisar Majid
- Leben Moro
- Marie O'Reilly
- Keith Proctor
- Kate Sadler
- Adam Saltsman
- Bapu Vaitla
- Dallin Van Leuven
- Kim Wilson

Feinstein International Center collaborates with a roster of Visiting Fellows, who work closely with members of our faculty and researchers on specific research partnerships. Current Visiting Fellows are:

- Natalia Baal
- Margie Buchanan-Smith
- Gaye Burpee
- William S. Chemaly

Finally, though these individuals and departments are not based at the Feinstein International Center, our work would not be possible without the support of Jessica Coté, Seedang Simonin, the Dean's team at The Friedman School, the Institutional Review Board, Tufts Support Services, and the Tufts Office of Research Administration, among others.

# 9. Publications

This list includes books, books chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, and research reports co-authored by members of the Feinstein International Center team between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017. For other outputs, such as blogs and webinars, please see Section 7 of this report.

## Books

Maxwell, Daniel and Nisar Majid. "Famine in Somalia: Competing Imperatives, Collective Failures, 2012–2012." New York: Oxford University Press (2016).

## Book Chapters

Mazurana, Dyan, Anton Baare, and Roxanne Krystalli. "Gender, Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration." In *Oxford Handbook on Gender and Conflict*, edited by Fionnuala Ni Aolain, Dina Hayes, Naomi Cahn, and Nalha Valji. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

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Catley, A., J. Lind, and I. Scoones. "The futures of pastoralism in the Horn of Africa: pathways of growth and change." *Revue scientifique et technique (International Office of Epizootics)* 35, no. 2 (2016): 389-403.

Howe, Kimberly and Elizabeth Stites. "Partners under Pressure: Humanitarian Action for the Syria Crisis." *Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy and Management* (forthcoming).

Krystalli, Roxanne, Allyson Hawkins, and Kim Wilson. "'I followed the flood': The gendered moral and financial economies of forced migration." *Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy and Management* (forthcoming).

Marshak, Anastasia, Helen Young, Elizabeth N. Bontrager, and Erin M. Boyd. "The Relationship Between Acute Malnutrition, Hygiene Practices, Water and Livestock, and Their Program Implications in Eastern Chad." *Food and Nutrition Bulletin* 38, no. 1 (2017): 115-127.

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Stites, Elizabeth, and Anastasia Marshak. "Who are the Lonetia? Findings from southern Karamoja, Uganda." *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 54, no. 2 (2016): 237-262.

Vaitla, Babu, Jennifer Coates, Laura Glaeser, Christopher Hillbruner, Preetish Biswal, and Daniel Maxwell. "The measurement of household food security: Correlation and latent variable analysis of alternative indicators in a large multi-country dataset." *Food Policy* 68 (2017): 193-205.

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*Drought, Resilience and Self Help in Ethiopia: A review of TearFund self help groups following El Nino.* USAID/ Ethiopia AKLDP (Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation and Policy) Project, 2016.

*El Nino in Ethiopia: Impacts of drought on young rural women in Amhara National Regional State.* USAID/ Ethiopia AKLDP (Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation and Policy) Project, 2016.

*El Nino in Ethiopia: Impacts of drought on young rural women in Eastern Amhara National Regional State.* USAID/ Ethiopia AKLDP (Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation and Policy) Project, 2016.

*El Nino and Indebtedness in Ethiopia; Impacts of drought on household indebtedness in Oromia National Regional State.* USAID/ Ethiopia AKLDP (Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation and Policy) Project, 2016.

*El Nino and Indebtedness in Ethiopia; Impacts of drought on household indebtedness in Tigray National Regional State.* USAID/ Ethiopia AKLDP (Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation and Policy) Project, 2016.

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