

Rasha Khoury, MD, MPH

Alumna

ORGANIZATION

Medecins Sans Frontieres

BIOGRAPHY

Years active at Yale: YSM Class of 2008

Dr. Khoury is being recognized for her commitment to clinical care of women affected by war and infectious disease. After her graduation from the School of Medicine, Dr. Khoury went to the University of California, San Francisco for a residency in obstetrics and gynecology, then to Harvard to obtain her public health degree. In 2014, she joined Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), serving in Iraq, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Sierra Leone, and most recently, in Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, she worked in a war zone, one of a few female doctors in Khost. While she was in Sierra Leone in 2014, MSF closed its maternity project to concentrate on the Ebola outbreak. Dr. Khoury is a Palestinian who grew up in Israel, in East Jerusalem.

“I was looking for a way to put all my skills to meaningful use,” she said in a blog post of her decision to join MSF, “to practice humanitarianism and to stand in solidarity with women and societies that have been eroded by war, poverty, and epidemics, yet simultaneously feared, much like my own society ... I was also looking for ways to be, what I felt I was, a citizen of the world.”

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