

# Hilarie Cranmer, MD, MPH



Dr. Cranmer is the first Director of Disaster Response at the Center of Global Health at Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to being clinical faculty in the Department of Emergency Medicine at MGH, she is an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, Department of Global Health and Population. As the former Director of Education for the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, she founded and directed the Humanitarian Studies Initiative and the Global Women's Health Fellowship. In its first 10 years, over 500 graduate students, medical residents, nurses, and physicians have completed these training programs. Her alumni have gone on to hold leadership positions in some of the premier humanitarian agencies in the world.

Dr. Cranmer's research focus has been on educational initiatives to train future humanitarian providers. Her path towards program building began in post war Kosovo doing human rights investigations for Physicians for Human Rights. Her work in a mission hospital in Malawi concentrated on providing emergency obstetrical care for women, and especially those affected by AIDS.

Responding to the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 with International Rescue Committee, and subsequently to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, her growing expertise in disaster relief was recognized in that she led the public health effort for the American Red Cross in Louisiana. After the Port-Au-Prince earthquake in January 2010, she built and directed the largest field hospital in Haiti. In caring for over 5000 patients and their families with more than 700 international volunteers, this hospital was recognized by the UN and the US Government as being the best field hospital post disaster in the last 25 years.

Her latest work includes the professionalization of humanitarian response, with a particular focus in e-learning and simulation-based training, as evidenced by her recent directorship of a comprehensive simulation in Tunisia for the World Health Organization.

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