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Dr. Shaheen is working on improving the health care system response to gender based violence (GBV) in Palestine. She investigates the readiness of the health care system to identify and refer women victims of violence. Her primary goal is to improve identification and referral of victims by health care providers, in order to improve women's health overall.

Dr. Shaheen's research interests are related to population health, and particularly to women's health, child health, injuries, violence, environmental health, and mental health. Her research has appeared in many leading international journals including the *Lancet*, the *International Journal of Public Health*, *European Journal of Pubic Health*, *JAMA Paediatric*, *PLoS One*, and *Archives of Suicide Research*. She has successfully supervised several master students, including many women. She also helps to facilitate the development and advancement of young women in public health research careers as a mentor of young research assistants. She is a member of her university's research ethics committee, and is also an active member of several scientific communities including Child Healthcare Information For All and the International Epidemiological Association. Most recently, Dr. Shaheen together with collaborators from Brazil, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom, was awarded a grant from the British National Institutes of Health Research to enhance identification and referral of GBV cases in reproductive health settings within marginalized Palestinian populations.

Dr. Shaheen was born in East Jerusalem, Palestine. She received her PhD in Epidemiology and Population Health from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in 2009. Since returning to Palestine in 2011, Dr. Shaheen has carried out her research as an Assistant Professor at An-Najah National University, where she also teaches graduate students in the Masters of Public Health degree, as well as undergraduate students in health sciences.

“ *Winning the OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Award gives me the courage to continue my research on culturally sensitive issues, in order to improve the health of women and their families. I hope it will motivate young health graduates to enter the field of public health.* ”