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# GLOBAL HEALTH

A Virtual Lecture Series

## Virtual Projects at HVO Successes & Challenges

Habib Ghaddar, MD, FACP – palliative care in Bhutan  
Elizabeth Shick, DDS, MPH – pediatric dentistry in Nepal



**Health Volunteers Overseas**  
*Transforming Lives Through Education*

Join us on Friday, April 23, 2021 | 2pm – 3pm Eastern  
Sessions will be recorded and available later

The pandemic forced HVO to withdraw all volunteers from the field in March of 2020. By May, it was apparent that we would not be sending volunteers overseas any time soon and that we needed to pivot to a new mode of educational project – the virtual project. Two of the earliest virtual projects were in Bhutan and Nepal. Aside from being in adjacent countries, the projects were quite different. In Bhutan, Dr. Ghaddar and colleagues were working with a group of palliative care nurses in the Oncology Department; while in Nepal, Dr. Shick was involved in delivering a series of pediatric dentistry modules to dental students, faculty and clinicians. Join us to learn more about how these projects were developed, what challenges they faced and what contributed to their success.

Dr. Habib Ghaddar is a medical oncologist and hematologist practicing with Texas Oncology since 1995. He received his medical degree from the American University of Beirut in 1989, completed his internal medicine residency at the Good Samaritan Hospital/Johns Hopkins University in 1992, and his medical oncology/hematology fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in 1995. He is board certified in internal medicine, medical oncology, hematology, and hospice and palliative medicine. His devotion to education and interest in global health led him to join Health Volunteers Overseas. Over the past five years, he has served as an oncology volunteer in Bhutan and Nepal where he helped train physicians and oncology nurses. He currently serves as co-director for the HVO palliative care program in Bhutan.

Elizabeth Shick, DDS, MPH is Associate Professor and Director of Global Health at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine. She completed her DDS, Residency in Pediatric Dentistry and Masters of Public Health degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She works part-time in private practice and currently serves as the Director of Global Health Initiatives at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine and Center for Global Health. Dr. Shick coordinates the dental school's outreach program based in a community health center in rural Guatemala. She also works on a national level promoting best practices in global health in dental education and is the founder and Chair of the newly formed Global Health Workgroup of the American Dental Education Association. Dr. Shick is a member of HVO's Oral Health Steering Committee.