

Biography

Dr Yasser Abu-Jamei is the General Director of [the Gaza Mental Health Program](#). A leading Palestinian psychiatrist, he obtained in 2012 MSc in Clinical Neuropsychiatry (with distinction) from Birmingham. In 2015 he received the award of best Alumnus achievement from the Said Foundation on his work in developing mental health sector in Gaza and the GCMHP crisis response plan after the 2014 war on Gaza. He also received the Alumnus of the year award from the University of Birmingham in 2016 and the Community Resilience Award from Rebuilding Alliance 2021. Dr Abu-Jamei is a member of the Task Force which developed the National Mental Health Strategy 2015-2019 in Palestine. In 2020, with a group of Palestinian mental health professionals he cofounded the Palestine Global Mental Health Network. He has large Interest in Capacity building programmes, neuropsychiatry, and advocacy and lobbying activities. He is certified as a Trainer of Trainers in the field of supervision and care for caregivers from the Free University of Berlin. Since January 2014, Dr Abu Jamei is the director general of Gaza Community Mental Health Programme, a leading mental health services provider in Palestine. He recently coauthored few papers that looks into integrating public health and human rights approach into mental health in the Gazan context.

The Gaza Community Mental Health Program (GCMHP) is the leading Palestinian non-governmental organization providing mental health services to the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip. GCMHP is committed to aiding women, children, and victims of violence, torture, and human rights violations. GCMHP has dozens of staff, a main facility and research center in Gaza City, and community mental health clinics in Gaza City, Khan Younis, the Deir el-Balah refugee camp, and the Jabalya refugee camp and as well as crisis intervention programs, a rehabilitation program for drug abusers, a Children's Project, and a Training and Education Department that offers a postgraduate diploma in Community Mental Health and Human Rights and courses for teachers and nurses. It has given individual psychiatric and family therapy to tens of thousands of people and seeded three women's groups that do psycho-social and empowerment work across the Gaza Strip.

His 2023 'Trauma and Hope' nation-wide speaking tour has been organized by the Boston-based [Gaza Mental Health Foundation, Inc.](#)