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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Ms. Ghiron is President of Partners in Expanding Health Quality and Access (Partners), a US-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves as the main institutional mechanism supporting the work of ExpandNet - the global network of public health and development professionals working to advance the science and practice of scaling interventions (www.expandnet.net). Ms. Ghiron has 25+ years of technical experience advising global initiatives, country projects, and diverse programs on scale-up.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Partners in Expanding Health Quality and Access

President

Davis, CA
2005 – Present

- Oversees Partners' day-to-day activities, including managing staff and consultants to further the organization's mission
- Cultivates partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations, international and multi-lateral agencies, platforms, donors and academic institutions
- Chairs ExpandNet's global Advisory Council (since 2023) and serves on ExpandNet's Secretariat (since 2003)
- Supports the work of local ExpandNet affiliate organizations in East, West and Southern Africa, and South Asia
- Develops and implements fundraising strategies to expand organizational capacity and sustainability
- Provided technical support on scaling for several USAID, MacArthur-, Packard- and Gates Foundation-funded projects around the world
- Co-authored numerous articles, guidance documents, briefs, monographs and web-based documents about scaling
- Co-organized several global technical convenings on different topics and themes related to scale up

University of Michigan School of Public Health

Senior Research Area Specialist

Ann Arbor, MI
1997 – 2009

- Collaborated with various public health initiatives focused on family planning and reproductive health in numerous countries including in Bolivia, Brazil, China, DR Congo, Guatemala, Rwanda, Mali, Madagascar and others
- Partnered with WHO and colleagues in Latin America on implementation of the Strategic Approach to Strengthening Reproductive Health Policies and Programmes and the subsequent Reprolatina Project

Stanford University Musculoskeletal Research Lab

Head Bone Density Technician/Lab Manager

Research Assistant II

Palo Alto, CA

1995 - 1996

1992 - 1995

PUBLICATIONS

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor – School of Public Health
Master of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Education

Ann Arbor, MI
1996 – 1998

University of Wisconsin – Madison
Bachelor of Arts in English and Italian

Ann Arbor, MI
1987 – 1991

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Italian (intermediate), Spanish (conversant), French and Portuguese (basic)