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This collection of papers and abstracts aims to improve understanding and appreciation of public health issues in the Arab world. The Arab world needs an effective public health system that is adequately resourced to address the heterogeneous health needs of the population. The conference brought together these authors and their colleagues from the United

States; the discussions, while unable to be captured for dissemination, revealed that all are committed to the health and well-being of the Arab population. Additional research is needed to better understand the healthcare needs and issues facing both the Arab world and the Arab-American population, followed by the planning and implementation of interventions that

will lead to improved health status. This can be accomplished through effective collaboration between academic and community-based organizations that can unite to set the public health agenda and recruit resources from international organizations such as USAID, WHO, UNICEF, and Save the Children to fulfill the promise of a healthier Arab population.