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During Day One of the Seminar, participants were asked: 'What are your expectations of this event? What three things are you hoping to gain from by participating in this event?'.

Here are their answers:

**Peyman Majidzadeh UNICEF Iran**
Because of different background of people participating in this seminar, I want to see where I can initiate a sports project for children for UNICEF Iran. I want to see if it is possible and feasible. Of course, it is not up to me if a UNICEF program is set up, but I want to check initiatives and see how they could be integrated into our program. I have the emergency experience in Bam, so I also want to empower myself and learn new methods and knowledge for other emergencies.

- good networking
- learn something practical, hands on (that I can apply in my work)

**Saanaz Jahanshahi UNHCR Iran**
One is to gain knowledge about the different people’s experience in this field. I don’t know anything about this topic and I think here I can learn a lot. because I am working with refugees and we can use some of these methods to improve their lives.

- gain knowledge
- meet different people from different cultures and backgrounds
- learn from others’ experience

**Serena Borsani, COE (Italy)**
To improve my knowledge in this field through listening to experience from other people and experience from well qualified lecturers.

- understand how to reduce the weaknesses in the process of using sport as a tool for peace and reconciliation / post-disaster intervention
- to create a network with other people sharing the same interests
- to understand best practices to have a successful project

**Mac McClenahan GAM3 Urban Sports Organization, Beirut**
I am expecting to meet lots of other people who are doing the same thing I do. Managing sport & dev projects. I hope to get some new ideas for projects, new methods and approaches. also to get feedback on what we do.

- main thing: I hope to gain connection with other people (to share ideas)
- gain more expertise and knowledge about sports and development
- new approaches (like developing theories on sports and dev, generalized approaches to introducing sports to disaster settings)

**Eleonora Narese, APA Italiana (Attività Psico-fisica Addatata)**
I came to this seminar on my personal account. I want to get to know more about sport and post-disaster setting, because in Italy, there is not enough people dedicated to this topic. I want to get to know people who are involved in this topic and have more knowledge.

- networking and establish contact to people involved in the field
• get new inputs
• gain specific knowledge

Emily Walters, Student at Kennesaw State University USA
My expectation is to learn information and practical things that can be a benefit for me as I continue on my education. I am interested in meeting new people from around the world
• learning more about sport and disaster
• learning about what people are doing around the world
• networking and meeting people and taking information back to my university
(combine what I learn here with what I learn at school)

Ghadeer Fakhouri, Theodor Schneller School Jordan
I am working with disabled children, so I always use art, music, sports to support them. I am here to learn some new activities to help me how to deal with these children. Also, I am here to meet other organizations.