

# 2023 Iowa Homeland Security Conference

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## **Speaker & Professional title:**

Sarah Diedrich, Iowa HSEMD, Recovery Planner

## **Speaker Biography:**

Sarah Diedrich joined HSEMD in November 2020 as a Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) before transitioning to her current role as Recovery Planner in October 2021. Prior to joining HSEMD, she worked almost a decade in emergency response and humanitarian affairs in Iraq, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Myanmar (Burma), and Bangladesh. In 2016, she received a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, with a certificate in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance. While in Hawai'i, Sarah worked as a graduate assistant with the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC).