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Professional summary

Somali physician, public-health executive, health-systems reformer and academic leader whose work connects national health financing, hospital transformation, emergency response, institutional governance, research and professional education. Director General of the Social Health Insurance Authority and founder of RIYAADA and RUGSAN, with teaching and mentorship roles at Benadir and City University.

Professional appointments

Director General

Social Health Insurance Authority, Federal Government of Somalia | 2026–present

Institutional establishment and phased social health insurance implementation: governance, enrolment, strategic purchasing, provider readiness, benefit packages, claims architecture, quality assurance and financial protection.

Professor / Academic Faculty

City University, Mogadishu | 2026–present

Teaching and academic mentorship in public health, health systems, policy, leadership, governance, research methods and institutional reform.

Chairman of the Board & Founder

RIYAADA Institute for Leadership & Governance | 2025–present

Executive education, professional programmes, applied research, scholarly platforms, governance reform and Somali-led knowledge production.

Coordinator & Senior Lecturer, Postgraduate Tropical Medicine Programme

Benadir University, Mogadishu | 2021–present

Postgraduate coordination, curriculum development, teaching, dissertation supervision and professional mentorship.

Founder & Chairman

RUGSAN Consultancies and Research | 2013–present

Research, policy analysis, evaluation and institutional advisory work across health systems, social policy, governance and economic development.

Director, Human Resources Management & HRH Development

Federal Ministry of Health, Somalia | September–December 2025

National health-workforce planning, governance, development and implementation support.

Director General / Chief Executive Officer

De Martino National Public Hospital, Mogadishu | May 2020–September 2025

Hospital transformation, clinical governance, patient safety, service continuity, workforce management, emergency care, maternity and referral services.

National Incident Manager, COVID-19 Pandemic

Federal Ministry of Health, Somalia | March 2020–July 2022

Emergency Operations Centre coordination, multi-agency response, surveillance, public-health interventions and continuity planning.

Senior Advisor & Team Lead, Health Systems Strengthening

Federal Ministry of Health, Somalia | 2018–2022

Primary health-care recovery, workforce capacity, governance and health-policy reform.

Director of Medical Services & Deputy Director General

Federal Ministry of Health, Somalia | 2012–2018

Nationwide medical services, public-hospital administration, regulatory affairs, pharmaceutical governance and quality improvement.

Voluntary Humanitarian, Community Health Advocate & Mentor

Community and professional service | 2004–present

Voluntary response to droughts, floods, displacement, outbreaks and emergencies; mentorship and pro bono technical support.

Education and professional qualifications

PhD, Demography & Social Sciences

Paris American International University | 2026

PhD, Healthcare Economics

Swiss School of Business Research, Geneva | 2025

MSc, Health Management

International Telematic University UNINETTUNO, Rome | Not dated in CV

MPH, infectious-disease focus

James Lind Institute | Not dated in CV

Executive Certificate, Public Health Leadership & Research

James Lind Institute, Geneva | 2023

Postgraduate Diploma, Tropical Medicine & Infectious Diseases

Medvarsity in association with the University of New South Wales, Sydney | 2019

MBChB, Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery

Benadir University, Mogadishu | 2010

MD, Doctor of Medicine

Professional credential recorded in the CV; awarding institution not specified | Not dated in CV

Core expertise

Health financing and universal health coverage

Social health insurance; strategic purchasing; benefit packages; provider payment and readiness; claims architecture; household financial protection and equity.

Hospital governance, quality and patient safety

Clinical governance; service standards; IPC; emergency, maternity and referral-service strengthening; workforce and operational management; quality improvement and incident learning.

Policy, regulation and institutional reform

National health policy and strategic planning; EPHS; professional and medicines governance; mandates, organisational design, board instruments, role profiles, codes of conduct and accountability.

Workforce and knowledge systems

HRH planning; competency frameworks; curricula; continuing professional development; postgraduate coordination; research supervision; executive education and knowledge translation.

Emergency leadership and health security

Incident management; Emergency Operations Centre coordination; surveillance; multi-agency response; preparedness; surge capacity; service continuity and resilience.

Research, population and social policy

Mixed methods; epidemiological mapping; policy analysis; evidence synthesis; health economics; evaluation; demography; displacement; gender; mental health; One Health and social determinants.

Selected policy and consultancy contributions

Somalia National Nutrition Policy 2026–2030

National Lead Consultant: policy architecture, evidence integrity, governance, financing, implementation feasibility, accountability and monitoring, evaluation and learning.

National and institutional technical work

Contributions recorded in the CVs include national health-policy architecture, Health Sector Strategic Plans I–III, EPHS, post-abortion-care guidance, malaria case-management resources, hospital governance manuals, IPC programmes, clinical standards, SOPs, audit tools and workforce frameworks.

Practical advisory products

Policies and implementation plans; clinical guidelines and job aids; governance frameworks; role and accountability matrices; risk registers; research protocols; survey tools; technical reports; curricula, training manuals and facilitator guides.

Academic and scholarly service

Teaching and mentorship

Tropical medicine, infectious diseases, epidemiology, immunology, research methods, health policy, economics, financing, hospital management, governance, quality improvement and emergency preparedness. Mentorship supports students, clinicians, early-career researchers and public-sector professionals.

Editorial boards and peer review

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Healthcare Leadership and Journal of Global Health Economics and Policy. Peer-review service across healthcare policy, economics, medical education, women's health, emergency medicine, infectious diseases, patient safety and multidisciplinary healthcare.

Research identity

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Fellowships and professional networks

FRSPH, Royal Society for Public Health; FRSTMH and Somalia Country Ambassador, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; FeSMA; ISQua Fellow Member; Health Systems Global; ISPOR. The July CV also records affiliations with the International Society for Global Health, IAEM and ISID.

Recognition

Public Leadership Award, 2026

The Grand Honours Award 2026, Eudoxia Foundation, India. Certificate issued 1 September 2026; EF/TGH/AWARD/09/1023.

Ministerial recognition, 2025

Ministry of Health & Human Services, Federal Government of Somalia: dedication and outstanding service as Director of Demartino Public Hospital. Certificate dated 15 November 2025.

Voluntary and community service

Humanitarian and community-health engagement since 2004, as recorded in the July CV, including drought, flood, displacement, outbreak and emergency settings; mentorship, community communication and pro bono technical support.

Record note

Prepared from the author-supplied July 2026 academic CV, executive CV updated 2 September 2026, and supplied award certificates. Current SHIA wording follows the September CV. Missing qualification dates are not inferred; MD is listed as a professional credential without an identified awarding institution. Conflicting research and review totals are omitted. Original appointment, qualification and authorship records should accompany formal credentialing uses. Updated 6 October 2026.