



## **EMANUELE CAPOBIANCO, MD MPH MSc.**

Global health and humanitarian leader with 20+ years of experience in international health organizations, partnerships and foundations, both in country and headquarters.

Strategic thinker, impact oriented, committed to excellence.

I believe in teamwork, fast pace, positive environments, and continuous learning.

### **Professional experience**

#### **WHO FOUNDATION**

**Chief Strategy and Impact Officer**

2021-ongoing  
Geneva, Switzerland

- As part of the Executive Management Team contributed to the establishment of the values, policies, operations and partnerships of this newly established foundation which grew to 50 staff in three years.
- Led the development and implementation of the inaugural WHO Foundation Strategy (2023-2025)
- In close collaboration with WHO Teams, coordinated the selection of strategic investments by the WHO Foundation in the areas of emergency preparedness and response, primary health care, mental health, climate and digital health.
- Currently leading on the engagement of private sector and philanthropists for the first ever WHO Investment Round

#### **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE RED CROSS (IFRC)**

**Director, Health and Care**

2017-2021  
Geneva, Switzerland

- Led the Federation's global Health & Care Department supporting the provision of health services by 192 Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies in the areas of community health, emergency health (preparedness/response), and water & sanitation
- Led the development of the 2030 IFRC Health Strategy & the Red Cross Movement's policies on mental health and epidemic/pandemic preparedness and response
- Global Health Coordinator and spokesperson for the IFRC COVID-19 pandemic response
- Coordinated the technical response to several humanitarian crises (e.g. 2018-2020 DRC Ebola outbreaks, 2019 Mozambique Cyclones; Rohingya in Bangladesh;)
- Managed a team of 25 health experts in Geneva and supervised regional health coordinators & health delegates across the world

#### **THE PARTNERSHIP FOR MATERNAL, NEWBORN & CHILD HEALTH**

**Deputy Executive Director** (UN level: D1)

2016- 2017  
Geneva, Switzerland

- Coordinated the WHO-hosted Partnership's network of 850 organizations to accelerate "survive, thrive, transform" interventions in line with the 2016-2030 Global Strategy for Children's, Women's and Adolescents' Health
- Led strategy, programs, fundraising and financial management of the PMNCH Secretariat through a team of 20
- Advocated for the inclusion of humanitarian settings as priority for the 2016-2020 Every Woman Every Child Results Framework and coordinated the development of a package of humanitarian priorities for Every Woman Every Child partners
- Represented the Partnership in high level meetings (G7; UN General Assembly; World Health Assembly; Global Fund Board etc.)

#### **THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB & MALARIA**

**Senior Policy Advisor to the Executive Director**

2014-2016  
Geneva, Switzerland

- Led the development of the 2017-2022 Global Fund Strategy, ensuring inclusion of fragile settings as institutional priority
- Developed the first ever policy on fragile settings since the creation of the Global Fund
- Led strategy development in the area of health systems strengthening, co-writing a paper with the Executive Director on Global Fund engagement in resilient and sustainable systems for health
- Represented the Global Fund at the World Humanitarian Summit, in the Global Health Cluster, in the IHP+ Steering Committee, and in international conferences and seminars

#### **UNICEF MOZAMBIQUE**

**Chief of Health and Nutrition** (UN level: P5)

2010-2014  
Maputo, Mozambique

- Managed the implementation of the UNICEF 2010-2014 health and nutrition program (annual budget: USD 40 million) in all aspects (financial and technical management of key program components, fund raising, partnerships etc.). Results included: establishment of the community health workers program (from 0 to 5,000 CHWs nationwide in 3 years); 4 million children

provided with immunization, vitamin A and deworming in 5 national health weeks; mass bednets campaigns conducted: nationwide expansion of point of care technologies for HIV pediatric diagnosis

- Managed a team of 16 international and national professionals
- Fund raised approximately USD 90 million, leading to a 30% increase of the health budget
- Acted as Focal Partner for the Health Partners Group, one of the largest Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) in the world, representing all health partners in high level dialogue with Ministry of Health and other Government Officials

**THE WORLD BANK**  
**Senior Health Specialist**

2005-2010  
Washington, USA

- Led the development of the Afghanistan's "Health Sector Emergency and Reconstruction Project" (USD 100 million) to provide basic health care services to approximately 15 million Afghans in rural areas through contracting of NGOs
- Supervised the implementation of the Afghanistan "HIV-AIDS Prevention Project" (USD 10 million), the first ever project on HIV/AIDS in Afghanistan. The project focused primarily on at risk groups (drug users, prisoners and sex workers)
- Contributed to the establishment of the first SWAp in the health sector in Afghanistan, merging the financing of EC, USAID, World Bank and Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund in one single platform for health
- Supervised the implementation of the India "Second National Tuberculosis Project" (USD 170 Million). The project supported the largest TB program in the world, which provided treatment to approximately 1.2 million people per year
- Published a study on the impact of aid to the health sector in Somalia over the period 2000-2010. The study prompted increased financing in the area of maternal and reproductive health which had been severely underfunded over the period 2000-2010

**INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT**

2004-2005

- UNICEF: Led the development of the 2005-2010 malaria strategy for Somalia
- WHO: Led a comparative study of 23 WHO Country Cooperation Strategies (2000-2004) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

**UNICEF SOMALIA**  
**EPI/Polio Officer & Acting Head of Health and Nutrition** (UN level: P3/P4)

2003-2004  
Nairobi, Kenya

- Coordinated the technical and financial implementation of the health and nutrition action plan in all zones of Somalia
- In partnership with WHO, led the planning and implementation of three rounds of Polio National Immunization Days
- Led UNICEF response to two cholera outbreaks in Mogadishu and to a prolonged drought in northern Somalia

**WHO EMRO/WHO SOMALIA**  
**Tuberculosis/HIV-AIDS Program Manager** (UN level: P2/P3)

2001-2003  
Cairo, Egypt & Nairobi, Kenya

- Coordinated the technical and financial implementation of the TB program in all zones of Somalia
- Contributed to the establishment of the TB control program in South Sudan
- Conducted supervisory missions in Afghanistan, South Sudan, Yemen, Egypt

## Education

JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
**Master in Public Health (MPH)**

1999-2000  
Baltimore, USA

UNIVERSITÀ "LA SAPIENZA" (NOHA)  
**Erasmus Mundus Master in International Humanitarian Action (M.Sc.)**

1998-1999  
Rome, Italy

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI PAVIA  
**Degree in Medicine (MD with honours)**

1992-1998  
Pavia, Italy

## Languages

Italian (mother tongue)

English (fluent)

Portuguese (fluent)

French/Spanish/German (intermediate)

## Others

- Certified Professional Coach (2024)
- Visiting Professor of Global Health at Pavia University, Italy (2023-2024)
- Commissioner for the Lancet/Financial Times Commission on "Governing Health Futures 2030: growing up in a digital world"
- Regularly featured on international press and media (BBC, Al Jazeera, Euronews et al) during COVID-19 pandemic (2019-2021)
- Competitively selected for the Roster of World Health Organization Representatives (2013)
- Competitively selected as World Bank Young Professional (2005) and as UN Junior Professional Officer (2000)