Mr Altaf Musani began his public health emergencies’ career as Field Manager for International Medical Corps (IMC) Sudan in 1995. This stint was soon followed by a research fellow position with the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Soon after these roles, Mr. Musani began his illustrious WHO career in 1999, as a Field Officer in Afghanistan. He then continued to support the MENA Region as Chief of Operations in Pakistan, Iraq, and Lebanon. From 2002 till 2009, Altaf served as the Regional Adviser for Emergencies at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean based in Cairo. During this period, he focused on emergency preparedness and humanitarian action, building country capacity in the Region. After this post, he was promoted to the Directorship position of the WHO Mediterranean Centre for Health and Risk Reduction in Tunis. Furthering his passion for humanitarian work, Mr. Musani was nominated Deputy Representative of WHO in Iraq and was later confirmed as the WHO Representative in Iraq where he successfully served almost 6 years. In late 2018, Mr. Musani was appointed to the post of WHO Representative in Yemen directing the Organization’s one of the largest country missions, managing over 300 staff across all offices and 6 hubs/offices in Yemen, Jordan, and Djibouti. As of January 2021, he serves as the Director of Emergency Health Interventions at Headquarters streamlining the WHO’s operations in fragile, conflict and vulnerable settings with a special focus on the management of high impact diseases and coordination of the global health cluster partnership.

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