

Dr Jamela AL-RAIBY WHO Representative to IRAQ



Dr Jamela AL-RAIBY was appointed as WHO Representative to IRAQ on 1 April 2025. Dr AL-RAIBY is a pediatrician with 30 years' experience in public health, health policy and management prior to her current assignment.

Dr AL-RAIBY served as WHO Representative to Jordan from 7 Nov 2021 till 31 March 2025 and as the Regional Advisor for Child and Adolescent Health from 2015 to 2021, and Medical Officer for Reproductive and Maternal Health from 2012 to 2015 at WHO's Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.

She served as Deputy Minister of Public Health and Population of Yemen for the Population Sector from 2008 to 2012 and General Director of Women's Health Affairs from 2004 to 2008 at the Ministry of Public Health and Population in Yemen.

Dr AL-RAIBY holds a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery, a master's degree in pediatric endocrinology and a master's degree in public administration. Early on in her career, she worked as a pediatric consultant from 1999 to 2004, and a family physician from 1992 to 1994 in primary health care.

She has actively contributed to the development of WHO technical guidelines and research and authored/co-authored several regional and global level technical publications. Dr AL-RAIBY has had various functions throughout her career, including support reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health, leading multi-stakeholder policy dialogue for equitable and quality health service strategies with a focus on universal health coverage.

She is a strong advocate for equity, women, and youth engagement through building national capacities. Her professional aspiration is to promote global health and development of effective partnerships towards peace and sustainable development.