

## Short biography – Rony Zachariah

Dr Rony Zachariah

### [Title and current organization name]

Scientist in Intervention and Implementation research at the UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) based at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland



### [Biography]

**Background:** A medical doctor with a PhD in operational/implementation research and post-graduate degrees in tropical medicine, pediatrics and public health. Currently a senior scientist in Intervention and Implementation research and professor of implementation research at the American and State University of Armenia. I also coordinate the Structured Operational Research and Training Initiative (SORT IT) – a global research partnership initiative in 94 countries.

#### **MSF experience:**

**Field:** MSF Brussels and Luxembourg as field doctor, Medical coordinator and head of mission in many countries including Lebanon, Somalia, Kenya, Tadjikistan, Afghanistan, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Sri-Lanka, Tchad, and Malawi - 1991- 2004.

**Headquarters:** coordinator and director for operational research for the MSF- Brussels Operational Center based in Luxembourg and with LuxOR - 2004-2017

**Other Public health experience:** 25 years of experience in leading health research with ministries of health, non-governmental organizations and in the academic sector. with a focus on infectious diseases of poverty, antimicrobial resistance, public health emergencies and strengthening health systems to impact policy and practice.

**Scientific expertise:** I have published over 400 scientific papers, and managed research grants of between 3 to 5 million USD each year. I have written several book chapters, led several special issues in scientific journals and was a lead author in a multi-disciplinary team effort for writing WHO's World Health Report entitled "Research for Universal health coverage".