

2nd Alumni Refresher Vaccinology Course (4-6 June + 11-13 June 2024)



Jala' Abdelwahab – Vaccine Programmes Director, holds a Master of Public Health in Infectious Disease Epidemiology from University of Michigan School of Public Health (Ann Arbor). He joined GAVI in February 2022 as the Director of Vaccine Programmes leading the team responsible for the design and roll-out of new vaccine introductions including HPV and Malaria, supporting preventive and outbreak response campaigns including for measles, rubella and stock-pile vaccines such as cholera, Ebola and Yellow Fever as well as strengthening detection through introduction and use of new diagnostics tools.

Immediately prior to joining Gavi Jala' worked at UNICEF Cambodia Country Office as Deputy Representative Programmes where he managed the Health and Nutrition, Education, WASH, Child Protection and Public Financing for Children programmes and coordinated humanitarian programming including flood and COVID19 responses and recovery. Jala' spent over 20 years working for the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office and UNICEF among others on infectious disease control and eradication programmes primarily in Africa and Asia with a focus on equity and supporting fragile and conflict affected countries. He comes with a depth of experience in nurturing leadership, change management, and strategy and partnership development.

Jala' is Palestinian and American; He has lived in Palestine, Egypt, Kenya, Cambodia, Australia, US, and Switzerland. He speaks Arabic and English. Jala' is passionate about swimming and the sea, dancing, reading, painting, social justice and spending quality time with loved ones.