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diseases in Africa*

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Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Magda Robalo received her medical degree from the University of Porto (Portugal), obtained a post-graduate diploma in Public Health and Tropical Medicine from the Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal) and a Masters of Sciences in Epidemiology from Université Laval (Canada).

She joined the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1998, to lead a distinguished career that spanned 20 years, after a stint at UNICEF and Plan International. In these two organizations, she was involved in boosting immunization, polio eradication and nutrition programmes in the former and in setting up a community malaria programme, built around education and revenue generation schemes for women in the rural regions.

Dr Robalo held senior positions at WHO, serving as Malaria Regional Advisor (2002-2007) and WHO Representative to South Africa, Zambia, Namibia and Ghana (2007-2015) before becoming the Director of Communicable Diseases (2015-2018), leading WHO's work on HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases, Climate Change, Water and Sanitation, Human Environment Protection and Vector Control in the African Region.

Dr. Robalo served as Ministry of Health for the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and coordinated the Guinea-Bissau government COVID-19 response as High Commissioner for COVID-19.

Dr. Robalo is the President and co-founder of Institute of Global Health and Development where she aims to contribute to gender equality and create economic opportunities for women and girls, improve governance and sustainable financing for quality and equitable health services

Magda is an audacious thinker, always enthusiastic about the opportunities and a believer in the possibilities to turn things around, for the betterment of people's lives. She is actively supporting the careers of young female physician leaders from Portuguese speaking countries in Africa. A citizen of the world, she is a fine diplomat, mother of three and a seasoned interior designer.

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