

Dr Manal Fahim's biography



Dr Manal Fahim is a consultant in epidemiology and infectious disease surveillance with nearly 20 years of experience in public health. She served as Director-General of the Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance, Preventive Sector, Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt, from 2022 to 2025.

Dr Fahim began her career at the Ministry of Health and Population in 2005 as the national focal point for influenza surveillance and later coordinated acute respiratory illness surveillance. She has contributed to strengthening national public health systems by leading initiatives to enhance infectious disease surveillance, outbreak response and health programme management. Her work includes updating national routine and event-based surveillance guidelines, revising preparedness plans and establishing sentinel surveillance systems.

She has supported capacity-building programmes, promoted multisectoral collaboration and contributed to policy development and research to inform evidence-based decision-making. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr Fahim played a key role in maintaining surveillance and response activities, reinforcing health system resilience.

Dr Fahim holds an Egyptian Fellowship in Applied Epidemiology (2009), a master's degree in tropical medicine from Cairo University (1996) and completed the Field Epidemiology Training Programme in 2007. She earned her bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery from Ain Shams University in 1989.