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Speaker Bio: Ms. Vandana Shah, Global Health Advocacy Incubator



Ms. Shah is the Vice President at the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) based in the US, where she provides overall leadership and oversight to several global programs, including Data for Health, Prevent Epidemics, Immunization and Drowning Prevention, as well as spearheads GHAI's efforts in budget advocacy and improving access to health services for non-communicable diseases, including hypertension control.

Working across this cluster, Ms. Shah supports the launch of new initiatives to reduce barriers to health access and care, increase financing for health systems, and improve equity in the health care service delivery, with an emphasis on primary health care. As part of the global Data for Health (D4H) effort, she is involved in providing legal reviews and recommendations while also supporting countries on budget advocacy to increase resource allocation for CRVS systems.

Previously, Ms. Shah led efforts in South Asia for the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids in her role as the Regional Director at Global Health Advocacy Incubator. As part of this role, she led policy campaigns and program development interventions in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and other South Asian countries for a range of issues including tobacco control, food policy, cardiovascular health, drowning prevention and gender issues.

Ms. Shah holds an LL. B from the University of Calcutta, and an LL. M from Duke University School of Law, while also having received Executive Education in Women's Leadership from Harvard Kennedy School.