



WORLD BANK – SAR COVID-19 VACCINATION WORKSHOP SERIES
Workshop 2: Supply Chain Readiness and Distribution Networks
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Speakers Information

Workshop Agenda:

Understand key supply chain challenges, planning for volatility and distribution network optimization



Prof. Prashant Yadav, Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development, Affiliate Professor at INSEAD and Lecturer at Harvard Medical School Healthcare supply chains expert

Prof. Yadav is a globally recognized scholar in the area of healthcare supply chains. He is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development, Affiliate Professor at INSEAD and Lecturer at Harvard Medical School. He is the author of many peer-reviewed scientific publications and his work has also been featured in prominent print and broadcast media. In addition to his roles in academia and think tank, Prashant serves on the boards of many companies and a venture fund. In his previous roles Prashant has worked as Strategy Leader-Supply Chain at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Vice President of Healthcare at the William Davidson Institute and Faculty at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan; Professor of Supply Chain Management at the MIT-Zaragoza International Logistics Program. He has also provided expert testimony on medical supply chains on multiple occasions in prominent legislative bodies around the world, including the US Congress. Prashant trained as a Chemical Engineer and obtained his PhD in Management Science & Operations Research. He lives in Bethesda, MD in the USA.



Mr. Ken Legins, Chief, Supply Chain Strengthening Centre, UNICEF's Global Supply Headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark

Mr. Legins is currently the Chief of the Supply Chain Strengthening Centre at UNICEF's global supply headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark and is responsible for UNICEF's support to governments, private sector and civil society to strengthen and optimize national supply chains to deliver results for children, mothers and families. During the COVID response, he has represented UNICEF on the UN COVID Supply Chain Control Tower chaired by the World Health Organization; co-chairs the ACT-A Health Systems Connector, Supply Chain Working Group with GAVI and the Global Fund; and co-leads efforts with GAVI, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and World Bank GSG on Quality to prevent counterfeit and diverted COVID vaccines. Prior, Mr. Legins worked at UNICEF Headquarters as the Global Advisor, HIV Policy and Evidence, and was Chief of HIV/AIDS at the UNICEF China office. Mr. Legins has also held positions in the World Health Organization's Regional Office in Europe, at which time he worked in Ukraine and in Albania during the Kosovo war. He has worked at the New York City Department of Public Health as a public health epidemiologist during the multi-drug resistant tuberculosis outbreaks in the 1990s; and was an HIV counselor at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Legins received his undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College in '92, and Master's in public health from Yale University in '95 and has published in the Lancet, Health Policy and Planning, JAIDS and contributed to other academic publications.



Mr. Nicholas Sukitsch, Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group (BCG)

Mr. Sukitsch is a Managing Director and Partner in the Washington DC office, and a topic expert in Global Health at the intersection of the Health Care and Social Impact practice areas with linkages to the Public Sector and Global Advantage. During his time at BCG, he has worked with clients in several healthcare sectors including biopharma, payers, and providers. He has extensive experience and expertise in identifying market shaping opportunities to improve access to medicines, designing next generation supply chain for global health clients and creating investment frameworks for digital tools addressing global health challenges.



Ms. Muneeza Mehmood Alam, Economist, Transport Global Practice, The World Bank

Ms. Alam is an Economist in the Transport Global Practice of the World Bank, where she works on transport and economic policy, particularly economic corridors and regional connectivity, logistics, urban transport, electric mobility, and gender. She has a keen interest in understanding the mechanisms through which the economic and social benefits of transport investments can be maximized and more equitably distributed. Before joining the World Bank, she worked in economic consulting. She holds a PhD in economics from Yale University.



Dr. Susie Perera, Deputy Director General Public Health Services II, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka

Dr. Susie Perera, MBBS, MSc Community Medicine, MD Community Medicine is a Public Health Specialist. Her work experience ranges from managing primary care for a health care unit population of 200,000, primary health care programs in decentralized settings to planning and policy development at national level.

She has actively contributed in the COVID 19 response and has taken a lead role in formulating instructions to the public and enterprises on the resumption of activities based on key principles of COVID prevention, for which she has popularized an acronym known as DReAM. She is also tasked to coordinate logistics planning in the COVID 19 Vaccination Program.

Dr. Perera contributes to postgraduate training in the disciplines of Community Medicine, and Health Development & Research. She is also a member of the Board of Study in Community Medicine at the Post graduate Institute of Medicine in Colombo. Dr Perera is a Honorary Fellow of the College of General Practitioners and past President and Fellow of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka. She is an Eisenhower Fellow since 2007.



Mr. Ashok Sarkar, Senior Energy Specialist, Energy & Extractives Global Practice, The World Bank

Mr. Sarkar is a Senior Energy Specialist Team Leader working on clean energy operations at the World Bank's Energy and Extractives Global Practice in Washington, DC for the past 15 years. During his professional career spanning 25+ years including earlier in the Asian Development Bank, USAID, and RMA (USA), Ashok has led and participated in sustainable energy operations in over 40 countries, valued cumulatively at over \$2.5 billion. He is currently working on energy efficiency, Super ESCOs, DSM/demand response, solar PV, electric mobility, green hydrogen and sustainable cooling projects. Ashok leads operations in India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Yemen, South Africa and Sao Tome & Principe. An engineer by undergraduate training, Ashok obtained a Masters in Energy Planning and Policy from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, and a Ph.D. from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.

Moderator:



Dr. Mickey Chopra, Global Solutions Lead, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, The World Bank

Dr. Chopra is the Global Solutions Lead for Service Delivery in the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice of the World Bank. He leads its work in the organization, management and quality of health services. Dr. Chopra is qualified as a medical doctor with an additional degree in medical sociology from the University of Southampton, England, a Master's in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a Ph.D. from the University of Uppsala in Sweden. He has published over 200 international peer-reviewed papers and contributed to numerous book chapters concerned with international child health and nutrition.

Ms. E. Gail Richardson, Practice Manager, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, South Asia Region, The World Bank



Ms. Richardson manages the health, nutrition and population (HNP) portfolio for several countries of the South Asia region at the World Bank Group, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, and Nepal. In this role, she is charged with guiding the development and quality of Bank supported HNP analytical products and financing operations in support of the Bank's goals to end poverty and boost shared prosperity. Earlier in her career, Gail designed health programs for a cohort of lower- and middle-income countries in the Middle East, including Yemen and Jordan. She also provided advisory services on health systems development to high income Gulf countries, such as the UAE. From 2002 to 2004, Gail served as an advisor to the Regional Director of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO).

In addition to her health positions, Gail managed the Development Effectiveness Unit for the Europe and Central Asia region, with oversight responsibility for the region's lending portfolio, encompassing over 200 active programs across all sectors. She was also a lead member of the Results Secretariat in the Bank's policy arm of the Bank, charged with strengthening the Bank's monitoring and measurement of the impact of its programs.

Gail holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration focusing on health policy and finance from the New York University (NYU).

About the Emcee



Ajay Tandon, Lead Economist, South Asia Region HNP

Ajay Tandon is currently Lead Economist with the World Bank. He works on several countries including most recently on India, Indonesia, Bhutan, Laos, and Vietnam. He received a PhD in economics from Virginia Tech with a dissertation that focused on the intersection of macroeconomics and population dynamics. Previously, over 2004-2007, he worked with the research department of the Asian Development Bank in Manila where he worked on issues related to human development. He also worked with the Evidence and Information for Policy department of the World Health Organization in Geneva from 1998-2003, primarily on measurement challenges including those related to correcting biases in self-reported responses in household survey data and on health system performance. He has held visiting research appointments at both Oxford University and Harvard University. He has written several publications on the issues of statistical methodology, health systems efficiency, health financing, domestic resource mobilization, and universal health coverage. He is co-author of several books, including most recently of 'Going Universal: How 24 Countries Are Implementing Universal Health Coverage from the Bottom-up'.