

Dr. Suresh Dalpath, *National Technical Lead: Immunization, William J Clinton Foundation*

Dr. Suresh Kumar Dalpath is a medical doctor with a Master's in Public Health and PG Diplomas in MCH, Public Health Nutrition, and Health Economics & Policy. He is extensively trained in Advanced Vaccinology, Vaccine Economics, WHO-ICCM, a facilitator and trainer for WHO-MLM training in immunization. A Fellow of the National Neonatology Forum, Dr. Dalpath brings over 25 years of rich experience in Public Health Management and Health System Strengthening.

Currently, Dr. Dalpath is the National Technical Lead for Immunization Implementation at the W.J. Clinton Foundation, where he provides technical support in data and review system strengthening, generating insights around zero-dose children, and developing mitigation strategies. His previous roles include Deputy Director-MCH, FW and State EPI Officer for Haryana and Deputy Director State Health System Resource Center Haryana, where he provided techno-managerial leadership in RMNCAH, immunization, nutrition, community processes, M&E, and PHP. He established networks of newborn care units, KMC units, NRCs and vaccine stores in Haryana, and also supported other states as a technical resource person.

Dr. Dalpath has led the introduction and scale-up of seven newer vaccines in India and spearheaded several large immunization campaigns. He conceptualized and led the initiative to introduce and scale up the PCV vaccine from the state's own budget. His contributions include designing micronutrition supplementation programs, large scale food fortification initiatives, the newborn and child Screening program (IBSY), the referral transport systems, and RI concurrent monitoring, which have been replicated by many states and incorporated into national policies and public health programs.

He has made significant contributions to global and regional eradication, elimination, and control goals for diseases such as Polio, Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus, Measles, and Rubella. His work towards reducing IMR, NMR, and U5MR to achieve MDG and SDG targets is recognized at various levels. Known for his expertise in leading of several implementation and operational research & RCT projects, EVM and RAPID assessment, concurrent evaluations, and evidence-based strategic development of public health programs, Dr. Dalpath has authored over 35 research papers in reputed international and peer-reviewed journals and contributed to drafting national CDR guidelines and SNCU, NBSU accreditation guideline of NNF.

As a Routine Immunization Officer with WHO-NPSP, he contributed to training needs assessments and developed training modules for health workers, medical officers, and cold chain handlers, as well as RI monitoring formats, MYSP, and National AEFI guidelines. Dr. Dalpath consistently advocates for low-cost healthcare solutions and the adaptation of public health policies at international, national, and sub-national levels.

Dr. Dalpath is recognized for his advocacy skills in engaging key actors and decision-makers, and his ability to mobilize technical, social, administrative, and political commitment for public health issues. He has led and mentored large multidisciplinary, multicultural teams of public health professionals, demonstrating great insight into strategic planning, designing, and execution up to the last mile.