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# 1. Brief bio

**Sania Nishtar; SI, FRCP, Ph.D**

Sania Nishtar graduated from medical school in 1986 as the best graduate with 16 gold medals, a college record, which remains unbroken to date. In 1999 she left a lucrative career as Pakistan’s first woman cardiologist to establish the NGO think-tank, Heartfile which today is the most powerful health policy voice and catalyst for health reform in Pakistan and is recognized as a model for replication in other developing countries. She is the founder of many other health institutions, Pakistan’s Health Policy Forum and Heartfile Financing, a program to protect people against health impoverishment. In 2013 she served as a Federal Minister in Pakistan’s Interim Government, where she held four portfolios, including Education and Trainings, Science and Technology, Information Technology and Telcom, and Health.

Sania Nishtar’s has in-country and international experience. Internationally, she is a member of many Expert Working Groups and Task Forces of the World Health Organisation, a member of the board of the International Union for Health Promotion, the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research. She is Vice Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council and a member of the Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health, the Clinton Global Initiative and is Chair of GAVI’s Evaluation Advisory Committee. She also led the Pakistan Lancet Series on Health Reform. She has previously headed many global initiatives, including the award winning Global World Heart Day campaign. She is a regular plenary speaker, chair or moderator at global health meetings and a part of organizing major international conferences. She has chaired or been part of many international declarations and statements of the World Health Organization.

Sania Nishtar is a key health policy voice in Pakistan, the author of Pakistan’s first health reform plan, Pakistan’s first compendium of health statistics, and the country’s first national public health plan for NCDs. One of her books, an analysis of Pakistan’s health systems became the blue print for the country’s health policy. She is a member of many boards, advisory groups and task forces and a voice to catalyze change at the broader governance level in Pakistan.

Sania Nishtar is the author of 6 books, more than 100 peer review articles and around the same number of op-eds. Her latest, Choked Pipes, was published by Oxford University Press in 2010. She is the recipient of Pakistan’s Sitara e-Imtiaz, a presidential award, the European Societies Population Science Award, and many accolades of the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge and the American Biographical Center. In 2011 she received the prestigious Global Innovation award, which was given only to four individuals in the world, one of them being President Bill Clinton. Sania Nishtar holds a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and a Ph.D from Kings College, London.

# 2. Professional qualifications

* FRCP, Fellow of Royal College of Physicians of London, 2005
* Ph.D, Medicine, Kings College London, 2002
* MRCP (UK), Member Royal College of Physicians of London, 1996
* MBBS, Khyber Medical College Peshawar, 1986

# 3. Academic honors and distinctions

* Sitara-i-Imtiaz, Pakistan, 2005
* Rockefeller Foundation’s Global Innovation Award, 2011
* Medical Mission Hall of Fame; Toledo, Ohio; 2011
* European Society Population Science Award, 2005
* Named as the top 20 Women Scientists in the Muslim World by Muslim Science. 2014
* *International Biographical Centre, Cambridge accolades:* (Top 100 professionals of 2012; international order of Merit, 2012; The Ultimate Achiever Award, 2012; International Health Professional of the Year 2007 and 2010; International Biographical Center, Woman of the year for 2010; IBC lifetime Achievement Award, 2010; DG’s leadership award for 2010; 2000 outstanding intellectuals of the 21st century, 2010; Ultimate achiever 2009 and 2010; Order of Distinction 2009; Lifetime Medical Achievement Award 2009; International Hippocrates Award for medial achievement 2009; Top 200 of the IBC 2009; Director General’s Leadership Award for 2009; 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st century 2009; and others.
* *American Biographical Institute, Washington accolades*: (2009 Women of the Year Pakistan; Gold Medal for Pakistan 2009; Woman of the Year in medicine and healthcare 2009 medal; Order of Merit Representing Pakistan 2009; Legion of Honor 2009, and others)
	+ *Listed in the following WHOs WHO lists* (..in the World; ….in International Professionals; …in Professional and business women, ..in Healthcare, …in Science and Engineering,... in Women of the world and others)
* *Listed in the following Leading professionals of the World’s lists:*  Leading professionals of the World 2010; Top 100 health Professionals
	+ Recipient of Tesla Award honoring IBC’s leading 21st Century Communicators, Cambridge, England, 2012
	+ IBC’s Lifetime of Honour, England, 2012.
	+ IBC’s Pinnacle of Achievement Award, 2012
	+ Member of the Order of International Merit by the World Congress of Arts, Sciences and Communications, 2012
* All Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Merit Scholarship, 1989
* Best graduate of Khyber Medical College and gold medal, 1986
* President of Pakistan Student Award and gold medal, 1986
* University of Peshawar gold medal and merit scholarship, 1986
* Topped academic list Final Professional examination with distinction and gold medal, 1986
* Topped academic list in the subject of Medicine; distinction and gold medal, 1986
* Topped academic list in the subject of Surgery; distinction and gold medal, 1986
* Topped academic list in the subject of Otorhinolaryngology; distinction and gold medal, 1986
* Topped academic list in the subject of Gynaecology and Obstetrics; distinction and gold medal, 1986
* Topped academic list in the subject of Eye; distinction and gold medal, 1986
* Topped academic list in the subject of Community Medicine; distinction and gold medal, 1986
* Topped academic list in the subject of Forensic Medicine; distinction and gold medal, 1985
* Topped academic list Third Professional examination with distinction and gold medal, 1985
* Topped academic list in the subject of Pathology; distinction and gold medal, 1984
* Topped academic list in the subject of Pharmacology; distinction and gold medal, 1984
* Topped academic list Second Professional examination with distinction and gold medal, 1984
* Topped academic list First Professional examination with distinction and gold medal, 1983
* Topped academic list in the subject of Biochemistry; distinction and gold medal, 1983
* Topped academic list in the subject of Physiology; distinction and gold medal, 1983
* Khyber Medical College to date record holder of the highest marks scored in the following examinations:
	+ Final Professional, 1986
	+ Third Professional, 1985
	+ Second Professional, 1984
	+ First Professional, 1983

# 4. Professional Roles

## International professional roles (Health)

* Chair, Evaluation Committee. *Global Alliance for Vaccine Initiative* (effective Sept., 2011 to date)
* Editor, Pakistan Lancet Series. Health Transitions in Pakistan, 2013
* Member, EAT Advisory Board, of the Stockholm Resilience Center, the Stordalen Foundation, 2013
* Network of Health System Experts For EMRO, 2013
* Member, Technical Advisory Committee to the Regional Director, World Health Organization, EMRO, 2013.
* Vice Chair, *Global Agenda Council on Health and Wellbeing.* World Economic Forum, Geneva
* Member, WHO expert review group on an integrated response to mental health and other chronic diseases
* Member Advisory Group. WHO Strategy for health systems research. World Health Organization, Geneva (2011)
* MemberHigh-Level Task Force, *Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health (MLI).* Realizing Rights at the Aspen Institute,Washington(2008 onwards)
* Member, *Expert Advisory Panel on Health Promotion.* World Health Organization, Geneva (2008-2013)
* Member, *Global Agenda Council.* World Economic Forum, Geneva (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012)
* Panel of Advisors, Center for Health Market Innovations (CHMI). Results for development Institute, Washington (2010 onwards)
* Board Member, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research. Geneva (2008 onwards)
* Member, Evaluation Advisory Committee. Global Alliance for Vaccines Initiative. Geneva (2010 onwards)
* Advisor. Rockefeller Foundation-funded based project on “Universal Access to Health Care”. Cedar Associates, California (2011).
* Member. Healthcare Advisory Council. Pakistan American Foundation. 2011
* Member, the *Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) for Stewardship on Research on Infectious Diseases of Poverty.* World Health Organization,Geneva(2009 onwards)
* Member, *Consortium on* *Maximizing Positive Synergies between Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives.* World Health Organization,Geneva(2008 onwards)
* Member, *Global Health Policy Advisory Committee*. PepsiCo, New York (2009-onwards)
* Member, Board of Trustees, International Union for Health Promotion. Paris (2004­­-to date)
* Member, *Director General’s Expert Working Group on R&D and Financing.* World Health Organization, Geneva (2008-2009)
* Member, *Director General’s High-Level Task Force on Health Systems.* World Health Organization (2008)
* Member, *Working Group, Private Sector in Health Systems.* Brookings Institute, Results for Development and the Rockefeller Foundation, Washington (2008-2009 )
* Member, Clinton Global Initiative. New York (2007-2008)
* Advisor to the World Health Organization headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland on numerous occasions (2002 to date)
* Advisor, to the World Health Organization, Eastern Mediterranean Office, Cairo on numerous occasions (2005 to-date)
* Chair, *International Consortium on Community Health Promotion*. International Union for Health Promotion (2004-05)
* Member, *Executive Board, International Non-Governmental Coalition Against Tobacco* (INGCAT). Geneva (2004-2007)
* Member, Steering Committee, *Mega Country Network on Health Promotion Network*, World Health Organization, Geneva (2003-2004)
* Chair, *Expert Panel on Women and Heart Disease.* World Heart Federation (2007 onwards)
* Member, *Executive Board.* World Heart Federation, Geneva (2003-2006)
* Chairperson, *Foundations Advisory Board.* World Heart Federation, Geneva (2003-2006)
* Chair,Steering Committee, *World Heart Day.* World Heart Federation, Geneva(2003-2006)
* Member, *Oxford Vision 2020*. Oxford (2004)
* Chair, Steering Committee – *International ‘Go Red for Women’ campaign* (2004)
* Member, *World Heart Forum*, World Heart Federation, Geneva, Switzerland (2001-to date)
* Council Member, *Foundations Council Initiative for Cardiovascular Research in the Developing Countries* (IC Health), Geneva, Switzerland (2004-05)
* Member, Programme Committee, *Global Forum on Non-Communicable Integrated Chronic Disease Prevention and Control*, World Health Organization Global Forum IV (2004)
* Executive Council Member, *Eastern Mediterranean Heart Health Network* (2000)
* Executive Council Member, *SAARC Cardiac Society* (2000-2002)
* Faculty Member, *Asia Pacific Society of Cardiology* (1999)
* See also international conference organized

## 4.2 International professional roles (related to governance)

* Member US-Muslim Engagement Initiative (2011)
* Member. Partners for a New Beginning, Pakistan Chapter. Aspen Institute (2011)
* Member. Asia Society Task Force. Pakistan 2020: A Vision for a Better Future and a Roadmap for Getting There. New York (2010)

## 4.3 National-level professional activities (Health)

* Federal Minister, Interim Government of Pakistan with four portfolios, Education, Health, Science and Technology and Information Technology (2013)
* Founder and President of Heartfile (<http://heartfile.org>)
* Founder of Pakistan’s Health Policy Forum and think tank (http://heartfile.org/policy.htm)
* Chair, Health Committee, *Amn Ki Asha,* a bilateral peace initiative (2010)
* Council Member, Pakistan Health Policy Council, Ministry of Health (2009 onwards)
* Member of the Social Sector Task Force, Planning Commission of Pakistan. (2009)
* Member National Steering Committee, for the Prevention and Control of Hepatitis in Pakistan. Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan. (2009)
* Member National Steering Committee, for the Prevention and Control of Blindness in Pakistan. Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan. (2009)
* Member National Steering Committee, Strengthening Health Information systems in Pakistan. Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan. (2009)
* Member Steering Committee. Peoples Primary Health Care initiative. Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan. (2009)
* Chair, Sub Group on Health Financing and Member Working Group, Poverty Reduction. 10th Five-Year Plan. Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan. (2009)
* Member oversight committee. Department for International Developments Research ad Advocacy Fund (2009)
* Member, Advisory group Leadership in Family Planning and Reproductive Health. David and Lucile Packard Foundation (2007-onwards)
* Member of the Sub-Committee on Health, National Commission on Government Reforms (2006-07)
* Member National Steering Committee, National Health Accounts. Federal Bureau of Statistics. Government of Pakistan (2007-onwards)

## 4.4 National-level professional activities (Governance)

* Member of the Board of Governors, Pakistan Center for Philanthropy (2013 onwards)
* Member of the Board. Islamabad Electric Supply Company (2011 onwards)
* Member. Partners for a New Beginning, Pakistan Chapter. Aspen Institute (2011 onwards)
* Member Senate. Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (2011 onwards)
* Member of the Board of Directors, Infrastructure Project Development Facility, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan (2006 onwards)
* Member of the Board of Directors, Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (2009-10)
* Member of the Board of Directors, Trust for Voluntary Organizations (TVO), Pakistan (2005-08)
* Member of the Board of Studies for academic programs of computer sciences (health informatics) Comsats Institute of Information technology
* Chair, thematic group on health of the Planning Commission of Pakistan on Health for the Millennium Development Goal Project (2005).
* Member Committee for the formulation of the Code of Conduct for the Electronic Media. Ministry of Information, Government of Pakistan. (2009)
* Member of the Project Committee: Poverty Reduction Strategy Monitoring. Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan. (2009)

## 4.5 Membership on editorial boards

* Member Inaugural Advisory Board, Lancet Global Health, (2013)
* Member Editorial Board. *BMC Health Services* (2009)
* Member Editorial Board. *Nature Reviews Cardiology* (2009)
* Member, International Advisory Board. *Global Forum Health Research Updates. (2008)*
* Member, International Advisory Board. *Chronic Disease.* (2008)
* Member, International Advisory Board. *Cardiovascular Disease.*
* Member, International Advisory Board. *Preventing and Control*. Official Journal of the World Heart Federation.
* Member, International Advisory Board. *European Journal of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation:* Official journal of the European Society of Cardiology, 2003
* Joint Editor*, Pakistan Heart Journal*. Official journal of the Pakistan Cardiac Society.
* Member, International Editorial Board, *Indian Heart Journal*, 1999-2001.
* Technical Consultant, *Journal of Pakistan Medical Research*. Official journal of the Pakistan Medical Research Council.

## 4.6 International Declarations and statements

* Member, Drafting Committee. Moscow Declaration on NCDs and healthy lifestyles. April 2011
* Chair, Drafting Committee; WHO’s *Venice Statement* on Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems. Venice, Italy June 2009.
* Contributor. *Bellagio Statement—*Attaining Universal health coverage. A research initiative to support evidence based advocacy and policy making. Bellagio, Nov. 2009.
* Member, International Advisory Board, *Milan Declaration*. Information in Cardiovascular Disease. Milan, Italy; 2004.
* Member, International Advisory Board, *Osaka Declaration*. Health, Economics and Political Action: Stemming the Global Tide of Cardiovascular Disease. Osaka, Japan; 2001.
* Member, International Advisory Board, *Victoria Declaration*. Women, Heart Disease and Stroke. British Columbia, Canada; 2000.
* Member, Advisory Board, Guidelines on the use of HRT. Eastern Mediterranean Heart Health Network, 2001.
* Chair, Heart Disease Prevention Guidelines for South Asia. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Official Project, 2000.

## 4.7 Pro-bono support provided in the health sector in Pakistan

* Developed the first consolidated roadmap for health reform in Pakistan. Choked Pipes. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming 2010.
* Devoted time to lead the process for development of a health policy based on the Gateway Paper’s approach to Health Systems in Pakistan. http://www.heartfile.org/mou\_fed.htm
* Devoted time to author a preliminary health systems performance assessment for the country entitled ‘The Gateway Paper – Health Systems in Pakistan: a Way Forward.’ Released in 2006 http://www.heartfile.org/pdf/phpf-GWP.pdf
* Devoting time to lead the process and provide strategic help to the Government of NWFP’s Department of Health to develop a Health Policy for NWFP. (2006)
* Devoted time on a pro bono basis to establish and lead Pakistan’s Health Policy Forum – the first health sector think tank within the country. Initiated in 2005 and ongoing http://www.heartfile.org/policy.htm
* Devoted time to lead the development of the national document on Health Statistics in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Statistics. (2007) http://www.heartfile.org/policy.htm
* Devoted time on a pro bono basis to set up and institutionalize the National Action Plan on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan. 2003. http://www.heartfile.org/nap.htm
* Details about other contributions given under Professional Activities/national

# 5. Publications

5.1 Peer reviewed publications

1. Nishtar S and Ralston J. [Can human resources for health in the context of non-communicable disease control be a lever for health system changes?](http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/11/13-118711/en/index.html) [Bulletin of the World Health Organization](http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/11/13-118711.pdf). 2013 November; 91(11):895-896. doi: 10.2471/BLT.13.118711.
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4. Atun R, Jaffar S, Nishtar S, et al. [Improving responsiveness of health systems to non-communicable diseases.](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23410609) Lancet. 2013 Feb 23;381(9867):690-7. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(13)60063-X. Epub 2013 Feb 12.
5. Nishtar S, Bhutta ZA, Jafar TH, et al. [Health reform in Pakistan: a call to action.](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23684259) Lancet. 2013 May 16. doi:pii: S0140-6736(13)60813-2. 10.1016/S0140-6736(13)60813-2.
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7. Nishtar S. Pakistan's deadly cocktail of substandard drugs. The Lancet - 5 March 2012. DOI: 10.1016/S0140-6736(12)60277-3
8. Nishtar S, Khalid F, Batool N, et al. Heartfile Health Financing: striving to Achieve Health Equity in Pakistan. <http://www.who.int/sdhconference/resources/draft_background_paper26_pakistan.pdf> (accessed Dec 2, 2011)
9. Rabkin M. Nishtar S. Scaling Up Chronic Care Systems: Leveraging HIV Programs to Support Non-communicable Disease Services. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr 2011;57(2):87-90.
10. Robert Beaglehole, Ruth Bonita, George Alleyne, Richard Horton, Liming Li, Paul Lincoln, Jean Claude Mbanya, Martin McKee, Rob Moodie, Sania Nishtar, Peter Piot, K Srinath Reddy, David Stuckler, for The Lancet NCD Action Group. UN High-Level Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases: addressing four questions. Published online June 13, 2011 DOI:10.1016/S0140-6736(11)60879-9
11. Nishtar S, Mehboob AB. Pakistan prepares to abolish Ministry of Health. Lancet Published online May 5, 2011 DOI:10.1016/S0140-6736(11)60606-5 2011
12. Beaglehole R, Bonita R, Horton R, Adams C, Alleyne G, Asaria P, Baugh V, Bekedam H, Billo N, Casswell S, Cecchini M, Colagiuri R, Colagiuri S, Collins T, Ebrahim S, Engelgau M, Galea G, Gaziano T, Geneau R, Haines A, Hospedales J, Jha P, Keeling A, Leeder S, Lincoln P, McKee M, Mackay J, Magnusson R, Moodie R, Mwatsama M, **Nishtar S,** Norrving B, Patterson D, Piot P, Ralston J, Rani M, Reddy KS, Sassi F, Sheron N, Stuckler D, Suh I, Torode J, Varghese C, Watt J; Lancet NCD Action Group; NCD Alliance. [Priority actions for the non-communicable disease crisis.](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21474174) Lancet. 2011 Apr 23;377(9775):1438-47.
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20. **Nishtar S**, Bile KM. The public-private niche in health — opportunities for the Friends of Democratic Pakistan. *J Pak Med Assoc* 2010; 60(5):333-4.
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## 5.3 Op-ed columns in national newspapers

* A number of policy Viewpoints on contemporary issues relevant to governance in Pakistan have been published in national newspapers. Details can be accessed at: <http://heartfile.org/viewpoints.htm>

# 6. International conferences, consultations and invited talks

**Manila, Philippines.** December 09, 2013

Asian Development Bank

Keynote address on World Anti-corruption Day celebrations at the Asian Development Bank Headquarters

**Dubai, UAE.** December 08, 2013

Regional Meeting on Accelerating Progress Towards UHC: Global Experiences & Lessons for the EMR

Attended as plenary panelist and Chair

**Abu Dhabi, UAE.** November 17-19, 2013

Summit on the Global Agenda, World Economic Forum

Attended as a Council Member

**Washington DC, USA.** November 6, 2013

Pakistan’s Galloping Urbanization, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Attended as Plenary panelist

**Jakarta, Indonesia.** October 23, 2013

OIC Conference

Panelist via video link

**New York, USA.** September 23-26

Clinton Global Initiative

Attended as 2013 members and commitment maker

**New York, USA.** September 25

UNICEF

Thought leaders lecture

**New York, USA.** September 23

Healthy planet, healthy people: building synergies for sustainable development

Panelist

**Pattaya, Thailand,** August 25

World Congress on Health Promotion

Opening Keynote Speaker

**Geneva,** **Switzerland,** July 30

ECOSOC high level segment

Panelist on Universal Health Coverage (through a video link)

**Helsinki Finland,** June 11-12, 2013

8GCHP 2013 Conference

Participated as Chair of the Plenary session

**Geneva Switzerland,** 20-28 May, 2013

World Health Assembly 2013

Attended as leader of the Pakistan delegation in her Capacity as Federal Minister

**Qatar, Doha,** April 31, 2013

Invited guest to the High Level Strategic meeting to accelerate efforts to reach out of school children

Attended as State guest in capacity as Federal Minister of Education

**Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates,** April 26-27 2013

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Global Vaccine Summit 2013

Participated as the opening plenary speaker

**Gaborone, Botswana,** March, 2013

Global Thematic Consultation on Health in the post 2015 Development Agenda attended the meeting as an invited expert

**Geneva, Switzerland.** February 2013

WHO Expert group meeting on NCDs

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

**Davos, Switzerland.** January 2013

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting

Attended the meeting as a plenary session panelist

**Oxford, UK.** January 11-13, 2013

Symposium on Gender inequality in emerging markets

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

**London, UK.** December 14, 2012

Launch of the Global Burden of Disease Study, hosted by the Lancet and IHME at the Royal Society.

Chaired one of the four sessions

**Dubai, UAE**. November 12-14, 2012

World Economic Forum Summit on the Global Agenda 2012

Attended as a member of the WEF Global Agenda Council on Wellbeing and Mental Health

**Gurgaon, India**, November 6-8, 2012

World Economic Forum on India

Attended as panelist on the session “Health Collaboration as a Bridge”

**Beijing China,** November 1-4**, 2012**

2nd Global Symposium on Health System Research and Meeting of the Board of the Alliance HPSR-Beijing.

Attended as a plenary panelist in the Session “Post – 2015 Development Goals – Framing the Issues, Prioritizing Health and Using Evidence

**Berlin, Germany,** October 21-23, 2012

COHRED Partner Symposium-Global Health Summit

Beyond Forum 2012: Research and Innovation for Health, Equity and Development

Attended the meeting as a panelist

**Tokyo, Japan,** October 10-13, 2012

Annual Meetings of the International Monitory Fund

Global Health Session 1: Making the Case for Investing in Health, Again

Attended the meeting as a panelist

**Bellagio Italy**, September 25-28, 2012

Complex Systems Analysis: Advancing Health Systems Policy and Design and Planning at the Rockefeller Foundations’ Bellagio Center

Co-hosted the meeting

**New York, USA.** September 23-25, 2012

Clinton Global Initiative

Attended the meeting as a 2012 Member of CGI and Commitment maker

**Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,** September 10-12, 2012

High Level Conference on Non-Communicable Diseases organized by the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Health and the WHO East Mediterranean Regional Office

Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker

**Hiroshima, Japan.** August 25, 2012

The 20th IPPNW World Congress

Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker in the session “World without Structural Violence and Human Security”.

**London, UK.** August 1, 2012

Global Health Policy Summit hosted by the Imperial College London and Qatar Foundation

Attended as a panelist in the session on Innovative Delivery Models

**Washington, USA.** July 22, 2012

Learning from HIV experience: An NCDs and health systems perspective. High level satellite meeting during the International AIDS conference hosted by WHO and UNAIDS

Opening Plenary speaker

**London, UK.** July 11, 2012

The London Launch of the Heartfile Leaders' Network at the House of Lords

Key note speaker

**New York, USA. June** 25, 2012

Clinton Global Initiative: Mid Year Meeting

Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker and Commitment presenter at a Commitment Workshop on “Multisectoral action on NCDs”.

**Washington,** USA. June 14-15, 2012

High level meeting on Child Survival: a Call to Action

Attended the meeting as a panelist in the session on “How to Reach Every Child with Essential Services: Coverage with quality and equity.”

**Washington,** USA. June 13, 2012

Global Alliance for Vaccine Initiative, Board Meeting

Attended as Chair of the Evaluation Advisory Committee and presented the committee update

**Boston, USA.** June 12, 2012

2nd Meeting of the Advisory Group of the WHO Global Strategy for Health Systems Research

Attended the meeting as a member of the Advisory Group

**Washington, USA.** June 11, 2012

Heartfile Leader’s Network launch hosted by Partners for a New Beginning, Aspen Institute

Attended the meeting as keynote speaker

**Cape Town, South Africa.** April 2012

COHRED Forum 2012

Attended two sessions as panelist and chaired one session

**Oslo, Norway,** April 2012

GAVI Board Retreat

Attended the meeting in her capacity as Chair of GAVI’s Evaluation Advisory Committee

**New-York, USA.** April 2012

2nd High Level Meeting on Wellbeing and Happiness

Hosted by Prime Minister Jigmi Y Thinley of Bhutan at the UN General Assembly .

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

**New-York, USA.** April 2012

Columbia University consultation on Wellbeing and Happinesshosted by Jeffery Sachs

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

**Cairo, Egypt.** March 2012

WHO High-Level Meeting on Health Priorities, EMRO

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

**Washington, USA.** February 2012

NCD Working Group

Addressing Gaps in Policy and Research for Non-Communicable Diseases

Attended the meeting as a panellist

**Davos, Switzerland.** January 2012

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting

Attended as a Panelist on the session “Innovative Development Models”

**Geneva, Switzerland.** January 2012

GAVI Evaluation Advisory Meeting

Attended as the chair of the Evaluation Advisory Committee

**Abu Dhabi, UAE.** December 2011

2nd World Health Care Congress Middle East

Plenary speaker on Innovative Financing Models for Global Health Care Challenges

**Dubai, UAE.** December 2011

WHO Joint RPC/NCD Consultative Meeting on Building Regional NCD Research Agenda and Enhancing Implementation on NCD Action Plan

Attended the meeting as an invited expert and WHO advisor

**Istanbul, Turkey.** December 2011

PNB Global Chapter Meeting

Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker and Member of the Partners for a New Beginning initiative

**Dhaka, Bangladesh. November 2011**

GAVI Alliance Board Meeting

Attended as the chair of the Evaluation Advisory Committee

**Geneva, Switzerland**. October 2011

World Health Organization, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research Meeting

Attended the meeting as a Board Member of the Alliance

**Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.** October 2011

World Health Organization Conference on Social Determinants of Health

Participated at the Ministerial Panel

**Abu Dhabi. United Arab Emirates.** October 2011

World Economic Forum Summit on the Global Agenda 2011

Attended the meeting as a member of the Global Agenda Council on Health and Wellness

**New York, USA.** September, 2011

Clinton Global Initiative

Attended the meeting as an invited member and commitment featuring

**St Gallen, Switzerland.** August 30, 2011

The World Ageing and Generations conference, 2011

*Plenary speaker in the first session titled “Demography meets health”*

**Delhi, India.** July 30, 2011

Aman ki Asha Health committee meeting

Attended the meeting as meeting chair

**New York, USA.** July 27, 2011

Rockefeller Foundation’s Innovation Forum

*Attended the forum as a recipient of the Rockefeller Foundation’s Innovation Award*

**Rome, Italy.** July 15, 2011

IAS pre meeting on NCDs and HIV and AIDs

*Chaired and moderated a panel discussion on “the rising prevalence of NCDs—implications for health policy and financing”*

**New York, USA. June 16, 2011**

UN General Assembly Civil Society hearting on NCDs in preparation for the high level meeting in September.

*Participated as the eminent panelist on one of the three roundtables*

**Washington, USA. June 14-15, 2011**

Global Health Council meeting

*Chaired the preview of WHO TDR’s IDEAS Report and participated in the World Heart Federation panel on “collaborating to battle the number one cause of death: research alliance and case studies from the global cardiology community”.*

**Washington, USA. June 14, 2011**

US Institute of Peace seminar on Building Pakistan’s human capital: a focus on health and education

*Participated in the meeting as a panelist*

**Moscow, Russia. April 27-29, 2011**

First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy lifestyles and Non-communicable disease prevention and control

*Participated in the meeting as member of the international Steering Committee and as a conference rappourteur for the closing plenary.*

**Toledo, Ohio. April 8, 2011**

University of Toledo, Medical Mission Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

*Attended the meeting as a new inductee in the Hall of Fame*

**Dhaka, Bangladesh,** March 15, 2011

13th Annual Scientific Conference icddr,b

*Gave a presentation in the opening plenary on “Managing the public-private mix: remedies for the Mixed Health Systems Syndrome”*

**New York, USA.** February 25, 2011

Parallel Event: 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York> Non-communicable diseases: a Priority for women’s health and development

*Talk on women’s’ health and health systems*

**Lahore.** February 17-19, 2011

US-Pakistan Muslim Engagement Initiative

*Attended the meeting as a invited expert*

**Geneva, Switzerland.** January 26-27.

First Global Ministerial Conference on health Lifestyles and NCD control Moscow. Planning meeting

*Attended the meeting as member of the Steering Committee*

**Oxford, UK. January** 14-16, 2011

The Emerging Markets Symposium on Urbanization, health and human security: challenges for the emerging market countries

*Attended the meeting as a invited expert and panelist*

**Bangkok, Thailand.** December 14-15

Rockefeller Foundation’s Partners convening meeting: overcoming inequities in Asia.

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Dubai, UAE.** November 29-December 1, 2010

Summit of the Global Agenda Council, World Economic Forum

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Global Agenda Council*

**Singapore.** November 25, 2010

4th NTS-Asia annual convention

*Talk on Global Architecture and Health in the opening plenary (participation through video)*

**Montreux, Switzerland.** November 16-19, 2010

First Global Symposium on health systems research

*i) Attended the meeting as member of the Council of Deans and Steering committee; ii) gave a plenary talk on Mixed Health Systems for Universal Coverage in the state of the art research plenary session; and iii) chaired the satellite session on Heartfile Health Financing*

**New York, USA.** October 22-27, 2010

The Changing landscape of global public health: hosted by Columbia University School of Public Health

*Plenary discussant response on the paper: “trends transforming the landscape”*

**London, UK.** September 15, 2010

The Lancet Pakistan Series—Authors’ meeting. The Lancet

*Co-chaired the meeting as series co-editor*

**Bellagio, Lake Como, Italy.**

HIV and Health Systems: A Bellagio Center Conference. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

August 17-20, 2010

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Oxford, UK. July 21, 2010**

Follow up to the Emerging Market’s Symposium on health management. Green Templeton College, Oxford University, UK.

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Singapore. June 28-29, 2010.**

Global Health Study Group Workshop. Center on Asia and Globalization, Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Amman, Jordan; June 7, 2010**

Regional Conference on Achieving better health equity and efficiency in Middle East and North Africa. MENA Health policy Forum

*Keynote address at the opening plenary*

**Delhi, India. May 31, 2010**

AMEA Health and Wellness Council meeting, PEPSICo

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Council*

**Milan, Italy; May 14, 2010**

Bocconi University and Rockefeller foundation initiative on attaining universal coverage.

*Talk on “Achieving universal health coverage: experiences of Pakistan”*

**Geneva, Switzerland; May 13, 2010**

WHO Consultation on the Report of the Expert Working Group on R&D and Financing

*Made the presentation on the report to the WHO Executive Board*

**Geneva, Switzerland; April 8-10, 2010**

WHO Consultation - Review of International Experience in NCD Prevention and Control

*Attended the consultation as an expert and speaker*

**Singapore, March 18, 2010**

Strengthening health systems in Asia conference.

*Panelist in the final plenary: way forward and recommendations*(participation through video)

**Geneva, Switzerland, March 3, 2010**

Introductory seminar on Choked Pipes at the World Health Organization headquarter

**Bangkok, Thailand,** January 29, 2010

Prince Mahidhol Award Conference

*Plenary session panelist in the session entitled “Who does what to health information systems”*

*Concurrent session panelist in the session entitled “Assessing health systems performance”*

**Dubai, UAE**, January 26, 2010

Meeting of Friends of Democratic Pakistan

*Concurrent and Plenary session presentation on Public-Private partnerships in the health sector*

**Oxford, UK,** December 4, 2009

The Emerging Markets Symposium. Oxford University, Green Templeton College

*Attended the Symposium as an invited expert*

**Geneva, Switzerland,** November 30–December 02, 2009

3rd Meeting of WHO Director General’s Expert Working Group on R&D Financing

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Expert Working Group*

**Dubai, UAE,** November 20–22, 2009

Summit of the Global Agenda Council, World Economic Forum

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Global Agenda Council*

**Havana, Cuba,** November 16–20, 2009

13th Annual Meeting of the Global Forum for Health Research

*Chaired the launch of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research’s report entitled: Systems Thinking*

*Panelist at the Pre-Launch Preview of the self authored Book: Choked Pipes*

*Panelist in the closing plenary: recorded comments communicated* [*http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvY1zupVQf8*](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvY1zupVQf8)

**Nairobi, Kenya,** October 26-30, 2009

7th Global Conference on Health Promotion

*Panellist at the plenary session entitled: Convergent strategies, divergent histories, emergent opportunities:
health promotion, the social determinants of health and primary health care. Recorded comments accessible at* [*http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H-z1muiMUA*](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H-z1muiMUA) *and* [*http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dAqVYlIxA0*](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dAqVYlIxA0)

**Puyuhuapy, Chile,** October19–21, 2009

Planning meeting of the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

*Attended the meeting as a member of Scientific Advisory Committee*

**Geneva, Switzerland,** October 13-14, 2009

Board meeting. Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research

*Attended as a Member of the Board*

**New York, USA,** August 27–28, 2009

PepsiCo Global Health Policy meeting

*Attended the meeting as a member of PepsiCo’s Global Health Advisory Committee*

**Dubai, UAE,** August 20–21, 2009

AMEA Health & Wellness meeting

*Attended the meeting as a member of PepsiCo’s Global Health Advisory Committee*

**Klong Luang, Thailand,** July 19 -25, 2009

Asian Institute of Technology Professional Development course on “Enabling Effective District Leadership for Reproductive Health in Pakistan”

*Talk in the plenary session entitled: Health Policy Challenge in Pakistan*

**Geneva, Switzerland,** July 7-8, 2009

United Nations Economic and Social Council Ministerial roundtable breakfast on Addressing Non-Communicable Diseases and Injuries

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** June 29-30, 2009

Second Meeting of WHO Director General’s Expert Working Group on R&D Financing

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Expert Working Group*

**Venice, Italy;** June 22-23, 2009

World Health Organization’s High-level dialogue on Maximizing Positive Synergies between Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems

*Attended the meeting as the Chair of the Drafting Committee of the Venice Statement on Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** May 16, 2009

Consultation on Global Initiatives, Health System Strengthening and Universal Health Coverage

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Results for Development and* *Rockefeller Foundation’s Working Group on Private Sector in Health Systems.*

**Istanbul, Turkey;** April27-28, 2009. 12th World Congress on Public Health

*Talk in the plenary session entitled: Redesigning Health Systems in a Changing World*

*Title of the talk:* *Strengthening the Evidence Base of Health Reform in Pakistan: Implications for the Global Community*

**Chiangmai, Thailand;** April 23-24, 2009

Meeting of the World Health Organization’s Implementers Consortium on Maximizing Positive Synergies between Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives

*Attended the meeting as a member of WHO’s Maximizing Positive Synergies Group*

**Washington DC, USA;** April 12-14, 2009. Institute of Medicine Committee on Preventing the Global Epidemic of Cardiovascular Disease: Meeting the Challenges in Developing Countries.

*Talk in the plenary*: *Prevention, Implementation and Health Systems Strengthening*

*Talk entitled:* *Chronic Disease Management in Health Care Systems in Middle- and Low-Income Countries*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** March 26-27, 2009

4th Expert Consultation on World Health Organization’s Maximizing Positive Synergies between Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives

*Attended the meeting as a member of WHO’s Maximizing Positive Synergies Group*

**Colombo, Sri Lanka;** March 16-18, 2009. United Nations Economic and Social Council*.* South Asian Regional Ministerial Meeting in support of the 2009 Economic and Social Council’s Annual Ministerial Review.

*Talk in the plenary session entitled:* *New Initiatives to Finance Health Care—Heartfile’s Health Equity Project*

**Rome, Italy;** February16-18, 2009

World Health Organization’s meeting on the Lancet Series on Maximizing Positive Synergies between Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems

*Attended the meeting as a member of WHO’s Maximizing Positive Synergies Group*

**Bangkok, Thailand;** January 29-30, 2009

Consultation of the Rockefeller Foundation’s Working Group on Private Sector in Health Systems at the Price Mahidhol Conference

*Attended the Symposium as a member of the Working Group*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** January 12-14, 2009

1st Meeting of WHO Director General’s Expert Working Group on R&D Financing

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Expert Working Group*

**Boston, USA;** December 3-5, 2008

Research Agendas in Global Health Systems. Harvard University

*Talk in the plenary session entitled: Health systems issues in implementation*

**Hong Kong;** December 2-3, 2008

Clinton Global Initiative

*Attended the meeting to make a joint commitment with the Clinton Global Initiative*

**Bamako, Mali;** November 16-19, 2008. Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health

*Panelist in the session entitled:* *The Private Sector in Mixed Health Systems*

*Panelist in the ministerial discussion entitled:* *From Global Health Initiatives to Primary Health Care: Scaling up Research and learning for Health Systems*

**Tokyo, Japan;** November 1-4, 2008
International Conference on Global Action for Health System Strengthening. G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Follow up.

*Attended the conference as an invited expert*

**Bellagio, Italy;** October 28-31, 2008
Strengthening Health Systems Capacity and Leadership, Rockefeller Foundation and Columbia University

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Bellagio, Italy;** October 6-8, 2008

Expert Consultation of the Working Group on the Role of the Private Sector in Health Systems;

Results for Development Institute and Rockefeller Foundation

**Geneva, Switzerland;** October 2-3, 2008

Third Expert Consultation on Positive Synergies between

Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives; World Health Organization

*Attended the meeting as a member of WHO’s Maximizing Positive Synergies Group*

**Mexico City, Mexico;** August 5, 2008

Second Expert Consultation on Positive Synergies between

Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives; World Health Organization

*Attended the meeting as a member of WHO’s Maximizing Positive Synergies Group*

**Divone, France;** June 2, 2008

World Health Organization’s Director General’s high-level Consultation on Scaling up Research and Learning for Better Health

*Attended the consultation as an invited expert*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** May 25, 2008. Geneva Health Forum

*Panelist in the session entitled: Can Mixed Health Systems be Equitable?*

*Panelist in the session entitled: Management of Chronic Diseases*

*Panelist on the Closing Plenary*

**Nyon, Switzerland;** May 25-27, 2008

From Mexico to Mali: Taking Stock of Achievements in Health Policy and Systems Research; Alliance for Policy and Systems Research

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** May 24, 2008

Strengthening health systems; Brookings Institute and Rockefeller consultation

*Attended the meeting as a member of the Working Group*

**San Francisco, California;** USA; April 9-11, 2008. Global Philanthropy Forum

*Panelist in the session entitled: Maternal and Child Health*

**Bangkok, Thailand;** January 30-February 2, 2008
Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2008

Meeting of the Working Group on Private Sector in Health Systems.

*Attended the meeting as a member of the working group*

**London, UK;** December 4, 2007. Launch of the Lancet Series on Chronic Diseases

*Panelist in the session entitled: Health Reform and Chronic Diseases*

**Beijing, China;** October 29-November 2, 2007. Global Forum for Health Research Panelist in the closing plenary entitled: *The Future of Research for Health*

Talk on: *Research Priorities for Chronic Diseases*

**New York, USA;** September 26-28, 2007. Clinton Global Initiative

*Panelist in the session entitled: Over- and Under-Nutrition*

**Dalian, China;** September 1-5, 2007

World Economic Forum Meeting of the New Champions

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Atlanta, USA;** August 12-16, 2007

Centers for Disease Control; National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention; Regional and Global Collaboration Implementation Group

*Attended the meeting as a member of the implementation group*

**London, UK;** July 2-5, 2007

World Health Organization and Department of Health UK

Global Health Promotion

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Vancouver, Canada;** June 13-15, 2007. World Congress on Health Promotion

*Panelist in the plenary session entitled: Inequities in Health*

**Chicago, USA;** May 29-31, 2007. Annual Convention of the Human Development Foundation

*Talk in the plenary session entitled: Challenges in Health Policy in Pakistan*

**Washington, USA;** April 25-28, 2007. Annual Forum of the Centers for Disease Control

*Talk in the plenary session entitled: The National Action Plan on Non-Communicable Diseases in Pakistan*

**Cairo, Egypt;** March 27-28, 2007

Regional Consultation to develop Guidelines on CVD Management; World Health Organization Office of the Eastern Mediterranean Region

**Geneva, Switzerland;** Feb 4-8, 2007

Expert Consultation to Prevent Chronic Disease; World Health Organization

*Chaired the meeting*

**Bangkok, Thailand;** February 1-3, 2007. Prince Mahidol Award Conference

Talk in concurrent session entitled: *From Development of a Program to the Delivery of Preventive and Control Services in Non-Communicable Diseases – a Perspective from Pakistan*

**Cairo, Egypt;** October 29-November 2, 2006. Global Forum for Health Research

*Panelist in the closing plenary*

**Paris, France;** October 5-8, 2006

Global Strategy on Diet and Physical Activity; World Health Organization

*Chaired the meeting*

**Barcelona, Spain;** August 31-September 6, 2006. World Congress of Cardiology

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: National Planning for Cardiovascular Diseases*

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Women as a Resource for Cardiovascular Diseases Prevention*

**Kuwait;** June 19-21, 2006. World Health Organization’s Expert Consultation on NCDs

*Talk entitled: Integration of Non-Communicable Diseases into Primary Health Care*

**Cairo, Egypt;** June 12-15, 2006

Country Cooperation Strategy; World Health Organization Office of the Eastern Mediterranean Region

*Chaired the meeting*

**Nairobi, Kenya;** May 1-6, 2006

Workshop on Community Health Promotion

International Union for Health Promotion

Attended the meeting as a member of the Consortium on Community Health Promotion

**New York, USA;** February 8-13, 2006

World Heart Federation

*Chaired the Foundations Advisory Board meeting*

**Delhi, India;** February 18-20, 2006

International Symposium on Cardiovascular Diseases, Diabetes and Stroke. All India Institute of Medical Sciences

*Keynote address*

**Bellagio, Italy;** December**,** 2005

How to Improve Cardiovascular Health Outcomes in Less Well-Resourced Settings; World Heart Federation

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Bogota, Columbia;** November**,** 2005

Planning Global Physical Activity Interventions; International Union of Health Promotion

*Attended the meeting as an invited expert*

**Accra, Ghana;** October 16-19, 2005

Training Seminar on Chronic Disease Capacity Building in Sub-Saharan Africa. Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA, and the International Union for Health Promotion

*Attended as the Seminar Faculty*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** October**,** 26-28, 2005

World Health Organization Annual Global Forum

*Panelist at the Plenary Session entitled: Preventing the Chronic Disease Pandemic*

**Mumbai, India;** September 16-18, 2005. Global Forum for Health Research

*Talk entitled:* *Mainstreaming Chronic Disease on the Agendas of the Developing Countries*

**Stockholm, Sweden;** September 3-7, 2005 (ESC Population Science Lecture)

*European Congress of Cardiology*

*Population Science Lecture entitled: Women and Heart Disease: Impact, Imperatives and Implications*

**Iguaçu, Brazil;** May 19-25, 2005. 6th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Community Contributions to CVD Prevention and*

*National Action Plan for NCD Prevention in Pakistan*

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;** May 4-9, 2005

International Consortium for Community Health Promotion

*Chaired the meeting*

**Cairo, Egypt;** April 10-12, 2005

Regional Consultation for WHO Global Program of Work 2005; World Health Organization Office of the Eastern Mediterranean Region

*Attended as an invited expert*

**Orlando, USA;** February 18, 2005. Second Women Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke

*Talk in plenary session entitled: Community Control of Hypertension in the Developing Countries*

**Miami, Florida;** December**,** 2004

Implementing the WHO Global Strategy on Physical Activity

*Attended as an invited expert*

**Atlanta USA;** November 17-22, 2004

Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA; Community Health Promotion Workshop

*Attended as an invited expert*

**Ottawa, Canada;** November 3-6, 2004. World Health Organization’s Global Forum on Non-Communicable Integrated Chronic Disease Prevention and Control. Global Forum IV.

*Talk in plenary session entitled: Pakistan’s National Plan of Action on Chronic Diseases*

**Hong Kong;** October 1-3, 2004. Global Conference on Cardiovascular Clinical Trials

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Prevention of Diabetes and CVD in South Asia*

**Oxford, UK;** August 31-September 4, 2004

Oxford Vision 2020 Initiative meeting; University of Oxford

*Attended as a member of the Oxvision initiative*

**Milan, Italy;** June 12-15, 2004. 5th International Heart Health Conference.

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Implementing WHO CVD Risk Management Package in Primary Health*

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: National Action Plan on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan*

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Guideline Development in Low- and Middle-Income Countries*

**Melbourne, Australia;** March 23-26, 2004. WHO Mega Country Health Promotion Network Meeting

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: National Action Plan on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan*

**Singapore,** January 14-17, 2004. Asia Pacific Congress of Cardiology

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Impact of Global Trends in Cardiovascular Diseases on the Health Economics of Developing Countries*

**Ghana, Accra;** December 5-11, 2003

Capacity-Building for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Sub-Saharan Africa

Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA, and the International Union for Health Promotion

*Attended the meeting as the Seminar Faculty*

**Beijing, China;** November 6-10, 2003. 5th International Symposium on Hypertension and Related Diseases

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Control in the Developing Countries: Issues and Challenges*

**Prague, Czech Republic;** September 4-6, 2003. Annual Meeting of Heart Friends Around the World.

*Talk in plenary session entitled: The Role of Foundations in Heart Disease Prevention at a Global Level*

**Helsinki, Finland;** August 3-8, 2003. 12th World Conference on Tobacco or Health
*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Tobacco Control as part of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention: the Heartfile Experience*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** March 31-April 1, 2003
Mega Country Network Meeting

World Health Organization Department of Health Promotion of Non-Communicable Diseases

*Attended as member of the Steering Committee of WHO’s Mega Country Initiative*

**Colombo, Sri Lanka;** March 26-28, 2003
PREMISE II Workshop; World Health Organization

*Attended as member of the PREMISE Study Group and Principal Investigator for Pakistan*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** December 11-13, 2002
Mega Country Network Meeting

WHO Department of Health Promotion of Non-Communicable Diseases
*Attended as member of the Steering Committee of WHO’s Mega Country Initiative*

**Doha, Qatar;** December 9-12, 2002. Qatar Sports International; World Sports Forum
*Talk in plenary session entitled: Cardiovascular Health through Sports*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** October 7-11, 2002. WHO Meeting of Interested Parties (MIP)
*Talk in plenary session entitled: Communicating Risks to Health*

**Beirut, Lebanon;** July 5-7, 2002
WHO Workshop on Non-Communicable Disease Surveillance in the EMRO Region

*Attended as an invited expert*

**Geneva, Switzerland;** July, 2002
WHO, CVD Risk Reduction through Integrated Management of Hypertension, Diabetes and Smoking

*Attended as an invited expert*

**Sydney, Australia;** May 7-10, 2002. XIV World Congress of Cardiology
*State-of-the-art invited talk entitled: An Evidence-based Approach to CVD Prevention in the Developing Countries
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Justifying Cost of Treatment in the Developing World*

**Cairo, Egypt;** April 10-12, 2002. 3rd East Mediterranean Heart Health Network International Congress
*Talk in plenary session entitled: CVD Prevention in Women*

*Talk in plenary session entitled: Hypertension Control in EMRO*

event held in conjunction with WHO’s Interregional Workshop on Initiative for Scaling Up Secondary Prevention of Stroke and Myocardial Infarction in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

**Kandy, Sri Lanka**; February**,** 2002
WHO Interregional Workshop on Initiative for Scaling Up Secondary Prevention of Stroke and Myocardial Infarction in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
*Attended as member of the study group*

**Manila, Philippines;** October 3-6, 2001. 13th Asia Pacific Congress of Cardiology
*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Print and Electronic Media for Cardiovascular Disease Public Awareness: the Potential for Replication*

**Stockholm, Sweden;** September 1, 2001. Global Forum Meeting for Cardiovascular Diseases
*Talk in plenary session entitled: Risk Factor of Cardiovascular Disease Management in the Developing Countries*

**Osaka, Japan;** May 27-31, 2001. 5th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology and 4th International Heart Health Conference
*Talk in concurrent session entitled*: *Pakistan’s Heartfile*

**Isfahan, Iran;** May 1-3, 2001**.** 1st National Seminar on Women and Hormone Replacement Therapy
*Talk in plenary session entitled: Coronary Heart Disease Risk Factors*

*Talk in plenary session entitled: Guidelines for Hormone Replacement Therapy as part of Primary Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease*

**Chennai, India;** December 7-10, 2000. 54th Annual Meeting of the Cardiological Society of India
*Talk in plenary session entitled: Women in South Asia: a Long Way from Basic CVD Care*

**Colombo, Sri Lanka;** September 25-29, 2000. 1st Annual Symposium of the Sri Lanka Heart Association
*Talk in plenary session entitled: Preventing CVD in South Asia in the Face of the Impending Pandemic*

**Katmandu, Nepal;** July 2000. 1st Congress of the Nepal Society of Cardiology
*Talk in plenary session entitled: Algorithms for the Management of Hypertension in the SAARC Region
Current Management of Heart Failure*

**Isfahan Iran;** May 2000

Isfahan Cardiovascular Research Institute
Talk in plenary session entitled: *Development of National Guidelines on Hormone Replacement Therapy*

**Victoria, Canada;** May 7-10, 2000. First Women Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke
*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Preventive Cardiovascular Care amongst Females in Pakistan: an Unfinished Agenda*

*Talk in concurrent session entitled: Barriers: Access to Care for Women in the Developing Countries*

**Dhaka, Bangladesh;** February2000. First SAARC Congress of Cardiology

*Talk in plenary session entitled: Optimization of Therapeutic and Lifestyle Advice to Patients with Coronary Heart Disease in Pakistan*

**Lahore, Pakistan;** October **1999**. 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Cardiology
*Talk in plenary session entitled: CAD Prevention in the Developing World: Priority or Bail Out Stenosis Quantification on Diagnostic Coronary Angiograms
Presentation entitled: Missed Therapeutic Windows of Opportunity in the Optimal Management of CAD in Pakistan
Presentation entitled: Analysis of Dietary Pattern in the context of Establishing Coronary Risk Profiles in Patients with Documented CAD in Pakistan*

**Baltimore, USA;** October 1999. Grand Clinical Rounds of the John Hopkins Medical University

*Talk entitled: Pakistan’s Heartfile*

**Athens, Greece;** April 1999. 4th International Congress of Nuclear Cardiology
*Poster Presentation: Inferior Wall Artifacts in Pakistanis: the Central Obesity Effect*

# 7. Selected talks at a national level in Pakistan

* NOT UPDATED AFTER 2011
* Keynote talk at the GIZ health symposium on health financing. Bhurban, July 26, 2011.
* Key note talk. 7th HealthAsia Conference on Quality in Healthcare. E commerce Gateway in Pakistan. Karachi, March 23, 2011, via video link
* Invited Guest’s talk. Pakistan Urban Forum, 2011. Lahore, March 4, 2011.
* Invited Guest’s talk. Pakistan’s Health sector and the 18th Amendments—what future holds? Karachi, February 21, 2011
* Panelist from Pakistan. Capitalizing on the demographic transition: tackling NCDs in south Asia. Videoconference for dissemination of the report in South Asia. February, 9, 2011
* Invited Guest’s talk. The critical need to improve immunization in Pakistan and the draft compulsory immunization bill. Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency February 9, 2011
* Invited Guest’s panel at the concluding session. 2nd International e-health conference. January 23, 2011
* Chaired session on New Evidence in Maternal, Child Health and Family Planning, at the National MNCH conference, Health Services Academy. December 2, 2010.
* Healthcare system of Pakistan. National Defense University. August 23, 2010
* Health systems and the potential for reform in Pakistan: Keynote address. Planning Commission of Pakistan. August 9, 2010.
* Significance of the PRIDE project experience to Pakistan’s primary healthcare sector. Project closing seminar for the USAID funded project. July 26, 2010
* Budget orientation session for parliamentarians. Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services. July 2, 2010
* Health services delivery at the grass roots level. National Management College, Lahore. June 15, 2010.
* Role of social capital in sustainable community development. Seminar on Good Governance and Sustainable development. Human Development Foundation. April 26, 2010.
* Panelist, *Tadbeer-i-Nau.* National Defense University, March 22, 2010.
* Healthcare system in Pakistan. National Defense University. March 15, 2010.
* Keynote at the technical session for Health. National meeting on the challenges for socioeconomic development, role of science and technology. Commission for Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South. March 11, 2010.
* Panelist at the National Defense University Session “Muashee Mustaqbil”. Islamabad, January 27, 2010.
* Closing plenary, Policy commitment of NWFP government group and their relevance with planning and budgeting instruments. Bhurban August 2009
* Health Policy of Pakistan. National Defense College. March 2009-08-10
* Health Policy of Pakistan. National School of Public Policy, May 11, 2009.
* Women leaders as agenda of change. WIBCON 2009. Changing the workplace together. June 4. 2009
* Health Policy of Pakistan. National School of Public Policy, Lahore. September 26, 2008
* Women in Leadership – Personal Experiences. International Islamic University, Islamabad. May 5, 2007
* Directions for Health. National Commission for Government Reforms. Islamabad, February 20, 2007 and Quetta, March 30, 2007
* Pakistan’s Health Policy. Administrative Staff College, Lahore. March 26, 2007
* Corruption in the Health Sector. US Anti-Corruption Centre, Marriott, Islamabad, March 13. (2006)
* Women in Leadership – Personal Experiences. International Islamic University, Islamabad. May 5, 2007
* Health Systems in Pakistan – Issues and Challenges
* Aga Khan University, Karachi. February 13, 2007
* Health Financing – the Way Forward in Pakistan
* Pakistan’s Health Policy Think Tank’s Post-Gateway Deliberations; Marriott, Islamabad. October 2006
* Health Policy in Pakistan – the Way Forward
* Pakistan Administrative Staff College, Lahore. September 2006
* Public-Private Partnerships – Lessons for Pakistan
* Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad. September 2006
* Health Systems Issues that Impact Child Health and Survival in Pakistan
* Aga Khan University, Karachi. August 2006
* Pharmaceuticals in the Health Sector: Current Situation and Future Directions for Pakistan
* Pakistan’s Health Policy Think Tank’s Post-Gateway Deliberations; Marriott, Islamabad. August 2006
* The Health and Population Interface: Current Situation and Future Directions for Pakistan
* Pakistan’s Health Policy Think Tank’s Post-Gateway Deliberations; Holiday Inn Islamabad Hotel, Islamabad. July 2006
* The Public-Private Interface at a Health Systems Level for Improving Child Health Outcomes
* National Institute of Health, Islamabad. June 2006
* Health Policy – Have we Arrived?
* University of Health Sciences, Lahore. March 2006
* Meeting the MDGs: Quick Impact Initiatives in the Health Sector
* UNDP and Planning Commission Strategy Seminar, Pearl Continental, Karachi. March 2006
* The Health and Technology Interface: Current Situation and Future Directions for Pakistan
* Pakistan’s Health Policy Think Tank’s Post-Gateway Deliberations; Marriott, Islamabad. March 2006
* Diabetes Control Models in the IDF Region - The NAP-NCD Pakistan Programme
* Diabetes in Asia Conference, Karachi. February 2006
* Health Reform in Pakistan: a Way Forward
* Pakistan’s Health Policy Think Tank Launch of the Gateway Paper. Serena, Islamabad. January 2006
* Health Policy Reforms in NWFP
* A series of Post-Gateway Roundtables held in Peshawar at the Health Sector Reform Unit. March 6-October 6, (2006)
* Academic lectures in universities by invitation are in addition to the above.

# 8. Conferences organized

## International

* Member of the Senator Group for the WHO European Ministerial Conference on the Prevention and Control of NCDs in the Context of Health 2020, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 3-4 December 2013
* Member International Advisory Committee, 3rd Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, Recife, Brazil, 2013
* Member, International Advisory Panel of the World Health Summit, 2013.
* Council of Deans; Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research: Beijing, November, 2012.
* Member Organizing Committee, Geneva Health Forum, 2011
* Member, Scientific Subcommittee. Global Ministerial Conference on Non-communicable Diseases and Healthy Lifestyles, Russian Federation in collaboration with WHO - from 28 to 29 April 2011
* Member council of Deans and Member Scientific Committee. First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research: Promoting Science to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage. World Health Organization, scheduled for 2010.
* Member, Programme Committee of the IDF World Diabetes Congress 2010
* Lead of the Chronic Care track. Third international Conference on improving use of medicines. ICIUM, Alexandria, Egypt, 2011
* Member, Organizing Committee. HIMSS AsiaPac Conference and Exhibition; Singapore, May 2007
* Member, Organizing Committee and Press Sub-Committee, World Congress of Cardiology; Barcelona, Spain; September 2006
* Member, Scientific Committee, 6th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology; Iguaçu Brazil; May 2005
* Member, Clinical and Public Health Programme committees, Second Women Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke. Atlanta, USA; February 2005
* Member, Programme Committee, World Health Organization’s Global Forum on Non-Communicable Integrated Chronic Disease Prevention and Control. Global Forum IV. Ottawa, Canada; November 2004.
* Member, Scientific Committee, Global Conference on Cardiovascular Clinical Trials. Hong Kong, October 2004
* Chair and Organizer, Workshop on Tobacco Control as part of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention: the Heartfile Experience from Pakistan. World Conference on Tobacco or Health. Helsinki, Finland; August 2003
* Chair. Workshop on the Role of ICT in CVD Prevention. 13th Asia Pacific Congress of Cardiology. Manila, Philippines; October 2001
* Organizer and Host, Workshop on Pakistan’s Heartfile. 5th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology and 4th International Heart Health Conference. Osaka, Japan; (2001)

## 8.2 National

* Organizer, Launch of the Sania Nishtar Health Fund, New York, The Rockefeller Foundation, September 20, 2011
* Convener, Public-private Partnerships for social development. September 26, 2010
* Co-host at the launch of Choked Pipes along with the Oxford University Press and Murshid Hospital and Healthcare center. May 4, 2010. Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi.
* Co-host at the launch of Choked Pipes along with the Oxford University Press. March 25, 2010. Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.
* Convener, Launching of the Gateway Paper II – Health Indicators of Pakistan.

Islamabad, Pakistan; June 26, 2007

* Convener, Launching of the Gateway Paper – Health Systems Reform in Pakistan.

Islamabad, Pakistan; January 9, 2006

* Convener, Pakistan’s Health Policy Forum’s Strategic Post-Gateway Policy Roundtables
* Convener, Launching of the National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan. Islamabad, Pakistan; April 30, 2003
* Convener, National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases in Pakistan meetings <http://heartfile.org/napmeet.htm>
* Secretary General, Second National World Heart Day Seminar. Pakistan Cardiac Society in collaboration with the World Heart Federation, The Asia Pacific Society of Cardiology and Heartfile. Islamabad, Pakistan; September 2001
* Convener, First National World Heart Day Seminar. Heartfile in collaboration with the World Heart Federation. Islamabad, Pakistan; September 2000
* Co-Chair, First International Summer Symposium on Preventive Cardiovascular Care in Pakistan. Pakistan Cardiac Society in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Society of Cardiology. Bhurban, Pakistan; June 1998
* Over 35 workshops resourced and organized as part of the projects http://heartfile.org/lodhran.htm and http://heartfile.org/jc.htm; launches of books organized

# 9. Research projects

Principal Investigator for Health Policy and Systems/Applied Research in the areas of:

* Qualitative analysis of the impact of devolution of health in Pakistan
* Establishing a country framework for health systems performance assessment (initiated in 2009). Funding: WHO-led platform to Strengthen Monitoring and Analysis of Country Health Systems (WHO Geneva)
* Developing an IT-supported demand side health financing tool, which can enable efficient, timely and well-targeted cash transfers in order to protect the poor against catastrophic spending on health, and to establish a seed Health Equity Fund as a means of resourcing cash transfers (initiated in 2008). Funding: Rockefeller Foundation. Details at the URL <http://www.heartfile.org/hef.htm>
* Background research for the publication entitled 'Choked Pipes: Reforming Pakistan's Mixed Health System'. The publication charts a roadmap for health reform in Pakistan. The book has just been released by the Oxford University Press. February 3, 2010
* Presenting the first consolidated review of health systems constraints in Pakistan in a document entitled 'Health Systems in Pakistan—a Way Forward: the Gateway Paper'. This strategy was recognized as a blueprint for health reform and provided the basis for formulation of a new national policy for Pakistan, as outlined in the MOU available at URL http://www.heartfile.org/moufed.htm
* Conducting a series of national meetings—the Post-Gateway Roundtables to develop consensus on the strategy proposed by the Gateway Paper. (2005-07) Funding support for the meetings was provided by: Department of International Development UK and the World Bank. Details available at <http://www.heartfile.org/pgpr.htm>
* Developing drafts of the national and provincial (NWFP) health policies of Pakistan under Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Ministry of Health, and with the provincial government of NWFP, both of whom expressed a desire to develop a health policy based on the Gateway Paper's approach to health systems. Time contribution Sania Nishtar
* Conducted an assessment of corruption in health service delivery. Funding: Asian Development Bank-supported Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF). Report available at <http://www.u4.no/training/incountry-open/pakistan-materials/health-sector-corruption-pakistan.pdf>
* Research in the area of priority setting for health systems research; the study aimed at the development of a locally suited priority-setting model. Funding: Global Forum for Health Research, Geneva
* Research in the domain of communications. The intervention campaigns used as part of these projects went beyond the public service announcement approach, utilizing lessons from behavioural research capitalizing on the strengths of social marketing. Funding: Canadian International Development Agency.

**Health information systems**

* Provided pro bono strategic support to the Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS) under an MoU in order to enable the FBS to develop a system to collate data from various sources in Pakistan and to periodically report them as a set of health indicators. The first output of this initiative, a monograph entitled ‘Gateway Paper II—Health Indicators of Pakistan’ was authored by the Founder and President of Heartfile Dr. Sania Nishtar. The publication was released on June 26, 2007. http://www.heartfile.org/pdf/GWP-II.pdf
* Developed an integrated population-based surveillance system for the 'National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan.' Funding: WHO, Geneva.
* Supported the development of a health information system in the aftermath of the October 8, 2005 earthquake. This database system generated regular reports to facilitate the Ministry of Health in its strategic planning with regard to relief efforts in the affected areas. The One-Month Post O8 Health Assessment report and other daily reports generated at the time can be accessed.

**Institutional reorganization**

* Pakistan is one of the few countries in the world where the ministries of Health and Population exist as two separate institutional entities; health and population have shared agenda and despite several attempts in the past at the highest level of government, efforts to integrate the two ministries have not been fruitful. Heartfile conducted a study to analyze if merger is a viable option and explore a way forward to bridge the current population-health institutional disconnect. The final report has been published in a special supplement of the JPMA its September 2009 issues and can be downloaded. Funding: David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

**Mainstreaming chronic diseases into the national public health system**

* Heartfile is recognized for its pioneering contribution in the area of integrating non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention, control and health promotion into health systems planning in Pakistan. In the initial states of its development, Heartfile used innovative approaches of advocacy, leveraging social marketing and the use of media. This and other advocacy approaches enabled it to convince the government of the need for a public health programme on NCDs in Pakistan. Subsequently, Heartfile became part of a tripartite public-private partnership involving the Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan, and the World Health Organization for development and implementation of a National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan (NAP-NCD). Details about the terms of this agreement, launching of the initiative, planning meetings leading to its development and the release of the NAP-NCD are posted online. http://www.heartfile.org/hreforms.htm#mcd. Heartfile also took a lead role in helping to initiate the process of implementation of this plan on a pro bono basis; various stages of implementation of the pilot can be viewed. Heartfile's current objective is to institutionalize this programme in the Ministry of Health The NAP-NCD can also be downloaded. <http://www.heartfile.org/hreforms.htm#mcd>
* In addition to its role in institutionalizing the national action plan on NCDs, Heartfile also Established and evaluated the Heartfile-Lodhran CVD Prevention Project, a community demonstration pilot, which aimed to develop sustainable and low-resource-setting-sensitive strategies for prevention of chronic disease. Funding: Department of International Development, UK (2001-2004). End of project evaluation can be accessed at http://www.heartfile.org/pdf/Lodhran-Feb07-IUHPE.pdf
* Established and evaluated the Heartfile-JC Project, a pilot, which aimed to develop an approach to integrate chronic disease prevention into the work-plan of health providers in the private sector. Funding: European Union-funded Trust for Voluntary Organizations. End of project reporting:
* Heartfile was the principal investigator in Pakistan for the WHO PREMISE Study, a global study aimed at developing models for Prevention of Recurrences of Myocardial Infarction and Stroke and was represented on the Technical Committee of the study. Funding and Collaboration: WHO Cardiovascular Disease Unit, Geneva.
* Heartfile was the principal investigator in Pakistan for the WHO Risk Management Package, an international study aimed at testing the suitability of low-resource-setting-sensitive tools for secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases. Funding and collaboration: WHO Cardiovascular Disease Unit, Geneva. End of project reporting available.
* Principal investigator for the Riskcorn Study: the first case control study to determine risk factors for coronary heart disease in Pakistanis. Collaboration: Guys and St. Thomas', London. Funding: Pakistan Medical Research Council and St Thomas' Hospital, London.
* Investigators in Pakistan for the INTERHEART study, a global study of risk factors in acute myocardial infarction; conducted by McMaster University, Canada.
* Heartfile was the principal investigator in Pakistan for the WHO Global [price of chronic disease medicines] Drug Survey, an international study to assess barriers to the use of medicines for secondary prevention of chronic disease. Funding and collaboration: WHO Cardiovascular Disease Unit, Geneva.

Epidemiological Research:

* National population-based NCD surveillance system; the surveillance system of the National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan
Funding: World Health Organization, Geneva
* The RISK-CORN study—the first case control study to determine risk factors for coronary heart disease in Pakistanis; conducted in collaboration with Guys and St. Thomas’, London

# 10. Inventions

* An NGO think tank—Heartfile—which strives to catalyze change in the health and related systems in a developing country setting [*http://heartfile.org*](http://heartfile.org)
* An agenda for health systems reform in mixed health systems (book on the subject has been launched by the Oxford University Press on March 25, 2010; paper published on the subject and can be accessed at [*http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/1/09-067868*](http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/1/09-067868)*)*
* A technology-based platform to protect the poor against catastrophic expenditures on health. *http://heartfilefinancing.org*
* A framework for health policy relevant to the developing countries with mixed health systems (the policy is appended to the book, which has been launched on March 25, 2010; background details can be accessed at *http://www.heartfile.org/mou\_fed.htm)*
* An approach to strengthen the evidence base of health reform through publication of the Gateway Papers. *http://heartfile.org/gateway.htm*
* A platform to synchronize stakeholders and mainstream the voice of the civil society in decision making in the health sector—Pakistan’s Health Policy Forum [*http://heartfile.org/policy.htm*](http://heartfile.org/policy.htm)
* A framework for health systems performance assessment. *Details will soon be published*
* A framework to consolidate health indicators. *http://www.heartfile.org/pdf/GWP-II.pdf*
* An integrated approach to non-communicable disease prevention and control for the developing countries [*http://heartfile.org/nap.htm*](http://heartfile.org/nap.htm)

# 11. Some media profiles *Links accessible through* [*http://www.sanianishtar.info*](http://www.sanianishtar.info)

* Featured at the Women in the World Foundation launch in New York, September, 2011
* Non-Governmental Individuals in Pakistan (NGIs)
* Personal profile, Lancet 370, December 8, 2007.
* Personal profile, Blue Chip; 2007
* Personal profile, Libas International. November 2006
* NGO World; 2007
* Lancet Volume 363, May 22, 2004
* PROCOR, June 15 (2004)
* Personal profile, Lifeline - Lancet Volume 360, August 10, 2002.
* International News Bulletin, Royal College of Physicians of London: September-October 1999
* HeartBeat, Bulletin of the World Heart Federation, September 1999
* Time magazine: October 19, 1999
* Reuters press release on the occasion of the Second World Heart Day, September 25, 2001
* Presentation at the World Congress of Cardiology, Sydney 2002 profiled in the official webcasts
* The Washington Diplomat 2001
* Listed in Marquis WHO WHO in the world
* Listed in Marquis WHO WHO in Asia
* Listed in Marquis WHO WHO in Health care
* Listed in Marquis WHO WHO in Science and Engineering

*In addition, numerous references on international websites and personal profiles in Pakistani newspapers*

# 12. Non-academic honours and distinctions

* Burmah Shell Ladies Golf Championship, 1984
* Won many All-Pakistan Golf Championships, 1975-1994
* Represented University of Peshawar at All-Pakistan Student Debate Contests, 1977-1986
* Editor of the Khyber Medical College Magazine, 1981-1986
* Peshawar Club Swimming Champion, 1973-1986

# 13. Grants received for research and public health interventions

* David and Lucile Packard Foundation, California, USA, 2013
* Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund, 2011
* Rockefeller Foundation, New York, USA, 2011
* David and Lucile Packard Foundation, California, USA, 2011
* Rockefeller Foundation, New York, USA, 2009
* David and Lucile Packard Foundation, California, USA, 2009
* World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 2008
* Rockefeller Foundation, New York, USA, 2008
* David and Lucile Packard Foundation, California, USA, 2007
* Partnership for Transparency Fund: World Bank and ADB, 2006
* Department for International Development (UK), 2006
* German Technical Cooperation; 2006
* UNICEF, 2005
* World Health Organization, 2005
* German Technical Cooperation, 2005
* Canadian International Development Agency, 2004
* Department for International Development (UK), 2003
* Department of Cardiovascular Diseases. WHO, Geneva, Switzerland, 2003
* Department of Non-Communicable Diseases. WHO, Geneva, Switzerland, 2003
* Global Forum for Health Research. Geneva, Switzerland, 2003
* Department of Cardiovascular Diseases. WHO, Geneva, Switzerland, 2002
* Department for International Development (UK), 2001
* European Union Mission in Pakistan, 2001
* Canadian International Development Agency, 2000
* Canadian International Development Agency, 1999
* Canadian International Development Agency, 1998
* Pakistan Medical Research Council, 1997
* Government of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Merit Scholarship, 1997

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