

Statement of interest

I did my post-graduation in obstetric and gynecology in 2005, following which I became a member of the Society of Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Pakistan (SOGP). In this role I actively participated in board meetings to advocate for revisions in the post-graduate clinical assessment methodology and approval of new examination centers in the country. These efforts contributed towards more objective assessment of trainees' clinical skills and opening of new post-graduate examination centers. Later as a member of International AIDS Society (IAS) I presented the country's efforts to PPTCT (Prevention of Parent-to-Child Transmission of HIV) at various national and international forums. Being a member of both the SOGP and IAS, while working as a PPTCT Officer in UNICEF Pakistan, provided me a unique opportunity to bring the maternal and newborn health program and HIV/AIDS control program to joint forums. I presented the PPTCT experience in Pakistan in the 2008 SOGP conference and won the Young Gynecologist award. It was with these advocacy efforts that the president and board of SOGP approved the inclusion of PPTCT guidelines in the National Integrated Management of Pregnancy & Childbirth guidelines (IMPAC) in 2010-11. In September 2021, I was invited by the TB PPM Learning Network based in McGill International TB centre, Canada to join their global community of health experts striving to end TB. I have shared my two recent publications on TB on this forum.

I am a member of the Health System Global (HSG) since 2020 and presented my work on health system responsiveness in the context of drug-resistant TB care (Poster presentation, virtual platform) in Nov 2022. I look forward to contributing more effectively through the HSG forum to improve health systems and better health of communities, especially in low and low-middle income countries.