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Bio

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Nojus Saad, MD, is a physician-entrepreneur and digital health diplomat dedicated to building AI-enabled health systems transforming how patients navigate and access care in LMIC communities. As a former advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO), he co-developed global adolescent health indicators adopted by the World Bank, UNFPA, UN H6+ Partners, and UN Member States. His leadership in rural and LMIC communities across Iraq, India, and France is anchored by his role as a former founder and executive at Youth For Women Foundation, where he spearheaded 45 youth-led initiatives directly impacting the lives of 18,500 women and young people.

Dr. Saad's experience spans health, technology, and global policy, having served as UN Youth Ambassador for Disarmament and Biosecurity (UNODA) and as the MENA Youth Lead for the Swiss-based DTH-Lab. Through these mandates, he mobilized coalitions across 12 MENA countries to integrate digital innovation into national health agendas. His work combines clinical insight, systems thinking, stakeholder leadership, and technology implementation in fragmented health systems. In 2021, he orchestrated a digital health literacy and COVID-19 misinformation initiative for rural and displaced populations. By building the digital capacity of NGO leaders and youth, he empowered grassroots networks to execute 15 targeted campaigns, reaching 10,000 women and young people to strengthen access to reliable health services.

Looking ahead, Dr. Saad aspires to build a coordinated digital health platform connecting Iraq's public and private healthcare sectors. The envisioned system would combine interoperable electronic health records, AI-enabled care navigation and referral matching to streamline patient pathways and connect individuals with high-quality, cost-effective care within Iraq and internationally, including the United States and France. His long-term vision is to scale AI-enabled products that transform fragmented health systems into connected care pathways.

A Knight-Hennessy Scholar and former advisor to Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation, Dr. Saad holds an MD with executive diplomatic training from the Karolinska Institute and Stockholm School of Economics. At Stanford MCiM, he is refining the product, technical, and managerial capabilities to translate complex health-system problems into scalable digital solutions, particularly for LMICs.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Knight-Hennessy Scholar, Stanford University
- Kofi Annan Changemaker, United Nations Geneva & Kofi Annan Foundation
- Dalai Lama Fellow, University of Virginia, Stanford University, University of Boulder Colorado
- Advisory Board Member, Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation
- One Young World Ambassador, Reckitt Benckiser Group

- Advisory Panel Member, Masachussetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Solve
- Technical Reviewer, The Second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health & Wellbeing
- ICANN Fellow, Digital Governance & Policy, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, ICANN

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Founder, President & CEO, Youth For Women Foundation (2018 - 2026)
- Executive Producer & Global Ambassador, TOXSICK Film (2025 - 2026)
- Youth Advisor to Executive Leadership, UN Office for Project Services (2024 - 2025)
- UN Ambassador for Youth in Disarmament and Biosecurity, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (2024 - 2025)
- Regional Ambassador, MENA, Digital Transformations for Health Lab (2023 - 2024)

LINKS

- WHO Expert Profile: https://www.who.int/about/people/biography/nojus-saad
- Linkedin: https://www.linkedin.com/in/nojus-saad/