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Doctor Ibrahima Socé Fall is the Regional Emergencies Director leading the newly established WHO Health Emergencies programme (WHE) at the WHO Regional Office for Africa. He was formally WHO Representative in Mali before being appointed by the UN Secretary General as Ebola Crisis Manager and Head of UNMEER mission in Mali in November 2014. He returned to WHO in March 2015 as Director of the Health Security and Emergencies Cluster in the Regional Office after a successful mission in leading partners' support to interrupting EVD transmission in Mali

Dr. Fall was WHO Representative in Mali in the midst of the political and humanitarian crisis when WHO needed strong leadership and expertise to deal with complex emergencies. Prior to joining Mali, Dr. Fall was Regional Advisor in the WHO Regional Office for Africa in charge of strategic planning for the malaria programme from February 2007 to October 2012. During that time, Dr. Fall was nominated the WHO focal point for malaria strategic planning at the global level and Coordinator of the working group on strategic planning of the global Roll Back Malaria partnership. He also coordinated capacity building for countries to access financing of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria for the malaria component. Dr. Fall joined WHO in November 2003 as coordinator of inter-country support teams for the fight against malaria in the African region after having served as a WHO consultant on several occasions over a period of four years.

Prior to joining WHO, Dr. Fall held various positions in his native Senegal - to include serving as head of the planning, M&E and operations division in the military health department; a lecturer in the Department of Public Health at the University Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD); as well as member of the Steering Committee of the National Malaria Control Programme. Dr. Fall also served as the head of regional epidemic and the communicable diseases control department including Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) in St. Louis, Senegal as well as head of district and was a frontline physician engaged with the troops in military operations.

Dr. Fall also served as a member of an experts group that led the introduction and implementation of the Roll Back Malaria global partnership which was launched in 1998 by WHO, UNICEF, UNDP and the World Bank.

Dr. Fall was trained as a military physician and has over 25 years' experience in medical practice and Public Health. He has earned a doctorate in medicine (DrMed), a Master's in Public Health (MPH) from Dakar UCAD University and a doctorate in public Health (PhD) jointly from Tulane University, Payson Center for International Development in the USA and UCAD a Master of Science (MSc) in International Development from Tulane University and a post-graduate diploma in tropical medicine and epidemiology In France at Aix-Marseille University and the Institute of Tropical Medicine of the French Army (IMTSSA Pharo). Dr. Fall is also a fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of the UK (FFPH).