

CURRICULUM VITAE
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AFRICAN REGION

General information

Family name (surname): JANABI First/Other names: MOHAMED YAKUB	
Gender: MALE	
Place and country of birth: MOSHI, KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA	Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year) 25/12/1962
Citizenship: TANZANIAN	
If you have ever been found guilty of violation of any law (except minor traffic violations) give full details: NO	
Civil status: MARRIED	

Vision Statement:

My vision is a healthier, resilient, and prosperous Africa where everyone has access to quality healthcare, supported by equitable, innovative, and sustainable systems that ensure optimal well-being.

Priorities:

1. **Universal Health Coverage (UHC):** Improve access to essential health services and address financial barriers preventing care.
2. **Maternal and Child Health:** Focus on reducing maternal and infant mortality by improving access to quality services. Africa accounts for over 70% of global maternal deaths and more than half of under-five deaths and mainstreaming gender in all settings.
3. **Combating Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs):** Strengthen responses to communicable diseases (e.g., malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS) and NCDs, which account for 37% of deaths in Africa. By early detection, management, and immunization.
4. **Primary Health Care (PHC):** Strengthen PHC as the foundation of UHC by improving governance, infrastructure, and workforce development for accessible care. PHC is essential for equitable, sustainable healthcare. The Ouagadougou (2008), Alma-Ata (1978), and Astana (2018) Declarations provide frameworks for resilient, people-centered health systems in Africa.
5. **Climate-Resilient Health Systems:** Health risks from climate change by integrating adaptation into health systems and promoting cross-sector collaboration to mitigate these risks.
6. **Health Security:** Pandemic preparedness to better equip Africa for future health emergencies. I support the ongoing pandemic agreement discussions through the INB and commend the Regional Director for leading Africa in amending the 2005 IHR and drafting the Pandemic Treaty with solidarity. I will encourage African Member States to finalize these efforts.
7. **Innovation and Research:** Local research and innovations to address Africa's health challenges with sustainable, context-driven solutions.
8. **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Strengthen alliances with regional and global partners to leverage resources and expertise for Africa's health goals. This includes partnering with the African Union, Africa CDC, Regional Economic Communities, national governments, UN agencies (Multilateral and Bilateral) and building cross-border initiatives to address shared challenges like pandemics and supply chain disruptions.

9. **Antimicrobial Resistance:** I will support GLASS and ensure ongoing reporting of resistance and consumption data to address growing concerns in Africa.
10. **Domestic Health Financing:** Advocate for innovative financing, including public-private partnerships, blended financing, climate funds, and Universal Health Insurance to close the funding gap.

Strategies:

1. Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by;

- Advocate for increased health budgets and progressive taxation.
- Promote health insurance and public-private partnerships.
- Ensure UHC includes vulnerable groups via outreach, mobile units, and improved infrastructure.
- Advocate for political leadership and commitments

2. Maternal and Child Health

Aim: Reduce maternal and infant mortality through better access to quality care.

- Strengthen/Promote rural facilities for safe childbirth and emergencies.
- Expand CHWs for home care, education, and referrals.
- Improve data systems for tracking and responses.

3. Combating Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

Aim: Strengthen prevention and responses to communicable diseases and NCDs.

- Promote integrated management for diagnosis and treatment.
- Scale up screening for NCDs and communicable diseases.
- Build capacity, upgrade equipment, and ensure medicine access.
- Invest in research on disease burdens and risks.

4. Primary Health Care (PHC)

Aim: Strengthen PHC for UHC through better governance, infrastructure, and workforce.

- To advocate for renovation and expansion of PHC facilities with supplies and staff.
- Train and develop healthcare workers for quality care.
- Engage communities to align PHC with local needs.

5. Climate-Resilient Health Systems

Aim: Mitigate climate health risks by integrating adaptation into health systems.

- Build climate-resilient health systems.
- Develop climate-health strategies with cross-sector collaboration.
- Establish early warning systems for health risks.

6. Health Security

Aim: Strengthen pandemic preparedness and response to equip Africa for future health emergencies.

- **Pandemic Preparedness Plans:** Develop and update national and regional plans focusing on surveillance, response teams, and infrastructure.
- **Cross-Border Cooperation:** Strengthen cooperation between African countries and regional organizations for timely information sharing and coordinated responses.
- **International Collaboration:** Advocate for Africa's role in Pandemic Treaty negotiations and WHO reforms to ensure equitable access to vaccines, treatments, and funding.

7. Innovation and Research

Aim: Promote home-grown research and technological innovations that address Africa's specific health challenges.

- **Research Investment:** Increase funding for local health research institutions to address Africa-specific health challenges, such as malaria, HIV, and emerging diseases, and support local innovation.
- **Tech Startups and Innovation Hubs:** Promote the development of health tech startups and innovation hubs across Africa, particularly those focused on affordable diagnostics, digital health solutions, and telemedicine.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Foster collaborations between governments, universities, research institutions and the private sector to drive research into affordable and scalable healthcare solutions.

8. Partnerships and Collaboration

Aim: Strengthen alliances to leverage resources and expertise.

- Collaborate with AU, Africa CDC, and Regional Economic Community, Bilateral and Multilateral Organizations shared health challenges.
- Partner with global organizations for funding and expertise.
- Launch cross-border initiatives for health threats and commodities access.

9. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Aim: Combat AMR via surveillance, stewardship, and prevention.

- Enhance AMR surveillance through WHO GLASS.
- Ensure all states adopt National Action Plans.
- Strengthen regulations on antibiotic use and sales.

10. Domestic Health Financing

Aim: Close the funding gap and achieve the Abuja Declaration by allocating at least 15% of national budgets to health.

- **Public-Private Partnerships (PPP):** Leverage private sector funding and expertise for healthcare infrastructure and services.
- **Universal Health Insurance:** Expand inclusive, sustainable health insurance schemes for comprehensive coverage.
- **Blended Financing Models:** Combine government funds, international aid, and private investments to address health funding gaps.

Degrees

1. Postdoctoral Fellowship in Cardiology, 2004, Osaka University Hospital, Japan.
2. PhD in Cardiology, Graduate School of Medicine, 2000, Osaka, Japan.
3. Master of Tropical Health, 1994, Queensland Medical School, Australia.
4. Doctor of Medicine, 1989, Kharkov Medical Institute, Ukraine.

Certificates

1. Postgraduate Diploma Care of Older Person-Geriatric Medicine, Buckingham University, UK 2024.
2. Attended 10 editions of the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) between 2000 - 2024.
3. Exemplary Contribution by Showing Leadership of Public Health Institutions in Tanzania, (2024).
4. Aviation Medical Examiner, Federal Aviation Administration, Oklahoma, USA, 2017.
5. Training in Good Practice (GCP) held at the National Institute for Medical Research, Tanzania (2014).
6. AIDS Vaccine Trial and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) “Protecting the Rights, Safety and Well-being of Volunteers”, Kenya (2007).
7. AIDS Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Workshop, John Hopkins – Bloomberg School of Public Health (March, 2006).
8. Advances Clinical Training in Cardiovascular Medicine, Osaka University 2001).

Honors & Titles

1. Honorary Professor, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, 2003 –

2. Adjunct Professor in Cardiology, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) USA
2006 –.

Personal attributes

- i. **Prominent Cardiologist:** Renowned for contributions to cardiovascular medicine
- ii. **Public Health Specialist:** Focuses on geriatric care, lifestyle interventions, and preventive healthcare. **Strategic Leader:** Skilled in healthcare management and policy at the national level. **Mentor & Educator:** Committed to training future medical professionals.
- iii. **Innovator:** Advocates for technology and international collaboration to improve healthcare in resource-limited settings.
- iv. **Contribution:** He has contributed his expertise in developing Health Sector Strategic Plans and national action plans.

Memberships & Board positions

Board Chairman, Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS), April 2022 – Present:

- THPS strengthens Tanzania's health system by improving access to quality healthcare, supporting the government in HIV prevention and treatment, and enhancing health service planning and monitoring. Established in 2011 under PEPFAR, THPS collaborates with the government, local and international partners, civil society, the private sector, and communities to improve health outcomes.
- Council Member, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences Hospital, October 2022 – Present.
- Board Member, Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute, October 2022 – Present.
- Board Member, Ocean Road Cancer Institute, October 2022 – Present.
- Board Member, School of Veterinary Science, Sokoine University of Agriculture, 2016 – Present.
- Patron, Tanzania Nutrition and Diabetes Association
- Fellow, American College of Cardiology (FACC), 2016 – Present.
- Member, Medical Council of Tanganyika.

- Member, Tanzania Public Health Association.
- Member, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.
- Member, Japanese Society of Vascular Medicine.
- Member, American Heart Association.

Knowledge of languages

		Mother Tongue	Speak	Read	Write
Code 1: Limited conversation, reading newspapers, routine conversation. Code 2: Engage freely in discussions; read and write more difficult materials. Code 3: Fluent (nearly) as in mother tongue.	English		3	3	3
	French		1	1	1
	Portuguese		1	1	1
	Russian		2	2	1
	Japanese		2	1	1
	Kiswahili	X	3	3	3

Positions held

- **Senior Advisor on Health Matters to President Samia Suluhu Hassan:** Advise on policy formulation, healthcare reforms, strategic investments, global health, health security, and partnerships.
- **Executive Director, MNH:** Lead Tanzania's largest hospital with 2,200 beds and 4,000 staff, serving as a national referral center supporting over 8,000 primary and secondary health facilities.
- Spearheaded international collaborations to enhance capacities in clinical medicine.

Executive Director, Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute, Dar es Salaam, 2014 – September 2022

- Founded and led Tanzania's leading cardiac institute, significantly improving access to cardiovascular care and reducing domestic referrals abroad by over 95%.
- Enhanced cardiac surgery and cardiology training for Tanzanians and professionals from five countries, strengthening regional services.
- Expanded the referral network and mobile services, improving early diagnosis and management of heart conditions in over 3,200 primary healthcare facilities.

Chief Health Advisor and Head Physician, Former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete, 2005 – 2015

- Provided comprehensive cardiology care to President Kikwete, his family, and senior officials, managing health concerns and coordinating specialized care.
- Advised on the Primary Health Care Development Program (Primary Health Care Development Program (PHCD)/ *Mpango wa Maendeleo wa Afya ya Msingi (MMAM)*), leading to over 750 health facility constructions and improved emergency obstetric care.
- Provided analysis on global nutrition issues at Nutrition International's Board of Nutrition.
- Contributed to the UN High-Level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises during the Ebola epidemic (2014-2016).

Senior Research Scientist, HIV Vaccine Trial (TaMoVac), 1998 – 2002

- Conducted pioneering HIV prevention research in Tanzania.

Principal Medical Specialist, Muhimbili National Hospital

- Supervised PhDs, residents, and fellows in cardiology, fostering the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Country Director, Madaktari Africa (Tanzania) American based NGO

- Led the "Train-Forward" model to promote sustainable healthcare in Tanzania, expanding from neurosurgery to cardiovascular care.

Principal Investigator, Multinational Research Projects

- Co-investigated a study on healthcare delivery costs in Tanzania (2021-2023).
- Led high-impact studies, including the Atrial Fibrillation Study (RELY) and TB/HIV co-infection research.

Leadership and Strategic Skills

- Proven leader in healthcare management, large-scale reforms, and international collaborations.
- Skilled in global health diplomacy for healthcare improvement.

• International Activities

- Attended UNGA sessions (2006-2024), contributing to global health discussions on communicable diseases, NCDs, mental health, UHC, pandemic preparedness, maternal health, AMR, climate change, and gender equality. Advocated for equitable healthcare and global cooperation.
- Since 2018, attended the Harvard Ministerial Leadership Program (MLP), focusing on leadership in governance, public policy, and conflict resolution, with an emphasis on ethical leadership.
- I have advanced healthcare in Tanzania through collaborations with international organizations. Partnered with CDC Dar es Salaam, WHO, JAICA, and KOICA to enhance public health and build healthcare capacity. Worked with EDCF-Korea and KEXIM Bank and secured a \$364 million soft loan for redeveloping Muhimbili Hospital, while my work with ADB established a Cardiovascular Center of Excellence. Additionally, partnerships with UNESCO have enabled refugee care at Muhimbili, and collaboration with the UN supports treatment for injured soldiers and staff from East and Central African conflict zones.

Publications

Authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles and edited a book *Your Health and Lifestyle* (2024).

A full publication list is available.

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=ff4ma9MAAAAJ>

Hobbies

I am passionate about sports and have actively contributed to its development in Tanzania. From 2018 to June 2024, I served as a board member of Simba Sports Club, which achieved a CAF ranking of 7 during my tenure. Currently, I lead the Drug and Doping Committee for the East Africa-hosted AFCON 2027, ensuring fair play and integrity in this prestigious tournament.