

Technical Review Panel Member

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Ridha Jebeniani

Nationality: Tunisian

Additional languages: **Arabic** (mother tongue); **French** (advanced, second mother tongue); **English** (advanced); **Spanish** (upper intermediate); **Italian** (intermediate)

Portuguese (reading: intermediate, speaking and writing: beginner)

Expertise: TB

Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Department	Year
Post-graduate University Diploma of Public Health	University of Tunis, Tunisia	Faculty of Medicine of Tunis	1993
Medical Doctorate	University of Tunis, Tunisia	Faculty of Medicine of Tunis	1984

Employment History

Employer	Position	Place	Year
WHO; TeAM; HMST	TB consultant	Various countries	2/2017 – to date
WHO Solomon Islands	Stop TB Medical Officer	Solomon Islands	1/2013 – 1/ 2017
WHO Djibouti	Stop TB Medical Officer	Djibouti	6/2006 - 12/2012
Ministry of Public Health of Tunisia	National TB Manager	Tunis	2/1992 - 5/2006
Ministry of Public Health of Tunisia, Regional Directorate of Public Health, Gafsa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Head of the pneumology department of the Regional Hospital •TB Provincial Coordinator 	Governorate of Gafsa, Tunisia	12/1984 - 1/1992
Ministry of Public Health of Tunisia	Medical intern in pneumology (one year) and in pediatrics and surgery (six months each)	Tunis	1982- 1984

Relevant Publications

- Contribution in 2006 to the WHO survey "National TB Programs and Health Systems Strengthening: A Survey of program managers".

- Development of the protocol of the national drug resistance survey in Tunisia in 2001.
- Design, coordination and analysis of the national epidemiological survey on TB cases in 1997 in Tunisia.
- Coordination of the National Health Facility Survey on Acute Respiratory Infections in Tunisia in 1996.
- Coordination of the National Survey on Morbidity and Mortality by Acute Respiratory Infections in Tunisia in 1992-1993.
- Contribution to the development of the protocol and review, adaptation and finalization of the generic questionnaire and the final report of the Solomon Islands study on TB catastrophic costs experienced by patients and their households as well as the preparatory steps and the training of surveyors in 2016.
- Co-author of the paper "Economic evaluation of patient costs associated with tuberculosis diagnosis and care in Solomon Islands" in October 2021
- Coordinator at national level of the capture recapture study of TB cases among private practitioners in Djibouti in 2009
- Co-author of the paper "the effect of an integrated syndromic respiratory disease guideline in primary health care settings" in 2015
- Co-author of the paper "the development of an integrated computerized data-processing service for child health programs in Tunisia" in January 1999
- Reviewer for the Journal of Clinical Tuberculosis and Other Mycobacterial Diseases in 2023 and 2024
- Reviewer for the journal Public Health in Action in 2023 and 2024
- Designated as Associate Editor for the journal Public Health in Action on 16/9/24
- Part of the panel of international experts who served as peer reviewers for abstracts submitted for the 48th Union World Conference on Lung Health held in Mexico, in October 2017.
- Part of the panel of international experts who served as peer reviewers for abstracts submitted for the 47th Union World Conference on Lung Health held in Liverpool, United Kingdom in October 2016.
- Part of the panel of international experts who served as peer reviewers for abstracts submitted for the 46th Union World Conference on Lung Health held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2015.
- Reviewer for the International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases from 2001 to 2016 with on average 3 to 4 reviews per year.
- Reviewer for EMRO of the papers on TB of the report of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health in 2007 and 2008.
- Reviewer of Fidelis projects in 2004 and 2005.
- Peer reviewer for WHO EMRO in 2009 of case studies on PPM/ACSM in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Tunisia and Iran.

DEVELOPMENT OF TB PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Development of contact investigation and TPT guidelines and planning and monitoring and evaluation tools for Syria and Yemen: screening algorithm; procedures; SOPs; operational plan; indicators; data analysis template; roles and responsibilities of staff; contact and TPT register
- Full review of the Palestine TB Manual with comprehensive guidance, as a WHO consultant in 2022
- Development of the Djibouti PPM Manual in 2009
- Development of the Djibouti TB guide in 2009
- Development of the Djibouti TB guide in 2012
- Development of the Tunisia TB guide in 1999
- Development of the Solomon Islands TB Manual in 2019 (including comprehensive guidelines on Child TB, TB/HIV, MDR-TB, LTBI, PPM)
- Development of the Solomon Islands Community Based TB Activities Manual in 2016
- Development of the Djibouti Community Based TB Activities Manual in 2008
- Development of the Tunisia manual for tuberculosis screening among TB contacts in 1996.
- Development of the Tunisia TB screening strategy among high-risk groups through a ministerial circular in 1995.
- Development of the Tunisia Manual of the national ARI program for doctors in 1998.
- Development of the WHO Recording and Reporting System in Tunisia in 1998, in Djibouti in 2007 and in Solomon Islands in 2014.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WHO GUIDES

- Peer reviewer in 2023 of the updated WHO guidance on conducting reviews of TB programs
- Peer reviewer in 2015 of the WHO Facilitators' Guide for Training of Community Health Workers and Community Volunteers in Integrating TB.
- Review of the WPRO Regional Framework for implementation of the End TB Strategy in 2015.
- Review of the "Essentials of Implementing the End TB Strategy" document in 2015.
- Reviewer of the WHO guidelines on treatment of TB in children published in 2011.
- Participation in the development of the 2006 WHO recording and reporting system.

Other information

- Various in-service WHO TB trainings: mainly 45-day WHO international course on TB control Procedures in Paris and Algiers in 1988; Sondalo Course for TB consultants in 2004; multiple trainings on all aspects of TB control from 1988 to date.
- Linguistic qualifications: Certificate in Writing Effectively for the World Health Organization (English) obtained in June 2008; UN Language Proficiency Certificates in French and English obtained in May 2008; WHO online course on Spanish Language in 2016.