

Mentors

DENIS MAIRE



Denis Maire is a public health specialist and a scientist with the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva.

Denis has a wide experience starting with his grass roots work and extending to national, regional and global levels. He began his international career with Médecins Sans Frontières in emergency situations in the early 1980s, in which he was already involved in logistic and immunization programmes. His work with WHO and UNICEF began in 1989 consulting in Africa and Asia in various fields, including pharmaceutical and vaccine management.

He has been WHO staff with the immunization programme since 2000. He was in the WHO European Regional Office for nine years, mainly working with Eastern European countries on improving their cold chain systems, dealing with vaccine safety and developing National Regulatory Authorities.

Denis is presently responsible for prequalification of all equipment and devices used in immunization services at Headquarters. Denis has been a key player in the development and coordination of guidelines, performance specifications and testing protocols on immunization devices targeting manufacturers.

“From my field experience I understand the challenges and needs of end users. The most exciting component of my work is participating in being part of innovative new solutions that will be useful to and safer for health care workers and patients.”