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Henry Doctor is a demographer and public health researcher, currently serving as Coordinator of Information Systems for Health at the World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo, Egypt. He holds a degree from the University of Pennsylvania and has held various technical, academic, and research roles with organizations including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Columbia University, the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, the University of the Western Cape, Statistics South Africa, and the University of Malawi. His contributions have supported the strengthening of health systems across sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East.

Before joining WHO, Dr Doctor was a research expert at UNODC's Country Office in Nigeria, where he led the design and execution of large-scale population and aerial surveys to assess drug use prevalence and cannabis cultivation in the country.

Dr Doctor also spearheaded the establishment of the Nahuche Health and Demographic Surveillance System in Zamfara State, Nigeria, which served as a platform for testing interventions aimed at improving maternal, newborn, and child health. This project, delivered over a five-year period in Northern Nigeria, proved to be one of the most successful in challenging, low-income settings. The project's outcomes and lessons learned have been captured in over 20 peer-reviewed publications, with Dr. Doctor as the lead author on half of them.

His research focuses on topics such as mortality, fertility transitions, the relationship between religion and demographic behavior, demographic surveillance and longitudinal health research, and health systems operations research. His work has been published in leading journals like *AIDS*, *BMC Public Health*, *Reproductive Health Matters*, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, *Studies in Family Planning*, and *PLoS ONE*.