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I am a general physician with an MPH and MSc in Health Policy Planning and Financing from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

I think WHO is an excellent organization in which everyone works together to create a better world. I witnessed an amazing level of commitment, organizational skills and technical knowledge.

**What inspired you to come to work every day?**

The simple fact that it had been my dream to work in WHO since I was first aware of its existence and am blessed that my dream came true.

## **Your expectations versus reality?**

They were the same honestly. I increased the depth of my knowledge, sharpened my skills set, developed a new perspective on public health issues and learnt from professionals working in the field.

## **What are your future goals?**

To continue working in the field of health policy and governance and use my skills in my own country Sudan, especially through its next transitional period.

## **What were your major contributions during the fellowship?**

I conducted a regional assessment of organizational capacity to incorporate evidence into policy processes in the Region taking Sudan as a pilot study. The assessment will be published in the near future. I am currently preparing a report analysing the role and impact of the media in the policy process regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in the Region.

## **What is your takeaway from this fellowship?**

Meeting great people, amazing leaders and accomplishing more on both a personal and professional level.

## **What were your fun experiences outside the office in Cairo?**

I am no stranger to Cairo, I consider it my second home and I was given the opportunity to create beautiful memories with family and friends.

## **Any tips and suggestions for future fellows?**

Always be prepared, open minded, creative, courageous and futuristic in both your thinking and approach.

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